

**SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**DECEMBER 3, 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 6:09 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 Councilmember De La Torre, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lopez, to approve the agenda. By consensus, the motion carried.

PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL

Mimi Soto, SEIU Local 721, thanked Mayor Esqueda and Councilmember De La Torre for their work and gave them flowers and SEIU memorabilia.

Robert Ortega congratulated new Councilmembers and wished everyone nice holidays.

Margie Carranza thanked Mayor Esqueda, Councilmember De La Torre, and former Councilmember Mario Hernández and said that these are not necessarily “happy days”.

Samuel Beltran talked about an incident at James Restaurant where the City Attorney did not acknowledge the ex-Mayor.

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Irwin Rosenberg, San Fernando Police Officers' Association President, congratulated the new Councilmembers, and said they have earned everyone's respect and need to stand united as they face the many challenges ahead.

Ruben Quintana, San Fernando Public Employees' Association President, thanked the former Councilmembers and welcomed the new (they look forward to working with them).

City Clerk Chávez read an email sent by former Mayor/Councilmember Mario Hernández.

Both Mayor Esqueda and Councilmember De La Torre talked about their accomplishments during their tenure and thanked various individuals for their support.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember De La Torre removed Item No. 2 for further discussion

Motion by Councilmember De La Torre, seconded by Mayor Esqueda, to approve the following Consent Calendar Item:

- 1) APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTER NO. 12-121

By consensus, the motion carried.

Item Removed for Further Discussion:

- 2) RESOLUTION RECITING THE RESULTS OF THE NOVEMBER 6, 2012 SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Councilmember De La Torre said she believes the process is being circumvented since the L.A. County Board of Supervisors will not certify the election results until tomorrow.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Lopez, seconded by Councilmember Ballin, to adopt a Resolution reciting the fact of the Special Municipal Election on November 6, 2012, declaring the result and such other matters as provided by law.

The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES:	Esqueda, Lopez, Ballin – 3
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	De La Torre – 1

NEW BUSINESS

3) OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED BY CITY CLERK TO NEWLY ELECTED COUNCILMEMBERS

City Clerk Chávez presented the Certificate of Election and administered the Oath of Office to the following individuals:

For City Council:

Jesse H. Avila

Robert C. Gonzales

Joel Fajardo

4) REORGANIZATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL - SELECTION OF MAYOR AND MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

City Clerk Chávez called for nominations for the position of Mayor.

Councilmember Ballin nominated Antonio Lopez; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Fajardo.

City Clerk Chávez asked if there were any other nominations for Mayor. There being none, and hearing no objections, nominations were closed.

The above motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Ballin, Fajardo, Gonzales, Avila, Lopez – 5

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

City Clerk Chávez called for nominations for the position of Mayor Pro Tem.

Mayor Lopez nominated Sylvia Ballin; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Avila.

City Clerk Chávez asked if there were any other nominations for Mayor Pro Tem. There being none, and hearing no objections, nominations were closed.

The above motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Lopez, Avila, Fajardo, Gonzales, Ballin – 5

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Councilmembers each said a few words about the challenges ahead, moving forward and working together, and they thanked residents for their support.

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4) **CITY'S CONTRIBUTION TOWARD CalPERS HEALTH BENEFITS FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS**

City Administrator Hernández presented the staff report.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Ballin, seconded by Councilmember Avila, to:

- a) Approve the City's maximum contribution for medical insurance benefits on behalf of each elected official and eligible dependents(s) to be capped at the cost of the highest HMO plan for the Los Angeles Area Region only, available at each plan level (i.e., employee, employee plus one, employee plus two or more); and
- b) Elected official who elects a PPO plan shall pay the difference by pre-tax payroll deduction.

The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Lopez, Avila, Fajardo, Gonzales, Ballin – 5
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Ballin said she is happy she can finally exhale. She asked if, from this point forward, Closed Session items could be held in advance of the regular meeting (i.e., perhaps 4:00 p.m.).

Councilmember Gonzales said he hopes to see everyone at the Food Truck Event.

Mayor Lopez asked that the new Councilmembers to make their Commissioner appointments at the special meeting next week.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

City Administrator Hernández reported that staff had a meet and confer with the Department of Finance (DOF) regarding Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule 3 and the DOF will provide feedback by December 15th.

Recreation and Community Services Operations Manager Ismael Aguila invited everyone to the upcoming Tree Lighting Ceremony.

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ADJOURNMENT (7:39 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 December 3, 2012 meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.

Elena G. Chávez
City Clerk