

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

**NOVEMBER 7, 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 Sylvia Ballin, 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: None

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by City Clerk Julia Fritz

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Mendoza requested Agenda Item No. 9 be pulled from the agenda. Motion by Councilmember Ballin, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

It was noted Councilmember Rodriguez left the meeting at 6:10 p.m. and re-joined the meeting at 6:41 p.m.

**PRESENTATIONS**

- A. PRESENTATION OF EDUCATION COMMISSION CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION FOR NOVEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH  
Rafael Vasquez (San Fernando Middle School)  
Alyssa Gabriel (Social Justice Humanitas Academy)

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- B. PRESENTATION OF A CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 13-19, 2022 AS UNITED AGAINST HATE AWARENESS WEEK
- C. PRESENTATION OF A CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION DECLARING NOVEMBER AS FAMILY COURT AWARENESS MONTH
- D. PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION DECLARING NOVEMBER AS VETERANS' MONTH

**PUBLIC STATEMENTS**

Ed Guzman reported concerns regarding cars entering opposite of the one way direction in the parking lot behind City Hall; and traffic signage issues in the area North of Maclay turning right onto Glenoaks.

Joel Fajardo submitted a written comment regarding concerns on the City's existing procedure associated with peace officer disciplinary issues.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

- 1) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES:
  - a. October 3, 2022 – Regular Meeting
  - b. October 17, 2022 – Special Meeting
  - c. October 17, 2022 – Regular Meeting
- 2) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WARRANT REGISTER
- 3) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION RE-AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS FOR THE PERIOD OF NOVEMBER 11, 2022 TO DECEMBER 10, 2022, OF THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO'S LEGISLATIVE BODIES IN COMPLIANCE WITH GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953(E) AND OTHER APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF ASSEMBLY BILL 361
- 4) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF THREE 2023 DODGE CHARGER PURSUIT V-6 POLICE VEHICLES AND INSTALLATION OF REQUIRED EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT; AND, DESIGNATE THREE ADMINISTRATIVE POLICE VEHICLES AND THREE PATROL VEHICLES AS SURPLUS FOR DISPOSAL
- 5) CONSIDERATION TO AUTHORIZE THE FORMAL SOLICITATION OF BIDS FOR THE SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

- 6) CONSIDERATION TO AWARD A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE LAYNE PARK REVITALIZATION PROJECT

The motion carried unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

- 7) REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO'S UPDATED EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN AND STATE EARTHQUAKE BRACE AND BOLT PROGRAM

Police Chief Valdez and Lieutenant Rosenberg presented the staff report and California Earthquake Authority Representative Mark Toohey provided a presentation on the State Earthquake Brace and Bolt Program and grant funds available for costs associated to retrofit upgrades.

City Manager Kimball stated the State Earthquake Brace and Bolt Program will be announced via the City's social media outlets, email and posted to the city website; and going forward, an annual reminder will be distributed on information regarding key dates associated with the grant program.

Motion by Councilmember Montañez, seconded by Councilmember Ballin to adopt the Emergency Operations Plan, as amended to include specific annexes and staff to review annually and update every five years to align with the Hazard Mitigation Plan. The motion carried, unanimously.

- 8) DISCUSSION AND INFORMATIONAL UPDATE ON POLICE DEPARTMENT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE STATISTICS

Police Chief Valdez presented the staff report and responded to Councilmember questions.

It was noted Vice Mayor Pacheco left the meeting at 8:18 p.m. and re-joined the meeting at 8:26 p.m. via teleconference.

By consensus, Council received and filed the report, recommended statistics be reviewed annually; and directed staff to: 1) Update pamphlet to be more reader friendly, verify phone numbers are working and useful, place in public locations; and 2) evaluate potential partnerships (with schools, nonprofits, et al.).

Item No. 9 was pulled from the agenda and no further action taken by the City Council.

