

**SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**FEBRUARY 18, 2014 – 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 6:14 p.m.

Present:

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

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

Absent: Councilmember Joel Fajardo (notified staff that he would not be attending due to a business conference in Phoenix)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Lopez

PRESENTATION

County Librarian Paula Hock was presented a proclamation for her dedication and years of service to the community.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL

Patty Lopez complained about the refuse rate increases.

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Walt Dragaloski talked about the increase in refuse prices and trash pick-up problems at his business.

Paula Hock, San Fernando Library, reported that the Library would be holding Saturday workshops regarding affordable healthcare and she said that bilingual brochures were available if anyone was interested.

Robert Tram said that City trees are damaging the sidewalk and sewer lines near his business (corner of First St. and Hubbard Ave. He also complained about the lack of notification regarding the refuse rate increase.

Ron Hernández is upset that the businesses are not allowed to choose their own waste hauler and said it was not fair.

Ricardo Benitez believes that the increased refuse expense for businesses is too much and that it will drive more businesses away.

David Hernández, Valley Village, said that business owners should have been given more notification regarding the rate increase and allowed to be part of the process.

Carolina Perez talked about Valley Vista School and doesn't understand why the City Council would table the matter if it's an on-going safety issue that needs to be addressed.

Maureen Irvin, business owner, asked for clarification regarding the refuse prices and trash bins for her business.

David Roberti (employed at one of the shops on First Street) said he can't figure out why the City Council picked Republic for waste services.

Rafi Gavigian (business owner since 1988) said he supports fellow business owners and said there is something that is not right and asked for reconsideration of the trash hauler.

City Clerk Chávez read an email from Councilmember Fajardo saying that he regretted he could not make the meeting; but if anyone was interested in speaking with him to discuss the refuse issue, he would meet with them.

Mayor Lopez announced that representatives from Consolidated Disposal Services were available to meet with those interested to review their refuse needs/concerns and go over their bills (the Community Room had been set aside for this purpose).

Regarding a comment made earlier, Mayor Lopez also reported (for clarification purposes) that the Los Angeles Unified School District had requested that the City Council table the issue regarding Valley Vista School.

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CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Ballin, seconded by Councilmember Gonzales, to approve the Consent Calendar Items:

- 1) REQUEST TO APPROVE MINUTES OF:
 - a) FEBRUARY 3, 2014 – SPECIAL MEETING
 - b) FEBRUARY 11, 2014 – SPECIAL MEETING
- 2) REQUEST TO APPROVE WARRANT REGISTER NO 14-022
- 3) REQUEST TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL INVESTMENT POLICY
- 4) REQUEST TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 7588 AUTHORIZING THE CITY TREASURER AND DEPUTY CITY TREASURER TO INVEST SURPLUS FUNDS

By consensus, the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- 5) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 7589 APPROVING THE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR ADVANCE AND REIMBURSEMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE, OVERHEAD AND OTHER EXPENSES BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY (CONTRACT NO. 1734)

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Ballin, seconded by Councilmember Avila, to adopt Resolution No. 7589 approving the Cooperative Agreement for Advance and Reimbursement of Administrative, Overhead and Other Expenses between the City and the Successor Agency (Contract No. 1734) and take certain other related actions. By consensus, the motion carried.

GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Avila encouraged residents and business owners to stay after the meeting and to answers regarding their refuse questions. He also wished Ms. Hock the best of luck on her retirement.

Councilmember Gonzales again thanked Ms. Hock (she will be missed).

Mayor Pro Tem Ballin thanked those that attended the meeting to express their concerns and said that she has much confidence that everything will work out for the City.

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STAFF COMMUNICATION

Interim City Manager Ramirez gave an update on the Transit Oriented District grant and asked if the Ad Hoc Committee, and Council liaisons to the Transportation & Safety and the Planning Commissions could assist with reviewing the proposals. There were no objections from Councilmembers.

ADJOURNMENT (6:53 P.M.)

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

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of February 18, 2014, meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.

Elena G. Chávez
City Clerk