

**SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**JUNE 3, 2013 – 6:00 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING**

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

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Pro Tem Sylvia Ballin called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Present:

Council: 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 Deputy City Clerk Julie M. Fernandez

Absent: Mayor Antonio Lopez

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Interim Chief of Police Robert Parks led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATION

The following presentation was made:

A) OATH OF OFFICE TO POLICE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL:

- Maurizio Cascapera, Reserve Police Officer
- Michael Colato , Reserve Police Officer

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL

Sam Beltran spoke about a news article; and he paid for his family to travel from London, England and only spent \$9,000.

Male speaker from audience (did not state name) asked why Councilmembers can't comment; City Attorney Olivarez replied that there are restrictions on what they can say pursuant to the Brown Act and that they may briefly address the comments at the end of the meeting, but they cannot engage in dialogue with the speakers.

Robert Ortega thanked everyone for their concern for his health; stated that San Fernando is a good City and this Council gave us a chance to vote (or not) for Measure A; and don't forget to vote.

Male speaker (did not state name) asked about property tax in San Fernando that goes toward retired City employees and stated that it is unfair that he has to pay so much. Mayor Pro Tem Ballin indicated that she and Interim City Administrator Penman would speak with him after the meeting.

Guillermo Garcia, Los Angeles Police Department Police Officer and Boxing Teammember, announced a charity boxing event on July 6, 2012, at Elysian park and requested permission to post flyers in San Fernando's public buildings.

Paul Luna, resident: 1) happy to see more Police Officers; 2) said that it's unfortunate that people are spreading misinformation regarding Measure A and he wished to register a complaint about a political mailing that did not identify who was responsible for it; and 3) stated that Rudy Ortega Sr. Park needs to be cleaned up.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- 1) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 4, 2013 – REGULAR MEETING
- 2) APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTER NO. 13-061
- 3) NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR PARK AVENUE STREET IMPROVEMENTS

By consensus, the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- 4) APPROVAL OF CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH FIRST TRANSIT, INC.

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Public Works Director Ron Ruiz presented the staff report; he, Jesse Roach and Heidi Miller (First Transit, Inc. representatives) answered Councilmembers questions.

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

- a. Approve a two year contract extension with First Transit, Inc. for maintenance and operation of the Mission City Transit and the City Trolleys; and
- b. Authorize the Interim City Administrator to negotiate and execute the contract extension.

The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Avila, Fajardo, Gonzales – 3
NOES: Ballin – 1
ABSENT: Lopez – 1

5) APPROVAL OF CONTRACT NO. 1711 WITH VAN LANT & FANKHANEL, LLP FOR PROFESSIONAL AUDITING SERVICES

Interim Finance Director Rafaela King presented the staff report.

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

- a. Approve Contract No. 1711 with Van Lant & Fankhanel, LLP for Professional Auditing Services for the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 audit with a one-year optional extension; and
- b. Authorize the Interim City Administrator to execute the contract.

By consensus, the motion carried.

CITY COUNCIL ITEMS

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

Recreation and Community Services Operations Manager Ismael Aguila indicated that at the recent EPAH Standing Committee meeting, staff provided a proposal to conduct an event without fireworks; however, due to limited resources, staff recommends that the City forego this year's event. Councilmember Fajardo discussed an alternate option of working with the Kiwanis Club in an effort to make this program self-sustaining in the future.

By general consensus, the City Council agreed that the event would be canceled.

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STANDING COMMITTEE UPDATES

No. 1 Budget, Personnel and Finance (BPF)

Councilmember Avila – Interim City Administrator Penman reported that two Budget Study Sessions have been conducted; proposed budget is available on the City’s website; and the public hearing is scheduled for June 17, 2013.

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

Councilmember Fajardo – no updates.

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

Chair Joel Fajardo – no updates.

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

Chair Jesse H. Avila – no quorum.

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

Chair Robert C. Gonzales – 4th of July, JAM Sessions, park clean-up dates, and summer pool events were discussed.

GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Avila thanked staff for their hard work and said that in the future transportation programs will impact us and will provide information as it becomes available.

Councilmember Gonzales congratulated San Fernando Baseball for winning the City Championship and Cesar Chavez Baseball as the runner up in Division II; he thanked staff for working hard on the budget; and welcomed the new Police Officers.

Councilmember Fajardo congratulated San Fernando on both Division I and Division II games.

Mayor Pro Tem Ballin attended the Senior Health Fair and had a lot of fun and suggested that the senior line dancers and musicians perform for the community this summer.

Councilmember Avila invited Paula Hock, San Fernando Library, to the podium. Ms. Hock invited everyone to attend a poster signing event at the Library on June 11, 2013, at 10:30 am.

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Mayor Pro Tem Ballin: 1) said that she presented Library staff with certificates of appreciation on behalf of the City Council; 2) regarding the earlier charitable boxing event, said she would like to see a future boxing match with the San Fernando Police Department; 3) thanked Public Works Director for his efforts with the bus shelters that are being installed; 4) thanked Mr. Luna for his suggestion relating to Rudy Ortega Sr. Park; and 5) thanked the individual for addressing the property tax issue.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

Interim City Administrator Penman stated that the Property Owners Business Improvement District (PBID) timetable and process has slowed down so that property owners' questions may be addressed.

Public Works Director Ruiz requested that Sanitary Sewer Management Plan be placed on the next NRIW Standing Committee agenda.

Interim Police Chief Parks introduced San Fernando's newest Police Officer Kevin Yoo and Deputy City Clerk Fernandez administered the Oath of Office.

Interim City Administrator Penman informed the City Council that he would be out of the office on personal business for approximately one week and requested permission to designate City Planner Fred Ramirez as Acting City Administrator in his absence.

ADJOURNMENT (7:06 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 June 3, 2013 meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.

*Julie M. Fernandez
Deputy City Clerk*