

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

**AUGUST 2, 2021 – 6:00 P.M.  
REGULAR MEETING**

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

Teleconference Per Governor Executive Order N-29-20

**CLOSED SESSION REPORT** Assistant City Attorney Padilla reported that there were no reportable action as a result of the Closed Session meeting of August 2, 2021 at 6:09 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL** Mayor Sylvia Ballin called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

Present:

Council: Mayor Sylvia Ballin, Vice Mayor Mary Mendoza and Councilmembers Cindy Montañez, Hector A. Pacheco (joined via teleconference at 6:11 p.m.) and Celeste Rodriguez

Absent: None

Staff: City Manager Nick Kimball, Assistant City Attorney Richard Padilla, Chief of Police Anthony Vairo, 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 Rodriguez. Motion carried with Councilmember Pacheco absent.

**PRESENTATIONS** None

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

**PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL** None

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**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Councilmember Montañez requested to pull Item 1. D. July 19, 2021 Regular Meeting minutes for discussion.

Councilmember Montañez requested to amend Item 12 of the minutes to include “air quality monitoring” in the action.

Motion by Councilmember Montañez, seconded by Councilmember Pacheco to approve Item 1. D. July 19, 2021 Regular Meeting minutes, as amended. By consensus, the motion carried.

1) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

D. JULY 19, 2021 REGULAR MEETING

Motion by Councilmember Montañez, seconded by Vice Mayor Mendoza to approve the Consent Calendar Items 1.A, B, & C and Items No. 2- 6.

1) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

- A. JULY 6, 2020 REGULAR MEETING
- B. JULY 20, 2020 REGULAR MEETING
- C. JULY 19, 2021 SPECIAL MEETING

2) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 21-081 APPROVING THE WARRANT REGISTER

3) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT FOR THE DISBURSEMENT OF INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT IMPLEMENTATION GRANT FUNDS

4) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF TWO 2022 FORD POLICE INTERCEPTOR UTILITY VEHICLES FROM WONDRIES FLEET GROUP

5) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE TO MERGE THE TREE COMMISSION AND THE PLANNING AND PRESERVATION COMMISSION

ORDINANCE NO. 1702 - “An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of San Fernando, California, repealing Division 7, (Tree Commission) of Chapter 2 “Administration” and amending Article II, (Planning and Preservation Commission) of Chapter 62, (Planning) of the San Fernando Municipal Code.”

6) INFORMATIONAL UPDATE REGARDING COVID-19 RESPONSE EFFORTS

By consensus, the motion carried.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

- 7) PRESENTATION, UPDATE, AND DISCUSSION REGARDING CURRENT METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT ACTIVITIES FROM THE CITY'S METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE

Board Member Adan Ortega, the City's representative on the Metropolitan Water District (MWD) Board of Directors spoke about recent MWD Board activities, including; the hiring of a new General Manager Adel Hagekhalill, on the worsening drought conditions throughout California, and spoke about residential and commercial customer rebates being offered to continue water conservation efforts. City Council received and filed the report. No formal action was taken.

- 8) 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

City Manager Nick Kimball and Director of Public Works Matt Baumgardner presented the staff report and responded to Councilmember questions. A representative from Republic Services joined via teleconference and responded to Councilmember inquiries accordingly.

Mayor Ballin and Councilmembers expressed concerns regarding sufficient property owner notification regarding a potential lien on their property due to non-payment by their tenant and questioned the adequacy of the current processes by Republic Services on owner notification.

By consensus, the City Council requested staff to bring this matter back for future discussion to present additional information, including but not limited to the property owner notification process regarding lien placement due to their tenant's non-payment of services from Republic Services.

- 9) DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION TO DESIGNATE A VOTING DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE(S) FOR THE 2021 LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Motion by Mayor Ballin, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez to designate Vice Mayor Mary Mendoza as the Voting Delegate representing the City of San Fernando for the League of California Cities 2021 Annual Conference and authorize the City Clerk to execute and submit the Voting/Alternate Form. By consensus, the motion carried.

- 10) DISCUSSION REGARDING THE CITY'S SUPPORT IN ACKNOWLEDGING THE FERNANDEÑO TATAVIAM BAND OF MISSION INDIANS

Motion by Vice Mayor Mendoza, seconded by Mayor Ballin to approve the draft resolution (Attachment "A") acknowledging and apologizing for the historic mistreatment and supporting federal acknowledgement by the City of San Fernando of Fernandeno Tataviam Band of Mission Indians. By consensus, the motioned carried.

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**STAFF COMMUNICATION INCLUDING COMMISSION UPDATES**

City Clerk Fritz reminded the City Council of the presentation to the Gerry's Kids Student scholarship recipient that will be occurring at the August 16, 2021, City Council meeting and provided information on the September 14, 2021, State Gubernatorial Recall Election.

Director of Public Works Baumgardner mentioned that at the August 4<sup>th</sup> Transportation and Safety Commission meeting, the Commission will be installing newly appointed Commissioner Carlos Hernandez.

Director of Recreation and Community Development Venegas provided updates regarding the City's sports programs.

Director of Finance Ibañez reported that the City received its first tranche of the American Rescue Plan Act funds on July 13 in the amount of \$2,909,170.

City Manager Kimball mentioned that the San Fernando Parking Management Master Plan Community meeting will be held on August 12.

Chief Vairo remarked on the press conference held last Friday at the Police Department by Senator Hertzberg regarding the \$2 million dollar grant awarded to the City of San Fernando Police Department.

Chief Vairo also announced he will be retiring from the City effective December 31, 2021, and expressed his gratitude for his many years serving the City of San Fernando.

**GENERAL CITY COUNCIL/BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND LIAISON UPDATES**

Mayor Ballin and City Councilmembers extended appreciation and thanked Police Chief Anthony Vairo for his 39 years of service to the community and citizens of San Fernando.

**ADJOURNMENT (8:39 P.M.)**

Mayor Ballin adjourned the meeting at 8:39 p.m. to the next regular meeting.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of August 2, 2021, meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.

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Julia Fritz, CMC  
City Clerk