

**SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

**SEPTEMBER 16, 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 6:10 p.m.

Present:

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

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilmember Fajardo

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL**

Renato Lira said there is a very rude female police officer who cites individuals for texting or on the phone while driving, yet residents have witnessed her doing the same. He also said that the neighborhood at Warren St. and Orange Grove Ave. needs to be cleaned (illegal drug activity).

Maria Carrillo invited everyone to a book sale event on October 19 that will be hosted by the Friends of the Library to help raise much-needed funds for the San Fernando Library.

Ricardo Benites invited everyone to the upcoming Neighborhood Council event and thanked the City Council for fulfilling their promise to remove the street barriers.

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**CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

- 1) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF:
  - a) MAY 20, 2013 – SPECIAL MEETING
  - b) MAY 20, 2013 – REGULAR MEETING
  - c) SEPTEMBER 3, 2013 – SPECIAL MEETING
  - d) SEPTEMBER 3, 2013 – REGULAR MEETING
- 2) APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTER NO. 13-092
- 3) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 7561 ACCEPTING THE CALIFORNIA ARTS COUNCIL GRANT
- 4) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 7563 ACCEPTING A STATE FARM GRANT
- 5) CONSIDERATION TO RENEW AND APPROVE A FOOD SERVICES AGREEMENT (CONTRACT NO. 1724) WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
- 6) CONSIDERATION TO PURCHASE ONE (1) JOHN DEERE 310SK BACKHOE UNDER THE CALIFORNIA MULTIPLE AWARD SCHEDULE (CMAS)

By consensus, the motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- 7) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE PARTNERSHIP WITH LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMUNITY DISASTER RESILIENCE PROJECT

Recreation and Community Services Operations Manager Ismael Aguila presented the agenda report and replied to questions from Councilmembers.

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

- a) Approve a continued partnership with the Los Angeles County Community Disaster Resilience Project and San Fernando Disaster Resilience Committee; and

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- b) Authorize the Interim City Manager to direct staff to work with San Fernando Disaster Resilience Committee to implement a one-year Earthquake Preparedness Plan for the City.

By consensus, the motion carried.

**8) CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT OF ACTING CITY MANAGER IN ABSENCE OF CITY MANAGER**

Interim City Manager Penman presented the agenda report and replied to questions from Councilmembers.

Motion by Councilmember Avila, seconded by Councilmember Gonzales, to appoint Community Development Director Fred Ramirez as Acting City Manager during any temporary absence or disability to the City Manager. By consensus, the motion carried.

**9) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE RE-ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR WATER MAINS INSTALLATION PROJECT**

Interim Finance Director Rafaela King presented the agenda report and replied to questions from Councilmembers.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Ballin, seconded by Councilmember Avila, to adopt Resolution No. 7562 amending Fiscal Year 2013-2014 City Budget to appropriate \$441,990 from Fund 70 (Water) beginning fund balance to Fund 70-383 (Water Production) to cover the cost of the Water Mains Installation Project. By consensus, the motion carried.

**CITY COUNCIL ITEMS**

**10) APPOINTMENT TO THE EDUCATION COMMISSION**

Motion by Councilmember Gonzales, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ballin, to appoint Olivia Robledo as Councilmember Gonzales' representative to the Education Commission. By consensus, the motion carried.

**GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Fajardo invited everyone to an upcoming Valley Economic Alliance event on October 3, 2013, entitled Foreign Trade Zone Workshop, to be held at Recreation Park.

Councilmember Avila thanked staff and Councilmembers for the flowers he received while hospitalized and he reminded everyone to celebrate responsibility on this Mexican Independence Day.

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Councilmember Gonzales said he recently attended a health care forum hosted by Senator Tony Cardenas. He also requested that staff provide an update soon on the City Council priorities.

Mayor Pro Tem Ballin said she will be on vacation September 19-30 and would not be available during this period.

Mayor Lopez gave an update on the recent housing element workshop and invited everyone to attend the next workshop to be held in a couple of weeks.

Councilmember Fajardo wished Councilmember Gonzales luck on the upcoming swim tournament and wished him an early happy birthday.

**STAFF COMMUNICATION**

Interim City Manager Penman introduced Interim Public Works Director Robert Dickey who will be assisting with numerous projects over the next few months due to the recent retirement of Public Works Director Ron Ruiz.

**ADJOURNMENT (6:58 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 September 16, 2013 meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.*

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*Elena G. Chávez*  
*City Clerk*