

**SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

**MARCH 17, 2014 – 4:30 P.M.  
SPECIAL MEETING**

City Hall Community Room  
117 Macneil Street  
San Fernando, CA 91340

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Mayor Pro Tem Sylvia Ballin called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.

Present:

Council: Mayor Antonio Lopez (arrived at 6:00 pm), Mayor Pro Tem Sylvia Ballin, and Councilmembers Jesse H. Avila and Robert C. Gonzales

Staff: Interim City Manager Fred Ramirez, City Attorney Rick R. Olivarez, Assistant City Attorney Dave Gondek (via teleconference), and City Clerk Elena G. Chávez

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Pro Tem Ballin

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

- Move Item No. 1 to 6:00 p.m. to allow participation by Mayor Lopez who was not able to make this Special meeting at 4:30 p.m.;
- Due to the large crowd, move the meeting to the Council Chambers;
- Allow community members (who can not return at 6:00 p.m.) to speak at this time; and
- Approve the agenda as amended.

The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Ballin, Fajardo, Gonzales, Avila – 4  
ABSENT: Lopez- 1

**RECESS 4:35 TO 4:40 P.M.**

Mayor Pro Tem Ballin called for a brief recess to move the meeting over to the Council Chambers.

**PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL**

The following speakers spoke in favor of the Pacoima Wash Bikeway Project:

Gerry Guzman (spoke on behalf of Assemblymember Raul Bocanegra and State Senator Alex Padilla offices)

Ruben Zaragosa

Gabriela Marquez (spoke on behalf of Congressman Tony Cardenas)

(Name inaudible) student from the Cesar Chávez Learning Academy

Luke (last name inaudible) with M.E.N.D.

**RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION (4:52 P.M.)**

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

A) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL TO DISCUSS MATTER OF EXISTING LITIGATION (G.C. §54956.9(D)(1))

Name of Case: City of San Fernando et al v Wantanabe

LASC Case No.: 34-2013-80001550-CU-WM-GDS

B) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL TO DISCUSS MATTER OF POTENTIAL LITIGATION/ SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION (G.C. §54956.9(D)(2) AND §54956.9(E)(1) AND (§54956.9(E)(3))

One (1) Matter

**RECONVENE/REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION (6:03 P.M.)**

*At this time, Mayor Lopez joined the meeting.*

City Attorney Olivarez reported:

- Regarding Item A, the City Council received a briefing from the City Attorney; but no final action was taken.
- Regarding Item B, the City Council received a briefing from the City Attorney; unanimous direction was given to staff but no final action taken.

**STUDY SESSION**

- 1) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE PACOIMA WASH BIKEWAY PROJECT GRANT APPLICATION SUBMITTAL

Representative from the Mountains Recreation Conservation Authority (MRCA) gave a presentation.

**PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL**

Mayor Lopez re-opened public statements and the following speakers spoke in favor of the Pacoima Wash Bikeway Project:

Linda Campanella Jauron  
Elizabeth Ruvalcaba  
Rosa Ruvalcaba  
Miguel Duran  
Alexander Carrillo  
Carlos Hernandez  
(Male speaker – did not state name)  
Adriana Serrano  
Margarita Lopez  
Salvador Valentine...  
(Male speaker – did not state name)  
(Male speaker – did not state name)  
Marco Torres

Paul Luna, resident, expressed concern that the City cannot maintain its current facilities and asked if the City is in a financial position to undertake this construction project with bridges, etc., that may draw more homeless people.

There being no further statements from the audience, Mayor Lopez closed the Public Statements.

Discussion ensued amongst Councilmembers, MRCA representatives and staff.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Ballin, seconded by Councilmember Avila, to approve the preparation and submittal of a State of California Active Transportation Program grant application to replace and increase the City's original 2007 Metro Call for Projects grant award, for the Pacoima Wash Bikeway Project. The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Ballin, Avila, Fajardo, Gonzales, Lopez – 5  
NOES: None

**ADJOURNMENT (8:11 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 March 17, 2014 meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.*

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*Elena G. Chávez*  
*City Clerk*