

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

**AUGUST 16, 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 Richard Padilla stated there were no reportable action as a result of the Closed Session meeting of August 16, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL Mayor Sylvia Ballin called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

Present:

Council: Mayor Sylvia Ballin, Vice Mayor Mary Mendoza and Councilmembers Cindy Montañez and Hector A. Pacheco

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

Absent: Councilmember Celeste Rodriguez

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 to move Item No. 11 to be heard as the first report under Administrative Repots. By consensus, the motioned carried with Councilmember Rodriguez absent.

PRESENTATIONS

- A. PRESENTATION TO THE 2021 GERRY’S KIDS SCHOLARSHIP FUND ESSAY CONTEST AWARD
RECIPIENT MAHIKA AHMED
Education Commission Chair Angel Zobel-Rodriguez

PUBLIC STATEMENTS

City Clerk Fritz read a public statement submitted via email:

Sandy Lopez wrote about her concerns on the public’s health dangers associated with secondhand smoke.

The following submitted speaker cards and spoke:

Julissa Hernandez staff member of Assemblymember Luz Rivas spoke about upcoming fundraising events and on various assembly bill updates.

David Bernal spoke about the proposed parking plan and about property taxes in San Fernando.

Patty Lopez suggested that the City Council meetings be translated entirely in Spanish.

Margarita Cervacio spoke about her concerns with the City’s existing residential parking problems.

Marcelina Gonzalez suggested that the trolley bus include an additional stop in the route on Griswold and San Fernando Road. Staff corrected the street site to Griswold and Glenoaks and was requested by the City Council to research the feasibility of the request.

Marcela Rodriguez spoke in opposition of the proposed parking management plan.

The City Council recessed the meeting at 7:11 p.m. noting technical difficulties and reconvened the meeting at 7:24 p.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Vice Mayor Mendoza, seconded by Councilmember Pacheco to approve:

- 1) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES FOR AUGUST 2, 2021 SPECIAL MEETING
- 2) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 21-082 APPROVING THE WARRANT REGISTER

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- 3) CONSIDERATION TO AUTHORIZE THE FORMAL SOLICITATION OF BIDS FOR THE SAN FERNANDO REGIONAL PARK INFILTRATION PROJECT
- 4) SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1702 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

ORDINANCE NO. 1702 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL TO REPEAL 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

- 5) CONSIDERATION TO AUTHORIZE A PURCHASE ORDER WITH GENERAL PUMP COMPANY, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF NEW PUMP AND MOTOR ASSEMBLIES LOCATED AT THE CITY’S BOOSTER PUMP STATIONS
- 6) RECEIVE AND FILE AN UPDATE REGARDING COVID-19 RESPONSE EFFORTS

By consensus, motioned carried with Councilmember Rodriguez absent.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- 7) 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

Motion by Councilmember Montañez, seconded by Mayor Ballin to defer the placement of liens on real property for nonpayment of residential and commercial solid waste collection services billings until Fiscal Year 2022-2023 given the following conditions:

- a. At the beginning of Fiscal Year 2022-2023, City agrees to issue liens going back to start of FY 2019-2020 to cover the three-year period of deferrals; and
- b. Republic Services agrees not to interrupt service for customers until three attempts are made via phone or mail, followed up by one more attempt through a site visit. After all four attempts are made, Republic Services will then interrupt service and remove the containers (only after 90 days past due); and
- c. Staff to provide quarterly reports reflecting the current number of delinquent accounts and place a memo in Councilmember boxes.

By consensus, the motioned carried with Councilmember Rodriguez absent.

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It was noted that Councilmember Celeste Rodriguez joined the meeting via teleconference at 8:35 p.m.

- 8) PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND DEVELOPMENT OPTIONS BY AZURE DEVELOPMENT, INC., FOR THE OPPORTUNITY SITE AT PARKING LOT NO. 3

City Manager Kimball presented the staff report and Vanessa Delgado from Azure Development, Inc., provided an update on the draft community outreach plan and efforts responded to Councilmember questions. The presentation was received and filed. No formal action taken.

