

**SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**SEPTEMBER 8, 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 6:28 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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Mayor Fajardo

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

The motion carried with the following vote:

ROLL CALL

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

PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN

The following statements submitted were read:

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Liana Stepanyan, San Fernando Library Manager, provided an update of library resources, services and virtual programs that are being offered as a result of COVID-19.

Marco Enriquez, Field Representative, U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein's office, seeking support for S-4431.

Marco Solis listed concerns with the trash bins in the alley behind San Fernando Loan (Parking Lot 5) and illegal dumping, as well as trash bins near AT&T and requested City Council consider installing trash enclosures.

Maria Solario expressed support for requests for outdoor dining for San Fernando breweries and taprooms.

Paul Trevino expressed support for allowing San Fernando breweries and taprooms to reopen by providing outdoor services.

Truman House Tavern expressed support for allowing San Fernando breweries and taprooms to reopen by providing outdoor services.

Shoghig Bardekjian expressed support for allowing San Fernando breweries and taprooms to reopen by providing outdoor services.

Liz Riley expressed support for allowing San Fernando breweries and taprooms to reopen by providing outdoor services.

Suleymi Recinos expressed support for allowing San Fernando breweries and taprooms to reopen by providing outdoor services.

J.P. Outlar expressed support for allowing San Fernando breweries and taprooms to reopen by providing outdoor services.

Mary Ann Martinez expressed support for allowing San Fernando breweries and taprooms to reopen by providing outdoor services.

Christine Amillategui expressed support for allowing San Fernando breweries and taprooms to reopen by providing outdoor services.

Nora Apelian expressed support for allowing San Fernando breweries and taprooms to reopen by providing outdoor services.

Andy Alonso expressed support for allowing San Fernando breweries and taprooms to reopen by providing outdoor services.

Akibdra Cano expressed support for allowing San Fernando breweries and taprooms to reopen by providing outdoor services.

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Adriana Gomez expressed support for allowing San Fernando breweries and taprooms to reopen by providing outdoor services.

Christina Bernal expressed support for allowing San Fernando breweries and taprooms to reopen by providing outdoor services.

David Bernal expressed support for allowing San Fernando breweries and taprooms to reopen by providing outdoor services.

Rick Bernal expressed support for allowing San Fernando breweries and taprooms to reopen by providing outdoor services.

Vic Chouchanian, San Fernando Brewing Co. expressed support for allowing San Fernando breweries and taprooms to reopen by providing outdoor services.

Joe Chouchanian, San Fernando Brewing Co. expressed support for allowing San Fernando breweries and taprooms to reopen by providing outdoor services.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Mayor Fajardo, seconded by Councilmember Ballin, to approve the Consent Calendar as follows:

- 1) REQUEST TO APPROVE MEETING MINUTES OF:
 - a. AUGUST 3, 2020 – SPECIAL MEETING
 - b. AUGUST 17, 2020 – SPECIAL MEETING

- 2) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WARRANT REGISTER

- 3) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH KOSMONT & ASSOCIATES, INC., DBA KOSMONT COMPANIES, TO PROVIDE REAL ESTATE ADVISORY SERVICES FOR DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT NEGOTIATIONS

The motion carried with the following vote:

ROLL CALL

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- 4) RECEIVE A PRESENTATION FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK REGARDING THE UPCOMING NOVEMBER 3, 2020, GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION AND PROVIDE RELATED DIRECTION

Councilmember Mendoza left the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

City Clerk Julia Fritz introduced Jeff Klein, Manager, Civic Engagement, Community Relations and Legislation, Los Angeles County Office Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk and presented an update on activities associated with the upcoming November 3, 2020, General Municipal Election.

It was the consensus of the City Council to receive and file the presentation, and directed staff to add the presentation to the City's website.

Councilmember Mendoza returned to the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

- 8) DISCUSSION OF CERTAIN AD HOC COMMITTEE REVISIONS

Councilmember Gonzales expressed disappointment at having been removed from his Ad Hoc Committee assignments and requested for an opportunity to return to them until he retires in December.

