

**CITY OF SAN FERNANDO  
CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY  
TO THE SAN FERNANDO REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY  
MINUTES**

**JULY 19, 2021 – 6:00 P.M.  
REGULAR MEETING**

**CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER  
117 MACNEIL STREET  
SAN FERNANDO, CA 91340**

Teleconference Per Governor Executive Order N-29-20

**CLOSED SESSION REPORT** Assistant City Attorney Padilla reported that there were no reportable action as a result of the Closed Session meeting of July 19, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL** Vice Mayor Mary Mendoza called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m.

City Clerk Julia Fritz announced that Mayor Sylvia Ballin was unable to attend due to a family emergency and Councilmember Hector A. Pacheco would be absent as he is out of town.

Present:

Council: Vice Mayor Mary Mendoza and Councilmembers Cindy Montañez and Celeste Rodriguez

Absent: Mayor Sylvia Ballin and Councilmember Hector A. Pacheco

Staff: City Manager Nick Kimball, Assistant City Attorney Richard Padilla, Lieutenant Nicole Hanchett, Director of Finance Diego Ibañez, Director of Public Works Matt Baumgardner, Director of Recreation and Community Services Julian Venegas, and City Clerk Julia Fritz

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Led by City Clerk Julia Fritz

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** Vice Mayor Mendoza requested that Agenda Item 17 be heard after the Consent Calendar, and requested that Agenda Item 16 and 18 be considered together and heard after Item 17. Motion by Vice Mayor Mendoza, seconded by Councilmember Montañez to approve the agenda as amended.

The motion carried with Mayor Ballin and Councilmember Pacheco absent.

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**PRESENTATIONS**

The following presentations were made:

- A) AN INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION FROM HONORABLE ASSEMBLYMEMBER LUZ RIVAS, DISTRICT 39 REGARDING LEGISLATIVE UPDATES
- B) A PRESENTATION OF A PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE MONTH OF JULY AS PARKS MAKE LIFE BETTER MONTH

**DECORUM AND ORDER**      Assistant City Attorney Padilla read the Decorum and Order.

**PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL**

Marcela Rodriguez requested for City Council's support regarding resolving a dispute with her landlord and mentioned that damaged canned goods were being sold at El Super Market.

City Manager Kimball stated staff has been working with Ms. Rodriguez regarding her landlord dispute and would provide a memo to the City Council with an update on the matter.

City Clerk Fritz read the following statements submitted via email:

Maria Pavlou Kalban wrote about her support to opposing Senate Bill 9 and 10.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Motion by Councilmember Montanez, seconded by Vice Mayor Mendoza to approve:

- 1) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES FOR JUNE 21, 2021, SPECIAL MEETING
- 2) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NOS. 21-071 AND 21-072 APPROVING THE WARRANT REGISTERS OF JULY 6, 2021 AND JULY 19, 2021
- 3) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING DISCLOSURE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE FEDERAL AND STATE SECURITIES LAWS
- 4) INFORMATIONAL UPDATE REGARDING COVID-19 RESPONSE EFFORTS
- 5) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A SPECIAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH LIEBERT CASSIDY WHITMORE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022

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- 6) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING NEW JOB SPECIFICATIONS FOR JUNIOR CADET
- 7) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ADS ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES FOR WASTEWATER FLOW MONITORING SERVICES
- 8) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE AN INCREASE TO PURCHASE ORDER NO. 12294 WITH STEP-SAVER CONSULTING SERVICES FOR PURCHASING AND DELIVERY OF SALT FOR USE IN THE NITRATE REMOVAL SYSTEM FOR WELL 7A
- 9) CONSIDERATION TO AUTHORIZE THE FORMAL SOLICITATION OF BIDS FOR THE UPPER RESERVOIR REPLACEMENT PROJECT

The motion carried by the following vote:

ROLL CALL

AYES: Rodriguez, Montanez, Mendoza - 3

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Ballin, Pacheco -2

The following item was heard out of order.

- 17) CONSIDERATION TO APPOINT A TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY COMMISSIONER

Councilmember Cindy Montañez presented the staff report and requested that Carlos Hernandez be appointed to serve as Commissioner on the Transportation and Safety Commission.

Motion by Councilmember Montañez, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez to appoint Carlos Hernandez as a Commissioner to serve on the Transportation and Safety Commission.

The motion carried by the following vote:

ROLL CALL

AYES: Rodriguez, Montanez, Mendoza - 3

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Ballin, Pacheco -2

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Item 16 and Item 18 were heard out of order and combined as one matter for discussion.

