

**CITY OF SAN FERNANDO
CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY
TO THE SAN FERNANDO REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
MINUTES**

**FEBRUARY 16, 2021 – 6:00 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING**

Teleconference Per Governor Executive Order N-29-20

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Sylvia Ballin called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present:

Council: Mayor Sylvia Ballin, Vice Mayor Mary Mendoza, and Councilmember Cindy Montañez

Staff: City Manager Nick Kimball, Assistant City Attorney Richard Padilla, Chief of Police Anthony Vairo, Deputy City Manager/Director of Community Development Timothy Hou, Director of Finance J. Diego Ibanez, Director of Public Works Matthew Baumgardner, Director of Recreation and Community Services, and City Clerk Julia Fritz

It was noted that Councilmember Celeste T. Rodriguez joined the meeting at 6:03 p.m. and Councilmember Hector A. Pacheco joined the meeting at 6:06 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by City Clerk Fritz

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Vice Mayor Mendoza, seconded by Councilmember Montañez to approve the agenda and by consensus, the motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS

The following presentation were given:

- A) EDUCATION COMMISSION CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION - STUDENTS OF THE MONTH
 - MIA CURTIDOR (San Fernando Elementary School)
 - NATALIA SANDOVAL (Morningside Elementary School)
- B) PRESENTATION OF A PROCLAMATION TO GORDON RICHIUSA IN SUPPORT OF THE HEROES' HEARTS, INC. RECONCILIATION PROJECT
- C) PRESENTATION OF A PRESIDENT'S PLAQUE TO THE LAS PALMAS SENIOR CLUB

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- D) PRESENTATION BY DEPUTY DIRECTOR AMANDA RUIZ, M.D. WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO THE COMMUNITY

PUBLIC STATEMENTS – ORAL/WRITTEN

Rose Guterrez requested City Council support for the Immigrants’ Mental Health Act of 2020.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Rodriguez requested Item 4 be pulled for discussion.

Motion by Vice Mayor Mendoza, seconded by Councilmember Pacheco to approve Consent Calendar Items 1, 2, 3, 5.

- 1) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF:
 - a. MAY 18, 2020 – SPECIAL MEETING
 - b. FEBRUARY 21, 2021 – SPECIAL MEETING
- 2) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WARRANT REGISTER
- 3) CONSIDERATION TO ACCEPT A DONATION FROM THE SAN FERNANDO POLICE ADVISORY COUNCIL, APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A REPLACEMENT POLICE CANINE, AUTHORIZE RETIREMENT OF THE CURRENT POLICE CANINE AND THE SALE OF THE RETIRED CANINE TO A SAN FERNANDO POLICE OFFICER
- 5) CONSIDERATION TO ESTABLISH A HOMELESS AD HOC COMMITTEE

Motion by Councilmember Rodriguez, seconded by Councilmember Montañez to approve Item 4 to include increased community outreach and notification at certain stages of the project.

- 4) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A TRANSFER AGREEMENT WITH THE LOS ANGELES FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT FOR THE DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS FOR THE SAFE, CLEAN WATER - REGIONAL PROGRAM AND ADOPT A RESOLUTION AMENDING FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 BUDGET

By consensus, the motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

City Manager Kimball requested that Item 8 be heard prior to Items 6 and 7.

City Manager Kimball recommended to table Item 8 to a future meeting in March in order to bring this item for discussion to the Visionary & Resilience ad Hoc Committee.

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8) DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATION OF RECOMMENDED CITY COUNCIL PRIORITIES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 PROPOSED BUDGET PROCESS

By consensus, Item 8 was tabled to a future meeting.

6) PRESENTATION AND UPDATE REGARDING COVID-19 RESPONSE EFFORTS

City Manager Kimball and Deputy City Manager and Deputy City Manager/Director of Community Development Hou presented the staff report and responded to inquiries by the City Councilmembers.

Discussion ensued amongst Councilmembers. No further action taken.

7) PRESENTATION ON THE 2021-2029 HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE TO THE GENERAL PLAN BY HOUSEAL LAVIGNE

The City Council received and filed the presentation regarding progress on the 2021-2029 Housing Element Update to the General Plan by Houseal Lavigne.

