

**SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**MAY 4, 2020 – 6:00 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING**

Teleconference Per Governor Executive Order N-29-20

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Joel Fajardo called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m.

Present:

Council: Mayor Joel Fajardo, Vice Mayor Hector A. Pacheco, and Councilmembers Sylvia Ballin, Robert C. Gonzales and Mary Mendoza

Staff: City Manager Nick Kimball, Assistant City Attorney Richard Padilla, and Deputy City Clerk Cynthia Alba

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Mayor Joel Fajardo

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Mayor Fajardo, seconded by Councilmember Mendoza, to move items around in the agenda and approve the agenda as amended.

The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Fajardo, Pacheco, Ballin, Gonzales, Mendoza – 5
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN

Arturo Garcia, field representative for Assemblymember Luz Rivas, provided district information and updates on their activities.

Yolanda Haro inquired about COVID-19 testing in the City of San Fernando.

Cece Curtis asked about parking ticket cost reductions for residents.

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CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Mayor Fajardo, seconded by Vice Mayor Pacheco, to pull item number two and approve the remaining Consent Calendar Item:

- 1) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WARRANT REGISTER

The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES:	Fajardo, Pacheco, Ballin, Gonzales, Mendoza – 5
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

ITEM PULLED FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION

- 2) CONSIDERATION RECEIVE AND FILE THE NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK 2020 AND ARBOR DAY 2020 PROCLAMATIONS

City Manager Kimball presented the staff report. He replied to questions from Councilmembers.

Motion by Councilmember Mendoza, seconded by Mayor Fajardo to recommend that the City Council receive and file this report and proclamations commemorating National Public Works Week 2020 (May 17 – 23, 2020) and Arbor Day (May 19, 2020).

The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES:	Fajardo, Pacheco, Ballin, Gonzales, Mendoza – 5
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- 4) DISCUSS USE OF ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROVIDED THROUGH THE CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT

City Manager Kimball presented the staff report. He replied to questions from Councilmembers.

Discussion ensued amongst Councilmembers and direction was provided.

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8) DISCUSSION REGARDING BUSINESS LICENSES AND BUSINESS LICENSE LATE FEE FORGIVENESS

Discussion ensued amongst Councilmembers and direction was provided.

7) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE AN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH JULIA FRITZ TO SERVE AS CITY CLERK

Motion by Councilmember Ballin, seconded by Mayor Fajardo to:

- a. Approve an Employment Agreement (Contract No. 1951) with Julia Fritz to serve as the City Clerk; and
- b. Authorize the Mayor to execute the Agreement.

The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Ballin, Mendoza, Pacheco, Fajardo – 4
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: Gonzales – 1
ABSENT: None

2) DISCUSSION OF CITY’S ACTIONS REGARDING CORONAVIRUS INCLUDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS AND FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

City Manager Kimball presented the staff report. He replied to questions from Councilmembers.

No formal action was taken.

5) CONSIDERATION TO PREPARE LETTERS OF RESPONSE TO THE SOUTHERN SAN FERNANDO VALLEY AIRPLANE NOISE TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS

City Manager Kimball presented the staff report. He replied to questions from Councilmembers.

Motion by Councilmember Gonzales, seconded by Councilmember Ballin, to:

- a. Direct staff to prepare a letter to the South San Fernando Valley Airplane Noise Task Force (Task Force) outlining objections to certain recommendations directing additional aircraft departure north from Burbank Airport; and
- b. Send additional letters to Hollywood Burbank Airport Authority and Federal Aviation Administration outlining the City’s concerns with recommendations of the Task Force and the potential impacts to the community.

The motion carried with the following vote:

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AYES: Fajardo, Pacheco, Ballin, Gonzales, Mendoza – 5
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

6) **CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CITY SELECTION COMMITTEE LIAISON ASSIGNMENT**

City Manager Kimball presented the staff report. He replied to questions from Councilmembers.

Motion by Mayor, seconded by Vice Mayor Pacheco, to re-appoint Mayor Joel Fajardo as the Los Angeles County City Selection Committee Appointee and Councilmember Mary Mendoza as the Alternate Appointee.

The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Fajardo, Pacheco, Ballin, Gonzales, Mendoza – 5
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

9) **CONSIDERATION TO REESTABLISH THE DISASTER COUNCIL**

Discussion ensued amongst Councilmembers.

By Consensus, the item was postponed until the next regular meeting of the City Council.

STAFF COMMUNICATION INCLUDING COMMISSION UPDATES

City Manager Kimball provided an update regarding the Public Works Director Position vacancy.

GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS AND LIAISON UPDATES

Councilmember Ballin requested more information regarding the Burbank High Speed Rail project.

Councilmember Mendoza reminded residents to stay safe and to follow COVID-19 social distancing procedures.

Councilmember Gonzales congratulated City Clerk Julia Fritz and provided an update from the Metro Service Council and Independent Cities Authority.

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Vice Mayor Pacheco encouraged residents to research the Southern San Fernando Valley Airplane Noise Taskforce and provided an update from the Southern California Association of Governments.

Mayor Fajardo spoke about the passing of his grandfather, Humberto Fajardo, and requested to close in his memory.

ADJOURNMENT (8:58 P.M.)

Motion by Councilmember Gonzales, seconded by Mayor Fajardo, to adjourn the meeting in memory of Humberto Fajardo. By consensus, the motion carried.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of May 4, 2020, meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.

Julia Fritz
City Clerk