

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

**JANUARY 19, 2021 – 6:00 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING**

Teleconference Per Governor Executive Order N-29-20

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Vice Mayor Mary Mendoza called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present:

Council: Mayor Sylvia Ballin (joined at 6:40 p.m.), Vice Mayor Mary Mendoza, and Councilmembers Hector A. Pacheco, Cindy Montañez and Celeste Rodriguez (joined at 6:40 p.m.)

Staff: City Manager Nick Kimball, Assistant City Attorney Richard Padilla, Police Chief Anthony Vairo, Deputy City Manager/Director of Community Development Timothy Hou, Director of Finance J. Diego Ibanez, Director of Public Works Matthew Baumgardner, Director of Recreation and Community Services Julian Venegas, and City Clerk Julia Fritz

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by City Clerk Fritz

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilmember Pacheco, seconded by Councilmember Montañez to approve the agenda. The motion carried with Mayor Ballin and Councilmember Rodriguez absent.

It was noted that Mayor Sylvia Ballin and Councilmember Celeste Rodriguez joined the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

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PRESENTATIONS

- A) PRESENTATION OF A CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION TO MS. VIOLET VICUNA CELEBRATING HER CENTENNIAL (100TH YEAR) BIRTHDAY

- B) EDUCATION COMMISSION CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION - STUDENT OF THE MONTH
 - LORENA MARCELINO (Academy of Scientific Exploration)

PUBLIC STATEMENTS – ORAL/WRITTEN

Teresa Mendez expressed her concern to continue the Free Meal Program.

Angel Zobel-Rodriguez, Education Commission Chair, announced a virtual program hosted by Tesla, “Introduce Girls to Engineering Day”. The Education Commission has reached out to San Fernando schools with grades 6-8 with information regarding program registration.

Dave Bernal commented on Agenda Item #8 and suggested holding off on a Citywide Parking Masterplan due to the pandemic and the installation of the Tesla charging stations.

Patty Lopez, former Assemblywoman 39th District, commented on prioritizing the community and families by continuing to host events that provide essential goods.

Yolanda Haro expressed concerns with the development of the Tesla charging station and the likelihood of Tesla car owners utilizing the charging station in San Fernando.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Montañez requested to pull Item No. 5 for discussion.

Motion by Councilmember Rodriguez, seconded by Councilmember Pacheco to approve Consent Calendar Nos. 1 through 4:

- 1) APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETINGS OF DECEMBER 7, 2020 AND JANUARY 4, 2021 – SUCCESSOR AGENCY

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

- 3) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE USE OF CITY LETTERHEAD TO SEND LETTERS FROM THE SAN FERNANDO EDUCATION COMMISSION TO LOCAL SCHOOL PRINCIPALS AND DIRECTORS REGARDING CITY RESOURCES

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- 4) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 SALARY PLAN TO IMPLEMENT CHANGES IN THE CALIFORNIA MINIMUM WAGE FOR CERTAIN PART-TIME EMPLOYEES

The motion carried unanimously.

Item Pulled for Discussion

- 5) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING A NEW JOB SPECIFICATION FOR COMMUNITY PRESERVATION OFFICER

Motion by Councilmember Montañez, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez to adopt Resolution No. 8051 approving new specifications for the Community Preservation Officer job classification; and authorize the City Manager to make non-substantive corrections and execute all related documents. The motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- 6) PRESENTATION AND UPDATE REGARDING COVID-19 RESPONSE EFFORTS

Director of Community Development Hou presented the staff report

Councilmember Pacheco spoke about the necessity to take care of the small businesses in the City of San Fernando and suggested Council consider the following policy proposals. The policy proposal includes: Calling on the large businesses (i.e. McDonalds, Starbucks) to pay employees to receive the Covid-19 vaccine; Provide rental relief to Swap-Meet vendors; waive business license processing fee, business license permit fee, and mall maintenance levy; provide grants for small businesses and informational webinars to educate on the small business loan process; provide at-home Covid-19 tests; re-examine outdoor dining and begin a slow re-opening.

Councilmember Montañez suggested utilizing ALERTSF to notify residents to register for testing and vaccinations. Suggested sending a letter to County Board of Supervisors to request more resources in testing and additional resources in vaccines. Requested additional information regarding the allocation of the \$311,000 received from Coronavirus Relief Funds.

Councilmember Rodriguez suggested promoting the San Fernando Park Testing site to residents, and mentioned the CDBG funds and the next round of funding. Pointed out resources required for students such as Wi-Fi.

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Mayor Ballin and Vice Mayor Mendoza echoed the Councilmembers comments and suggestions.

City Manager Kimball responded to Councilmember questions, suggesting to allow staff to review Councilmember Pacheco’s proposals and return at a future meeting with staff recommendations and budget amounts; will begin preparing a letter to the County Board of Supervisors for additional resources; provided information regarding the Coronavirus Relief Funds appropriations. Staff will prepare recommendations for Council consideration for the next City Council meeting.

7) PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION REGARDING SOLID WASTE FRANCHISE SERVICES

Director of Public Works Baumgardner and Republic Services Representative Francella Aguilar presented the staff report and responded to Councilmember questions.

By consensus, Councilmembers directed staff to bring back an ordinance implementing Assembly Bill 341, Assembly Bill 1826, and Senate Bill 1383 Regulations.

It was noted that the City Council recessed at 9:14 p.m. and reconvened at 9:22 p.m. with all Councilmembers present.

8) PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF THE CITYWIDE PARKING MANAGEMENT MASTER PLAN PROJECT

Director of Community Development Hou and KOA Consultants representatives presented the staff report and responded to Councilmember questions.

Council directed staff to provide follow-up information answering Councilmember questions regarding data concerns and gathering information to create a useful Parking Management Plan.

9) CONSIDERATION TO AWARD A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT TO MOORE IACOFANO GOLTSMAN, INC., FOR THE DESIGN OF THE LAYNE PARK REVITALIZATION PROJECT

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

Motion by Mayor Ballin, seconded by Vice Mayor Mendoza to approve a Professional Services Agreement (Contract No. 1974) with Moore Iacofano Goltsman, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$189,804, to provide design services for the Layne Park Revitalization Project; and authorize the City Manager to approve an additional scope of work, not to exceed \$25,000; and authorize the City Manager to make non-substantive changes and execute all related documents.

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The motion carried with the following vote:

ROLL CALL

AYES: Rodriguez, Pacheco, Mendoza, Ballin - 4

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: Montañez - 1

- 10) DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF THE CURRENT ALLOCATION OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS PROVIDED THROUGH THE CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT AND DISCUSSION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM YEAR FUNDING ALLOCATION

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

Motion by Vice Mayor Mendoza, seconded by Mayor Ballin to create a CDBG Ad Hoc Committee appointing Councilmembers Hector Pacheco and Celeste Rodriguez to the committee. The motion carries, unanimously.

- 11) CONSIDERATION TO REINSTATE THE CITY COUNCIL PENSION PROGRAM REVIEW AD HOC COMMITTEE TO REVIEW RESPONSES TO A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR UNDERWRITING SERVICES RELATED TO THE CITY'S PENSION OBLIGATION BONDS

Director of Finance Ibanez presented the staff report.

Motion by Vice Mayor Mendoza, seconded by Mayor Ballin to reinstate the City Council Pension Program Review Ad Hoc Committee appointing Vice Mayor Mendoza and Councilmember Montañez to the committee. The motion carries, unanimously.

STAFF COMMUNICATION INCLUDING COMMISSION UPDATES

Director of Public Works Baumgardner announced that staff addressed eleven fallen trees due to the high winds.

Director of Recreation and Community Services Venegas had no updates to report.

City Clerk Fritz had no updates to report.

Director of Community Development Hou provided an update regarding the appeals hearing for the 6th Cycle of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment Allocation, the City had its appeals hearing last week in front of the SCAG RHNA Appeals Board and all eight appeals that appeared in front of the board have been denied. Staff has kicked off the Housing Element Update effort to meet State law requirement.

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Director of Finance announced on February 1, 2021, Department Heads will be presenting department goals for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 based on City Council's strategic goals. Lastly, requested City Council to adjourn tonight's meeting in memory of Senior Account Clerk Sandra Soto's father.

Police Chief Vairo requested City Council to adjourn tonight's meeting in memory of Dan Alderman's son, Bobby Alderman, Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick, and Sacramento County Sheriff Deputy Adam Gibson.

GENERAL CITY COUNCIL/BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND LIAISON UPDATES

Councilmember Montañez gave condolences to Sandra Soto and her family and asked to adjourn the meeting in memory of Jess Margarito. Lastly, invited everyone to watch and enjoy Inauguration Day tomorrow.

Councilmember Rodriguez echoed sentiments of Jess Margarito and extended condolences to all the families who lost loved ones.

Councilmember Pacheco announced the finalization of 85 locations and trees to be planted along Glenoaks Blvd. Secondly, provided gratitude to the Education Commission and Chair Angel Zobel-Rodriguez for collaborating with Tesla to include youth in STEM and Engineering. Provided updates regarding SCAG meeting and topic of Climate Action and Climate Change. Lastly, requested to adjourn the meeting in memory of Martin Luther King Jr. and Tommy Lasorda.

Vice Mayor Mendoza reported she attended the Los Angeles County City Selection Committee meeting where the committees' budget was approved and wished Councilmember Montañez and her brother, Arturo Chacon, a happy birthday.

Mayor Ballin spoke about Jess Margarito and sends her condolences to their family.

ADJOURNMENT (11:43 p.m.)

Mayor Ballin adjourned the meeting in memory of Sandra Soto's father, Bobby Alderman, Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick, Sacramento County Sheriff Deputy Adam Gibson, Former Mayor Jess Margarito, Martin Luther King Jr., and Tommy Lasorda to the next regular City Council Meeting of February 1, 2021.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of January 19, 2021, meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.

Julia Fritz, City Clerk