

**CITY OF SAN FERNANDO
CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY
TO THE SAN FERNANDO REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
MINUTES**

**JULY 27, 2021 – 5:45 P.M.
SPECIAL MEETING**

**CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER
117 MACNEIL STREET
SAN FERNANDO, CA 91340**

Teleconference Per Governor Executive Order N-29-20

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL Mayor Sylvia Ballin called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

Present:

Council: Mayor Sylvia Ballin, Vice Mayor Mary Mendoza and Councilmember Hector A. Pacheco

Absent: Councilmembers Cindy Montañez and Celeste Rodriguez

Staff: City Manager Nick Kimball, Assistant City Attorney Richard Padilla, Lieutenant Nicole Hanchett, Director of Finance Diego Ibañez, Director of Public Works Matt Baumgardner, Director of Recreation and Community Services Julian Venegas, and City Clerk Julia Fritz

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Led by City Clerk Julia Fritz

APPROVAL OF AGENDA Motion by Vice Mayor Mendoza, seconded by Councilmember Pacheco to approve the agenda, as amended. By consensus, the motion carried.

Councilmember Cindy Montañez arrived at 5:47 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS None

DECORUM AND ORDER Assistant City Attorney Padilla read the Decorum and Order.

PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL None

CONSENT CALENDAR

It was noted, the City Council will consider Consent Calendar Item No. 1 along with Administrative Report No. 4.

Councilmember Celeste Rodriguez joined the meeting telephonically at 5:51 p.m.

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PUBLIC HEARINGS None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

2) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE SALE OF PENSION OBLIGATION BONDS AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE INDENTURE OF TRUST, PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT AND THE BOND PURCHASE AGREEMENT

City Manager Kimball presented the staff report. Councilmember inquiries were responded to by Michael Mejia from Samuel A. Ramirez & Co., Inc., Julio Morales of Urban Futures, Inc. and City Manager Kimball.

Motion by Vice Mayor Mendoza, seconded by Mayor Ballin to:

- a. Approve the Sale of Pension Obligation Bonds to refund the City's CalPERS Unfunded Accrued Liability in an amount not to exceed \$45,592,101; and
- b. Adopt Resolution No. 8083 confirming the issuance of its Pension Obligation Bonds pursuant to an Indenture of Trust to Refinance certain outstanding obligations of the City to the California Public Employees' Retirement System, confirming approving the final form of the Indenture of Trust (Contract No. 1988) and approving a Preliminary Official Statement (Contract No. 1989) and Bond Purchase Agreement (Contract No. 1990); and
- c. Authorize the City Manager to execute a Bond Purchase Agreement (Contract No. 1990) with Samuel A. Ramirez & Co., Inc. to purchase the proposed Pension Obligation Bonds, which will be paid a not-to-exceed underwriter's discount or fee equal to \$3.79 per bond or 0.379% of the par value of the bonds to sell the City's POBs to the capital markets; and
- d. Authorize the City Manager to execute all related documents, as applicable.

The motion carried by the following vote:

ROLL CALL

AYES:	Rodriguez, Pacheco, Mendoza, Ballin - 4
NOES:	Montañez - 1
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

3) CONSIDERATION TO DEFER THE PLACEMENT OF LIENS ON REAL PROPERTY FOR NON-PAYMENT OF RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES BILLINGS UNTIL FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023
(THIS ITEM WAS CONTINUED TO THE AUGUST 2, 2021 CITY COUNCIL MEETING)

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It was noted that the City Council recessed its meeting at 6:44 p.m. and reconvened at 6:50 p.m. with all Councilmembers present.

Consent Calendar Item No. 1 was moved to be discussed in conjunction with Administrative Report No. 4.

- 1) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE UPDATES TO THE CITY COUNCIL AD HOC COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS INCLUDING SCOPE OF SERVICES AND DISSOLUTION OF INACTIVE COMMITTEES

Motion by Councilmember Pacheco, seconded by Mayor Ballin to approve Items a., b. and c. to exclude dissolving the City General Plan Update Ad Hoc committee, dissolve the Social Media Policy Ad Hoc committee, and the Financial Advisor Services for Pension and Retiree Health Ad Hoc committee; rename the Visionary and Resilience Ad Hoc committee to Strategic Goals Ad Hoc committee; and appoint Councilmember Rodriguez and Councilmember Montañez to serve on the Strategic Goals Ad Hoc committee.

