

**SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

**OCTOBER 1, 2012 – 6:00 P.M.  
REGULAR 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 6:13 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, City Attorney Maribel S. Medina, and City Clerk Elena G. Chávez

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Esqueda

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL**

Sam Cordova requested the City Council's endorsement to convert Los Angeles Mission College to a four-year university.

Benita Rivera talked about the Senior Citizen Board, the nutrition program at Las Palmas Park, and does not want to see any cuts in the programs or employees.

Vicki Mojica talked about the refuse contract and clarified comments that were made about her.

Fred Olivas said that two Councilmembers will be voted out at the next election.

Guactemec Torres gave his opinion regarding furloughs and layoffs.

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Robert Ortega reminded everyone to go out and vote in November.

John Arroyo talked about buying homes in San Fernando and the cost of water going up.

Leslie Aisenman said he moved out of the City two years ago and everyone in Texas knows about what is going on in San Fernando (an on-going reality show on the nightly news).

Charles Leone, SEIU Local 721, said he is new to the City, is disappointed that his membership has been pitted against each other, and asked that Council not vote on any layoffs.

Sam Beltran talked about Federal laws against discrimination and believes that Councilmembers Esqueda, De La Torre, and (former Councilmember) Hernández were all discriminated against.

Julian Ruelas said there is a lack of diligence and attention and we need good leadership now more than ever.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Lopez, seconded by Councilmember Ballin, to approve the Consent Calendar Items:

- 1) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 4, 2012 – REGULAR MEETING
- 2) APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTER NO. 12-101
- 3) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE A MASTER AGREEMENT AND ALL PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT AGREEMENTS
- 4) ADOPTION OF THREE RESOLUTIONS REQUIRED FOR THE MARCH 5, 2013 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

By consensus, the motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- 5) ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE II (CABLE COMMUNICATIONS FRANCHISING) OF CHAPTER 86 (TELECOMMUNICATIONS) OF THE SAN FERNANDO CITY CODE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND VIDEO COMPETITION ACT OF 2006

City Administrator Hernández presented the staff report.

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Mayor Esqueda declared the Public Hearing open.

David Hernández talked about the lack of public access stations for the City of Los Angeles and hopes that San Fernando will set the standard by adopting this Ordinance.

Richard Arroyo, Mission Hills, asked for clarification regarding what is being recommended.

There being no further comments, Mayor Esqueda closed the public comment portion of the Hearing.

Discussion ensued and staff members replied to questions from Councilmembers.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Lopez, seconded by Councilmember Ballin, to introduce for first reading, in title only, and waive further reading of “An Ordinance of the City of San Fernando Amending Article II (Cable Communications Franchising) of Chapter 86 (Telecommunications) of the San Fernando City Code, in accordance with the Digital Infrastructure and Video Competition Act of 2006”. By consensus, the motion carried.

**CONTINUED BUSINESS**

Mayor Esqueda announced that the following item would be deferred until after the Closed Session.

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

**CITY COUNCIL ITEMS**

7) REQUEST FOR BUDGET UPDATE INCLUDING OUTSTANDING DEBTS

City Administrator Hernández gave an update regarding various issues/matters and invoices that were outstanding.

Discussion ensued regarding deferred and delayed payments, postponed projects, and long-term debts such as those to the California Housing Authority (\$912,000), Section 108 Loan (\$1.2 million), Las Palmas Park Loan (\$966,000), and other loans scheduled on the Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS).

Mayor Esqueda inquired why did the City claim to have “reserves” for several years and why weren’t those loans paid back at that time.

No formal action was taken.

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8) **REPORT BY THE CITY TREASURER**

City Treasurer Margarita Solis provided a brief report regarding the functions, roles, and responsibilities of the City Treasurer and City Treasurer's Office. Councilmembers thanked her for the update.

9) **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (IT RFP) UPDATE**

City Administrator Hernández gave an update. He reported that the RFPs were reviewed, two final firms selected, and this item would be brought back to Council at the next meeting.

No formal action was taken.

**RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION (8:03 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 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' Bargaining Unit (SEIU, Local 721)

B) **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
G.C. 54956.9(b)**

(1 case)

**RECONVENE (8:52 P.M.)**

Mayor Esqueda said there was no reportable action. She stated that Item No. 6 would be tabled because she, Mayor Pro Tem Lopez, and City Administrator Hernández, would be meeting with the negotiating teams to discuss what must be done.

**STANDING COMMITTEE UPDATES**

No. 1 Budget, Personnel and Finance (BPF)

Councilmember De La Torre – City Administrator Hernández stated he would set up a meeting.

No. 2 Housing, Community & Economic Development and Parking (HCEP)

Councilmember Ballin – no updates.

No. 3 Natural Resources, Infrastructure, Water, Energy and Waste Management (NRIW)

Councilmember Ballin – no updates.

No. 4 Public Safety, Veteran Affairs, Technology and Transportation (PVTT)

Mayor Pro Tem Lopez – A brief update was provided by Public Works Director Ron Ruiz.

No. 5 Education, Parks, Arts, Health and Aging (EPAH)

Mayor Esqueda – A brief update was provided by Recreation and Community Services Operations Manager Ismael Aguila.

**GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Ballin stated she will be out of town and would not be attending the next Council meeting. She invited everyone to an upcoming reception for the new president of California State University, Northridge and Los Angeles Mission College.

Mayor Esqueda thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

**STAFF COMMUNICATION**

Recreation and Community Services Operations Manager Aguila invited everyone to the ribbon-cutting ceremony at Las Palmas Park on October 3, 2012.

Public Works Director Ron Ruiz announced there would be a special Transportation and Safety Commission meeting to discuss parking issues in the downtown mall area.

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**ADJOURNMENT (8:57 P.M.)**

Motion by Councilmember Ballin to adjourn the meeting (there was no second). By consensus, the meeting was adjourned.

*I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of October 1, 2012 meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.*

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*Elena G. Chávez*  
*City Clerk*