

**SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**OCTOBER 5, 2020 – 6:00 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING**

Teleconference Per Governor Executive Order N-29-20

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Joel Fajardo called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Present:

Council: Mayor Joel Fajardo, Vice Mayor Hector A. Pacheco, Councilmembers Sylvia Ballin, Robert C. Gonzales, and Mary Mendoza

Staff: City Manager Nick Kimball, Assistant City Attorney Richard Padilla, Chief of Police Anthony Vairo, Deputy City Manager/Director of Community Development Tim Hou, Director of Finance Diego Ibanez, Director of Public Works Matt Baumgardner, Director of Recreation and Community Services Julian Venegas and City Clerk Julia Fritz

Mayor Fajardo left the meeting at 6:06 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Vice Mayor Pacheco

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilmember Gonzales, seconded by Vice Mayor Pacheco to approve the agenda.

The motion carried with the following vote:

ROLL CALL

AYES: Mendoza, Gonzales, Ballin, and Pacheco - 4

NOES: None

ABSENT: Fajardo - 1

ABSTAIN: None

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PUBLIC STATEMENTS

City Clerk Fritz read comments submitted by:

Severyn Aszkenazy, Aszkenazy Development expressed his opposition to the Tesla Supercharge Station, Lot 8 project.

PRESENTATION

- A) PRESENTATION BY THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT ON UPDATES REGARDING THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR
Los Angeles Unified School District Board Member Kelly Gonez (District 6)

City Council considered Item 10 under Presentations.

- 10) UPDATE REGARDING THE SIXTH CYCLE REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT DRAFT ALLOCATION

City Council received and filed the report.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Council Member Gonzales pulled Consent Item No. 8 for separate discussion.

Motion by Councilmember Gonzales, seconded by Vice Mayor Pacheco to approve Consent Calendar Items 1 through 7, as presented.

- 1) REQUEST TO APPROVE MEETING MINUTES OF:
 - a. APRIL 8, 2020 – SPECIAL MEETING
 - b. MAY 12, 2020 – SPECIAL MEETING
 - c. SEPTEMBER 21, 2020 – SPECIAL MEETING
- 2) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WARRANT REGISTER
- 3) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A LETTER OF AGREEMENT WITH THE SAN FERNANDO MANAGEMENT GROUP RELATED TO THE GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 20903 RETIREMENT INCENTIVE BENEFIT
- 4) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A TRANSFER AGREEMENT WITH THE LOS ANGELES FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT FOR THE DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS FOR THE SAFE, CLEAN WATER – MUNICIPAL PROGRAM

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- 5) CONSIDERATION TO AUTHORIZE A NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR THE ANNUAL STREET RESURFACING PROJECT FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019
- 6) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH JOHN ROBINSON CONSULTING INCORPORATED FOR THE UPPER RESERVOIR REPLACEMENT ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES
- 7) CONSIDERATION TO AUTHORIZE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR THE LOCAL EARLY ACTION PLANNING GRANTS PROGRAM TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The motion carried with the following vote:

ROLL CALL

AYES: Mendoza, Gonzales, Ballin, and Pacheco - 4
NOES: None
ABSENT: Fajardo - 1
ABSTAIN: None

ITEMS PULLED FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION

- 8) CONSIDERATION TO RATIFY SAN FERNANDO EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2020-09-29 - COVID-19 CITY PARKS OPEN SPACE SERVICE AREA REGULATIONS

Motion by Vice Mayor Pacheco, seconded by Councilmember Mendoza, to approve Consent Calendar Item No. 8, as presented.

The motion carried with the following vote:

ROLL CALL

AYES: Mendoza, Gonzales, Ballin, and Pacheco - 4
NOES: None
ABSENT: Fajardo - 1
ABSTAIN: None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- 9) DISCUSSION REGARDING COVID-19 RESPONSE EFFORTS AND APPROVAL OF PROPOSED RECOMMENDATIONS

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Assistant City Manager Tim Hou narrated a PowerPoint presentation with an update on COVID-19 response efforts.

Discussion followed regarding permitted and non-permitted activities, educating the community on safety protocol compliance. City Council received and filed the report.

City Council considered Item No. 14 at this juncture.

14) REVIEW AND DISCUSS THE INAUGURAL TEMPORARY MURAL INSTALLATION AND RELATED MURAL AD HOC COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

City Manager Kimball provided a report and responded to Councilmember questions.

Lalo Garcia, artist, discussed the concepts he submitted; addressed placement, style and colors and spoke about the advantages of installing portable murals.

