

**SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**SEPTEMBER 21, 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 6:03 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 Recreation and Community Services Julian Venegas and City Clerk Julia Fritz

Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Mayor Fajardo

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Mayor Fajardo, seconded by Councilmember Mendoza, to approve the agenda, as presented.

The motion carried with the following vote:

ROLL CALL

AYES:	Mendoza, Gonzales, Ballin, Pacheco and Fajardo - 5
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN

City Clerk Julia Fritz read written comments as follows:

Joshua Seymore, expressed his opposition to Proposition 16.

Arturo Garcia-Mendoza, Field Representative for the office of Assemblymember Luz Rivas, discussed the Assemblywoman's activities and programs and encouraged the public to complete the 2020 Census.

PRESENTATIONS

- A. EDUCATION COMMISSION CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION - STUDENT OF THE MONTH
KARL FORTALEZA – ACADEMY OF SCIENTIFIC EXPLORATION

Education Commissioner Nicole Mohr presented a Certificate of Recognition to Student of the Month for his creative and artistic achievements, Karl Fortaleza, Academy of Scientific Exploration and displayed a short video.

- B. EDUCATION COMMISSION CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION - TEACHER SPOTLIGHT
MALCOLM FOLEY – ACADEMY OF SCIENTIFIC EXPLORATION
Education Commission Chair Angel Zobel Rodriguez

Education Commission Chair Angel Zobel Rodriguez presented a Certificate of Recognition, Teacher Spotlight, to Malcolm Foley, Academy of Scientific Exploration and displayed a short video.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Fajardo pulled Item No. 3 from the Consent Calendar for separate discussion.

Vice Mayor Pacheco pulled Items No. 4 and 8 from the Consent Calendar, for separate discussion.

- 1) REQUEST TO APPROVE MEETING MINUTES OF:
 - a. APRIL 6, 2020 – REGULAR MEETING
 - b. SEPTEMBER 8, 2020 – SPECIAL MEETING
- 2) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WARRANT REGISTER
- 5) CONSIDERATION TO ACCEPT THE DONATION OF AN ELLIPTICAL EXERCISE MACHINE FROM FULL CIRCLE CONSULTING SYSTEMS, INC.

- 6) CONSIDERATION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS COVID-19 RESPONSE GRANT AWARD TO SUPPORT PERSONNEL COST ASSOCIATED WITH THE MARIACHI MASTER APPRENTICE PROGRAM
- 7) FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION – 2020 CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE LOCAL AGENCY BIENNIAL NOTICE REQUIREMENT

Motion by Mayor Fajardo, seconded by Councilmember Mendoza, to approve the Consent Calendar Items No. 1, 2, 5, 6 and 7, as presented.

The motion carried with the following vote:

ROLL CALL

AYES:	Mendoza, Gonzales, Ballin, Pacheco, and Fajardo - 5
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

City Council considered Item No. 10 at this juncture.

- 10) DISCUSSION REVIEW AND DISCUSS A TEMPORARY MURAL PILOT PROGRAM AND RELATED MURAL AD HOC COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

City Manager Kimball presented details of the report and discussed establishing a temporary mural program in the area of the Metro right-of-way, where the mural will be painted on plywood and mounted to the wall.

Artist Lalo Garcia spoke about the paint of the mural's timeline, the concept, creating an illustration for City Council's consideration and noted he is not asking for funds but noted the need for space to install the artwork.

City Manager Kimball addressed the Ad Hoc Committee's recommendations; discussed next steps in establishing a pilot program and spoke about the budget, duration of installation, forming program guidelines, and developing a standard agreement for artists.

City Council returned to consider Items pulled from the Consent Calendar for separate discussion.

ITEMS PULLED FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION

- 3) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE UPDATED CITY COUNCIL AD HOC COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

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Councilmember Ballin left the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Motion by Mayor Fajardo, seconded by Councilmember Gonzales, to approve Item No. 3, as presented.

The motion carried with the following vote:

ROLL CALL

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

Councilmember Ballin returned to the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

4) CONSIDERATION TO AUTHORIZE RELEASE OF A NOTICE INVITING BIDS FOR THE DESIGN OF THE LAYNE PARK REVITALIZATION PROJECT

Director of Recreation and Community Services Venegas presented the staff report.

