

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

**FEBRUARY 3, 2021 – 5:00 P.M.
ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING**

Teleconference Per Governor Executive Order N-29-20

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Sylvia Ballin called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

Present:

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

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 Diego Ibanez, Direct Public Works Director Matthew Baumgardner, Director of Recreation and Community Services Julian Venegas, and City Clerk Julia Fritz

Absent: None

City Clerk Julia Fritz reported that the Notice of Adjournment was posted pursuant to Government Code Sections 54955 and 54955.1.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by City Clerk Fritz

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- 8) DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF THE PROGRAMS FUNDED THROUGH THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS PROVIDED THROUGH THE CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT AND THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM YEAR FUNDING ALLOCATION

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City Manager Kimball presented the staff report and introduced the City's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) consultant Michael Neal with Michael Baker International, who provided additional comments and responded to Councilmember inquiries.

Motion by Councilmember Rodriguez, seconded by Councilmember Pacheco to discuss the use of the additional Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding provided through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CDBG-CV), related CDBG Ad Hoc Committee recommendation and finalizing details of the program. The motion carried, unanimously.

9) DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF POTENTIAL PROGRAMS FOR A LOCAL COVID-19 STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR SAN FERNANDO RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES

City Manager Kimball presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Pacheco, seconded by Mayor Ballin to direct staff to implement all program items with the exception of the local transit support item (immediately waiving the local transit fees and prioritizing the Capital Improvement Project to be discussed at a later time). The motion carried, unanimously.

10) DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATION OF EACH DEPARTMENT'S RECOMMENDED CITY COUNCIL PRIORITIES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 PROPOSED BUDGET PROCESS

It was the consensus of the Councilmembers to table this item to the February 16, 2021 Regular Meeting.

STAFF COMMUNICATION INCLUDING COMMISSION UPDATES

Director of Recreation and Community Services Venegas announced the Parks, Wellness, and Recreation Commission will be held on Tuesday, February 9, 2021, and the Commission will be discussing the approvals of murals on public land.

Police Chief Vairo announced the current police dog will be medically retired due to an injury while training and noted that the purchase of a new police dog will be brought to Council for consideration.

Director of Public Works Baumgardner announced that beginning this weekend the mall closures along San Fernando Road between Brand Blvd. and Maclay Ave. will begin Friday nights and reopen on Sundays, to allow for outdoor dining.

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Director of Finance Ibanez announced the Measure A Town hall Meeting will be on February 22, 2021, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

City Clerk Fritz mentioned that the Education Commission will be acknowledging two “Students of the Month” at the February 16, 2021 City Council Meeting.

Deputy City Manager/Director of Community Development Hou announced the Planning and Preservation Commission meeting will be held on Monday, February 8, 2021. The Commission will be discussing the selection of officers and an update from staff regarding recent legislative changes to accessory dwelling unit laws. Secondly, a reminder to provide nominees for the Technical Advisory Committee for the Housing Element Update.

City Manager Kimball announced an executive order has been issued extending outdoor services due to Covid-19 and mentioned staff continues to work with City partnerships to create a focus on San Fernando residents in order to provide testing and vaccinations.

GENERAL CITY COUNCIL/BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND LIAISON UPDATES

Councilmember Pacheco met with Councilmember Montañez regarding tree expertise and tree placement in the City.

Councilmember Rodriguez thanked Council and staff for their work and mentioned her support for bus stop rehabilitation, and suggested residents take advantage of free tax assistance offered through CSUN’s Vita program.

Councilmember Montañez echoed her excitement for the placement of new trees in the City, commented about the Safe and Active Streets Ad Hoc Committee meeting, and suggested staff seek resource assistance for the homeless.

Councilmember Ballin requested to agendaize for the next meeting, to create an ad hoc for homelessness.

Vice Mayor Mendoza attended Violet Vicuna’s Centennial Birthday celebration parade and presented her with a Certificate of Recognition on behalf of the City Council.

Mayor Ballin spoke about the parade and thanked the Police Department for their participation, and reported that the Metropolitan Water District Board of Directors announced the removal and replacement of Board Members Charles Trevino and Adan Ortega.

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ADJOURNMENT (6:46 p.m.)

Mayor Ballin adjourned the adjourned regular meeting to the next regular City Council Meeting of February 16, 2021.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of February 3, 2021, meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.

Julia Fritz, City Clerk