

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

**JANUARY 18, 2022 – 6:00 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING**

**CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER
117 MACNEIL STREET
SAN FERNANDO, CALIFORNIA 91340
TELECONFERENCE – PURSUANT TO PROVISIONS OF ASSEMBLY BILL 361**

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL Mayor Mary Mendoza called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Present:

Council: Mayor Mary Mendoza, Vice Mayor Hector A. Pacheco, Councilmember Sylvia Ballin, Councilmember Cindy Montañez and Councilmember Celeste Rodriguez

Absent: None

Staff: City Manager Nick Kimball, Assistant City Attorney Richard Padilla, Interim/Acting Chief of Police Nichole Hanchett, Director of Public Works Matt Baumgardner, Director of Community Development Kanika Kith, Interim/Acting Director of Finance Sonia Garcia, Director of Recreation and Community Services Julian Venegas, and City Clerk Julia Fritz

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by City Clerk Julia Fritz

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Assistant City Attorney Padilla requested that an item be added as a “walk on” matter for consideration, in order to file applicable documents by the required due, regarding a previous staff report presented at the December 6 2021 City Council meeting associated with authorizing the execution of settlement agreements with certain manufacturers, distributors, and retailers of opioid pharmaceuticals. He noted that a copy of the staff report from December 6, was emailed to the City Council prior to the beginning of tonight’s meeting and were made available for public review.

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Motion by Councilmember Ballin, seconded by Mayor Mendoza to approve the agenda, as amended to include the “walk on” item requested by Assistant City Attorney Padilla. Motion carries unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

- A. PRESENTATION IN RECOGNITION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY FOR THE 2020-2021 CLIMATE ADAPTATION AND RESILIENCY GRANT AWARD OF \$50,000 TO THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO

- B. PRESENTATION OF A PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE WEEK OF JANUARY 23 THROUGH JANUARY 29, 2022 AS SCHOOL OF CHOICE WEEK IN THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO

Mayor Mary Mendoza spoke about her duties as the Mayor, commented on general meeting guidelines and decorum and order of the City Council meetings.

PUBLIC STATEMENTS

Julissa Hernandez, Field Representative from the Office of Assemblywoman Luz Rivas office, provided updates on community activities.

The following comments were read into the record:

Liana Stepanyan, San Fernando Library Manager provided updates on activities being offered at the library.

Victoria Garcia, expressed her support and acknowledged Recreation Department staff for their hard work towards coordinating recent community events.

Brian Fagan, President of Selective Retail 215, LLC submitted a letter opposing the City’s 2022 Draft Housing Element.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Vice Mayor Pacheco requested to pull Agenda Item 6 for discussion.

City Manager Kimball commented on the existing Commissioner vacancies for the Parks, Wellness and Recreation Commission.

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Motion by Councilmember Ballin, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez to approve Consent Items 1 through 5:

- 1) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FOR:
 - a. May 18, 2020 - Regular Meeting
 - b. August 17, 2020 - Regular Meeting
 - c. September 8, 2020 - Regular Meeting
 - d. September 21, 2020 - Regular Meeting
 - e. March 1, 2021 - Regular Meeting
 - f. October 4, 2021 - Regular Meeting
 - g. October 18, 2021 - Regular Meeting
 - h. December 6, 2021 - Special Meeting
- 2) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NOS. 21-122, 22-011, AND 22-012 APPROVING THE WARRANT REGISTERS OF DECEMBER 20, 2021, JANUARY 3, 2022, AND JANUARY 18, 2022, RESPECTIVELY
- 3) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE LAST AND FINAL RECOGNIZED OBLIGATION PAYMENT SCHEDULE FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2022 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023 FOR THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE SAN FERNANDO REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
- 4) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH JOHN ROBINSON CONSULTING, INC. FOR ADDITIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES AND PERMIT FEES RELATED TO THE UPPER RESERVOIR REPLACEMENT PROJECT
- 5) CONSIDERATION AND DISCUSSION REGARDING CITY COUNCIL LIAISON ASSIGNMENTS, AD HOC COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS AND ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A PRIMARY ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE INDEPENDENT CITIES RISK MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY GOVERNING BOARD

Motion carries, unanimously.