- 9) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT THE CITYWIDE PARKING MANAGEMENT MASTER PLAN

City Manager Kimball introduced representatives from KOA the City's Parking Management Master Plan consulting firm and a presentation was provided to the City Council regarding the final Citywide Parking Management Master Plan. The City Council received and filed the presentation. No formal action taken.

It was noted that Councilmember Rodriguez was shown in the teleconference screen as being present at 9:05 p.m.; however, at that time, due to unexpected technical audio difficulties she was not able to be heard when Mayor Ballin called for her questions and comments.

- 10) CONSIDERATION TO AUTHORIZE A PURCHASE ORDER WITH ENVIROGEN TECHNOLOGIES, INC. FOR AN ION EXCHANGE NITRATE REMOVAL TREATMENT SYSTEM AT THE CITY'S GROUNDWATER WELL NO. 3

City Manager Kimball and Director of Public Works Baumgardner presented the staff report and responded to Councilmember questions.

Motion by Vice Mayor Mendoza, seconded by Councilmember Pacheco to:

- a. Waive formal bidding requirements under Section 2-801(a) of the City's Purchasing Ordinance that allows waiving bidding requirements to purchase special equipment or supplies needed to be compatible with existing equipment, or to perform complex or unique functions; and
- b. Authorize a Purchase Order with Envirogen Technologies, Inc. (Proposal for Well 3 Nitrate Treatment System), in an amount not-to-exceed \$1,484,000 for the purchase of a proprietary ion exchange nitrate removal treatment system at the City's groundwater Well No. 3; and
- c. Authorize the City Manager to execute the Purchase Order and all related documents.

By consensus, the motioned carried.

- 11) CONSIDERATION TO DECLARE A DROUGHT IN SAN FERNANDO AND CREATE AN EDUCATION CAMPAIGN TO ENCOURAGE CONSERVATION

This item was tabled to the September 7, 2021 City Council meeting.

STAFF COMMUNICATION INCLUDING COMMISSION UPDATES

Director of Public Works Baumgardner reported that the Mission Bike Trail Clean-Up event will be on Saturday, August 21 at 7:45 a.m.

Chief Vairo reported on three major crime incidents that occurred over the weekend and remarked on the professionalism shown by the San Fernando Police Officers who were involved. He further clarified that in one of the incidents that involved an officer's alleged mishandling of one of the individuals in custody, did not involve any of the San Fernando Police Officers assisting with the incident.

Director of Recreation and Community Services Venegas provided an update on mural applications and announced the upcoming event and activities in celebration of the City's 110 year anniversary on August 31, 2021.

Director of Finance Ibañez provided an update on the City's American Rescue Act Funds and that a staff report would be brought back to the City Council in September on the receipt and use of the funds.

City Clerk Fritz provided information on voting centers and resources available in the City regarding the September 14, 2021, Gubernatorial Recall Election.

City Manager Kimball thanked City staff on working diligently on providing prompt responses to citizen requests, and mentioned that over the next eight week once the City is properly staffed, that there should be a noticeable difference in city services and prompt responses by staff to include, but not limited, to maintenance service requests.

GENERAL CITY COUNCIL/BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND LIAISON UPDATES

Councilmember Montañez thanked Chief Vairo for the clarification on the incident, thanked staff for their hard work, spoke about the upcoming city clean up event and requested the meeting be adjourned in the memory of Karl Boeckmann.

Councilmember Pacheco expressed thanks to City staff and his colleagues for a productive meeting and commented on issues surrounding mental health.

Vice Mayor Mendoza expressed thanks to City staff for their work.

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Mayor Ballin requested that the meeting also be adjourned in memory of Alfonso Ortiz Jr.

ADJOURNMENT (10:29 P.M.)

Mayor Ballin adjourned the meeting in memory of Karl Boeckmann and Alfonso Ortiz Jr. at 10:29 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 16, 2021, meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.

Julia Fritz, CMC
City Clerk