

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

**OCTOBER 18, 2021 – 6:00 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING**

**CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER
117 MACNEIL STREET
SAN FERNANDO, CALIFORNIA 91340**

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL Mayor Sylvia Ballin called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Present:

Council: Mayor Sylvia Ballin, Vice Mayor Mary Mendoza and Councilmembers Cindy Montañez and Celeste Rodriguez

Absent: Councilmember Hector A. Pacheco

Staff: City Manager Nick Kimball, Assistant City Attorney Richard Padilla, Chief of Police Anthony Vairo, Director of Public Works Matt Baumgardner, Director of Recreation and Community Services Julian Venegas, Interim Director of Finance Sonia Garcia and City Clerk Julia Fritz

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by City Clerk Julia Fritz

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Ballin requested that Agenda Item 8 be considered first, then Item 7 followed by Agenda Item 6 (Public Hearing).

Motion by Councilmember Montanez, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez to approve the agenda, as amended. By consensus, the motion carried with Councilmember Pacheco absent.

PRESENTATIONS

- A. EDUCATION COMMISSION CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH
- EMMANUEL SOLIS (San Fernando Institute for Applied Media) (September)
 - ABIGAIL ALVARADO (Social Justice Humanitas Academy) (October)
 - LYSHA GUTIERREZ (Academy of Scientific Exploration) (October)
- Education Commissioner Vice Chair David Govea

PUBLIC STATEMENTS

Julissa Hernandez, Field Representative from the office of Assemblymember Luz Rivas provided updates on community activities and the status of various assembly bills, which included Assembly Bill (AB) 1363, AB 27 and AB 1220.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- 8) DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION TO ACCEPT A DONATION OF A COMPANA DE LIBERTAD LIBERTY BELL FOR PUBLIC DISPLAY IN THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO

City Manager Kimball presented the staff report and answered Councilmember inquiries.

Motion by Councilmember Rodriguez, seconded by Councilmember Montanez to accept the donation of a Compana de Libertad Liberty Bell from a private donor for public display in the City of San Fernando; authorize staff to work with the non-profit organization Ballet Folklorico Ollin to host a dedication ceremony to be held in San Fernando on Tuesday, November 22, 2021 to unveil the Liberty Bell; and establish an Ad Hoc Committee to work with staff and Ballet Folklorico Ollin to develop recommendations for a permanent location to display the Liberty Bell with Councilmember Montanez and Councilmember Rodriguez to serve on the Ad Hoc Committee.

The motion carried by the following vote:

ROLL CALL

AYES: Rodriguez, Montañez, Mendoza, Ballin -4

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Pacheco - 1

- 7) DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION TO IMPLEMENT THE SAN FERNANDO SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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

Councilmembers questioned information describing the scope and cost of services in response to the Request for Qualifications.

City Manager Kimball noted that the staff report inadvertently omitted Exhibit “A” of the Professional Services Agreement, which is the response to the Request for Qualifications “Scope of Work” and includes the cost of services.

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Motion by Councilmember Rodriguez, seconded by Councilmember Montañez to approve, contingent upon final review of the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) that includes the cost of services by the COVID-19 Relief Program Ad hoc committees, a Professional Services Agreement (Contract No. 2001) to California Community Economic Development Association for an amount not to exceed \$25,000; adopt Resolution No. 8099, to increase the revenue and expenditures of Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Community Development Block Grant Fund 26 budget by \$179,707, authorize the City Manager to execute a Professional Service Agreement with CCEDA and all related documents.

The motion carried by the following vote:

ROLL CALL

AYES: Rodriguez, Montañez, Mendoza, Ballin - 4
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Pacheco – 1

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 6) A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE REGARDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SENATE BILL 1383 ORGANIC WASTE REDUCTION REGULATIONS

Mayor Ballin opened the Public Hearing at 7:10 p.m.

Director of Public Works Baumgardner presented the staff report and answered Councilmember inquiries.

Mayor Ballin opened the Public Comments at 7:21 p.m. There being no comments, motion by Mayor Ballin, seconded by Vice Mayor Mendoza to close the public hearing at 7:22 p.m.

Councilmembers emphasized the importance of an extensive community outreach program to provide education on the new waste reduction regulations and suggested that staff provide regular updates to the City Council regarding the outreach process.

Motion by Councilmember Montañez, seconded by Vice Mayor Mendoza to introduce for first reading in title only, and waive further reading of Ordinance No. 1703, titled, “An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of San Fernando, California, Adding Article IX (Organic Waste Disposal Reduction, Senate Bill 1383) to Chapter 70 of the San Fernando Municipal Code, and Making a Determination of Exemption Under the California Environment Quality Act.”

The motion carried by the following vote:

ROLL CALL

AYES: Rodriguez, Montañez, Mendoza, Ballin - 4
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Pacheco – 1

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STAFF COMMUNICATION INCLUDING COMMISSION UPDATES

Chief of Police Vairo provided an update regarding the National Night Out event.

Director of Public Works Baumgardner commented on the status of the Departments workload.

Director of Recreation and Community Services Venegas mentioned that the next Education Commission meeting is on October 26.

City Manager Kimball commented on the status of recruitments to fill existing and newly created positions.

GENERAL CITY COUNCIL/BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND LIAISON UPDATES

Mayor Ballin requested to close the meeting in memory of Brenda Perez Castellon and Colin Powell.

Councilmember Montañez echoed sentiments made by Mayor Ballin regarding the passing of Brenda Perez Castellon, thanked Chief Vairo for a successful National Night Out event; mentioned the Dia De Los Muertos Cultural Festival being held on October 30, and attended the Homeless Ad Hoc committee meeting.

Councilmember Rodriguez concurred with her colleagues' comments and thanked staff for their work.

Vice Mayor Mendoza reported she attended the National Night Out event, the Las Palmas Senior Club meeting and reported that the club voted to begin monthly meetings and announced a dance event will be scheduled for December. Vice Mayor Mendoza expressed condolences to the family of Brenda Perez Castellon.

Mayor Ballin commented on the Chief's police work during the National Night Out event regarding the protestors and stated the situation was well handled.

ADJOURNMENT (7:52 p.m.)

Mayor Ballin adjourned the meeting in memory of Brenda Perez Castellon and Colin Powell at 7:52 p.m. to the next regular meeting.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of October 18, 2021, meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.

Julia Fritz, CMC
City Clerk