

**SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**OCTOBER 19, 2020 – 6:00 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING**

Teleconference Per Governor Executive Order N-29-20

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Joel Fajardo called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Present:

Council: Mayor Joel Fajardo, Vice Mayor Hector A. Pacheco (joined at 6:13 p.m.), Councilmembers Sylvia Ballin, Robert C. Gonzales (joined at 6:13 p.m.), and Mary Mendoza

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

Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Mayor Fajardo

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Mayor Fajardo, seconded by Councilmember Mendoza to approve the agenda. The motion carried with Vice Mayor Pacheco and Councilmember Gonzales absent.

PRESENTATION

It was noted that Vice Mayor Pacheco and Councilmember Gonzales joined the meeting at 6:13 p.m.

A) EDUCATION COMMISSION CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION - STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

- Leah Cortes (O'Melveny Elementary)
- Andres Bernal (Academy of Scientific Exploration)
- Jason Portillo (Social Justice Humanitas Academy)

- B) RECEIVE AN INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION REGARDING THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020, GENERAL ELECTION ACTIVITY UPDATES

PUBLIC STATEMENTS

City Clerk Fritz read Public Statements into the record submitted by:

Liana Stepanyan, San Fernando Library Manager provided information regarding the Library's service schedule.

Maria Panduro mentioned concerns on activities associated with the upcoming Halloween events during the COVID-19 pandemic.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Councilmember Ballin, seconded by Councilmember Mendoza to approve:

- 1) REQUEST TO APPROVE MEETING MINUTES OF:
 - a. APRIL 20, 2020 – REGULAR MEETING
 - b. MAY 4, 2020 – REGULAR MEETING
 - c. OCTOBER 5, 2020 – SPECIAL MEETING
- 2) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WARRANT REGISTER
- 3) CONSIDERATION TO ACCEPT THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY SELECTIVE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM (STEP) GRANT PT21053 AND ADOPT A RESOLUTION AMENDING FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 BUDGET

The motion carried, unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- 4) RECEIVE A PRESENTATION FROM METRO REGARDING THE EAST SAN FERNANDO VALLEY TRANSIT CORRIDOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT/ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND PROVIDE RELATED DIRECTION

It was noted that Mayor Fajardo left the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

Metro representatives presented an update regarding the East San Fernando Valley Light Rail Transit project and responded to Councilmember questions and concerns.

Staff was directed to prepare a letter to include the City's position on the final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to be submitted to the Board of Directors prior to the deadline.

It was noted that Mayor Fajardo joined the meeting at 8:57 p.m.

5) UPDATE ON THE GLENOAKS BOULEVARD STREET RESURFACING AND HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Director of Public Works Baumgardner presented an update on the Glenoaks Boulevard street resurfacing and the Highway safety improvement project and responded to Councilmember questions. City Council received and filed the report.

City Manager Kimball requested Item Nos. 9 and 10 be considered together due to the subject matter.

9) DISCUSSION REGARDING COVID-19 RESPONSE EFFORTS AND APPROVAL OF PROPOSED RECOMMENDATIONS

Deputy City Manager/Director of Community Development Hou presented information regarding the City's COVID-19 response efforts, statistics, and related recommendations.

10) DISCUSSION REGARDING HALLOWEEN ACTIVITIES AND APPROVAL OF PROPOSED RECOMMENDATIONS

It was the consensus of the City Council to direct staff to follow the Los Angeles County Public Health guidelines to inform the community about Halloween activities, planned street closures, including applicable signage.

Mayor Fajardo stated that Items No. 11, 8, and 7 be considered next.

11) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE FIRST TUESDAY IN NOVEMBER OF EVEN NUMBERED YEARS AS ELECTION DAY IN SAN FERNANDO

Motion by Vice Mayor Pacheco, seconded by Mayor Fajardo to adopt Resolution No. 8034, declaring the first Tuesday in November of even numbered years, as Election Day in San Fernando. The motion carried unanimously.

8) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A SIDE LETTER OF AGREEMENT WITH THE SAN FERNANDO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION AND SAN FERNANDO MANAGEMENT GROUP TO RESOLVE IMPACTS OF THE RETIREMENT INCENTIVE BENEFIT AND ADOPT RELATED RESOLUTIONS

City Manager Kimball presented the report and discussed supplemental information distributed to Council subsequent to the distribution of the agenda packet.

Motion by Mayor Fajardo, seconded by Councilmember Ballin to:

- a. Approve the proposed Side Letter of Agreement (Contract No. 1969) between the City of San Fernando and the San Fernando Public Employees Association (SFPEA) implementing changes to existing job classifications, adopting new job classifications, and adjusting the salary plan related to position duties and responsibilities directly impacted by the Retirement Incentive Program;
- b. Approve the proposed Side Letter of Agreement (Contract No. 1970) between the City of San Fernando and the San Fernando Management Group (SFMG) implementing changes to existing job classifications, adopting new job classifications, and adjusting the salary plan related to position duties and responsibilities directly impacted by the Retirement Incentive Program;
- c. Adopt Resolution No. 8035 approving new classification specifications for positions represented by SFPEA and SFMG;
- d. Adopt Resolution No. 8036 amending the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-2021 Salary Plan to include the appropriate salary range for each new classification specification represented by SFPEA and SFMG;
- e. Adopt Resolution No. 8037 amending the Table of Organization for FY 2020-2021 to reflect the changes identified in the Side Letter of Agreements; and
- f. Authorize the City Manager to make non-substantive corrections and execute the Side Letter of Agreements and all related documents and include supplemental information submitted to the City Clerk, as Attachment A, including a minor addition to the Side Letter of Agreement, City Mechanic job specifications and eliminating references to Public Works Technician.

The motion carried unanimously.

- 7) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION FOR PROP. 68 PER CAPITA FUNDING AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT SUCH FUNDS SHOULD GRANT BE AWARDED

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

Motion by Mayor Fajardo, seconded by Councilmember Gonzales to adopt Resolution No. 8033 authorizing the submittal of a grant application to the California Department of Parks and Recreation Per Capita Grant to fund the Pioneer Park Playground Renovation and Outdoor Exercise Project; authorize the City Manager to accept the grant funds, upon award of grant; authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute all grant-related documents required for receiving such grant funds pursuant to the terms and conditions of the grant; and upon full execution of all grant-related documents; and authorize the City Manager to amend the revenue and expenditure budgets to appropriate the grant funds. The motion carried unanimously.

6) PRESENTATION OF FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 PRELIMINARY YEAR-END BUDGET ESTIMATES AND FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 BUDGET REVIEW

Director of Finance Ibanez presented the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 preliminary year-end budget estimates and Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget review and responded to Councilmember questions. City Council received and filed the report.

STAFF COMMUNICATION INCLUDING COMMISSION UPDATES

Director of Recreation and Community Services Venegas mentioned upcoming virtual community events.

City Manager Kimball announced upcoming dates for the Strategic Planning meetings.

GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS AND LIAISON UPDATES

Councilmember Gonzales thanked staff for all their work.

Councilmember Mendoza attended the California League of Cities meeting; and thanked the San Fernando Mall Association for adding lights in the mall.

Councilmember Ballin discussed the completion of the mural project and the mural installation planned for mid-November. Councilmember Ballin reminded residents to be aware of hit pieces on Candidates often issued by non-resident special interest groups associated with the upcoming election.

Vice Mayor Pacheco thanked staff for their work, congratulated the Los Angeles Dodgers for winning the World Series and Councilmember Mendoza on her first anniversary as a City Councilmember.

Mayor Fajardo commented positively regarding serving with Councilmember Mendoza and echoed comments made by Councilmember Ballin regarding special interest groups.

ADJOURNMENT (10:37 P.M.)

Motion by Mayor Fajardo, seconded by Councilmember Ballin to adjourn the meeting. By consensus, the motion carried.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of October 19, 2020, meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.

Julia Fritz, CMC
City Clerk