

**SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**MARCH 18, 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 6:14 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 Rick R. Olivarez, and City Clerk Elena G. Chávez

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Lopez

PRESENTATIONS

The following presentation was made:

- a) OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED BY CITY CLERK TO CITY TREASURER MARGARITA SOLIS AND CITY COUNCILMEMBERS JOEL FAJARDO AND ROBERT C. GONZALES

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL

Renato Lira invited everyone to attend an upcoming transit meeting and Cesar Chávez event.

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Patty Lopez asked whether the City's bus shelters could be used for advertising the upcoming Cesar Chávez event.

Julian Ruelas said the current City Council is responsive and responsible and is doing a good job.

Carolina Perez said she agreed with Mrs. Lopez' comments.

Irwin Rosenberg (San Fernando Police Officers' Association President) said it's important to maintain leadership and the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem are doing a great job.

Tom Ross (Downtown Mall Association President) talked about the recent Kiwanis Club event.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- 1) APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTER NO. 13-032
- 2) RECEIVE AND FILE SINGLE AUDIT OF FEDERALLY ASSISTED GRANT PROGRAMS REPORT
- 3) FY 2013-2014 LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 7523 INITIATING PROCEEDINGS AND ORDERING THE ENGINEER'S REPORT

By consensus, the motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

- 4) ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1625 AMENDING CHAPTER 106 AND IMPLEMENTING HOUSING ELEMENT PROGRAM NO. 11

Mayor Lopez declared the Public Hearing open.

City Planner Ramirez presented the staff report and responded to questions from Councilmembers.

Mayor Lopez called for public testimony for interested persons to testify for, or against, this item.

Linda Campanella Jauron spoke in favor and stated the City needs to move forward and that services need to be made available to all community members.

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Patty Lopez said she is not in opposition but believes there needs to be better communication to get this information out.

Carolina Perez is not opposed and agreed with Mrs. Lopez that the community needs to be informed.

Renato Lira suggested that before making its decision, Council should hold a town hall meeting.

City Attorney Olivarez reported (for the record) that the City complied with State law regarding adoption of this housing element.

There being no further comments, Mayor Lopez closed the public comment portion of the Hearing.

Motion by Councilmember Avila, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ballin to, adopt Ordinance No. 1625, titled “An Ordinance of the City of San Fernando Amending Article 1 of Chapter 106 to define Single Room Occupancy Unit, Community Care Facilities, Emergency Homeless Shelters, Manufactured Housing, Transitional Housing and Supportive Housing and Amending Article III of Chapter 106 to Provide that Emergency Shelters are Permitted Uses in the M-2 Light Industrial Zone with Applicable Development Standards, Single Room Occupancy as Conditionally Permitted Uses in the C-1 and C-2 Commercial Zones, Community Care Facilities of Seven or More Persons as Conditionally Permitted Uses in all Residential Zones, and that Manufactured Housing, Transitional and Supportive Housing are and shall be treated as Residential Uses”.

The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES:	Lopez, Ballin, Avila, Fajardo, Gonzales – 5
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None

NEW BUSINESS

5) REORGANIZATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL – SELECTION OF MAYOR AND MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

City Clerk Chávez opened nominations for Mayor.

Councilmember Gonzales nominated Antonio Lopez for Mayor; the motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ballin.

There being no other nominations for Mayor, City Clerk Chávez closed nominations and conducted a roll call vote.

For Antonio Lopez as Mayor, the motion carried with the following vote:

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AYES: Lopez, Ballin, Fajardo, Avila, Gonzales – 5
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

City Clerk Chávez opened nominations for Mayor Pro Tem.

Councilmember Avila nominated Sylvia Ballin for Mayor Pro Tem; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Gonzales.

There being no other nominations for Mayor Pro Tem, City Clerk Chávez closed nominations and conducted a roll call vote.

For Sylvia Ballin as Mayor Pro Tem, the motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Lopez, Ballin, Fajardo, Avila, Gonzales – 5
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

6) APPROVAL OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT (CONTRACT NO. 1703) WITH AEGIS COMPUTERS, INC.

Interim City Administrator Penman gave a brief overview and City Planner Ramirez presented the staff report. Both replied to questions from Councilmembers.

Motion by Councilmember Fajardo, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ballin, to:

- a. Approve a Professional Services Agreement (Contract No. 1703) extending the current contract with Aegis Computers, Inc. for City computer and network services for a not to exceed fixed-rate billing of \$10,630 per month (including \$630 for website services); and
- b. Authorize the Interim City Administrator to execute the Professional Services Agreement with Aegis Computers, Inc.

By consensus the motion carried.

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.

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

Councilmember Fajardo – Requested a list of capital improvement items that have been deferred (including streets and sewers).

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 – the next meeting will be on March 26, 2013.

GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Avila congratulated Recreation and Community Services Operations Manager Ismael Aguila on a recent recognition for the 100 Citizens Program.

Councilmember Gonzales invited everyone to an upcoming SFPD Community Watch meeting and talked about a Cesar Chávez Youth Event in which he participated.

Councilmember Fajardo requested if staff could be directed to complete a survey by the Human Rights Campaign. (There were no objections from Councilmembers.)

Mayor Pro Tem Ballin congratulated City Treasurer Solis and commented on her professionalism. She also requested that staff report back with solutions regarding City postings being bilingual.

Mayor Lopez thanked staff for their work on saving the City money on the IT contract and he thanked the Kiwanis Club for recognizing staff.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

City Attorney Olivarez asked if there was any interest to have his firm provide free community training on the Brown Act and the Public Records Act. (Interim City Administrator Penman will work with him on a date.)

City Planner Ramirez said that the City was considered for an MTA grant and is also one of the recipients for the 2013 LA Conservancy Award.

Public Works Director Ron Ruiz invited everyone to the upcoming East San Fernando Corridor Scoping meeting and asked for Council consensus to allow the Kidney Quest Foundation to advertise on poles on Maclay Ave.

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Mayor Pro Tem Ballin reminded staff of the earlier comment made by a speaker and said there needs to be a policy on consistency and all requestors should be treated equally.

Recreation and Community Services Operations Manager Aguila invited everyone to the upcoming Eggstravagaza event at Las Palmas Park.

ADJOURNMENT (7:35)

Motion by Councilmember Avila, seconded by Councilmember Gonzales, to adjourn the meeting. By consensus, the motion carried.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of March 18, 2013 meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.

Elena G. Chávez
City Clerk