# SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

# NOVEMBER 2, 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 6:02 p.m.

Present:

Council: Mayor Joel Fajardo, Vice Mayor Hector A. Pacheco, and Councilmembers

Sylvia Ballin 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

Absent: Councilmember Robert C. Gonzales

# **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by Mayor Fajardo

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Mayor Fajardo, seconded by Councilmember Mendoza to approve the agenda, as presented and by consensus, the motion carried.

#### **PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN**

Dee Akemon (via telephone) reported receiving several pieces of mail trying to influence the City's local elections.

City Clerk Fritz read the following public comments received by email:

Leticia Bianchi offered the donation of a Christmas tree to the City in honor of their father, Jose Santana.

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Adriana Gomez, on behalf of the San Fernando Mall Association, expressed support for Item No. 5 of the agenda and expressed appreciation for the Santana Family's donation.

Nicholas Cardenas, expressed opposition to the City's agreement with Tesla noting it resulted in a loss of much-needed parking spaces.

#### **PRESENTATION**

A) RECEIVE AN INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION REGARDING THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020, GENERAL ELECTION ACTIVITY UPDATES

City Clerk Julia Fritz narrated a PowerPoint presentation with detailed information regarding the upcoming November 3, 2020, elections.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Motion by Mayor Fajardo, seconded by Councilmember Ballin, to approve:

- 1) REQUEST TO APPROVE MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 19, 2020 SPECIAL MEETING, AS CORRECTED
- 2) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WARRANT REGISTER
- 3) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF CERTAIN OBSOLETE RECORDS OF THE CITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CITY'S RECORDS DESTRUCTION POLICY
- 4) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH VALEO NETWORKS, FORMERLY KNOWN AS SAALEX SOLUTIONS, TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES
- 5) CONSIDERATION TO ACCEPT A DONATION OF AN EVERGREEN TREE TO PLANT ON THE SAN FERNANDO MALL
- 6) CONSIDERATION TO APPOINT CITY COUNCIL LIAISON TO THE GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT
- 7) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO A SIDE LETTER OF AGREEMENT WITH THE SAN FERNANDO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION TO RESOLVE IMPACTS OF THE RETIREMENT INCENTIVE BENEFIT AND ADOPT THE RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE PUBLIC WORKS TECHNICIAN JOB CLASSIFICATION

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The motion carried with the following roll call vote:

**ROLL CALL** 

AYES: Fajardo, Pacheco, Ballin, Mendoza – 4

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Gonzales - 1

ABSENT: None

### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

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

City Manager Kimball narrated a PowerPoint presentation regarding the City's COVID-19 efforts and responded to Councilmember questions. The City Council received and filed the report.

10) DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED STATE LEGISLATION THAT USURPS LOCAL AUTHORITY AND CONTROL AS IT RELATES TO PLANNING AND ZONING AND IMPOSES UNFUNDED MANDATES TO LOCAL JURISDICTIONS

This item was placed on the agenda by Councilmember Mendoza and City Manager Kimball presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Mendoza, seconded by Mayor Fajardo, to direct staff to bring back a resolution to oppose proposed State Legislation regarding local jurisdiction authority and controls related to planning and zoning as it relates to the City of San Fernando.

The motion carried with the following roll call vote:

ROLL CALL

AYES: Fajardo, Pacheco, Ballin, Mendoza – 4

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Gonzales - 1

ABSENT: None

9) DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL OPTIONS FOR A WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTION POLICY

This item was placed on the agenda by Mayor Fajardo and Assistant City Attorney Padilla presented details of the report. By consensus, the City Council continued this item to a future meeting.

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# STAFF COMMUNICATION INCLUDING COMMISSION UPDATES

City Manager Kimball read an email from Officer Mike Delgado regarding "Mou-vember" as a means to raise funds to combat prostate cancer and encouraged residents to participate.

# **GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS AND LIAISON UPDATES**

Councilmember Ballin commented on the distribution of negative mailers by special interest Political Action Committees.

Vice Mayor Pacheco reminded the community that tomorrow is Election Day and to be sure to cast their vote.

# **ADJOURNMENT (7:00 P.M.)**

Motion by Mayor Fajardo, seconded by Councilmember Ballin, to adjourn the meeting. By consensus, the motion carried.

> I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of November 2, 2020, meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.

Julia Fritz, City Clerk