

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

**NOVEMBER 1, 2021 – 6:00 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING**

**CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER
117 MACNEIL STREET
SAN FERNANDO, CALIFORNIA 91340**

Teleconference Per Governor Executive Order N-29-20

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Sylvia Ballin called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Present:

Council: Mayor Sylvia Ballin, Vice Mayor Mary Mendoza and Councilmember Hector A. Pacheco (arrived at 6:13 p.m.) and Celeste Rodriguez

Staff: City Manager Nick Kimball, Assistant City Attorney Richard Padilla, Chief of Police Anthony Vairo, Director of Public Works Matt Baumgardner, Director of Recreation and Community Services Julian Venegas, Interim Director of Finance Sonia Garcia and City Clerk Julia Fritz

Absent: Councilmember Cindy Montañez

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by City Clerk Julia Fritz

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

City Clerk Fritz requested Agenda Item 1b be pulled and returned at a later date.

Motion by Vice Mayor Mendoza, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez to approve the agenda, as amended. By consensus, the motion carried with Councilmember Pacheco and Montañez absent.

PRESENTATIONS

A. A CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 7 – 13, 2021 AS NATIONAL NURSE PRACTITIONER WEEK

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- B. A CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER AS NATIONAL VETERANS AND MILITARY FAMILIES MONTH
- C. A PRESENTATION ON THE “TEENS FOR A BETTER COMMUNITY YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM” CANNED GOODS DRIVE

PUBLIC STATEMENTS

Liana Stepanyan San Fernando Library Manager announced COVID-19 vaccines; computer laptop rentals and free internet hotspot are to be offered tomorrow at the library.

Danielle Leidner-Peretz submitted a public comment regarding smoke-free multi-unit housing ordinance and suggested to phase-in changes to allow for rental housing to make necessary modifications.

Sheila LyonHall submitted a public comment urging the City Council to approve the smoke-free multi-unit ordinance to protect children from second hand smoke.

Eddie Martinez, OUT Against Tobacco Coalition Chair, submitted a public comment to encourage City Council to support smoke-free multi-unit housing.

Julissa Hernandez, Field Representative from the Office of Assemblymember Luz Rivas, provided updates regarding facilitating conversation with EDD, DMV, and CalTrans; and announced a vaccination pop-up site will be held in North Hollywood on Saturday from 9 am to 12pm.

Mayor Ballin reopened Public Statements at 8:04 pm.

Michael Madison spoke about the smoke-free multi-unit housing and as a landlord the concerns on landlords being fined with tenants in non-compliance of the ordinance.

Victoria Garcia spoke about the smoke-free multi-unit housing and sending advance notice of compliance to the landlords.

CONSENT CALENDAR

City Clerk Fritz requested Agenda Item No. 1b be pulled and returned at a later date.

Councilmember Rodriguez requested to pull Agenda Item No. 3 for discussion. Vice Mayor Mendoza requested to pull Agenda Item No. 5 for discussion.

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Motion by Councilmember Rodriguez, seconded by Vice Mayor Mendoza to approve:

- 1) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FOR:
 - a. AUGUST 18, 2014 - SPECIAL MEETING
 - c. JUNE 1, 2020 - REGULAR MEETING
 - d. SEPTEMBER 7, 2021 – REGULAR MEETING
 - e. SEPTEMBER 20, 2021 – REGULAR MEETING
 - f. OCTOBER 18, 2021 - SPECIAL MEETING
- 2) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WARRANT REGISTER
- 3) SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1703 ADDING ARTICLE IX (ORGANIC WASTE DISPOSAL REDUCTION SENATE BILL 1383) TO CHAPTER 70 OF THE SAN FERNANDO MUNICIPAL CODE, AND MAKING A DETERMINATION OF EXEMPTION UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT
- 4) CONSIDERATION TO AUTHORIZE AN ADDENDUM TO A PURCHASE ORDER WITH ENVIROGEN TECHNOLOGIES, INC. FOR AN ION EXCHANGE NITRATE REMOVAL TREATMENT SYSTEM AT THE CITY’S GROUNDWATER WELL NO. 3 AND PREPARATION OF TECHNICAL AND OPERATION REPORTS
- 5) RECEIVE AND FILE AN UPDATE REGARDING COVID-19 RESPONSE EFFORTS

The motion carried with Councilmember Montañez absent.