- 9) CONSIDERATION AND DISCUSSION REGARDING THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES AND THEIR POSITION ON PROTECTING CITIES FROM BAD BILLS WHICH DO NOT SUPPORT LOCAL CONTROL

- 10) CONSIDERATION AND DISCUSSION TO CONSIDER ADOPTING A RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN FOR THE PHYSICAL BEATING AND DEATHS OF MAHSA AMINI, SARINA SMAEILZADEH, NIKA SHAKARAMI, AND OTHERS BY IRAN’S MORALITY POLICE

Councilmember Ballin presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Ballin, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez to adopt Resolution No. 8192, as amended to incorporate language from Bipartisan Senate resolution that includes stronger verbiage condemning the government of Iran for the physical beating and deaths of Mahsa Amini, Sarina Smaeilzadeh, Nika Shakarami, and others by Iran’s Morality Police. The motion carried, unanimously.

**STAFF COMMUNICATION INCLUDING COMMISSION UPDATES**

City Clerk Fritz announced the in-person vote centers at Las Palmas Park and SF Recreation Park are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. and the Vote-by-Mail Ballot drop boxes will be locked by County elections staff at 8 p.m., at the conclusion of the November 8, 2022 General Election.

Police Chief Valdez announced the Law Enforcement Torch Run will be held on Wednesday, November 9, 2022, the Tip-A-Cop event will be held on Thursday, November 17, 2022.

Director of Recreation and Community Services Venegas mentioned the San Fernando Valley Mile and Dia de Los Muertos Festival event and the Veterans Day Recognition Culminating Ceremony were well attended; noted free legal consultation services are being offered to the community on Saturday, November 12 at Las Palmas Park; and stated the Parks, Wellness, and Recreation Commission will be meeting on November 8 at 6:30 p.m.

Director of Public Works Baumgardner announced the new Water Operations Manager’s first day with the City would begin on November 14 and stated due to the recent rain, the tour for the Infiltration Project Site had been postponed.

Assistant to the City Manager Hernandez reported he attended a conference on topics associated with grant funding.

Director of Community Development Kith announced Senate Bill 9 regulations and fence designs would be discussed at the next Planning and Preservation Commission meeting; and announced Carbon Grill is now open, located at 235 N. Maclay Avenue.

Director of Finance Melton reported on the City’s new telephone system and on the recruitment status for the Information Technology Systems Administrator position.

City Manager Kimball recognized City staff for participating in the Halloween decorating and costume contest and mentioned he attended the Valley Economic Alliance Business meeting.

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**GENERAL CITY COUNCIL/BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND LIAISON UPDATES**

Councilmember Rodriguez thanked staff for their work.

Councilmember Ballin mentioned she attended the City Hall/Police Department tour participated during the visit from students of the Santa Rosa Student Council and tour of City Hall and the Police Department with students from the Santa Rosa Student Council, stated she attended the Veteran’s Day events held in the city, and suggested that staff bring an informational presentation to the City Council regarding Senate Bill 2 and the appeals process.

Vice Mayor Pacheco spoke about bringing awareness on city issues to engage the community in the democratic process.

It was noted that Vice Mayor Pacheco left the meeting at 9:16 p.m.

Mayor Mendoza reported she attended the tour of City Hall/Police Department with students from the Santa Rosa Student Council, the Veteran’s Day Recognition Ceremony at the VFW Post 3834 in San Fernando, the San Fernando Valley Run and Dia de los Muertos Festival; met with the 100-Year Anniversary of Women’s Right to Vote Ad Hoc committee and visited Lalo Garcia’s Sacred and Fine Art Studio.

Councilmember Montañez attended the San Fernando Valley Run and Dia de los Muertos Festival, the San Fernando Mall’s Outdoor Market event and suggested the founders of the outdoor market be recognized by the City for bringing this event to the community.

Councilmember Montañez requested to adjourn the meeting in memory of Thelma Rubi, Roger Frommer, Rudy Pantoja and Eliseo Jesus Robledo.

Councilmember Ballin requested to adjourn the meeting in memory of Phillip Pace and Phillip Hawkins.

**ADJOURNMENT (9:33 p.m.)**

Mayor Mendoza adjourned the meeting in memory of Phillip Pace and Phillip Hawkins to the next regular meeting of November 21, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the November 7, 2022, regular meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.

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Julia Fritz, CMC  
City Clerk