Item Pulled for Discussion

- 6) RECEIVE AND FILE AN UPDATE REGARDING COVID-19 RESPONSE EFFORTS

City Manager Kimball presented an informational update regarding additional resources that were made available subsequent to the preparation of the staff report and spoke about mobile vaccination sites, and noted that in the upcoming weeks, the City will be distributing 400 rapid tests to San Fernando residents. The City Council received and filed the update report.

Mayor Mendoza announced that Agenda Items 8 and 9 will be considered next on the agenda.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- 8) CONSIDERATION AND DISCUSSION REGARDING THE PROPOSED TRANSITION OF THE HEALTHY SAN FERNANDO CAMPAIGN 5K ANNUAL RELAY RUN EVENT TO A ONE-MILE RUN EVENT

Director of Recreation and Community Services Venegas presented the staff report and responded to Councilmember questions.

Motion by Councilmember Montañez, seconded by Councilmember Ballin to authorize Recreation and Community Services staff to transition from the 5K Relay Run event to a One-Mile Run event; authorize the City Manager to accept a \$40,000 operating grant from Anthem Blue Cross to implement the One-Mile Run event; authorize the City Manager to execute all grant-related documents required for receiving such grant funds pursuant to the terms and conditions of the grant; and upon full execution of all grant-related documents, authorize the City Manager to amend the revenue and expenditure budgets to appropriate the grant funds. Motion carries, unanimously.

- 9) UPDATE AND DISCUSSION REGARDING THE 2022 FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION EVENT

Director of Recreation and Community Services Venegas presented the staff report and responded to Councilmember questions.

By consensus, the City Council directed staff to move forward with a light show display for the Fourth of July Celebration event.

- 14) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH WILLDAN ENERGY SOLUTIONS FOR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR SOLAR, HEATING, VENTILATION, AND AIR CONDITIONING, AND BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS AT CITY FACILITIES

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

Motion by Vice Mayor Pacheco, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez to approve a Professional Services Agreement with Willdan Energy Solutions (Contract No. 2049) for Design and Construction Management Services for Solar, Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning, and Battery Energy Storage Systems at City Facilities; adopt Resolution No. 8117 amending the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Adopted Budget appropriating the Self-Generation Incentive Program expenditures and revenues (\$583,950) in the Capital Grants Fund and transferring funds from the General (\$920,433), Water Enterprise (\$424,815), and Sewer Enterprise (\$70,802) fund balances in the Capital Outlay Fund (Fund 032); and authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement and all related documents.

Motion carries, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 7) A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE 2021 CITYWIDE ENGINEERING AND TRAFFIC SURVEY FOR SPEED LIMITS TO ALLOW FOR SPEED RADAR ENFORCEMENT ON CITY STREETS AND THE ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY CODE RELATING TO SPEED LIMITS

Mayor Mendoza opened the public hearing.

Director of Public Works Baumgardner presented the staff report and responded to Councilmember questions.

Mayor Mendoza opened the hearing for public testimony. There being none, Mayor Mendoza closed the public hearing. Motion by Councilmember Ballin, seconded by Mayor Mendoza to close the public hearing. Motion passes, unanimously.

Motion by Mayor Mendoza, seconded by Councilmember Ballin to introduce for first reading, in title only, and waive further reading of Ordinance No. 1705, “An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of San Fernando, California, Amending Sections 90-941 and 90-942 of Chapter 90 of the City of San Fernando City Code Relating to Speed Limits”; and adopt Resolution No. 8111 approving the 2021 Citywide Engineering and Traffic Survey Report to establish speed limit zones in the City.

Motion carries, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL

AYES: Rodriguez, Ballin, Mendoza - 3
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: Montañez. Pacheco - 2

- 11) CONSIDERATION AND DISCUSSION TO ADOPT AN INTERIM URGENCY ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS FOR URBAN LOT SPLITS AND HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (R-1) ZONE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF SENATE BILL 9 (SB 9) AND AUTHORIZE A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR A PROPOSED BALLOT INITIATIVE TO OVERTURN SB 9

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Director of Community Development Kanika Kith presented the staff report and answered Councilmember questions.

