

**SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

**APRIL 21, 2014 – 6:00 P.M.  
REGULAR MEETING**

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

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Mayor Sylvia Ballin called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m.

Present:

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

Staff: City Manager Brian Saeki, City Attorney Rick R. Olivarez, and City Clerk Elena G. Chávez

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by Jr. Police Cadet Nestor Garcia

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

City Attorney Olivarez reported that staff would like to add an item that came to the attention of the City Manager after the posting of the agenda and there is a need to take immediate action.

City Manager Saeki also reported that Item No. 8 would be pulled to a later date.

Motion by Councilmember Lopez, seconded by Councilmember Avila, to approve the agenda as amended. By consensus, the motion carried.

**PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL**

Hilda Casas, new Community Library Manager for the San Fernando Library, invited all to join them on Saturday for National Poetry Month.

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Sera Boyadjian, San Fernando Superior Courthouse employee, asked that the City not close the pool facility during the noon hour because several County employees (and others) utilize the pool during their lunch hour.

Linda Campanella Jauron reported that former executive director for El Centro de Amistad, Angel Perez, passed away and requested that the meeting adjourn in his memory.

Tom Ross asked that the City Council vote in favor of the agenda items pertaining to co-sponsorship of the San Fernando Bikeway Clean-up Event and the Help-Portrait San Fernando 2014.

Jeannette Ross, Kiwanis Club Board Member, dittoed the comments made by Tom Ross.

(Female speaker – did not state name) said she wanted to say “Hello” on behalf of Bob Hertzberg who is running for State Senate.

**RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION (6:23 P.M.)**

By consensus, Councilmembers recessed to the following Closed Session as announced by City Attorney Olivarez.

City Attorney Olivarez noted for the record that, regarding Item A, G.C. §54956.9(b)(2), should reference (for two of the cases) G.C. §54956.9(d)(2) and (e)(1), and the other case should reference G.C. §54956.9(d)(2) and (e)(3).

- A) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
G.C. §54956.9(b)(2)  
Three potential actions involving significant exposure to litigation.
- B) CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS  
54956.9(d)(2) AND 54956.9(e)(1) AND 54956.9(d)(4)  
Conference with Legal Counsel to discuss facts and circumstances that may create liability for the City as relates to the delivery of certain public safety services and related discussion of potential causes of actions City may have arising out of the same facts and circumstances.  
One (1) matter.
- C) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION  
G.C. §54956.9(d)(1)  
Name of Case: City of San Fernando et al v Wantanabe  
LASC Case No.: 34-2013-80001550-CU-WM-GDS
- D) CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR  
G.C. §54957.6  
Designated City Negotiator: Brian Saeki, City Manager

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Employees and Employee Bargaining Units that are the Subject of Negotiation:

San Fernando Management Group (SEIU, Local 721)

San Fernando Public Employees' Association (SEIU, Local 721)

San Fernando Police Officers Association

San Fernando Police Officers Association Police Management Unit

San Fernando Police Civilian Association (SEIU, Local 721)

San Fernando Part-time Employees' Bargaining Unit (SEIU, Local 721)

All Unrepresented Employees

**RECONVENE AND ANNOUNCE CLOSED SESSION ACTION (7:19 p.m.)**

City Attorney Olivarez reported the following:

- Item A – The City Council received a briefing from Special Counsel on various legal issues concerning each of the three cases, direction was given to Legal Counsel, but no final action was taken.
- Item B – The City Council received a briefing from staff, direction was given, but no final action was taken.
- Item C – The City Council received a briefing from Legal Counsel but no final action was taken.
- Item D – The City Manager gave an update to the City Council, no action was taken, and nothing further to report.

**PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL**

Bob Hertzberg announced that he is a candidate for State Senate, is visionary, and very connected to the community.

Stormy Haupt said it is not fair to audience members that the Closed Session was held at the beginning of the meeting and he hopes there was a good reason this was done.

In response to Mr. Haupt's concern, City Manager Saeki reported that there were attorneys scheduled to participate in the Closed Session and, in the interest of saving the City money, this item was scheduled first.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

- 1) REQUEST TO APPROVE MINUTES OF APRIL 7, 2014 – REGULAR MEETING
- 2) REQUEST TO APPROVE WARRANT REGISTER NO 14-042

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- 3) NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR LOPEZ ADOBE ANCILLARY BUILDING AND LANDSCAPING PROJECT
- 4) ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1632 ADDING ARTICLE VI (STANDARD SPECIFICATION FOR PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION) TO CHAPTER 74 (STREETS SIDEWALKS AND OTHER PLACES) OF SAN FERNANDO CITY CODE, ADOPTING THE 2012 EDITION OF THE STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS FOR PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION (GREENBOOK)
- 5) CONSIDERATION OF CO-SPONSORSHIP OF HELP-PORTRAIT SAN FERNANDO 2014
- 6) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A CONTRACT EXTENSION FOR PROFESSIONAL AUDITING SERVICES WITH VAN LANT & FANKHANEL, LLP
- 7) CONSIDERATION OF CO-SPONSORSHIP OF THE SAN FERNANDO BIKEWAY CLEAN-UP EVENT