It was noted that Councilmember Pacheco left the meeting at 8:45 p.m. and was absent for the remaining meeting.

9) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTIONS FOR THE SUBMITTAL OF GRANT APPLICATIONS TO THE STATEWIDE PARK DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION PROGRAM AND APPROVE THE ACCEPTANCE OF AWARD GRANTS

City Manager Kimball and Director of Recreation and Community Services Venegas presented the staff report and responded to inquiries by the City Councilmembers.

Discussion ensued amongst Councilmembers.

Motion by Mayor Ballin, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez to:

- a. Adopt Resolution No. 8054 authorizing the submittal of a grant application to the California Department of Parks and Recreation, Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization (SPP) Grant Program in the amount of \$3,924,693 to fund the Recreation Park Revitalization Project;
- b. Adopt Resolution No. 8055 authorizing the submittal of a grant application to the SPP Grant Program in the amount of \$3,509,075 to fund the Las Palmas Park Revitalization Project;
- c. Adopt Resolution No. 8056 authorizing the submittal of a grant application to the SPP Grant Program in the amount of \$2,367,024 to fund the Pioneer Park Revitalization Project;

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- d. Authorize the City Manager to accept the grant funds upon award;
- e. Authorize the City Manager to execute all related grant documents required for receiving grant funds pursuant to the terms and conditions of the grant; and
- f. Upon full execution of all grant-related documents, authorize the City Manager to amend the revenue and expenditure budgets to appropriate the grant funds.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES:	Rodriguez, Montañez, Mendoza, Ballin - 4
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Pacheco - 1
ABSTAIN:	None

10) DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT A LETTER IN SUPPORT OF *"IMMIGRANTS' MENTAL HEALTH ACT OF 2020"* ON BEHALF OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATORS

Motion by Vice Mayor Mendoza, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez to approve Item 10. By consensus, the motion passed.

STAFF COMMUNICATION INCLUDING COMMISSION UPDATES

Police Chief Vairo reported he would be attending tomorrow's monthly Neighborhood Watch meeting.

Director of Public Works Baumgardner reported the City was approved to become a 2019 Tree City USA city, and mentioned he would be hosting his first advisory group meeting on Friday, February 20.

Director of Finance Ibanez reported the Town Hall meeting for Measure A is scheduled for Monday, February 22, and noted that March is the beginning of the budgeting process for Fiscal Year 2021- 2022.

City Clerk Fritz reported that the Education Commission's Scholarship Programs deadline is February 19 for students to submit applications and that a final social media campaign is scheduled this week to remind students of the deadline.

Deputy City Manager/Director of Community Development Hou reported that new State Legislation on Accessory Dwelling Units were discussed at the Planning and Preservation Commission meeting.

City Manager Kimball reported that City Hall will reopen to the public on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at the modified hours on February 22.

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Director of Recreation and Community Services Venegas requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Juan Jimenez.

GENERAL CITY COUNCIL/BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND LIAISON UPDATES

Councilmember Rodriguez reported she attended the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) ad Hoc meeting and stated she recently became a member of the Independent Cities Association and mention virtual educational sessions are being offered at an affordable price.

Councilmember Montanez expressed her condolences to the Jimenez family, and reported that she attended a Visionary and Resilience ad Hoc committee meeting.

Vice Mayor Mendoza reported she attended meetings with the San Fernando Valley Council of Governments (SFVCOG) and will provide a report at a future City Council meeting, and noted that she attended the ad Hoc committee meetings for the Visionary and Resilience committee and the Financial Advisory Services for Pension and Retiree Health committee.

Mayor Ballin stated that she would like to acknowledge Black History Month and referred to the Presidential Proclamation 5443 issued by President Ronald Reagan, and expressed condolences to the Jimenez family.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Ballin adjourned the meeting in memory of Juan Jimenez at 9:44 p.m. to the next regular City Council Meeting of March 1, 2021.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of February 16, 2021 meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.

Julia Fritz, City Clerk