

**SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**AUGUST 18, 2014 – 6:00 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING**

City Hall Council Chambers
117 Macneil Street
San Fernando, CA 91340

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Sylvia Ballin called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present:

Council: Mayor Sylvia Ballin, Mayor Pro Tem Robert C. Gonzales, and Councilmembers Jesse H. Avila, Joel Fajardo, and Antonio Lopez

Staff: City Manager Brian Saeki, City Attorney Rick R. Olivarez, and City Clerk Elena G. Chávez

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Police Explorer Fernando Rojas

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Ballin asked to move Items No. 12 and 15 prior to Item No. 8. By consensus, the agenda was approved, as amended.

PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL

John Blue spoke about certain street design dangers and suggested the creation of a civilian design review board.

John Arroyo spoke about Canine Jim's retirement; reported cracks in sidewalks and potholes in the streets and urged the City to repair the streets.

Hilda Garza, San Fernando Library Manager, discussed operating hours and reported preloaded Kindle readers are available for checkout.

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CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Ballin pulled Item No. 6 from the Consent Calendar for separate discussion.

Motion by Councilmember Avila, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales, to approve the remaining Consent Calendar Items:

- 1) REQUEST TO APPROVE MINUTES OF:
 - a. JULY 21, 2014 – REGULAR MEETING
 - b. AUGUST 4, 2014 – SPECIAL MEETING
- 2) REQUEST TO APPROVE WARRANT REGISTER NO 14-082
- 3) RECORDS DESTRUCTION – VARIOUS CITY DEPARTMENTS
- 4) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT ANNUAL RESOLUTION REQUIRED BY LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGARDING THE CITY'S OBLIGATION TO THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2014-2015
- 5) APPROVAL OF A SIDE LETTER OF AGREEMENT WITH THE SAN FERNANDO POLICE CIVILIAN ASSOCIATION AND RESOLUTION NO. 7628 AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2014-2015 SALARY PLAN
- 7) RELEASE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT SERVICES

By consensus, the motion carried.

Items Pulled for Separate Discussion

- 6) CONSIDERATION OF RETIREMENT OF POLICE CANINE AND PURCHASE BY HANDLER

Police Lieutenant Anthony Vairo provided a brief history of the Police Department Canine program; spoke about Canine Jim's service and accomplishments and introduced his handler, Officer Walter Dominguez.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales, seconded by Councilmember Avila, to approve Item No. 6 of the Consent Calendar. By consensus, the motion carried.

City Council skipped to Item No. 15 of the agenda.

PUBLIC HEARING

- 8) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT AN URGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE VI, DIVISION 6, SUBDIVISION II, SECTION 2-810 OF THE CITY'S MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO COOPERATIVE PURCHASING

Mayor Ballin declared the Public Hearing, open.

Director of Finance Nick Kimball presented details of the report.

Councilmembers discussed timelines relative to "piggybacking" on larger contracts.

Mayor Ballin invited public comments. There being no comments, motion by Councilmember Avila, seconded by Councilmember Lopez, to close the Public Hearing. By consensus, the motion carried.

City Attorney Rick R. Olivarez read amended language to add to the ordinance.

Motion by Councilmember Avila, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales, to waive full reading of Ordinance No. U-1635 and adopt by title only, "An Urgency Ordinance of the City Council of the City of San Fernando Amending Section 2-810 (Cooperative Agreements) of Subdivision II of Division 6 of Article VI of Chapter 2 of the San Fernando Municipal Code and Declaring the Urgency Thereof in Accordance with Government Code Sections 36934 and 36937", as amended. This Ordinance is introduced pursuant to Government Code Section 36937(b) and requires a four-fifths (4/5ths) vote for adoption. By consensus, the motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- 9) CONSIDERATION TO PURCHASE ONE 2015 FORD POLICE INTERCEPTOR SPORT UTILITY VEHICLE

Director of Finance Nick Kimball presented details of the report.

Discussion followed regarding auctioning off the current vehicle and stock versus special equipment needed on the vehicle,

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales, seconded by Mayor Ballin, to approve the purchase of one 2015 Ford Police Interceptor Sport Utility Vehicle from Wondries Fleet Group (under City of Los Angeles' Contract No. 15837) for a not-to-exceed cost of \$40,310. By consensus, the motion carried.

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10) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING COMMERCIAL PROPERTY TAX REFORM

City Manager Saeki reported the representative for this item was unable to attend and suggested tabling the item to the next City Council meeting.

The item was tabled, by consensus, without objection to the next City Council meeting.

