

**SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**JANUARY 7, 2013 – 6:00 P.M.
REGULAR 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 6:04 p.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 Don Penman, City Attorney Maribel S. Medina, 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.

REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION (SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 4:00 P.M.)

City Attorney Medina reported that the Successor Agency and the City Council approved (5-0 vote) an initiation of litigation against the Department of Finance regarding items that were not approved in the Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule 3.

No additional reportable items.

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PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL

Robert Ortega proposed a “Gun Day” (allowing people to turn in guns to the Police Department to get them off the streets) and suggested recognition of the San Fernando High School football team for their recent championship.

Sam Beltran made various comments including the right to bear arms.

Margie Carranza talked about the skate park that was proposed last year and wished the Council luck.

Gil Delgado and Anna Frutos-Sanchez, Southern California Edison, look forward to the opportunity to meet the new Council and said they are available to provide assistance.

Renato Lira wished everyone a happy new year and asked questions regarding the L.A. County Sherriff’s involvement in the recent homicide in the City.

John Arroyo talked about HUD housing, money borrowed by residents to fix up their homes, and the need for street repairs.

Brenda Esqueda questioned commission appointments and the Council’s voting record, and said the Council needs to do what’s right for the citizens and community.

In response to an earlier comment regarding the L.A. Sherriff’s Department assisting the San Fernando Police Department in a recent homicide, Police Chief Parks reported that police agencies within the County of Los Angeles participate in a mutual aid system that provides various resources (i.e., forensic investigators) at no cost.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Ballin, seconded by Councilmember Avila, to approve the Consent Calendar Item:

- 1) APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTER NO. 13-011

By consensus, the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- 2) COMPLIMENTARY TICKET AND PASSES DISTRIBUTION POLICY

City Atty. Medina presented the staff report and replied to questions from Councilmember Fajardo.

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Motion by Councilmember Fajardo, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ballin, to adopt a Complimentary Ticket and Passes and Distribution Policy, pursuant to the Fair Political Practices Commission Regulation 18944.1. By consensus, the motion carried.

CITY COUNCIL ITEMS

3) APPOINTMENTS TO CITY COMMISSIONS

Motion by Councilmember Fajardo, seconded by Councilmember Avila, to appoint Danitza Pantoja to the Parks, Wellness, and Recreation Commission; and Gilbert Berriozabal to the Transportation and Safety Commission. By consensus, the motion carried.

STANDING COMMITTEE UPDATES

No. 1 Budget, Personnel and Finance (BPF)

Councilmember Avila – reported they have a meeting tomorrow.

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

Mayor Lopez – City Planner Ramirez reported they will be meeting soon.

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

Councilmember Fajardo – a meeting is scheduled for next Monday.

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

Councilmember Avila – a meeting is scheduled for January 10, 2013.

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

Councilmember Gonzales – a meeting is scheduled for January 22, 2013.

GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Avila asked everyone to “hang in there”, said there are good people coming and to give Council some time.

Councilmember Gonzales wished everyone a happy new year and looks forward to working with staff.

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Councilmember Fajardo thanked Mr. Penman for stepping up.

Mayor Pro Tem Ballin (responding to an earlier public comment) said we welcome and embrace diversity. She asked for a report back from staff regarding business license taxes and the consequences for businesses that are behind on paying those.

Mayor Lopez also welcomed and thanked Interim City Administrator Penmen for his assistance during these difficult times and (responding to an earlier comment) reported that the San Fernando High School football team will be recognized at an upcoming Mall Food Truck Event.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

None.

ADJOURNMENT (6:37 P.M.)

Motion by Councilmember Avila, seconded by Councilmember Gonzales, to adjourn. By consensus, the meeting was adjourned.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of January 7, 2013 meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.

Elena G. Chávez
City Clerk