

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

**FEBRUARY 22, 2022 – 6:00 P.M.
REGULAR 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 6:07 p.m.

Present:

Council: Mayor Mary Mendoza, Councilmember Sylvia Ballin, Councilmember Celeste Rodriguez

Absent: Vice Mayor Hector A. Pacheco and Councilmember Cindy Montañez

Staff: City Manager Nick Kimball, Assistant City Attorney Richard Padilla, Police Chief Fabian Valdez, 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

City Manager Kimball stated that there being three Councilmembers in attendance tonight, he recommended that Agenda Item 8 be pulled from the agenda which involves an urgency ordinance that requires 4/5ths vote by the City Council and suggested having a special meeting on March 1, 2022.

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

PRESENTATIONS

- A. EDUCATION COMMISSION CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION FOR FEBRUARY STUDENT OF THE MONTH
 - EMELY CORTEZ (SOCIAL JUSTICE HUMANITAS ACADEMY)
- B. ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE - SWEARING IN CEREMONY FOR NEW POLICE CHIEF FABIAN VALDEZ

City Clerk Fritz administered the Oath of Office to new Police Chief Fabian Valdez.

City Council recessed the meeting at 6:22 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

PUBLIC STATEMENTS

Carolyn Urquides from the Kidney Quest Foundation shared the services the foundation provides to the community.

Gina Chavez and Ellen Mackey spoke via Zoom to express support for Adan Ortega serving as the City of San Fernando’s representative on the Metropolitan Water District Board.

City Clerk Fritz read public comments submitted via email in support of Adan Ortega serving as the City of San Fernando’s representative on the Metropolitan Water District Board:

1. Wesley Chuang
2. Steve Usher
3. Nancy Blastos
4. Bill Trice, Jr.
5. Jerry Butkiewicz
6. Ken Sanford
7. Pastor Joe Cervantes
8. Godfrey Wachira
9. Lional Mares
10. Luis Alfredo Vazquez

City Council recessed the meeting at 6:59 p.m. and reconvened at 7:06 p.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Mendoza requested to pull Consent Item No. 4 and 7 for further discussion.

Motion by Councilmember Ballin, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez to approve Item Nos. 1-3, 5 and Item No. 6.

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- 1) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE CITY COUNCIL AND REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING MINUTES FOR:
 - a. April 1, 2008 Redevelopment Agency Special Meeting
 - b. May 5, 2008 Redevelopment Agency Special Meeting
 - c. April 15, 2008 - Special Meeting
 - d. May 5, 2008 - Regular Meeting
 - e. May 5, 2008 - Special Meeting
 - f. February 7, 2022 - Special Meeting
 - 2) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WARRANT REGISTER
 - 3) CONSIDERATION TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF CRADLEPOINT R1900 WIRELESS MODEMS
 - 5) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER REGARDING CONSTRUCTION OF THE SAN FERNANDO REGIONAL PARK INFILTRATION PROJECT
 - 6) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION INITIATING PROCEEDINGS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 LEVY OF ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT AND ORDERING THE ENGINEER’S REPORT

The motion carried, with Vice Mayor Pacheco and Councilmember Montañez absent.

Items pulled for discussion

- 4) CONSIDERATION TO AUTHORIZE USE OF THE CITY SEAL BY THE EDUCATION COMMISSION FOR A LETTER SOLICITING DONATIONS FOR THE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Director of Recreation and Community Services Venegas provided additional information regarding the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Ballin, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez to direct staff to return with a revised letter that contains wording be concise and straightforward regarding the intent of the donation request to the March 1, 2022 Special City Council Meeting. The motion carried, with Vice Mayor Pacheco and Councilmember Montañez absent.

- 7) RECEIVE AND FILE AN UPDATE REGARDING COVID-19 RESPONSE EFFORTS

City Manager Kimball provided additional information subsequent to the staff report being distributed about the small business grant program and eligibility qualifications. City Council received and filed the report.

PUBLIC HEARING

- 8) A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTING AN INTERIM URGENCY ORDINANCE EXTENDING THE INTERIM REGULATIONS FOR URBAN LOT SPLITS AND HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (R-1) ZONE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF SENATE BILL 9 THROUGH JANUARY 19, 2023

City Manager Kimball stated that this item requires a 4/5th vote of the City Council and therefore requested that the item be continued due to the absence of two Councilmembers, to a special meeting date certain of March 1, 2022.