Motion by Mayor Mendoza, seconded by Councilmember Ballin to adopt interim Urgency Ordinance No. U-1706 establishing regulations for Urban Lot Splits and Housing Development in Single-Family Residential (R-1) Zone for implementation of Senate Bill 9; and authorize the Mayor and City Manager to submit a letter of support to the Brand-Huang-Mendoza Tripartisan Land Use Initiative committee and take other related actions supporting the ballot initiative titled, “Provides That Local Land-Use and Zoning Laws Override Conflicting State Laws. Initiative Constitutional Amendment.”

Motion carries, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL

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

City Manager Kimball recommended that Agenda Item Nos. 10, 12 and 15 be continued to a special meeting, date uncertain and to approve the walk on item regarding consideration to adopt a resolution authorizing the execution of settlement agreements with certain manufacturers, distributors, and retailers of opioid pharmaceuticals.

Motion by Mayor Mendoza, seconded by Councilmember Ballin to continue Agenda Item Nos. 10, 12 and 15 to a date uncertain, approve the walk on item per staff recommendation; and direct staff to schedule a special meeting of the City Council during the following week. Motion passes, unanimously.

- 10) PRESENTATION AND STUDY SESSION OF THE DRAFT 2021-2029 HOUSING ELEMENT AND SAFETY ELEMENT UPDATE TO THE GENERAL PLAN
(Continued to a special meeting, date uncertain)

- 12) CONSIDERATION AND DISCUSSION REGARDING RE-ESTABLISHING LOW INCOME ASSISTANCE HOME PROGRAMS
(Continued to a special meeting, date uncertain)

- 15) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A JOB SPECIFICATION FOR THE POSITION OF DEPUTY CITY MANAGER
(Continued to a special meeting, date uncertain)

It was noted that Mayor Mendoza left the dais and requested Vice Mayor Pacheco to continue the meeting.

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- 13) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE REALLOCATING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 TO PARTICIPATE IN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY’S SMALL BUSINESS GRANT PROGRAM

City Manager Kimball presented the staff report and responded to Councilmember inquiries.

Motion by Vice Mayor Pacheco, seconded by Councilmember Montañez to approve the re-allocation of unspent Community Development Block Grant Funds for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 to the Small Business Assistance Program; authorize use of the reallocated CDBG funds to participate in the Los Angeles County Development Authority’s Small Business Grant Program; authorize the City Manager, or designee, to submit documentation conveying the City Council’s approval to the Los Angeles County Community Development Commission for approval; and as amended to preserve \$15,000 for use towards residential utility bill assistance and small business programs.

Motion carries, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL

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

Mayor Mendoza returned to the dais at approximately 10:15 p.m.

Councilmember Rodriguez left the meeting at 10:30 p.m.

WALK ON ITEM

- 15) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS WITH CERTAIN MANUFACTURERS, DISTRIBUTORS, AND RETAILERS OF OPIOID PHARMACEUTICALS

Assistant City Attorney Richard Padilla presented information and responded to Councilmember questions.

As per staff recommendation contained in the staff report previously presented at the December 6, 2021 City Council meeting, Councilmember Ballin made a motion, seconded by Mayor Mendoza to adopt Resolution No. 8106 authorizing the City to enter into settlement agreements with certain manufacturers, distributors, and retailers of opioid pharmaceuticals; and authorize the City Manager to execute the participation agreements and settlement agreements with Distributors and Janssen.

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Motion carries, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL

AYES: Ballin, Pacheco, Mendoza - 3

NAYES: Montañez - 1

ABSENT: Rodriguez - 1

ABSTAIN: None

STAFF COMMUNICATION INCLUDING COMMISSION UPDATES - None

GENERAL CITY COUNCIL/BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND LIAISON UPDATES - None

ADJOURNMENT 10:47 pm

Mayor Mendoza adjourned the meeting in memory of Sarah Galindo at 10:47 p.m. to a special meeting date uncertain.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the January 18, 2022, regular meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.

Julia Fritz, CMC
City Clerk