

**SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**AUGUST 4, 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 6:03 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 Police Explorer Nestor Garcia

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

City Attorney Olivarez reported that Councilmember Lopez is requesting a “walk-on” item (Item No. 11). He stated that the item came to staff’s attention after the agenda was posted and there is an immediate need to take action. The San Fernando City Chamber of Commerce is requesting a Council appointment to their board; their meeting takes place before the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting.

Councilmember Lopez added that the Chamber wants to start discussions because multiple events are occurring.

City Manager Saeki reported that Item No. 7 would be moved to Administrative Reports.

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

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PRESENTATIONS

The following presentation was made:

A) RECOGNITION OF RELAY FOR LIFE COMMITTEE

PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL

Linda Campanella Jauron asked if there was anything the City could do regarding the children being displaced at the southern border.

John Blue complained about the median island on Park Ave. and believes it's a bad design.

John Arroyo talked about a company in the City that he alleges does not have a license to sell cookies.

Mary Mendoza asked that City Council reconsider their decision regarding low-income housing at the JC Penney building and believes that the noticing and posting requirements were not fulfilled.

Pastor Rudy Trujillo (Transportation & Safety Commissioner) said he appreciates when everyone comes together to open up dialogue and look for creative solutions and is thankful that a developer that is willing to look at affordable housing and invest in our community.

Richard Arroyo reported that the San Fernando Museum of Art & History is requesting support in naming the 5 and 118 Freeway interchange in memory WWII Medal of Honor recipient David Gonzales.

Miguel Montanez said that he surveyed people in his neighborhood and commercial areas and many were not aware (nor in favor of) the proposed low-income housing at the JC Penney building.

Paul Luna believes that people are misinformed (low-income housing does not mean Section 8 housing); we need to keep an open mind about the project and see the bigger picture the positive changes.

Julie Cuellar inquired about the project that was approved a couple of years back at First and Harding Streets that has not begun. She stated that if we need housing so badly, then the City should get projects started (and completed) before moving on to other housing projects.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Ballin pulled Item No.s 5 and 6 for further discussion.

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

- 1) REQUEST TO APPROVE MINUTES OF:
 - a. JULY 7, 2014 – REGULAR MEETING
 - b. JULY 21, 2014 – SPECIAL MEETING
- 2) REQUEST TO APPROVE WARRANT REGISTER NO 14-081
- 3) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION DELEGATING AUTHORITY OF DISABILITY RETIREMENT DETERMINATIONS
- 4) UPDATE REGARDING THE CITY'S LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE

By consensus, the motion carried.

Items Removed for Further Discussion

- 5) CONSIDERATION TO DISPOSE OF SURPLUS CITY-OWNED PERSONAL PROPERTY
- 6) NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR SIGN INSTALLATION PROJECT

In response to Mayor Ballin's question regarding the surplus property, staff reported that anyone (i.e., City employees, City Councilmembers, and the general public) can purchase items via the auction process.

In response to Mayor Ballin's concern regarding the color pallet. Staff reported that the previous management felt it was appropriate, two color schemes had been presented to Council, and, since grant money was used, signs had to be completed within a certain time frame.

Motion by Councilmember Fajardo, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales, to approve Consent Calendar Items No.s 5 and 6 per staff's recommendation. By consensus, the motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- 7) DESIGNATION OF VOTING DELEGATE AND ALTERNATES FOR THE 2014 LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES ANNUAL CONFERENCE

City Manager Saeki presented the staff report.

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

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- a. Designate Councilmember Lopez as Voting Delegate for the League of California Cities Annual Conference;
- b. Designate Councilmember Fajardo and Avila as the two Alternate Voting Delegates, one of whom may vote in the event that the designated Delegate is unable to serve in that capacity; and
- c. Authorize the City Clerk to execute and submit the 2014 Annual Conference Voting Delegate/Alternate Form.

By consensus, the motion carried.

8) **CONSIDERATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (METRO) RAPID BUS SHELTERS IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM**

Interim Public Works Director Marlene Miyoshi presented the staff report.

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

- a. Approve participation in the Metro Rapid Bus Shelter Implementation Program for the design, purchase and installation of four bus stops on Truman Street, at no cost to the City; and
- b. Authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute the Metro Implementation Agreement, upon City Attorney review and approval as to form.

By consensus, the motion carried.

9) **CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED MAKE-UP OF THE DEVELOPMENT AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT OVERLAY ZONE PROJECT**

Community Development Director Fred Ramirez presented the staff report replied to questions from Councilmembers.

Motion by Councilmember Lopez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales, to approve the Transit Oriented Development Overlay Zone Ad Hoc Committee regarding the proposed make-up of the 11-member Development Ad Hoc Committee. Also, to add a member from the Mall Association and a member from the San Fernando City Chamber of Commerce. By consensus, the motion carried.

10) **CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING COMMERCIAL PROPERTY TAX REFORM**

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Kelly Osajima, Evolve organizer, gave a presentation and replied to questions from Councilmembers.

Motion by Councilmember Fajardo, seconded by Councilmember Lopez, to table this item to the next meeting. By consensus, the motion carried.

11) APPOINTMENT OF CITY COUNCIL LIAISON TO THE SAN FERNANDO CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Councilmember Lopez gave a brief update and made a motion to appoint Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales as liaison to the Chamber.

Both Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales and Councilmember Fajardo expressed interest and requested consideration to be appointed as liaison to the Chamber.

Councilmember Lopez repeated his motion to appoint Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales as liaison to the San Fernando City Chamber of Commerce. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales but failed with the following vote:

AYES: Lopez, Gonzales – 2
NOES: Fajardo, Ballin, Avila – 3

Motion by Councilmember Avila, seconded by Mayor Ballin, to appoint Councilmember Fajardo as liaison to the San Fernando City Chamber of Commerce. The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Avila, Fajardo, Ballin – 3
NOES: Lopez, Gonzales – 2

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION LIAISON UPDATES

At the request of Councilmember Avila, Community Development Director Ramirez gave an update regarding Planning Commission activities.

Also, at the request of Councilmember Avila, Richard Arroyo, San Fernando Museum of Art and History, reported that John Brooks (decedent of Geronimo and Catalina Lopez) who was very involved with San Fernando history for more than 50 years, passed away this morning.

Councilmember Fajardo gave an update regarding the Tree Commission's activities, would like to eventually agendize a discussion regarding City commissions, and said he looks forward to working with the Economic Alliance.

Mayor Ballin reported that the Metropolitan Water District Ad Hoc Ethics and Audit Committee met for over four hours and suggested that the City hold a session regarding Form 700 and

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abstention and recusal votes. City Attorney Olivarez said he'll make sure this topic is agenzized for a future meeting.

GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Avila thanked Finance staff on the new report and also thanked the community for attending this meeting.

Councilmember Fajardo also thanked the public for attending this meeting and said he would be happy to continue dialogue with anyone interested regarding the affordable housing project. He also urged Councilmembers to read the Los Angeles Times article on Michael Dell and how LLC's are being used to avoid assessments.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales thanked the Relay for Life committee members and hopes he can get more involved next year.

Mayor Ballin requested to agenzize her appointment to the Education Commission for the next meeting.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

Community Development Director Ramirez reminded everyone of the upcoming scoping meeting of the California High Speed Rail Authority and reported that he and City Manager Saeki would be attending a City of Los Angeles meeting regarding the Fire Contract between both cities.

ADJOURNMENT (7:53 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 August 4, 2014, meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.

*Elena G. Chávez
City Clerk*