

**SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**MAY 19, 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 6:05 p.m.

Present:

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

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

Absent: Councilmember Antonio Lopez (notified staff he was ill and would not be able to attend the meeting)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Police Explorer Alberto Barragan

PRESENTATIONS

The following presentations were made:

- A) MAY – INTERNATIONAL INTERNAL AUDIT AWARENESS MONTH
- B) INTRODUCTION OF NEW POLICE CANINE “ALEX”
- C) INTRODUCTION OF NEW POLICE OFFICER BENNY SIMONZAD

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- 1) REQUEST TO APPROVE WARRANT REGISTER NO 14-051
- 2) FACILITY FEE WAIVER POLICY UPDATE
- 3) ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 7601 APPOINTING THE CITY’S REPRESENTATIVES TO THE INDEPENDENT CITIES RISK MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (ICRMA) GOVERNING BOARD
- 4) FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2014-2015 LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT (LLAD) – APPROVAL OF ENGINEER’S REPORT AND SETTING DATE FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING
- 5) ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 7608 TO ACCEPT DONATIONS FOR A REPLACEMENT POLICE CANINE AND MANDATORY TRAINING COURSE
- 6) DISASTER COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS
- 7) ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 7602 TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO SET THE CITY’S COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS (CNG) FUEL RETAIL PRICES
- 8) RESOLUTIONS APPROVING A NEW JOB SPECIFICATION FOR DEPUTY CITY MANAGER/ PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR AND AMENDING THE SALARY PLAN AND THE TABLE OF ORGANIZATION

By consensus, the motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- 9) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH SARGENT TOWN PLANNING TO PREPARE THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT OVERLAY (TOD) ZONE PROJECT

Community Development Director Fred Ramirez presented the staff report.

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

- a. Approve a Professional Services Agreement (Contract No. 1745) with Sargent Town Planning to prepare the City of San Fernando TOD Overlay Zone Project, per the approved scope of work, in an amount not to exceed \$290,519, with an additional three percent (3%) contingency for unforeseen, additional work; and
- b. Authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement with Sargent Town Planning.

By consensus, the motion carried.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION LIAISON UPDATES

Councilmember Avila reported that the Planning Committee is hard at work and stated that there is emergency preparedness training scheduled with the Disaster Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales announced that he was elected to the Board of Directors on ICA (Independent Cities Association) and that they voted to support SB 1262, SB 511, and SB 1129.

Mayor Ballin reported that MWD (Metropolitan Water District) voted in a new Board Chair, Randy Record, and that San Fernando will be very supportive of him.

GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Fajardo said he is very appreciative of a short Council meeting.

Councilmember Avila requested that the meeting adjourn in memory of resident Luis Salcedo Garcia.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales announced that there is a High-Speed Rail Authority meeting scheduled tomorrow at the Pool Facility and reported that Councilmembers all attended the Pacoima Wash Natural Park opening on Eighth Street.

Mayor Ballin reported that Recreation and Community Services Operations Manager Ismael Aguila received a prestigious award this week.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

(Los Angeles Fire Department representative – did not state name) reminded everyone that we are still in brush season and are experiencing unprecedented fire hazards.

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Recreation and Community Services Operations Manager Aguila reported that the volunteer program director for the 100 Citizens Program won a prestigious award and invited everyone to the 19th Annual Senior Expo.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

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

- A) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
G.C. §54956.9(d)(2) AND §54956.9(e)(1)
One (1) Potential Case

- B) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
G.C. §54956.9(d)(1)
Name of Case: City of San Fernando et al. v. Wendy L. Wantanabe, in her official
capacity as the Auditor-Controller of the County of Los Angeles
LASC Case No.: 34-2013-80001550-CU-WM-GDS

RECONVENE/REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Olivarez reported the following:

- Item A – The City Council received a briefing from the City Attorney; the City Council gave unanimous direction to the City Attorney on how to proceed in this matter; but no final action was taken.
- Item B – The City Council received a briefing on the status of the litigation from the City Attorney; the City Council gave unanimous direction the City Attorney on how to proceed in the litigation; but no final action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT (7:42 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 May 19, 2014, meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.

Elena G. Chávez
City Clerk