

**SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**JUNE 25, 2014 – 7:00 P.M.
SPECIAL MEETING**

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

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Pro Tem Robert C. Gonzales called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present:

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

Staff: City Manager Brian Saeki, Assistant City Attorney Isabel Birrueta, and City Clerk Elena G. Chávez

Absent: Mayor Sylvia Ballin (notified staff she was out of town and would not be able to attend the meeting)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC HEARING

CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT AN INITIAL STUDY AND MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND APPROVAL OF ZONE MAP AMENDMENT 2014-001 AND HISTORIC DESIGNATION J. C. PENNEY'S BUILDING FRONT FAÇADE AS A CITY HISTORIC RESOURCE FOR THE PROPOSED MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AT 1140-1148 SAN FERNANDO ROAD

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Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales opened the Public Hearing.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales called for public testimony.

Linda Campanella Jauron believes this is a great project that will inject new interest and enthusiasm and add a historical element.

Miguel Montanez believes this project is too large, is “overkill”, and asked if outreach was done with residents and how involved was the community?

Lydia Guerrero talked about her concern that the units would be “low income” apartments.

(Male speaker – did not state name) said this project will serve as a catalyst, is long overdue, and has heard overwhelming support for the project.

Margarita Montanez said she was recently robbed and talked about her concerns regarding the type of people that the proposed low-income housing units will attract.

Miguel Montanez said he believes this project is too big for San Fernando and asked Council to think about the traffic, safety, drug, and environmental problems it will cause.

Manuel Chávez expressed concern about the number of people and cars (and parking issues) that the apartment units will generate and asked how would the number of people per units be monitored?

Julie Cuellar said it is a beautiful project but very large and believes that it will definitely affect parking in the area.

Benita Rivera also expressed concern regarding the parking impact to residents and businesses and is also concerned about kind of people that will be living in the affordable housing units.

Danitza Pantoja agreed that parking will be impacted and said she is concerned about the red light at San Fernando Mission Blvd.

Diana Martinez, *San Fernando Valley Sun Newspaper* editor, asked why aren't public notices (such as the one addressing this project) placed in the local paper instead of the *Daily News* and said she believes that the City fails miserably short in supporting the local paper and reaching out to the local community.

Adriana Gomez, Aszkenazy Development, addressed the various comments made by members of the audience.

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Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales closed the Public Hearing and staff replied to the various comments/concerns made by audience members.

Discussion ensued amongst Councilmembers whose comments included overall support of the project.

Motion by Councilmember Lopez , seconded by Councilmember Avila, to adopt Resolution No. 7619 Adopting a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Approving Zone Map Amendment 2014-001, Amending the Zoning Map of the City of San Fernando to Rezone Portions of 1140 and 1148 San Fernando Road from the Truman/San Fernando District and Mixed Use Transition Sub-District of the SP-4 (Corridors Specific Plan) Zone to the Downtown District and San Fernando Mall Sub-District of the SP-4 (Corridors Specific Plan) Zone to Allow for a Mixed Use Development. The motion carried with the following vote:

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

Motion by Councilmember Lopez , seconded by Councilmember Avila, to introduce for first reading (in title only), and waive further reading of Ordinance No. 1634, "An Ordinance of the City of San Fernando Adopting Zone Map Amendment 2014-001, Amending the Zoning Map of the City of San Fernando to Rezone Portions of 1140 and 1148 San Fernando Road from the Truman/San Fernando District and Mixed Use Transition Sub-District of the SP-4 (Corridors Specific Plan) Zone to the Downtown District and San Fernando Mall Sub-District of the SP-4 (Corridors Specific Plan) Zone". The motion carried with the following vote:

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

Motion by Councilmember Lopez, seconded by Councilmember Avila, Adopt Resolution No. 7620 Approving Designation of the J. C. Penney’s Building Front Façade Architectural Features, Appurtenances, and Sign Types at 1140 San Fernando Road as a City Historic Resource (with additional amendments as noted). The motion carried with the following vote:

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

ADJOURNMENT (9:32 P.M.)

Motion by Councilmember Fajardo, seconded by Councilmember Avila, to adjourn. By consensus, the meeting was adjourned.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of June 25, 2014 meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.

*Elena G. Chávez
City Clerk*