

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

**OCTOBER 17, 2022 – 6:00 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING**

**CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
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 6:07 p.m.

Present: Council: Mayor Mary Mendoza, Vice Mayor Hector A. Pacheco and Councilmembers Cindy Montañez and Celeste Rodriguez (via teleconference)

Staff: City Manager Nick Kimball, Assistant City Attorney Richard Padilla, Police Chief Fabian Valdez, Director of Finance Erica Melton, Director of Public Works Matthew Baumgardner, Director of Community Development Kanika Kith, Director of Recreation and Community Services Julian Venegas and City Clerk Julia Fritz

Absent: Councilmember Sylvia Ballin

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Boy Scout Troop #911

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PRESENTATIONS

- A. PRESENTATION OF EDUCATION COMMISSION CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION FOR OCTOBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH
Sunday Kelly (San Fernando Institute for Applied Media (SFIAM))
Itzel Bueno (Academy of Scientific Exploration)

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B. PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION TO LOCAL PARTNERS AND ORGANIZATIONS FOR HOSTING COVID-19 VACCINATION AND/OR TESTING CLINICS

PUBLIC STATEMENTS

James Thomas spoke in opposition of the appointment of Adan Ortega to the Metropolitan Water District Board of Directors.

Mark Edelman from King Capital Advisors, the City’s investment consultant, introduced himself to the City Councilmembers.

Julissa Hernandez, Field Representative from the Office of Assemblywoman Luz Rivas, attended National Night Out and hosted a resource booth and provided information on community events; announced October 21, 2022, is the application deadline for Assembly Bill 46 to create the California Youth Empowerment Commission that provides state youth to be engaged and make recommendations to the legislation.

Jose Domingo Molina Garcia thanked the City Council for their work in the City and offered to volunteer in any capacity to give back to the community.

Ed Guzman spoke about noise level (decibels allowed) on automobiles exhaust noise; reported that cars are entering opposite of the one way direction in the parking lot behind City Hall; and in the area North of Maclay turning right onto Glenoaks is confusing as the sign that states “No Right Turn on Red Light” needs to be more prominently displayed.

Lilia Monterrosa, from Congressman Tony Cárdenas Office, provided congressional updates regarding applications for the student loan forgiveness program is open from October 17, 2022 to December 31, 2023; submissions for the Congressional App Challenge would be closing shortly; thanked attendees of the Citizenship Workshop on October 15, 2022; and lastly, mentioned Congressman Cárdenas honored local Northeast San Fernando Valley leaders during an inaugural “Valley Luchadores” awards ceremony held in Panorama City.

Liana Stepanyan provided library updates including Covid-19 vaccine programs and services.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Vice Mayor Pacheco, seconded by Councilmember Montanez to approve:

- 1) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES:
 - a. October 19, 2020 – Regular Meeting
 - b. January 4, 2021 – Regular Meeting

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- c. April 5, 2021 – Regular Meeting
 - d. September 19, 2022 – Regular Meeting
 - e. October 3, 2022 – Special Meeting
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- 2) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WARRANT REGISTER
 - 3) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH SPECTRUMVOIP TO PROVIDE THE CITY'S VOICE OVER INTERNET PROTOCOL (VOIP) TELEPHONE SYSTEM SERVICES
 - 4) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE AN EQUIPMENT LEASE AND SERVICE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH CANON SOLUTIONS AMERICA, INC. FOR THE CITYWIDE MULTIFUNCTION DEVICE MANAGED PRINT SERVICES REPLACEMENT PROJECT
 - 5) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTIONS TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS FROM THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL, ALCOHOL POLICING PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM
 - 6) CONSIDERATION TO ACCEPT THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES HIGH FREQUENCY COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT GRANT
 - 7) CONSIDERATION TO AWARD A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE PEDESTRIAN FENCING GLENOAKS BOULEVARD BRIDGE PROJECT, PROJECT NO. 7618, PLAN NO. P-740
 - 8) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE AN EXCHANGE AGREEMENT AND ASSIGNMENT OF FEDERAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM-LOCAL (STP-L) AND HIGHWAY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM (HIP) FUNDS FOR USE ON THE CITY'S SIDEWALK REPAIR PROGRAM

The motion carried unanimously with Councilmember Ballin absent.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- 9) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO AND THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO SUPPORT BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY AND ADDRESS THE DIGITAL DIVIDE

Assistant to the City Manager Hernandez and County of Los Angeles Internal Services Department Selwyn Hollins provided a presentation and responded to Councilmember questions.

Motion by Councilmember Montanez, seconded by Vice Mayor Pacheco to approve a Memorandum of Understanding (Contract No. 2115) between the City and the County of Los Angeles to support broadband connectivity and address the digital divide; and authorize the City Manager to make non-substantive changes and execute all related documents. The motion carried unanimously with Councilmember Ballin absent.

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It was noted that Councilmember Rodriguez left the meeting at 7:45 p.m. and returned at 7:57 p.m.

10) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH RINCON CONSULTANTS, INC. TO PREPARE PHASE I OF THE CLIMATE ACTION AND RESILIENCE PLAN

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

Motion by Councilmember Montañez, seconded by Vice Mayor Pacheco to approve a Professional Services Agreement (Contract No. 2116) with Rincon Consultants, Inc. in an amount not-to-exceed \$50,000 for preparation of Phase 1 of the Climate Action and Resilience Plan; adopt Resolution No. 8184 amending Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Adopted Budget to appropriate expenditures for Phase I of the Climate Action and Resilience Plan; authorize the City Manager to make non-substantive changes and execute the agreement and all related documents; and coordinate with the Green City Ad Hoc. The motion carried unanimously with Councilmember Ballin absent.

11) DISCUSSION AND INFORMATIONAL UPDATE ON MAINTENANCE EFFORTS ON THE MISSION CITY BIKE TRAIL

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

By consensus, Council recommended scheduling a Beautification event, create a plan for staffing/operational costs for continued maintenance of bike path, seeking programming opportunity through Recreation and Community Services, and revisit agreement with Metrolink regarding the maintenance schedule.

12) DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION REGARDING CITY MEMBERSHIP TO JOIN CALIFORNIA CONTRACT CITIES ASSOCIATION

Councilmember Celeste Rodriguez and California Contract Cities Executive Director Marcel Rodarte provided a presentation and responded to Councilmember questions.

Motion by Councilmember Rodriguez, seconded by Mayor Mendoza to join California Contract Cities. The motion carried by the following vote:

ROLL CALL

AYES: Rodriguez, Mendoza - 2

NAYS: Pacheco - 1

ABSTAIN: Montañez - 1

ABSENT: Ballin - 1

13) CONSIDERATION AND DISCUSSION TO ADDRESS CERTAIN COMMENTS MADE BY CITY OF LOS ANGELES COUNCILMEMBERS GIL CEDILLO AND KEVIN DE LEÓN

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Motion by Councilmember Rodriguez, seconded by Councilmember Montañez to create a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Ad Hoc with Mayor Mendoza and Councilmember Rodriguez to draft a statement/letter on the City's position and develop a policy/guideline moving forward. The motion carried unanimously with Councilmember Ballin absent.

STAFF COMMUNICATION INCLUDING COMMISSION UPDATES

City Clerk Fritz reported that the County of Los Angeles Elections Community Voter Outreach Committee hosted a booth at the National Night Out event to educate voters on election procedures and registered three new voters.

Police Chief Valdez thanked everyone who supported the National Night Out event; on October 8, 2022, members of the Police Department participated in the Annual National Faith & Blue event; members of the Police Department attended the monthly San Fernando Valley Council on Gangs and plan to participate monthly moving forward to enhance Gang Intervention Prevention; spoke about having meetings with Captains of Los Angeles Police Department to increase collaboration; reported the Police Department was awarded the Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act Grant to fund peer counseling, Family Health and Wellness Training, and Critical Incident Response Training.

Director of Recreation and Community Services Venegas mentioned the book signing event being held at the Casa de Lopez Adobe on October 23, 2022; spoke about the San Fernando Valley Mile Run and Dia de los Muertos event and registration status; noted the Education Commission meeting will be held on October 25, 2022, to continue discussions of the Principals Brunch Event; and announced the Veterans Recognition Culminating Ceremony will be held on Sunday, November 6, 2022.

Director of Public Works Baumgardner reported Public Works is working on eight construction projects and reminded residents of the City's water restrictions.

Director of Community Development Kith mentioned a draft ordinance regarding Senate Bill 9 will be reviewed at the November Planning and Preservation Commission meeting.

Director of Finance Melton had no updates to report.

City Manager Kimball mentioned City departments will be participating in a Halloween decorating and costume contests.

GENERAL CITY COUNCIL/BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND LIAISON UPDATES

It was noted that Councilmember Rodriguez left the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

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Councilmember Montañez mentioned she participated in the Green City Ad hoc Committee meeting and discussed landscape design guidelines; reported that she attended the Metropolitan Water District Board Meeting where Adan Ortega was elected Board Chair; and attended the 100-year Kiwanis Club Celebration event.

Vice Mayor Pacheco reported that he is finalizing scholarship details with the Education Commission and announced a new filmmaker scholarship; encouraged citizens to vote; discussed landscaping guidelines at the Green City Ad hoc Committee meeting and thanked TreePeople for their work in the City.

Mayor Mendoza reported she attended National Night Out, National Faith & Blue event, Under the Harvest Moon Fundraiser hosted by TreePeople, Fernandeno Tataviam Band of Mission Indians Cultural event, Metropolitan Water District Board Meeting where Adan Ortega was elected Board Chair. She also noted attending the Native Youth Gathering for Transformative Change Culminating event hosted by Pukuu Tutcint and the Las Palmas Senior Club's Halloween Dance.

Councilmember Montañez thanked Mayor Mendoza for coordinating a meeting with the California Natural Resources Agency to discuss the Calles Verdes project.

ADJOURNMENT (9:44 p.m.)

Mayor Mendoza adjourned the meeting to the next regular meeting of November 7, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the October 17, 2022, regular meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.

Julia Fritz, CMC
City Clerk