Motion by Councilmember Gonzales, seconded by Councilmember Ballin, to approve the artist's temporary mural concept, subject to revisions; authorize the City Attorney to prepare a license agreement and authorize the Mural Ad Hoc Committee to approve the final concept.

The motion carried with the following vote:

ROLL CALL

AYES: Mendoza, Gonzales, Ballin, and Pacheco - 4

NOES: None

ABSENT: Fajardo - 1

ABSTAIN: None

Mayor Fajardo returned to the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

City Council considered Item No. 13 at this time.

13) DISCUSSION AND REQUEST FOR DIRECTION OF POTENTIAL OBJECTIVES AND ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURES OF A MEASURE "A" ADVISORY COMMITTEE

City Council received and filed the report.

12) INFORMATIONAL REPORT ON THE METHANE LEAK AT THE LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER'S VALLEY GENERATING STATION IN SUN VALLEY

City Council received and filed the report.

Mayor Fajardo left the meeting at 9:14 p.m.

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15) CONSIDERATION TO ALLOCATE INDEPENDENT CITIES FINANCE AUTHORITY’S COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM FUNDS

City Manager Kimball presented the report.

Motion by Councilmember Ballin, seconded by Councilmember Mendoza, to approve allocation of Independent Cities Finance Authority’s Community Outreach Program funds totaling \$11,000 towards the 100 Year Woman’s Right To Vote Mural and adopt Resolution No. 8031 appropriating the funds in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Adopted Budget.

The motion carried with the following vote:

ROLL CALL

AYES: Mendoza, Gonzales, Ballin, and Pacheco - 4

NOES: None

ABSENT: Fajardo - 1

ABSTAIN: None

16) DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT A LETTER IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE BILL 8270 “I AM VANESSA GUILLÉN ACT OF 2020” ON BEHALF OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL LEGISLATORS

Councilmember Mendoza presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Mendoza, seconded by Councilmember Gonzales, to authorize the City Manager to send a letter to local, state, and federal legislators expressing the City’s support of House of Representatives Bill 8270 (HR 8270) “I am Vanessa Guillén Act of 2020” on behalf of the City Council.

The motion carried with the following vote:

ROLL CALL

AYES: Mendoza, Gonzales, Ballin, and Pacheco - 4

NOES: None

ABSENT: Fajardo - 1

ABSTAIN: None

Mayor Fajardo returned to the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

STAFF COMMUNICATION INCLUDING COMMISSION UPDATES

City Clerk Fritz briefly commented on election activity updates.

Councilmember Ballin asked about Political Action Committees (PACs) and expressed concerns about a hit piece regarding Councilmember Mendoza and Mayor Fajardo.

City Manager Kimball responded to Councilmember Ballin's question relating to PAC regulations and recommended those interested in seeking further information to contact the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) directly.

Mayor Fajardo left the meeting at 9:40 p.m., and was absent for the remainder of the meeting.

City Manager Kimball announced upcoming agenda items and briefly discussed election campaign guidelines.

Director of Recreation and Community Services Venegas announced the upcoming event Dia de los Muertos and other recreation program activities that are being offered virtually.

Chief of Police Vairo requested adjourning the meeting tonight in memory of Kevin Verde, Radio Operator for Baker-to-Vegas Command Post.

City Council returned to Item No. 11 of the agenda.

11) UPDATE ON HOMELESS OUTREACH IN SAN FERNANDO

City Council received and filed the report.

GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS AND LIAISON UPDATES

Councilmember Mendoza reported participating in a recent Library Commission meeting.

Councilmember Ballin discussed election of a Chair at an upcoming meeting of the Metropolitan Water District and encouraged residents to be aware of negative hit pieces distributed by special interest groups and to learn about the candidates. Additionally, she requested agendaizing election updates for the next few meetings to occur earlier on the agenda.

Councilmember Gonzales reported he attended a Metro Ad Hoc Committee meeting and noted Metro has released an Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

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City Manager Kimball stated that a comprehensive EIR would be presented to the City Council in the near future.

Vice Mayor Pacheco expressed concerns regarding the Metro Light Rail project, spoke about community involvement, mentioned he attended a Tree Ad Hoc Committee meeting and encouraged residents to vote early in the November elections.

ADJOURNMENT (10:00 P.M.)

Motion by Vice Mayor Pacheco, seconded by Councilmember Mendoza, to adjourn the meeting in memory of Kevin Verde, Radio Operator for Baker-to-Vegas Command Post. By consensus, the motion carried.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of October 5, 2020, meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.

Julia Fritz, CMC
City Clerk