

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

**JANUARY 31, 2022 – 6:00 P.M.  
SPECIAL MEETING**

**CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER  
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 6:06 p.m.

Present:

Council: Mayor Mary Mendoza, Vice Mayor Hector A. Pacheco, Councilmember Sylvia Ballin, Councilmember Cindy Montañez and Councilmember Celeste Rodriguez

Absent: None

Staff: City Manager Nick Kimball, Assistant City Attorney Richard Padilla, Interim/Acting Chief of Police Nichole Hanchett, Director of Public Works Matt Baumgardner, Director of Community Development Kanika Kith, Interim/Acting Director of Finance Sonia Garcia, Director of Recreation and Community Services Julian Venegas, and City Clerk Julia Fritz

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by City Clerk Julia Fritz

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion by Councilmember Ballin, seconded by Vice Mayor Pacheco to approve the agenda. The motion carried, unanimously.

**PUBLIC STATEMENTS**

City Manager Kimball noted receipt of correspondence from Brian Fagan at the January 18, 2022 City Council Regular Meeting regarding opposition to the City's 2022 Draft Housing Element Plan.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

1) PRESENTATION AND STUDY SESSION OF THE DRAFT 2021-2029 HOUSING ELEMENT AND SAFETY ELEMENT UPDATE TO THE GENERAL PLAN

Director of Community Development Kith and Houseal Lavigne Representative Robert Kain presented the Draft 2021-2029 Housing and Public Safety Element Update and responded to Councilmember questions.

Councilmembers expressed concerns regarding the City’s Regional Housing Needs Assessments (RHNA) allocation on the addition of 1795 housing units, including but not limited to, future infrastructure needs.

Houseal Lavigne Representative Robert Kain presented information regarding the Environmental Justice Element Update and Safety Element Updates.

Director of Community Development Kith presented the Mitigated Negative Declaration Report.

The City Council received and filed the presentation of the Proposed 2021-2029 Housing Element and Safety Element Update to the General Plan. There was no action taken by the City Council.

**STAFF COMMUNICATION INCLUDING COMMISSION UPDATES**

City Manager Kimball announced the next regular City Council meeting on February 7, 2022.

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

Councilmember Rodriguez thanked staff for their engagement with LeSar on the Homelessness Plan.

Councilmember Montañez thanked staff and Council for the robust discussion and thanked the community for the support at the Tree People NFL Green Tree Planting event.

Councilmember Ballin thanked Houseal Lavigne Representative Robert Kain for the presentation and expressed her appreciation for Councilmember Montañez and Tree People for planting a pine tree in memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Galindo.

Vice Mayor Pacheco thanked staff for their work.

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Mayor Mendoza expressed thanks to staff, stated Maritza Duarte from the Las Palmas Senior Club requested a donation of \$700 towards the Mother's Day Senior Dinner Dance, reported San Fernando Library hours have been limited and suggested submitting a letter to the Los Angeles County Library director recommending re-opening the library at the pre-pandemic hours, mentioned she attended Police Chief Vairo end of watch and wished him well in his retirement and noted she attended the Tree Planting event.

City Manager Kimball stated staff would submit correspondence to the library Director asking to open the library with pre-pandemic hours.

**ADJOURNMENT (9:25 p.m.)**

Mayor Mendoza 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 the January 31, 2022, special meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.

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Julia Fritz, CMC  
City Clerk