

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

**JUNE 6, 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 6:01 p.m.

Present: Council: Mayor Mary Mendoza, Vice Mayor Hector A. Pacheco, Councilmembers Sylvia Ballin, and Celeste Rodriguez

Absent: Councilmember Cindy Montañez

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 Vice Mayor Pacheco, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried, with Councilmember Montañez absent.

**PRESENTATIONS**

- A. PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION TO MISSION CITY BASEBALL LEAGUE'S VOLUNTEERS
- B. PRESENTATION OF A CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE MONTH OF JUNE AS PRIDE MONTH

**PUBLIC STATEMENTS**

Julissa Hernandez, Field Representative from the Office of Assemblywomen Luz Rivas spoke about Assembly Bill updates and information on community resources.

Victoria Garcia suggested that the City lower its flag to half-staff on Memorial Day.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Councilmember Rodriguez requested Consent Item Nos. 6 and 7 be pulled for discussion.

Motion by Vice Mayor Pacheco, seconded by Councilmember Ballin, to approve the Consent Calendar, excluding Item Nos. 6 and 7:

- 1) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WARRANT REGISTER
- 2) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WARRANT REGISTER FOR THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE SAN FERNANDO REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
- 3) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION RE-AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS FOR THE PERIOD OF JUNE 14, 2022 TO JULY 13, 2022, OF THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO’S LEGISLATIVE BODIES IN COMPLIANCE WITH GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953(E) AND OTHER APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF ASSEMBLY BILL 361
- 4) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION DECLARING JUNE 19TH AS “JUNETEENTH NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE DAY” AND OBSERVED AS AN OFFICIAL PAID HOLIDAY FOR CITY EMPLOYEES
- 5) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING DATE TO CONSIDER THE PLACEMENT OF LIENS ON REAL PROPERTY FOR NON-PAYMENT OF RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES BILLINGS

The motion carried, with Councilmember Montañez absent.

**Items pulled for discussion:**

- 6) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION SUSPENDING SECTION 54-5 (CAMPING) AND SECTION 54-4 (FIRE) OF THE SAN FERNANDO MUNICIPAL CODE FOR THE FAMILY HIKING AND WILDLIFE ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM OVERNIGHT CAMPING WORKSHOP

Motion by Councilmember Rodriguez, seconded by Vice Mayor Pacheco to adopt Resolution No. 8150 temporarily suspending Section 54-5 (Camping) and Section 54-4 (Fire) and recommended addition outreach promoting the camp workshop program to families in the community. The motion carried, with Councilmember Montañez absent.

7) **CONSIDERATION TO AUTHORIZE RELEASE OF A NOTICE INVITING BIDS FOR THE DESIGN OF THE LAS PALMAS PARK REVITALIZATION PROJECT**

Motion by Councilmember Rodriguez, seconded by Vice Mayor Pacheco to authorize staff to release a Notice Inviting Bids soliciting professional services from qualified and experienced firms to develop a set of biddable plans, specifications and a project cost estimate for the Las Palmas Park Revitalization Project; and potential include a sub-contractor that has familiarity of the culture and experience in the community. The motion carried, with Councilmember Montañez absent.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

8) **A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTING A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 6TH CYCLE 2021-2029 HOUSING ELEMENT, SAFETY ELEMENT UPDATE, AND MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

Mayor Mendoza opened the public hearing.

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

Mayor Mendoza called for public testimony:

1. Julissa Hernandez, Field Representative from the Office of Assemblywomen Luz Rivas.

Mayor Mendoza closed the public hearing and by unanimous consensus of the City Council, the public hearing was closed.

Motion by Vice Mayor Pacheco, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez to:

- a. Adopt the MND subject to include a revised MMRP that incorporates mitigation measures from the MND under Hazards on page 86 of the MND, and Tribal on pages 120 to 121 into the MMRP;
- b. Adopt Resolution No. 8153 approving the 6th Cycle 2021-2029 Housing Element, Safety Element Update, and Mitigated Negative Declaration;
- c. Adopt the Housing and Safety Elements subject to additional recitals about (1) the City Council disapproval of the State disregards of City service capacity and infrastructures with the RHNA allocation, and (2) despite the City Council disapproval of the RHNA allocation from HCD and SCAG, the City Council is taking action to avoid costly legal consequences of non-compliance with State housing laws;
- d. Authorize the City Manager to make iterative changes to the 2021-2029 Housing Element in response to comments from the California Department of Housing and Community Development to support state certification of the 2021-2029 Housing Element; and
- e. Direct staff to come back with additional local public benefit options for future housing development.

