

**SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

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

Present:

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

Staff: Interim City Administrator Don Penman, City Attorney Rick R. Olivarez, and City Clerk Elena G. Chávez

Absent: Councilmember Robert C. Gonzales

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Lopez

PRESENTATIONS

The following presentation was made:

a) OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

RECESS (6:11 P.M.)

Mayor Lopez called for a recess in order to hold the regular meeting of the Successor Agency to the San Fernando Redevelopment Agency.

RECONVENE (6:12 P.M.)

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL

Eugene Hernandez said he was disappointed that the City Council has not taken action regarding the AB5 Homelessness issue.

Leo Arnetta said his business had been experiencing vandalism and vehicle break-in issues and asked for City assistance.

Julian Ruelas believes it is crucial that businesses market themselves and he spoke in favor of the agenda item pertaining to the PBID.

Patty Lopez spoke in support of AB5 and asked if the City Council had a list of priorities for the City and wanted to see if education was on the list.

Charles Leone, SEUI Local 721, expressed concern about the PBID and how it would affect public properties such as City Hall and the Police Station.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Councilmember Fajardo, seconded by Councilmember Avila, to approve the Consent Calendar Items:

- 1) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF:
 - a) MARCH 4, 2013 – SPECIAL MEETING
 - b) MARCH 18, 2013 – SPECIAL MEETING
 - c) MARCH 18, 2013 – REGULAR MEETING
 - d) APRIL 15, 2013 – SPECIAL MEETING
 - e) APRIL 15, 2013 – REGULAR MEETING
 - f) APRIL 30, 2013 – SPECIAL MEETING
- 2) APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTER NO. 13-051
- 3) RESOLUTION AMENDING JOB SPECIFICATIONS FOR LIFEGUARD POSITION

By consensus, the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

4) PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION REGARDING THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY ADMINISTRATOR FORMS OF GOVERNMENT

City Attorney Olivarez introduced Joaquin Vasquez and Richard Padilla from his office who made a presentation regarding various options on the powers and duties that may be implemented in establishing a City Manager form of government.

No formal action was taken. By consensus, Councilmembers concurred to receive and file the report.

5) ACCEPTANCE OF NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS GRANT AWARD

In the absence of the Recreation & Community Services Operations Manager, Public Works Director Ron Ruiz presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Fajardo, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ballin, to accept the \$57,000 grant award by the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) to support the City of San Fernando Mariachi Master Apprentice Program (MMAP). By consensus, the motion carried.

6) APPROVAL OF EXCHANGE AGREEMENT OF FEDERAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM-LOCAL (STP-L) FUNDS (CONTRACT NO. 1708) FOR FLEXIBLE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY STP-L LOCAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDS

Interim City Administrator Penman presented the staff report.

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

- a. Approve an Exchange Agreement and Assignment of Federal Surface Transportation Program – Local (STP-L) funds (Contract No. 1708) for flexible Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) funds; and
- b. Authorize the Interim City Administrator to execute the Agreement.

By consensus, the motion carried.

7) ACCEPTANCE OF 2012 LOS ANGELES METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT PLANNING GRANT AWARD

City Planner Fred Ramirez presented the staff report.

Motion by Mayor Lopez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ballin, to:

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- a. Approve the City’s acceptance of the 2012 Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority (Metro) Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Planning Grant Award in the amount of \$282,392 for the development of the City of San Fernando TOD Overlay Zone Project; and,
- b. Approve a City match of \$13,306 (\$6,306 in-kind contribution and \$7,000 cash) for the Project;
- c. Authorize the Interim City Administrator to execute any subsequent Agreement with Metro to facilitate the City TOD Overlay Zone Project.

By consensus, the motion carried.

8) **AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST AMENDMENT TO THE CALIFORNIA HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY LOAN**

Interim City Administrator Penman presented the staff report and replied to questions from Councilmembers.

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

- a. Authorize staff to request an amendment to the California Housing Finance Authority (CHFA) loan (CHFA Loan No. HELP – 022202-09), deferring one-half of the next payment of \$200,000 due June 30, 2013 until next fiscal year; and
- b. Adopt Resolution No. 7532 appropriating \$100,000 for payment of a good faith deposit against the \$200,000 due June 30, 2013.

The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Lopez, Ballin, Fajardo, Avila – 4
NOES: None
ABSENT: Gonzales – 1

CONTINUED BUSINESS

9) **CITY PARTICIPATION IN PROPERTY OWNERS BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (PBID)**

Interim City Administrator Penman presented the staff report and replied to questions from Councilmembers.

Mayor Lopez allowed for additional public comments.

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Downtown Mall Association President Tom Ross and PBID consultant Steve Gibson (Urban Place Consulting) provided additional information and replied to questions from Councilmembers and staff.

Frank Villalpanda and Charles Leone made comments against a PBID.

Linda Campanella doesn't believe that employees should fear they will lose their jobs, this process will allow existing staff to focus on neglected areas.

Discussion ensued amongst Council, staff, and audience members.

Motion by Mayor Lopez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ballin, to approve staff's recommendation that the City Council provide direction on the following matters related to the PBID formation process:

- a. Determine whether the City Council supports the inclusion of the City Civic Center properties (i.e., City Hall, Police Station, Public Works Yard (old Police Station), Civic Center Parking Lot) as well as the properties owned by the City and Successor Agency, including the parking lots within downtown; and
- b. If the City Council elects City participation in the PBID, direct the Interim City Administrator to sign the petition in favor of the PBID on behalf of the City.

The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Lopez, Ballin, Fajardo, Avila – 4
NOES: None
ABSENT: Gonzales – 1

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REPORT

10) REQUEST TO CHANGE EDUCATION COMMISSION'S QUARTERLY MEETINGS TO BI-MONTHLY MEETINGS

Education Commission Chair Louis A. Lopez presented the staff report.

Discussion ensued amongst staff and City Attorney Olivarez. Commission Chair Lopez was reminded that the Education Commission may call Special Meetings at any time they deem necessary (no need to change the City Code).

CITY COUNCIL ITEMS

11) UPDATE REGARDING THE JULY 4TH FIREWORKS CELEBRATION FUNDRAISING EFFORTS

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Councilmember Fajardo reported that for various reasons, the Ad Hoc Committee can not raise the funds required (\$26,000) to hold a July 4th Fireworks Celebration.

Discussion ensued and it was suggested (if there are resources) to hold a City picnic at Recreation Park instead.

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)

Councilmember Fajardo – said they were presented with a very important report regarding capital improvement projects (approximately \$8 million and \$2 million in deferred maintenance).

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

Councilmember Avila – no updates.

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

Councilmember Fajardo – no updates.

GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Avila thanked community members for coming up to speak and also thanked staff for their work.

Mayor Pro Tem Ballin said she is grateful to the new law firm and making sure that the Councilmembers do not violate the Brown Act.

Mayor Lopez invited everyone to attend the upcoming Fire Service Day event at Recreation Park.

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STAFF COMMUNICATION

Public Works Director Ruiz announced that the American Cancer Society Relay for Life kick-off event is on May 18, 2013. Mayor Lopez encouraged his colleagues and staff to create teams to participate in the event.

ADJOURNMENT (8:25)

Motion by Councilmember Fajardo seconded by Councilmember Avila, 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 May 6, 2013 meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.

Elena G. Chávez
City Clerk