

**SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**JUNE 11, 2012 – 6:00 P.M.
SPECIAL MEETING**

City Hall Council Chambers
117 Macneil Street
San Fernando, CA 91340

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Brenda Esqueda called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

Present:

Council: Mayor Brenda Esqueda, Mayor Pro Tem Antonio Lopez, and Councilmembers Maribel De La Torre, Sylvia Ballin, and Mario F. Hernández

Staff: City Administrator Al Hernández, City Attorney Maribel S. Medina, and City Clerk Elena G. Chávez

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Esqueda

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Mayor Esqueda, seconded by Councilmember Ballin, to approve the agenda, including moving up Item No. 3 (as requested by Mayor Esqueda). By consensus, the motion carried.

PUBLIC STATEMENTS

George O'Connor asked that the City Council assist JC Penney to stay open for business.

Irwin Rosenberg (San Fernando Police Officers' Association President) said that safety should be a top priority and three police officer positions have yet to be filled.

Renato Lira asked if employees got their layoff notices and said that Councilmembers need to focus on how they are going to bring in new businesses now that JC Penney is gone.

Adriana Gomez said that losing JC Penney will be a blow to the City's revitalization and hopefully something can be done to help them stay.

Julian Ruelas said it was time for the City Council to do their due diligence, reinvest in the City, and salvage the JC Penney store.

Robert Ortega said that JC Penney has been part of the community for 92 years and has served the community well; it would be a shame to see them go.

Patty Lopez said she has many concerns about the budget and believes that both Councilmembers De La Torre and Hernández need to leave.

Margie Carranza talked about the closing of JC Penney store and said that certain Councilmembers are puppeteers.

Ricardo Benitez said he used shop at JC Penney in San Fernando when he lived in Glendale and said we need to support businesses (they are disappearing).

CITY COUNCIL ITEMS

3) JC PENNEY STORE CLOSURE UPDATE

Mayor Esqueda reported that Council and staff are doing everything possible to keep JC Penney (JCP) from closing. She gave an update regarding the meetings that have been held with the property owner and said that staff is awaiting feedback from JCP headquarters.

Sev Aszkenazy, JCP property owner, made a presentation regarding the store's history and he replied to questions from Councilmembers.

Discussion ensued but no formal action was taken.

STUDY SESSION

1) PRIORITY SETTING SESSION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012-13

Each Councilmember and department staff members presented their priorities.

No formal action was taken (minor suggested changes were made and the item will again be presented to the City Council during mid-year).

2) FISCAL YEAR 2012-13 BUDGET STUDY SESSION NO. 1

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City Administrator Hernández presented the report. He and staff replied to various questions from Councilmembers.

Discussion ensued but no formal action was taken (suggested changes were made and budget adoption will be presented to the City Council at an upcoming meeting).

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION (10:06 P.M.)

By consensus, Councilmembers recessed to the following Closed Session, thereafter to adjourn.

**A) CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR
G.C. 54957.6**

City Negotiator: City Administrator Al Hernandez
Employee Organizations: San Fernando Management Group (SEIU, Local 721)
San Fernando Public Employees' Association (SEIU, Local 721)
San Fernando Police Officers Association
San Fernando Police Officers Association Police Management Unit
San Fernando Police Civilian Association (SEIU, Local 721)
San Fernando Part-time Employees' Association (SEIU, Local 721)

No reportable action.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of June 11, 2012 meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.

*Elena G. Chávez
City Clerk*