

**SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

**SEPTEMBER 13, 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 6:16 p.m.

Present:

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

Staff: City Administrator Al Hernández, Assistant City Attorney Nancy Park, and City Clerk Elena G. Chávez

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Pro Tem Lopez

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion by Councilmember De La Torre, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lopez, to approve the agenda. By consensus, the motion carried.

**PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL**

Fred Olivas suggested making cuts to the City Administrator salary and also shared that he was bothered by a female Police Officer observed sitting in a police car for a long period of time talking on her cell phone.

Maria Rodriguez said she is very satisfied with the job that employees do working with the seniors at Las Palmas Park.

Charles Leone, SEIU Local 721, said the union is concerned about layoffs and asked that the City Council take a look at contract employees that have been hired.

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Danny Cortez, Vice President SFPEA, said that layoffs are unfair and that the City Council should look at alternate solutions.

Irwin Rosenberg (San Fernando Police Officers' Association President) talked about attempts to reduce the Police Department and concerns that they are down to 28 officers.

Patty Lopez (resident) is concerned about cuts to the Police Department and said it was time to look for other resources.

Linda Campanella-Jauron (resident) talked about certain Councilmembers pitting employees (bargaining units) against each other and said that is the oldest trick in the book.

Benita Rivera said she appreciates all City workers and expects Councilmembers to work for the community and not for themselves.

Jesse H. Avila (resident) said that he is concerned about Council making decisions that are unfair and inequitable.

Renato Lira said that the City Council needs to focus on the real issues, work together as a team, and listen to employees and residents.

City Clerk Chávez read a letter from Reva Gilmore, ENP Food Service Manager, who spoke in support of the Las Palmas Park employees.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1) FISCAL YEAR 2012-13 CITY BUDGET AND STAFF REDUCTIONS

City Administrator Hernández presented the agenda report and replied to questions from Councilmembers.

Discussion ensued and City Administrator Hernández stated that negotiations have continued but we have waited too long and need to act immediately. He said that the five positions considered for layoffs will not cover the entire budget shortfall and further discussions must continue.

**RECESS (7:14 P.M.)**

By consensus, Councilmembers recessed to the following Closed Session:

A) CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR  
G.C. 54957.6

City Negotiator:                      City Administrator Al Hernández

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)

**RECONVENE (8:27 P.M.)**

Assistant City Attorney Nancy Park announced that there was no reportable action from the Closed Session.

**OLD BUSINESS (CONTINUED)**

2) FISCAL YEAR 2012-13 CITY BUDGET AND STAFF REDUCTIONS

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Lopez, seconded by Councilmember De La Torre, to approve the layoffs of five positions to help balance the Fiscal Year (FY) 2012-13 City Budget. The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Lopez, De La Torre, Esqueda – 3  
NOES: Ballin – 1

Councilmember De La Torre added that laying off five employees will not fill the \$1.5 million gap and City Administrator Hernández was also instructed to go back and continue to meet with the union bargaining groups.

**ADJOURNMENT (8:30 P.M.)**

By consensus, the meeting was adjourned.

*I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of September 13, 2012 meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.*

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*Elena G. Chávez*  
City Clerk