The motion carried by the following vote:

ROLL CALL

AYES: Rodriguez, Pacheco, Montañez, Mendoza, Ballin - 5
 NOES: None
 ABSTAIN: None
 ABSENT: None

Note: Consent Calendar Item No 1 recommendation d. was considered with recommendations listed in Administrative Report No. 4. (*“d. Approve the Scope of Services for the San Fernando Beautification Program Ad Hoc committee.”*)

- 4) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP PROJECT WITHIN THE MISSION CITY BIKE TRAIL AND DOWNTOWN MALL AREA IN AUGUST 2021 AND AUTHORIZE THE SAN FERNANDO BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM AD HOC COMMITTEE TO DEVELOP A LIST OF ADDITIONAL BEAUTIFICATION PROJECTS

Councilmembers Montañez and Rodriguez presented information contained in the staff report and responded to Councilmember questions.

City Councilmembers discussed the Beautification Program Ad Hoc committee’s proposed scope of services regarding the following description:

<u>Name of Ad Hoc</u>	<u>Appointed</u>	<u>Scope of Services</u>
<p>San Fernando Beautification Program</p> <p><u>Responsible Staff:</u> Public Works</p> <p><u>Meeting Frequency:</u> To Be Determined</p>	<p>Montañez Rodriguez</p>	<p>Develop recommendations to City Council related to establishing a community beautification program, including, but not limited to, engaging residents, community groups, local schools, funding sources, and any available resources to provide the community with cleaner streets, parks, trails, public parking facilities, etc. within the City. Identify program costs, staff resources needed, and program guidelines for at minimum quarterly cleanup events. Work with staff to provide education to the community, identify high-need areas to address through community clean-up events, and identify policy and program recommendations to address blight and maintain neighborhoods, public spaces and commercial corridors clean and free of trash and debris. (<i>Ongoing</i>)</p>

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Members of the City Council questioned why there were only certain planning commissioners referenced as supporters of the Beautification Program as presented, expressed concerns with policy recommendations contained in the proposed scope, such as “recommendations to address blight”, the additional drain on utilizing staff resources and costs, and indicated that the scope of services as proposed are too broad and general.

Councilmembers suggested that the Beautification Program Ad Hoc committee’s proposed scope of services be presented to City Commissions, including but not limited to the Planning and Preservation Commission and Parks, Wellness and Recreation Commission to obtain feedback/recommendations in order to narrow and clearly define the scope of services and bring back their recommendations for Council consideration.

Motion #1:

Motion by Councilmember Montañez, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez to recommend that the City Council approve a community cleanup event within the Mission City Trail and the Downtown Mall area to take place during August; and to authorize the Committee to explore and report to the City Council on any San Fernando Beautification Plan recommendations.

Motion #2:

Directly following Motion #1, a motion was made by Councilmember Pacheco to table this item pending amendments to the Scope of the San Fernando Beautification Ad Hoc Committee to include input from the Planning & Preservation Commission and the Parks, Wellness & Recreation Commission. The motion was not seconded or voted upon.

First revision to Motion #1:

Councilmember Montañez, restated her motion, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez to approve a community clean up event within the Mission City Trail and Downtown Mall area to take place during August 2021, authorize the Beautification Ad Hoc committee to explore and report back to the City Council by September 2021 on a plan for the San Fernando Beautification Program to include more specifics. Also to include a friendly amendment to her motion suggested by Vice Mayor Mendoza to potentially extend the date beyond September 2021 if necessary in order to provide additional time to talk with all the Department heads that may be impacted.

Councilmember Pacheco also indicated that the Beautification Program Ad Hoc committee should not be leading events prior to Councils approval on the scope of services for the committee. City Manager stated that the clean-up event would be handled by City staff and would also be considered a City project if Council approves the Community clean-up project within the Mission City Bike Trail and Downtown Mall area in August 2021.

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Councilmember Pacheco requested the City Clerk to restate the motion made by Councilmember Montañez. City Clerk Fritz read the motion as follows: to approve a community clean-up event within the Mission City Trail and Downtown Mall area to take place during August 2021, authorize the Beautification Ad Hoc committee to explore and identify the scope of services to report back to the City Council after discussing with the City Commissions by September 2021.

