

**SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

**JANUARY 6, 2014 – 6:00 P.M.  
REGULAR MEETING**

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

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Mayor Pro Tem Ballin called the meeting to order at 6:13 p.m.

Present:

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

Staff: Interim City Manager Fred Ramirez, City Attorney Rick R. Olivarez, and City Clerk Elena G. Chávez

Absent: Mayor Antonio Lopez

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Pro Tem Ballin

**PRESENTATION**

The following presentation was made:

- a) CALIFORNIA CENTER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH ADVOCACY PRESENTATION – 2013 GUARDIAN OF HEALTH AWARD TO ISMAEL AGUILA

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion by Councilmember Fajardo, seconded Councilmember Gonzales, to approve the agenda. By consensus, the motion carried.

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**PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL**

Eugene Hernández was disturbed about the resignation of former Education Commissioner Patty Lopez, talked about rent control, and he agrees with the watershed proposal.

Ysidro Espinoza (Sylmar) was very upset that the Verizon store on Brand Blvd. closed and asked where can he pay his bill.

John Arroyo said it was not fair that musicians playing at restaurants for money are allowed to do so without a business license permit. He also said that Newton St. needs repair work.

John Blue gave a CD to City staff regarding a taping he made during a Council meeting when the disposal services contract was discussed.

Leslie Aisenman read a resolution by the L.A. County Board of Supervisors regarding the Pacoima Dam Sediment Removal Project.

John Precopio, new resident and business owner, provided pictures of the sidewalk in front of his business and said it is in desperate need of repairs.

Carolina Perez talked about Item No's 6 and 7 on the agenda, believes there should be academic programs for children and said it's not fair to parents who receive citations for parking at the red curb at the school on Eighth St.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Councilmember Fajardo pulled Item No. 5 for further discussion.

Motion by Councilmember Avila, seconded by Councilmember Fajardo, to approve the remaining Consent Calendar Items:

- 1) REQUEST TO APPROVE MINUTES OF:
  - a) AUGUST 6, 2012 – REGULAR MEETING
  - b) SEPTEMBER 13, 2012 – SPECIAL MEETING
  - c) OCTOBER 1, 2012 – REGULAR MEETING
  - d) NOVEMBER 18, 2013 – SPECIAL MEETING
  - e) NOVEMBER 18, 2013 – REGULAR MEETING
  - f) DECEMBER 2, 2013 – SPECIAL MEETING
  - g) DECEMBER 2, 2013 – REGULAR MEETING
  - h) DECEMBER 6, 2013 – SPECIAL MEETING
- 2) REQUEST TO APPROVE WARRANT REGISTER NO'S 13-122 AND 14-011

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- 3) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR THE VIRTUAL PATROL SYSTEMS AT PARK FACILITIES
- 4) ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1630 REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 1617 WHICH AMENDED THE MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADDING A NEW DIVISION 3 – RULES OF DECORUM FOR MEETINGS

By consensus, the motion carried.

**Item Removed for Further Discussion**

- 5) CONSIDERATION TO EXTEND THE AGREEMENT WITH HALL & FOREMAN, INC. FOR COMPLETION OF THE SANITARY SEWER MASTER PLAN

In response to Councilmember Fajardo's question, Interim Public Works Director Dickey replied that the contractor was delayed a month in getting started and the extension will allow for a thorough and complete job and will not impact City services.

Motion by Councilmember Fajardo, seconded by Councilmember Avila, to:

- a) Extend the Agreement for Professional Services with Hall & Foreman, Inc. (Contract No. 1722) for completion of the Sanitary Sewer Master Plan; and
- b) Authorize the Interim City Manager to execute Contract No. 1722 (a) for Professional Services.

By consensus, the motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- 6) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF A PROPOSAL FOR LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BEYOND THE BELL BRANCH AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM FUNDS

Councilmember Gonzales stated that his brother is currently employed with the after-school program and recused himself.

*At this time, Councilmember Gonzales exited the Council Chambers.*

Recreation and Community Services Operations Manager Ismael Aguila presented the staff report and responded to questions from Councilmembers.

Motion by Councilmember Avila, seconded by Councilmember Fajardo, to:

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- a) Adopt Resolution No. 7578 authorizing the City's submittal of a proposal for Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) Beyond the Bell Branch After-School Program funds; and
- b) Authorize the Interim City Manager to allocate City staff to prepare and submit a proposal seeking funding from LAUSD's Beyond the Bell Branch After-School Program funds for the provision of after-school programs at schools in the City of San Fernando.

The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Ballin, Fajardo, Avila – 3  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Lopez – 1  
RECUSE: Gonzales – 1

*At this time, Councilmember Gonzales re-entered the Council Chambers.*

- 7) CONSIDERATION OF TRAFFIC MODIFICATION REQUEST FROM VISTA DEL VALLE DUAL LANGUAGE ACADEMY (LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT)

Julio Anlau, Field Representative for L.A. Unified School Board Member Monica Ratliff, requested that any action on this item be postponed until the first meeting in February.

Interim Public Works Director Dickey presented the agenda report and discussion ensued amongst staff and Councilmembers.

Motion by Councilmember Fajardo, seconded by Councilmember Avila, to postpone any action on this item until (at least) February 3, 2014. The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Fajardo, Avila, Gonzales, Ballin – 4  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Lopez – 1

**CONTINUED BUSINESS**

- 8) CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF BUDGET RESOLUTION FOR CITY WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN

Interim Public Works Director Dickey presented the staff report and replied to various questions from Councilmembers.

Mayor Pro Tem Ballin thanked Interim Public Works Director Dickey and said he has done a brilliant job in assuring that the City is a participant in this group.

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Motion by Councilmember Fajardo, seconded by Councilmember Avila, to adopt Resolution No. 7576 amending the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 City Budget to appropriate \$17,215 from Fund 70, Water Fund balance to cover the cost of participating in the Upper Los Angeles River Enhanced Watershed Management Plan Group and associated professional services provided by City-consultant, Willdan Engineering. By consensus, the motion carried.

**GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Fajardo said he is disappointed to see Robert Dickey leave but thanked him for his hard work and said it will have a lasting impact in the City.

Councilmember Avila also thanked Mr. Dickey; he stepped right up and took over. He wished him well in his endeavors.

Councilmember Gonzales thanked Mr. Dickey for his guidance and great work he accomplished.

Interim City Manager Ramirez introduced Marlene Miyoshi who will be filling in as Interim Public Works Director. He said that both Mr. Dickey and former Interim City Manager Don Penman were great resources.

Mayor Pro Tem Ballin agreed that both did a great job and were mentors for staff and the Council. She said the City is moving forward in 2014 and there are lots of great things ahead.

**STAFF COMMUNICATION**

None

**ADJOURNMENT (7:33 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 January 6, 2014, meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.*

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*Elena G. Chávez*  
*City Clerk*