11) APPROVAL OF THE INDEPENDENT CITIES RISK MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY'S (ICRMA) NEGOTIATED GROUP PURCHASE CONTRACT WITH CARL WARREN & COMPANY FOR THIRD PARTY LIABILITY CLAIMS ADMINISTRATION

Personnel Manager Michael Okafor presented details of the report.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales, seconded by Councilmember Fajardo, to approve the City's participation in the ICRMA's negotiated group purchase program for third party liability claims administration; approve a group purchase contract for five years with Carl Warren & Company as the City's third-party liability claims administrators, and include ICRMA as a party to the contract as stipulated by ICRMA Governing Board; and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract. By consensus, the motion carried.

12) UPDATE REGARDING THE SAN FERNANDO CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Don Ross, Tech Works, Board Member, San Fernando Chamber of Commerce, discussed revitalization and formation of the Chamber and reported they are focused on bringing a cohesive representation of businesses in San Fernando and market the City as an opportunity for new businesses and customers. Report was received and filed.

City Council returned to Item No. 8 and followed the rest of the agenda, as presented.

13) APPOINTMENT TO THE EDUCATION COMMISSION

Mayor Sylvia Ballin recommended the appointment of Michael Remenih as her representative to the Education Commission.

Motion by Councilmember Avila, seconded by Councilmember Fajardo, to appoint Michael Remenih as Mayor Ballin's representative to the Education Commission. By consensus, the motion carried.

14) UPDATE TO THE CITY COUNCIL LIAISON ASSIGNMENTS LIST

This item is placed on the agenda by Mayor Sylvia Ballin for City Council review and consideration.

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City Manager Saeki presented an update to the City Council Liaison Assignment list.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales, seconded by Councilmember Avila, to accept the updated City Council Liaison Assignment list, as presented. By consensus, the motion carried.

15) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION REQUESTING ACTION BY CONGRESS ON DROUGHT LEGISLATION THAT CORRECT DELTA WATER MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS

This item is placed on the agenda by Mayor Sylvia Ballin for City Council review and consideration.

Mario Santoyo, Executive Director, California Latino Water Coalition, presented a report; discussed the current drought and asked City Council to consider a resolution requesting action by Congress on drought legislation that will correct Delta water management problems.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales, seconded by Councilmember Avila, to adopt a resolution requesting action by Congress on drought legislation that will correct Delta water management problems. By consensus, the motion carried.

16) CONSIDERATION OF LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES ANNUAL CONFERENCE RESOLUTION

Councilmember Lopez presented the resolution for consideration.

Discussion followed regarding the devastating use of public and private land, support of the resolution by other cities, the need to know the scope of the environmental impacts, and the League of California Cities position on the legalization of marijuana.

Motion by Councilmember Lopez, seconded by Councilmember Avila, to support “A Resolution Calling Upon the Governor and the Legislature to Convene a Summit to Address the Devastating Environmental Impacts of Illegal Marijuana Grows on Both Private and Public Lands Throughout California and the Increasing Problems to Public Safety Related to These Activities by Working in Partnership with the League of California Cities to Develop Responsive Solutions and to Secure Adequate Funding for Cost-Effective Implementation Strategies”; and direct the City Council’s Voting Delegate and/or Alternate Voting Delegate to vote accordingly on the City Council’s behalf, at the Annual Business Meeting. By consensus, the motion carried.

17) STREET SWEEPING CONTRACT UPDATE

City Manager Saeki presented the report; addressed options for City Council to continue street sweeping services in the City and discussed recommendations.

Motion by Councilmember Avila, seconded by Councilmember Fajardo, to authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute a six-month contract extension for street sweeping services with Athens Services, Inc. to allow sufficient time for a Request for Proposals process to be

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conducted and subsequent contract consideration by the City Council; and direct the City Manager to prepare/issue an RFP for street sweeping services, and review/select/recommend a contractor to the City Council for consideration and approval. By consensus, the motion carried.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION LIAISON UPDATES

Councilmember Avila reported the Transportation Committee discussed recommendations to install a "No right hand turn on a red light" on Truman Street.

Councilmember Fajardo reported the Tree Commission discussed trees for the median on Brand and is considering funding sources for the Master Tree Plan.

GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Avila announced the opening of a new Smart and Final.

Councilmember Lopez commented positively on the meeting, tonight.

Mayor Ballin discussed work by Southern California Edison in the City and asked to adjourn tonight's meeting in memory of Vicky S. Mojica.

Councilmember Avila spoke about the need for improved relationships between the Police Department and residents.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

City Manager Saeki reported the contract with the Los Angeles Fire Department was approved by the Public Safety Committee and commented positively on a recent Mariachi Group event.

ADJOURNMENT (7:26 P.M.)

By consensus, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Vicky S. Mojica.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of August 18, 2014, meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.

Julia Fritz
City Clerk