- 16) CONSIDERATION AND DISCUSSION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT A LETTER OPPOSING SENATE BILL 10 REGARDING PLANNING AND ZONING RESTRICTIONS, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATORS TO CONTINUE LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY EFFORTS
  
- 18) DISCUSSION REGARDING PROTECTING SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS OPPOSING SENATE BILL 9

Councilmember Montanez presented the staff reports for Item 16 and Item 18.

Motion by Councilmember Montanez, seconded by Vice Mayor Mendoza to authorize the City Manager to draft a letter on behalf of the City Council to send to local, State and Federal Legislature opposing both Senate Bill 9 and Senate Bill 10.

The motion carried by the following vote:

ROLL CALL

AYES:	Rodriguez, Montanez, Mendoza - 3
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	Ballin, Pacheco -2

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- 10) A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS TO CONTINUE MAINTENANCE OF THE CITY'S STREETLIGHTS, CONFIRMING THE ANNUAL ASSESSMENT AND APPROVING THE FINAL ENGINEER'S REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

Vice Mayor Mendoza opened the public hearing at 7:23 p.m.

Director of Public Works Baumgardner presented the staff report and responded to Councilmember questions.

Vice Mayor Mendoza called for public statements, and there being none, requested a motion to close the public hearing.

Motion by Councilmember Montanez, seconded by Vice Mayor Mendoza to close the public hearing at 7:25 p.m. By consensus, the motion carried with Mayor Ballin and Councilmember Pacheco absent.

Motion by Vice Mayor Mendoza, seconded by Councilmember Montanez to adopt Resolution No. 8080 ordering the continued maintenance of the City’s streetlights and confirming the annual assessment; and adopt Resolution No. 8081 approving the Final Engineer’s Report for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District. The motion carried with Mayor Ballin and Councilmember Pacheco absent.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

**11) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE SALE OF PENSION OBLIGATION BONDS AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE INDENTURE OF TRUST, PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT AND THE BOND PURCHASE AGREEMENT**

Director of Finance Ibanez presented the staff report and City Council received a presentation provided by Urban Futures, Inc. (UFI), the City’s financial consulting firm regarding the Sale of Pension Obligation Bonds to refund the City’s CalPERS Unfunded Accrued Liability.

Councilmember Montañez stated her concerns and questioned the potential financial risks, guarantee on projected returns and on how this would affect the City in the future. Julio Morales of UFI responded accordingly.

City Manager Kimball requested that the City Council recess it’s meeting to allow Councilmember Rodriguez to step away from the meeting.

The City Council recessed the meeting at 7:54 p.m. and reconvened at 8:13 p.m. with Vice Mayor Mendoza, Councilmember Montañez and Councilmember Pacheco (joined remotely at 8:13 p.m.) in attendance and Mayor Ballin and Councilmember Rodriguez were absent.

Councilmember Pacheco and Vice Mayor Mendoza stated their support of Item 11.

City Manager Kimball suggested that there being three Councilmembers in attendance that the item be continued to a special meeting, date uncertain to allow the five members of the City Council the opportunity to consider the agenda item, further noting for approval or disapproval requires three affirmative votes. Assistant City Attorney Padilla concurred with City Manager Kimball.

Motion by Councilmember Montañez, seconded by Vice Mayor Mendoza to continue Item 11 to a special meeting date uncertain.

The motion carried by the following vote:

**ROLL CALL**

**AYES:** Montanez, Mendoza -2  
**NOES:** Pacheco - 1  
**ABSTAIN:** None  
**ABSENT:** Ballin, Rodriguez -2

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City Manager Kimball requested that Item No. 15 regarding Ad hoc committee updates and Item No. 12 for the Layne Park Project, be considered at this time and the remaining items to be heard at the special meeting.

Councilmember Pacheco stated that he would be leaving the meeting after Item 12.

**12) PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A PROPOSED DESIGN OF THE LAYNE PARK REVITALIZATION PROJECT**

Director of Recreation and Community Services Venegas presented the staff report and the City's design firm for this project MIG presented additional information and responded to Councilmember questions.

Motion by Councilmember Pacheco, seconded by Councilmember Montañez to approve the proposed design of the Layne Park Revitalization project; authorize staff to circulate a Notice Inviting Bids for the construction of the Layne Park Revitalization Project and to also include additional amenities towards educating the public on certain features of the park including air quality monitoring.

The motion carried by the following vote:

**ROLL CALL**

**AYES:** Pacheco, Montanez, Mendoza - 3  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None  
**ABSENT:** Ballin, Rodriguez -2

City Manager Kimball suggested that at this time there be a motion to adjourn the meeting to a special meeting to be determined date uncertain to discuss the remainder of the agenda items.

Motion by Councilmember Pacheco, seconded by Councilmember Montañez to adjourn the meeting to a special meeting date uncertain to discuss the remainder of the agenda items.

By consensus, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of July 19, 2021 meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.

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Julia Fritz, CMC  
City Clerk