Second Revision to Motion #1

Councilmember Montañez restated her motion to recommend that the City Council approve a community clean-up event within the Mission City Bike Trail and Downtown Mall area to take place in August 2021; authorize the Beautification Ad Hoc committee to work in consultation and collaboration with the Planning & Preservation Commission and Parks, Wellness & Recreation Commission to explore and develop a Beautification Plan to bring back to the City Council to a date uncertain. Councilmember Rodriguez seconded the motion as amended.

The motion failed by the following vote:

ROLL CALL

AYES:	Rodriguez, Montañez – 2
NOES:	Pacheco, Mendoza, Ballin - 3
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

Motion by Councilmember Pacheco, seconded by Councilmember Montañez to approve the City Manager’s recommendation to take the paragraph as listed in Consent Calendar Item 1 regarding the proposed Scope of Services for the San Fernando Beautification Program Ad Hoc committee and present the scope to the Planning & Preservation Commission and Parks, Wellness & Recreation Commission seeking recommendations on the elements of the Beautification Plan; and bring back the Commission’s feedback of the scope to the City Council for consideration in October 2021. Motion passes unanimously.

The motion passes by the following vote:

ROLL CALL

AYES:	Rodriguez, Pacheco, Montañez, Mendoza, Ballin – 5
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

Motion by Councilmember Pacheco, seconded by Councilmember Montañez to approve a Community clean-up event within the Mission City Bike Trail and in the Downtown Mall area in August 2021.

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The motion passes by the following vote:

ROLL CALL

AYES: Rodriguez, Pacheco, Montañez, Mendoza, Ballin – 5
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

5) DISCUSSION REGARDING CLEAN CALIFORNIA CAMPAIGN

Motion by Councilmember Montañez, seconded by Councilmember Pacheco to direct the City Manager to reach out to Caltrans, Senator Robert Hertzberg and Assemblymember Luz Rivas to determine the process for needs-based formula and local projects funding and then develop a plan to seek funds for the ongoing clean-up of the surrounding freeways and gateway to the City of San Fernando/Northeast San Fernando Valley.

The motion passes by the following vote:

ROLL CALL

AYES: Rodriguez, Pacheco, Montañez, Mendoza, Ballin – 5
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

6) DISCUSSION REGARDING THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO'S 110TH YEAR BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Motion by Councilmember Montañez, seconded by Councilmember Pacheco to approve the City to host the 110th City Birthday Commemoration event at the historic Lopez Adobe on Tuesday, August 31, 2021, with birthday cupcakes, oral histories and musical performances by a local musician or a local group.

The motion passes by the following vote:

ROLL CALL

AYES: Rodriguez, Pacheco, Montañez, Mendoza, Ballin – 5
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

STAFF COMMUNICATION INCLUDING COMMISSION UPDATES

Director Venegas reported the Parks, Wellness & Recreation Commission will be having their commission meeting next week.

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City Clerk Fritz reported that the Education Commission has awarded the Gerry's Kids Scholarship Funds and plans on presenting the awarded recipient at the August 16, 2021, City Council meeting.

Police Chief Vairo announced that on Friday Senator Robert Hertzberg will be holding a Press Conference regarding the 2 million grant funds awarded to the City of San Fernando Police Department.

GENERAL CITY COUNCIL/BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND LIAISON UPDATES

Councilmember Montañez reported she attended the Beautification Program and Green City Streets Ad Hoc committee meetings, thanked the San Fernando Mall Association for hosting the outdoor market, and thanked Chief Vairo and the Police Department for obtaining the grant funds received from Senator Robert Hertzberg.

Councilmember Rodriguez expressed thanks to staff for their work and her family for their support.

Councilmember Pacheco expressed thanks to staff for their work, reported he attended the Public Safety Ad Hoc committee meeting and mentioned a presentation by the Ad Hoc committee would be forthcoming.

Vice Mayor Mendoza expressed thanks to staff for their work.

Mayor Ballin thanked Councilmembers for their support over the past year, mentioned that her father passed away on July 13, 2021, and funeral services are being held this Saturday. Mayor Ballin requested to adjourn the meeting in memory of her father, Tino Galindo.

By consensus, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m. in memory of Tino Galindo.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of July 27, 2021, special meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.

Julia Fritz, CMC
City Clerk