PUBLIC HEARING

- 6) A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT 2018-001 AND ZONE CHANGE 2018-001 AND THE CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL IN ORDER TO CHANGE THE CURRENT R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) ZONE TO M-1 (LIMITED INDUSTRIAL) ZONE AT 649 – 655 FOURTH STREET, SAN FERNANDO, CA 91340 (LOS ANGELES COUNTY ASSESSOR’S IDENTIFICATION NO: 2519-021-014 & 2519-021-015)

Mayor Ballin opened the public hearing.

Acting Senior Planner Gerardo Marquez presented the staff report and responded to Councilmember questions.

Mayor Ballin opened public comment.

Stephen J. Klenk submitted a public comment regarding the drawings and expressed continued support for the proposed project.

Mayor Ballin closed the public hearing. Motion by Councilmember Rodriguez, seconded by Vice Mayor Mendoza. The motion carried with Councilmember Montañez absent.

Motion by Mayor Ballin, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez to introduce for first reading, in title only, and waive further reading of Ordinance No. 1704 “An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of San Fernando, California, approving a General Plan Amendment 2018-001 and Zone Change 2018-001 and the Conditions of Approval in order to change the current R-1 (Single Family Residential) zone to M-1 (Limited Industrial) zone for the development of a 12,300 sq. ft. industrial building located at 649 and 655 Fourth Street. The motion carried with Councilmember Montañez absent.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

7) CONSIDERATION AND DISCUSSION REGARDING A SMOKE-FREE MULTI-UNIT HOUSING ORDINANCE

City Manager Kimball presented the staff report and responded to Councilmember questions.

City Council provided feedback to be incorporated into a draft ordinance and staff will return to Council at a later date.

It was noted the City Council recessed the meeting at 8:09 p.m. and returned at 8:19 p.m.

8) UPDATE REGARDING THE 2022 FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION EVENT

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

City Council recommended moving forward to consider two event options: Plan A: Include stage and no entertainment; Plan B: no stage include entertainment. Staff was directed to come back with updates as the project moves forward.

9) CONSIDERATION AND DISCUSSION REGARDING SUSTAINABLE SAN FERNANDO: A CALIFORNIA NATIVE TREES AND PLANTS POLICY DIRECTION

City Council provided feedback and recommended continued discussions regarding policy, tree palette, and maintenance matters be discussed with the Green City Ad Hoc committee and provide recommendations from the ad hoc to the City Council at a future meeting date uncertain.

STAFF COMMUNICATION INCLUDING COMMISSION UPDATES

City Clerk Fritz had no updates to report.

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Police Chief Vairo announced the Special Olympics Torch Run event being held on Wednesday; and Tip-a-Cop event will be held at Heavenly Pancakes on November 16, 2021.

Acting Finance Director Garcia announced the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Adopted Budget is available on the City website.

Director of Recreation and Community Services Venegas announced the Family Hike Program begins on November 6, 2021, and the Parks, Wellness, Recreation Commission will meet on November 9, 2021.

Acting Senior Planner Marquez announced the first draft of the Housing Element is available online and a study session with the Planning Commission will be held later this month.

GENERAL CITY COUNCIL/BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND LIAISON UPDATES

Councilmember Rodriguez requested to promote upcoming City events on social media; commented on the need for adequate time would be provided to the City Council to review the Housing Element before it is due; and mentioned that the City of Los Angeles has opened a guaranteed income program and suggested staff research grant program opportunities through the City of Los Angeles and the County of Los Angeles.

Councilmember Pacheco requested to recognize November for Veterans and families and asked residents to participate in discussions regarding the Housing Element.

Vice Mayor Mendoza echoed sentiments honoring Veterans and their families; asked if TAC still had meetings to conduct; congratulated Mayor Ballin for being selected as San Fernando Valley's 200 Most Influential Leaders in 2021 for the San Fernando Valley Business Journal.

Mayor Ballin thanked all Veterans and expressed gratitude to the families.

ADJOURNMENT (9:11 p.m.)

Mayor Ballin adjourned the meeting to the next regular meeting.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of November 1, 2021, meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.

Julia Fritz, CMC
City Clerk