

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

**APRIL 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 **6:00 p.m.**

Present:

Council: Mayor Mary Mendoza and Councilmembers Sylvia Ballin and Cindy Montanez via teleconference

Absent: Vice Mayor Hector A. Pacheco and Councilmember Celeste Rodriguez

Staff: City Manager Nick Kimball, Assistant City Attorney Richard Padilla, Police Chief Fabian Valdez, 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

Motion by Councilmember Montanez, seconded by Councilmember Ballin to approve the agenda. The motion carries with Vice Mayor Pacheco and Councilmember Rodriguez absent.

PRESENTATIONS

- A. PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION TO THE SAN FERNANDO EXPLORERS LAW ENFORCEMENT POST 521 FOR THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE 2022 CHANDLER COMPETITION
- B. PRESENTATION OF A PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 29, 2022 AS ARBOR DAY

PUBLIC STATEMENTS

Julissa Hernandez, Field Representative with the Office of Assemblywomen Luz Rivas, provided an update on community events and mentioned Congressman Tony Cárdenas office held a Press Conference earlier today and unveiled the announcement of securing \$5 million in federal funding for the Telfair Avenue Multi-Modal Bridge Project over the Pacoima Wash; and \$800,000 to Pacoima Beautiful for the Pacoima Wash Greenway Project.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Councilmember Ballin, seconded by Mayor Mendoza to approve the Consent Calendar as presented:

- 1) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WARRANT REGISTER
- 2) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTIONS APPROVING A NEW JOB SPECIFICATION FOR HOUSING COORDINATOR AND AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 SALARY PLAN AND THE TABLE OF ORGANIZATION
- 3) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH NORMAN A. TRAUB & ASSOCIATES LLC TO CONDUCT WORKPLACE INVESTIGATIONS
- 4) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 1709 AMENDING DIVISION 2 OF ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 90 OF THE SAN FERNANDO MUNICIPAL CODE AND SECTION 90-72 OF THE SAN FERNANDO MUNICIPAL CODE TO EXPAND THE DUTIES OF THE TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY COMMISSION TO INCLUDE PUBLIC SAFETY
- 5) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION FOR FUNDING RELATED TO THE CALLES VERDES: CITY OF SAN FERNANDO URBAN FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN

Motion carried, with Vice Mayor Pacheco and Councilmember Rodriguez absent.

PUBLIC HEARING

- 6) A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTING AN ORDINANCE ADDING CHAPTER 24 TO THE SAN FERNANDO MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROHIBIT SMOKING IN MULTI-UNIT HOUSING

Mayor Mendoza opened the public hearing.

Director of Community Development Kanika Kith presented the staff report and responded to City Councilmember inquiries.

Mayor Mendoza called for public testimony.

Victoria Garcia submitted a written statement on general concerns and questions associated with the proposed ordinance.

Mario Rodriguez spoke about concerns with the lack of community outreach and undue hardship for the owners.

Sandy Logan, spoke in support of Agenda Item No. 6.

Mayor Mendoza closed the public testimony, and by consensus the motioned passed with no objection. Vice Mayor Pacheco and Councilmember Rodriguez were absent.

Mayor Mendoza closed the public hearing. Motion by Mayor Mendoza to close the public hearing and continue the item to a date certain to the May 2, 2022 City Council regular meeting. With no objections, motion carries with Vice Mayor Pacheco and Councilmember Rodriguez absent.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

7) **PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF CITY COUNCIL STRATEGIC GOALS AND PRIORITIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023**

City Manager Kimball presented the staff report along with a presentation by Management Partners, summarizing the City Council Priority-Setting Workshop, held on February 18, 2022.

Members of the City Council requested staff to meet with the Strategic Goals Ad hoc Committee and recommended updating the City's adopted 2022-2027 Strategic Goals to incorporate workshop suggestions, information on completed projects and bring a report back to City Council at a future meeting.

8) **DISCUSSION REGARDING THE SHUTDOWN OF GROUNDWATER EXTRACTION WELL NO. 2A AND THE IMPORT OF WATER FROM THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT WATER SUPPLY IN THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO**

Director of Public Works Matt Baumgardner presented the staff report and responded to Councilmember questions, including but not limited to addressing expenditures required to fix all four of the City's wells, an approximate timeframe of 6-8 months of purchasing and importing water from MWD, and re-iterated that the City's drinking water continues to be safe for consumption.

Councilmembers concurred the water supply issue is an immediate priority and suggested staff to exhaust all local, state and federal budget requests and grant funds, seeking emergency funds due to public health issues; inquired on if the City can use ARPA funds to credit water customers the increased cost of purchasing water from MWD and directed staff to bring back an update report City Council, bi-monthly.

City Manager Kimball stated that staff will bring back a report of options to consider at the next City Council meeting.

Councilmembers received and filed an informational report and update on the shutdown of Groundwater Extraction Well No. 2A and the importation of water from the Metropolitan Water District.

STAFF COMMUNICATION INCLUDING COMMISSION UPDATES

City Clerk Fritz reported that staff is in the process of coordinating with the Los Angeles County Elections Division to use San Fernando Recreation Park facility as a 4-day early vote center; and Las Palmas Park facility in the Arts and Crafts room as a 10-day early vote center, as well as utilizing parking lot 6N for use as a check in center for their elections staff for the upcoming June 7, 2022 Statewide Primary Election.

Police Chief Valdez commented that the bike patrol was deployed to the Spring Jamboree event and reported that there were no incidents.

Director of Community Development Kith mentioned that staff is working on a revised draft Housing Element and will be brought to City Council in June.

Director of Recreation and Community Services Venegas announced an upcoming Education Commission meeting, and provided an update on recreation programs and events.

Director of Public Works Baumgardner announced Saturday, April 23 an Earth Day Celebration Community Event hosted by TreePeople, City of San Fernando, Assemblywoman Luz Rivas, Arbor Day Foundation, and Fernandeno Tataviam Band of Mission Indians, will be held at Rudy Ortega, Sr. Park from 9am to 12pm. He also reported that construction has begun at the Recreation Park regarding the Regional Park Infiltration Project.

Interim/Acting Director of Finance Garcia reported the City received its second phase of Water Arrearage Program Grant funds to apply towards unpaid wastewater utility debt from approximately 300 residential and commercial customers, accrued between March 4, 2020 and June 15, 2021.

City Manager Kimball reported that staff continues to diligently seek and apply for grant funds; and re-affirmed reports made by Director of Public Works that the City's water is safe for consumption.

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GENERAL CITY COUNCIL/BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND LIAISON UPDATES

Councilmember Montañez offered her assistance in support to obtain local, state and federal grant funds; commented on the Spring Jamboree event and thanked event sponsors, reported attending the Green City and Homelessness Ad hoc committee meetings; and spoke about the upcoming earth day event.

Director of Recreation and Community Services Venegas reported that Spring Jamboree event was successful and well organized.

Councilmember Ballin spoke about the Spring Jamboree event, commented on the City's water infrastructure and talked about the increased traffic enforcement program.

Mayor Mendoza reported she attended the Spring Jamboree event, mentioned she participated in a "Free Small Business Webinar" in partnership with State Controller Betty T. Yee to provide resources for federal, state and local programs designed to assist small businesses, and attended the "Chat with the Chief" event.

ADJOURNMENT (8:15 p.m.)

Mayor Mendoza adjourned the meeting in memory of Chuck Seng Young (brother of Julia Fritz, City Clerk) and Victor Hernan Solis (grandfather of Crystal Solis, Deputy City Clerk) to the next regular meeting.

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

Julia Fritz, CMC
City Clerk