The motion carried, with Councilmember Montañez absent.

The City Council recessed the meeting at 8:20 p.m. and reconvened at 8:33 p.m. with Vice Mayor Pacheco and Councilmember Montañez absent.

Vice Mayor Pacheco joined the meeting via teleconference at 8:40 p.m.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

9) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION REQUIRING THE ADOPTION OF MANDATORY WATER CONSERVATION MEASURES IN THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO

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

Motion by Councilmember Rodriguez, seconded by Mayor Mendoza to adopt Resolution No. 8151 requiring the adoption of mandatory water conservation measures in the City of San Fernando; and authorize the City Manager to implement education and enforcement programs to support mandatory water conservation efforts to reduce water usage by 20 percent from 2020 water usage levels, and as amended to include delaying any enforcement penalties until a public engagement campaign is established. The motion carried, with Councilmember Montañez absent

Councilmembers discussed community outreach to educate citizens on conservation measures and suggested the Metropolitan Water District (MWD) be requested to facilitate a community outreach event.

10) FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 BUDGET STUDY SESSION NO. 3

City Manager Kimball presented the staff report and noted that an additional budget session special meeting would be scheduled for Monday, July 13, 2022 at 6PM.

Councilmembers discussed the Retirement and Self Insurance Fund and Capital Grant Projects.

11) SECOND READING FOR ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1710 ADDING CHAPTER 24 TO THE SAN FERNANDO MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROHIBIT SMOKING IN MULTI-UNIT HOUSING

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

Motion by Councilmember Ballin, seconded by Mayor Mendoza to approve for second reading and adoption, in title only, of Ordinance No. 1710 titled, “An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of San Fernando, California, adding Chapter 24 to the San Fernando Municipal Code to prohibit smoking in multi-unit housing.”

Motion carried, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL

AYES: Rodriguez, Ballin, Mendoza - 3

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Montanez, Pacheco - 2

ABSTAIN: None

12) DISCUSSION REGARDING A CLEANUP AND IMPROVED LIGHT AND SAFETY MEASURES ON THE BIKE PATH

It was the consensus of the City Council to continue this item to the special meeting of June 13, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

**STAFF COMMUNICATION INCLUDING COMMISSION UPDATES**

City Clerk Fritz announced tomorrow, is the June 7, 2022 Statewide Election Day and encouraged citizens to cast their vote.

Police Chief Valdez provided updates regarding fireworks enforcement operations.

Director of Recreation and Community Services Venegas mentioned the Education Commission would be meeting on June 8 and provided updates on various youth activity programs.

Director of Public Works Baumgardner commented on San Fernando Regional Park Infiltration Project.

Director of Community Development Kith announced that the June 13 Planning & Preservation Commission meeting would be cancelled as well as the community outreach event regarding Parking Lot No. 3's development options by Azure Development.

Interim Director of Finance Gomez-Garcia stated that the proposed Fiscal Year 2022-23 budget documents including PowerPoint meeting presentation slides are posted on the City's website.

City Manager Kimball mentioned that the Police Department's flag was flown at half-staff on Memorial Day and commented on the Pride Month event.

**GENERAL CITY COUNCIL/BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND LIAISON UPDATES**

Councilmember Ballin thanked staff for their work.

Councilmember Rodriguez thanked staff for their work, mentioned she attended the City's Pride Month event and noted that ice cream trucks are staying out late.

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Councilmember Ballin left the meeting at 10:00 p.m.

Vice Mayor Pacheco commented on the passing of the ordinance that prohibits smoking in multi-unit housing; mentioned to staff that there were a couple of fountain leaks at the Rudy Ortega Sr. Park; and thank staff on their work in recognition of Pride Month and June 19 as Juneteenth National Independence Day.

Mayor Mendoza reported she attended the San Fernando Valley Council of Governments (SFVCOG) Board of Directors meeting and commented on the Mobility Workshop addresses regional mobility issues, attended recognition events for Teens for Better Community, the Education Commission Annual Scholarship Awards Program and the City’s Memorial Day events.

**ADJOURNMENT (10:04 p.m.)**

Mayor Mendoza adjourned the meeting to the special meeting of June 13, 2022 at 10:04 p.m.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the June 6, 2022, regular meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.

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Julia Fritz, CMC  
City Clerk