Motion by Vice Mayor Pacheco, seconded by Mayor Fajardo, to authorize staff to release a Notice Inviting Bids soliciting professional services from qualified and experienced engineering firms to develop a biddable set of plans, specifications, and project cost estimate for the Layne Park Revitalization Project and incorporating City Council suggestions, including but not limited to amenities and accessibility.

The motion carried with the following vote:

ROLL CALL

AYES:	Mendoza, Gonzales, Ballin, Pacheco, and Fajardo - 5
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

Councilmember Gonzales departed the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

8) RECEIVE AND FILE PRESENTATION OF MEASURE "A" ANNUAL REPORT

City Manager Kimball and Director of Finance Ibanez presented the staff report.

Finance Director Diego Ibanez discussed comparisons in last year's Measure A funding and this year's funding; reported a more-detailed report is forthcoming and addressed impacts of COVID-19.

City Manager Kimball discussed a recent townhall and high priorities in the community including street repairs, trees, and economic development.

City Council received and filed the 2020 Annual Report on the collection, management, and expenditure of Measure “A” as required by the City Code.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

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

Deputy City Manager Tim Hou narrated a PowerPoint presentation with an update on the City's COVID-19 response efforts and proposed recommendations.

City Council concurred to receive the presentation and direct staff to report back to City Council on the ongoing COVID-19 response efforts at the next City Council meeting.

City Council considered Item No. 13 at this juncture.

13) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION RELATED TO WHISTLEBLOWER AND ALLEGED EMPLOYEE MISCONDUCT REPORTING PROCEDURES

Mayor Fajardo requested that Assistant City Attorney Padilla research best practices from other municipalities regarding whistleblowers and alleged employee misconduct procedures and direct him to return with a report at City Council's second meeting in October.

Mayor Fajardo departed the meeting at 9:04 p.m.

11) CONSIDERATION TO DETERMINE A CITY POSITION ON THE 2020 LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES RESOLUTION

City Manager Kimball presented the report.

Motion by Councilmember Ballin, seconded by Councilmember Mendoza, to support staff recommendations.

The motion carried with the following vote:

ROLL CALL

AYES:	Mendoza and Ballin - 2
NOES:	Pacheco - 1
ABSENT:	Gonzales and Fajardo - 2
ABSTAIN:	None

12) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A REQUEST FROM THE KIDNEYS QUEST FOUNDATION THE USE OF THE CITY SEAL FOR ITS EMERGENCY EDUCATION BACKPACK DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM

Councilmember Mendoza presented a brief report.

Motion by Councilmember Mendoza, seconded by Councilmember Ballin, to approve the use of the City seal printed on backpacks for the Kidneys Quest Foundation's Emergency Education Backpack Distribution Program pursuant to Resolution No. 6904.

The motion carried with the following vote:

ROLL CALL

AYES:	Mendoza, Pacheco and Ballin - 3
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Gonzales and Fajardo - 2
ABSTAIN:	None

STAFF COMMUNICATION INCLUDING COMMISSION UPDATES

Director of Recreation and Community Services Venegas announced upcoming virtual recreation programs.

Deputy City Manager/Director of Community Development Hou reported touring San Fernando's second Starbucks location.

City Clerk Fritz reported on the installation of Vote by Mail voting boxes in the City.

Police Chief Vairo announced a DUI checkpoint this coming Friday as well as additional traffic enforcement.

City Manager Kimball discussed upcoming agenda items; reported Metro will be providing an update on the EIR for light rail and discussed formation of a Light Rail Ad Hoc Committee and a Tree Ad Hoc Committee.

GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS AND LIAISON UPDATES

Councilmember Mendoza reported participating in webinar on housing at the Los Angeles County Library Commission meeting.

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Councilmember Ballin read the following quote from Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg: "Women belong in all places where decisions are being made. It shouldn't be that women are the exception."

Vice Mayor Pacheco thanked the San Fernando Police Department for their DUI enforcement; reported meeting with and Education Commissioner and Assistant City Manager Hou regarding engaging and collaborating with Tesla; spoke about the availability and opportunities for SCAG grants and commented on the recent passing of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

ADJOURNMENT (9:40 P.M.)

Motion by Vice Mayor Pacheco, seconded by Councilmember Mendoza, to adjourn the meeting in memory of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg. By consensus, the motion carried.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of September 21, 2020, meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.

Julia Fritz, City Clerk