

**SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**FEBRUARY 4, 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 6:09 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

Approval of agenda was skipped.

PRESENTATION

The following presentations were made:

- A) INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEE (INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR)
RAFAELA KING
- B) RECOGNITION OF MARIACHI MASTERS APPRENTICE PROGRAM (MMAP)

PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL

Renato Lira talked about an accident on Fourth and Maclay streets and said it was difficult for the Los Angeles Fire Department to access the area.

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Esther Schiller, Smoke-Free Air for Everyone (non-profit organization), distributed information to the City Council pertaining to a survey conducted with San Fernando residents on the affects of tobacco smoke.

(Male speaker – did not state name) talked about the recent Edison blackout which caused his television sets to blow up (staff will provide him with an Edison claim form).

Stormy Haupt, Planning and Preservation Commissioner, wanted to correct a statement he made at the last meeting; Commissioners do get paid \$50 per meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Pro Tem Ballin removed Item No. 2 for further discussion.

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

- 1) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF:
 - a) DECEMBER 5, 2012 – SPECIAL MEETING
 - b) DECEMBER 17, 2012 – SPECIAL MEETING
 - c) DECEMBER 17, 2012 – REGULAR MEETING
 - d) JANUARY 22, 2013 – SPECIAL MEETING

- 3) ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION FOR PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF 4G WIRELESS MODEMS FOR POLICE VEHICLES

By consensus, the motion carried.

Items Removed for Further Discussion

- 2) APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTER NO. 13-021

In response to Mayor Pro Tem Ballin's question, Recreation and Community Services Operations Manager Ismael Aguila said that the expense in question is money the City holds on behalf of the Senior Club. Mayor Pro Tem Ballin suggested that perhaps in the future (for clarification purposes) there be a better description.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Ballin, seconded by Councilmember Avila, to approve Warrant Register No. 13-021. By consensus, the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

4) FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012 CITY ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORTS

Interim City Administrator Penman presented the staff report and Greg W. Fankhanel (Team, Ramirez & Smith, Inc.) gave an overview. Both replied to questions and concerns from Councilmembers.

Motion by Councilmember Avila, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ballin, to receive and file the following annual reports for Fiscal Year 2011-2012:

- a) 2012 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report covering the financial activities of both the City and Successor Agency of the Former Redevelopment Agency; and
- b) 2012 Cities Financial Transactions Report for the City of San Fernando.

By consensus, the motion carried.

5) POOL PUMP – REQUEST FOR QUIMBY FUNDS

Recreation and Community Services Operations Manager Aguila presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Fajardo, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ballin, to adopt a Resolution approving an allocation of Quimby Funds for a pool pump upgrade at the San Fernando Regional Pool Facility in the amount of \$17,121.73. The motion carried unanimously.

6) AWARD OF CONTRACT – ON-SITE SODIUM HYPOCHLORITE GENERATION SYSTEM

Public Works Director Ruiz presented the agenda report and replied to questions from Councilmembers.

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

- a) Award a Contract to Severn Trent Water Purification, Inc. for the purchase and installation of an On-Site Sodium Hypochlorite Generation (OSG) System;
- b) Authorize the City Administrator to execute a Professional Services Contract with Severn Trent Water Purification, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$164,400; and
- c) Authorize the City Administrator to approve a contingency not to exceed 10% of contract amount.

The motion carried with the following vote:

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AYES: Avila, Gonzales, Fajardo, Lopez – 4
NOES: Ballin – 1

CITY COUNCIL ITEMS

7) **FOURTH OF JULY FIREWORKS CELEBRATION AND DECEMBER HOLIDAY PARADE**

Councilmember Fajardo gave background information and stated that this was also discussed at the NRIW Standing Committee meeting.

Motion by Councilmember Fajardo, seconded by Councilmember Gonzales, to designate Councilmembers Gonzales and Fajardo to fundraise, on behalf of the City, for the July 4th fireworks celebration.

Mayor Pro Tem Ballin suggested an amendment to include a deadline that funds should be raised (or committed) by the second meeting in April.

Councilmember Fajardo accepted the amendment and added that excess funds, beyond the \$26,000, be returned to Fund 17 with the consent and knowledge of the donors.

By consensus, the above motion, and amendments carried.

8) **DISCUSSION TO CONSIDER DECLARING FICUS TREES A PUBLIC NUISANCE**

Mayor Lopez presented the report and discussion ensued amongst Councilmembers and staff regarding options on how to deal with City Ficus trees (now and in the future).

By consensus, staff was directed report back with additional information/options.

STANDING COMMITTEE UPDATES

No. 1 Budget, Personnel and Finance (BPF)

Councilmember Avila – no updates.

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

Mayor Lopez – no updates.

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

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Councilmember Fajardo – no updates.

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

Councilmember Avila – no updates.

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

Councilmember Gonzales – Recreation and Community Services Operations Manager Aguila reported that updates on various items were given at the last meeting.

GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Avila thanked staff, the public, the San Fernando Librarian, and City Commissioners.

Councilmember Gonzales also thanked staff and said there is a lot of work ahead for the City Council.

Councilmember Fajardo said he understands why Mayor Pro Tem Ballin voted “no” on Item No. 6 (vendors changing their prices) and he welcomed and thanked Ms. King and is glad to have her on board.

In regards to Mayor Pro Tem Ballin’s concern about a public comment made earlier regarding barriers, Public Works Director Ruiz stated that the Transportation and Safety Commission will be addressing the issue at their next meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Ballin reported that one of the topics discussed at the recent League of California Cities conference was about cities electing their mayors and asked what would it take for San Fernando to move toward that direction. By consensus, staff was directed to report back with various options.

Mayor Lopez talked about the need to review City Attorney fees for the first six months and recommended an Ad Hoc of both himself and Mayor Pro Tem Ballin to bring back recommendations to the City Council. By consensus, Councilmembers agreed.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

Public Works Director Ruiz requested to add an item (one-year contract extension with Crown Disposal) to the NRIW and BPF Standing Committees. He also reported that the City of Los Angeles is continuing construction (LED lighting) on the bike path project.

Recreation and Community Services Operations Manager Aguila reported that the City received a grant from Kaiser to implement a City-wide wellness outreach campaign.

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ADJOURNMENT (8:28 P.M.)

Motion by Councilmember Fajardo, seconded by Councilmember Avila, to adjourn this meeting and reconvene the Special 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 4, 2013 meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.

Elena G. Chávez

City Clerk