

**SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**DECEMBER 26, 2012 – 9:00 A.M.
SPECIAL MEETING**

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

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Antonio Lopez called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Present:

Council: Mayor Antonio Lopez, Mayor Pro Tem Sylvia Ballin, and Councilmembers Jesse H. Avila, Joel Fajardo, and Robert C. Gonzales

Staff: Interim City Administrator Fred Ramirez and City Clerk Elena G. Chávez

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Lopez

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CLOSED SESSION PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL

Brenda Esqueda said she was upset that the Council was holding a Special meeting the day after Christmas at 9:00 a.m. and said that doing so showed a lack of transparency and Brown Act violations.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION (9:05 A.M.)

By consensus, Councilmembers recessed to the following Closed Session.

A) PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT
G.C. 54957

Title: Interim City Administrator

RECONVENE/REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION (9:23 A.M)

No reportable action.

PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL

Brenda Esqueda believes that the meeting was held at 9:00 a.m. so the community would have no input and said that the community would not want Council to spend money on travel being that the City is on the verge of bankruptcy, layoffs, and furloughs.

City Clerk Chávez read a letter by Julie Cuellar who does not agree with Councilmembers attending the League of California cities conference during a period of money shortfall.

NEW BUSINESS

1) APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH INTERIM CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Ballin, seconded by Councilmember Avila, to enter into an employment agreement between the City and Donald E. Penman for the position of Interim City Administrator. The motion carried with the following vote:

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

2) ALLOCATION OF GENERAL FUNDS FOR 2012 LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES MEMBERSHIP DUES AND CONFERENCE FEES FOR COUNCILMEMBER ATTENDANCE AT THE 2013 LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES NEW MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS ACADEMY

Interim City Administrator Ramirez presented the staff report and replied to questions from Councilmembers.

Motion by Councilmember Avila to:

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- a. Adopt a Resolution to allocate General Funds to cover the 2012 League of California Cities Membership Dues; and
- b. Adopt a Resolution to allocate sufficient General Funds for City Councilmember registration and travel expenses associated with attending the 2013 League of California Cities New Mayors and Council Members Academy that will take place January 16, 2013 to January 18, 2013, in Sacramento, California, and direct staff to coordinate registration and travel arrangements.

Interim City Administrator Ramirez requested a friendly amendment (regarding the second resolution) noting that funds would come from Fund 116 (Elections) to Fund 101 (Meetings and Travel Expenses).

Councilmember Avila accepted the amendment. The motion (and amendment) was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ballin and carried with the following vote:

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

3) **APPROVAL OF A THREE-YEAR SERVICE CONTRACT WITH VERIZON FOR PHONE SERVICES (CENTRANET AGREEMENT)**

Interim City Administrator Ramirez presented the staff report and replied to questions from Councilmembers.

Motion by Councilmember Gonzales, seconded by Councilmember Fajardo, to approve a three-year service contract (CentraNet Agreement) for phone services with Verizon for a monthly rate not to exceed \$1,232.50, for the 36-month period of the contract. By consensus, the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT (10:01 A.M.)

Motion by Councilmember Avila, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ballin, to adjourn the meeting. By consensus, the motion carried.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of December 26, 2012 meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.

*Elena G. Chávez
City Clerk*