Motion by Councilmember Ballin, seconded by Councilmember Mendoza to restore Councilmember Gonzales assignments to previously assigned Ad Hoc Committees and Councilmember Ballin to replace Councilmember Mendoza on the Mural Ad Hoc Committee.

The motion carried with the following vote:

ROLL CALL

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

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

Deputy City Manager Tim Hou narrated a PowerPoint presentation regarding COVID-19 response efforts and statistics.

Assistant City Attorney Padilla clarified the State's Eviction Moratorium.

Mayor Fajardo left the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

City Manager Kimball noted code compliance consideration and continued efforts to educate the community on the County Health Orders in place, provide extended time to allow public comments to be submitted to 5pm, other alternatives to increase public participation.

Mayor Fajardo returned to the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Vice Mayor Pacheco left the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Discussion followed regarding the possibility of allowing use of City parking lots and park spaces for local fitness and dance studios, steps necessary to consider allowing breweries and taprooms to operate outdoors, the need to follow State and County orders, the possibility of giving businesses that do not require masks a warning, prior to issuing citations, waiting until a higher tier to begin conducting Council meetings in the Chamber and encouraged residents to monitor the City's website for updated COVID-19 information. Staff was directed to draft a letter of support to the offices of U.S. Senator Feinstein regarding "Emergency Wildfire and Public Safety Act" (S. 4431). There was no action provided by the City Council and staff confirmed clarification of suggested directions as discussed by the City Council.

- 6) CONSIDERATION TO AUTHORIZE THE ACCEPTANCE OF CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO ASSIST THE CITY WITH CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) EXPENDITURES

Director of Finance Diego Ibanez presented details of the report.

Motion by Mayor Fajardo, seconded by Councilmember Gonzales, to approve this item, per staff's recommendations.

The motion carried with the following vote:

ROLL CALL

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

- 7) REVIEW AND DISCUSS A 100-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF WOMEN'S RIGHT TO VOTE COMMEMORATIVE MURAL AND RELATED MURAL AD HOC RECOMMENDATIONS

City Manager Kimball presented a brief report on the processes and procedures regarding a mural, proposed location, and various details to include, but not limited on paint quality, color and seeking funds for this project.

Assistant City Attorney Padilla reported placing a mural on City property would not require an ordinance and stated an ordinance would be necessary in trying to regulate private property murals.

Staff was directed to continue discussions in the next Mural Ad Hoc Committee meeting and report back to Council.

9) **DISCUSSION REGARDING THE CITY’S SUPPORT TO ALLOW BREWERIES AND TAPROOMS TO PROVIDE OUTDOOR SERVICES**

Motion by Councilmember Gonzales, seconded by Mayor Fajardo, to direct staff to draft a letter of support to the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, to open breweries and taprooms to outdoor dining, following COVID-19 regulations and include comments submitted by the public.

The motion carried with the following vote:

ROLL CALL

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

STAFF COMMUNICATION INCLUDING COMMISSION UPDATES

Director of Finance Ibanez discussed an upcoming Measure A townhall meeting.

GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS AND LIAISON UPDATES

Councilmember Mendoza encouraged residents to attend the local community college; referenced an article regarding a methane leak at the Department of Water and Power and suggested a report on the item including impacts to the City be brought to a future City Council meeting.

Councilmember Ballin requested that staff look into the trash situation reported by Mr. Solis during public comments; asked for a report from Republic at an upcoming City Council meeting and requested that staff issue a letter of support to Senator Feinstein regarding “Emergency Wildfire and Public Safety Act” (S. 4431).

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Councilmember Gonzales discussed the ICA Board installation; thanked incoming Board President Sean Ashton and Outgoing Board President Richard Montgomery for their help and requested sending them a proclamation and spoke about a recent Metro meeting.

ADJOURNMENT (9:13 P.M.)

Motion by Mayor Fajardo, seconded by Councilmember Gonzales, to adjourn the meeting.

The motion carried with the following vote:

ROLL CALL

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

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of September 8, 2020, meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.

Julia Fritz, CMC
City Clerk