By consensus, the motion carried.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

- 8) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE PARTNERSHIP WITH KADIMA CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC

*This item was removed under "Approval of Agenda".*

- 9) CONSIDERATION TO REMOVE PARKING METERS IN THE PUBLIC PARKING LOT BEHIND CITY HALL

Interim Public Works Director Marlene Miyoshi presented the staff report and replied to questions from Councilmembers.

Discussion ensued amongst Council and staff regarding re-using the parking meters, utilizing parking Lot 6N for businesses and looking into parking payment options, a two-hour parking limit and enforcement (to ensure availability for the small businesses). In response, City Manager Saeki staff will report back with alternatives.

Motion by Councilmember Avila, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales, to:

- a. Approve the removal of the 13 parking meters in the public parking lot behind City Hall; and

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- b. Adopt Resolution No. 7596 approving the removal of the 13 parking meters in the public parking lot behind City Hall.

By consensus, the motion carried.

- 10) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MASTER COVENANT AND AGREEMENT REGARDING ON-SITE BMP MAINTENANCE RELATING TO THE MACLAY RANCH TRACT, LOT PT 71, ARB 9, APN 2509-014-270 AT PROPERTY COMMONLY IDENTIFIED AS 12900 DRONFIELD AVENUE, SAN FERNANDO, CA

Interim Public Works Director Miyoshi presented the staff report and reported that this is an emergency issue that would help avoid the purchase of water from the Metropolitan Water District.

Motion by Councilmember Fajardo, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales, to adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Master Covenant and Agreement Regarding On-Site BMP Maintenance Relating to the Maclay Ranch Tract, Lot PT 71, ARN 9, APN 2509-014-270 at 12900 Dronfield Avenue. By consensus, the motion carried.

**COMMITTEE/COMMISSION LIAISON UPDATES**

In response to Councilmember Avila's suggestion that City Commissions provide regular updates to the City Council, staff will report back with recommendations.

Councilmember Avila reported that SFVCOG changed managers and will be restructuring and he will be report back regarding lobbying for resources.

Councilmember Lopez: 1) gave an update on the Valley Economic Alliance; 2) said that the Metro East San Fernando Valley Transit Corridor are making their rounds; 3) invitations for the Valley Economic Alliance Valley of the Stars event are forthcoming; and 4) and he will report back regarding the Valley Economic Alliance providing assistance to businesses for grant writing.

Councilmember Fajardo reported that: 1) Education Commissioners have been requested to submit their priorities; 2) he hopes to meet with local schools; and 3) the Tree Commission held their meeting and hope to have a recommendation to Council regarding a master tree plan.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales reported there was no quorum at the last Independent Cities Association meeting (he was scheduled to be elected to the board) and ICA is planning their summer seminar (same weekend as the Relay for Life).

Mayor Ballin reported that: 1) Southern California Association of Governments had a workshop and the topic was how do we get our people back to work right away (labor unions were present and talked about an apprenticeship program); and 2) suggested that each Councilmember provide

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an activity report to be included in the City Manager report (she distributed samples to her colleagues.)

**GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Avila requested that the meeting adjourn in memory of Angel Perez and Los Angeles Police Officer Christopher Cortijo.

Mayor Ballin said she would like to add an item to the next agenda pertaining to a request from Assemblymember Raul Bocanegra's office to support AB 1839 (a film tax credit).

Councilmember Fajardo said he wanted to extend gratitude to public employees and invited all to visit the new businesses in town (i.e., juicery, old-fashioned hamburger restaurant, and barbershop).

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales reminded everyone of the Bikeway Cleanup Event on May 3.

Mayor Ballin also requested that the meeting adjourn in memory of Paul Manuel Ortiz.

**STAFF COMMUNICATION**

Community Development Director Fred Ramirez reminded everyone of the upcoming May 26 events (i.e., dog vaccination clinic and e-waste).

Recreation and Community Services Operations Manager Ismael Aguila also announced upcoming events (i.e., Relay for Life, Cinco de Mayo, and El Centro de Amistad Mental Health Day).

Interim Public Works Director Miyoshi gave an update regarding the opening of the new park on Eighth Street (Mountains Conservation Authority will be sending out invites).

**ADJOURNMENT (8:01 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 April 21, 2014, meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.*

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*Elena G. Chávez  
City Clerk*