Motion by Councilmember Ballin, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez to continue the public hearing to a date certain of March 1, 2022 as a special meeting. The motion carried, with Vice Mayor Pacheco and Councilmember Montañez absent.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- 9) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE SAN FERNANDO MUNICIPAL CODE ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE 2020 EDITION CITY OF LOS ANGELES BUILDING AND FIRE CODES

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

Motion by Councilmember Ballin, seconded by Mayor Mendoza to introduce for first reading, in title only, and waive further reading of Ordinance No. 1708 “An Ordinance of the City of San Fernando, California, amending Articles I, II, III, IV, V, IX, and X of Chapter 18 of the San Fernando Municipal Code adopting by reference Division II of Chapter 1 of the 2019 Edition of the California Building Code, which is codified in Part 2 of Title 24 of The California Code of Regulations; the 2020 Edition of the City of Los Angeles Building Code, as in effect December 27, 2019; the 2020 Edition of the City of Los Angeles Electrical Code, as in effect December 27, 2019; the 2020 Edition of the City of Los Angeles Mechanical Code, as in effect December 27, 2019; the 2020 Edition of the City of Los Angeles Plumbing Code, as in effect December 27, 2019; the 2020 Edition of the City of Los Angeles Residential Code, as in effect December 27, 2019; and the 2020 Edition of the City Of Los Angeles Green Building Code, as in effect December 27, 2019, which are codified in Articles 1, 1.5, 3, 4, 5 and 9 of Chapter IX of The City of Los Angeles Municipal Code, including appendices, amendments, additions, and deletions thereto; amending Article II of Chapter 38 of the San Fernando Municipal Code, adopting by reference the City of Los Angeles Fire Code, as in effect May 24, 2020, which is codified in Article 7 of Chapter V of The City of Los Angeles Municipal Code, including appendices, amendments, additions and deletions thereto”; and direct staff to provide for notice of a Public Hearing on the proposed adoption of Ordinance No. 1708 at the March 21, 2022 regular City Council meeting. The motion carried, with Vice Mayor Pacheco and Councilmember Montañez absent.

- 10) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT FUNDING FROM THE CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED WITH CONSTRUCTION FOR THE PACOIMA WASH BIKEWAY PROJECT AND ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

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

Motion by Councilmember Ballin, seconded by Mayor Mendoza to adopt Resolution No. 8122 to i) accept funding from the California Transportation Commission (CTC); ii) proceed with construction from Caltrans for the Pacoima Wash Bikeway Project within the City's boundary; and iii) adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for the Pacoima Wash Bikeway Project within the City's boundary; and authorize staff to execute all related documents and take all related actions to implement the Resolution. The motion carried, with Vice Mayor Pacheco and Councilmember Montañez absent.

11) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A JOB SPECIFICATION FOR THE POSITION OF DEPUTY CITY MANAGER

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

By consensus, the City Council directed staff to begin discussion of position during the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 budget review process.

12) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION OPPOSING BALLOT INITIATIVE 21-0042A1

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

By consensus, the City Council directed staff to return with additional information at a future City Council meeting.

13) CONSIDERATION TO DESIGNATE VOTING DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE TO REPRESENT THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO AT THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS 2022 REGIONAL CONFERENCE AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

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

Motion by Councilmember Ballin, seconded by Mayor Mendoza to designate Councilmember Celeste Rodriguez as delegate and Vice Mayor Hector A. Pacheco as alternate, one of which who may attend as the City's representative for the Southern California Association of Governments 2022 Regional Conference and General Assembly Annual Business Meeting; and authorize the City Clerk to transmit information on the selected voting Delegate and Alternate designation to the SCAG Clerk of the Board. The motion carried with Vice Mayor Pacheco and Councilmember Montañez absent.

STAFF COMMUNICATION INCLUDING COMMISSION UPDATES

City Clerk Fritz welcomed Police Chief Valdez.

Director of Public Work Baumgardner announced the department released RFPs for the Upper Reservoir Project, Pico Street Restoration Repaving Project, Sidewalk Repair Project, and Repaving of City Streets.

Director of Recreation and Community Services Venegas announced the Education Commission meets tomorrow, and all recreation programs are beginning to reopen to the community.

Director of Community Development Kith announced the Planning and Preservation Commission met on February 14, 2022, and conducted a reorganization of the commission.

Interim/Acting Director of Finance Garcia announced the Town Hall meeting for Measure A/SF is scheduled for February 28, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

City Manager Kimball thanked City Council for the Strategic Planning Meeting.

Police Chief Valdez thanked the City Council for their support.

GENERAL CITY COUNCIL/BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND LIAISON UPDATES

Councilmember Rodriguez welcomed Chief Valdez, spoke about the Strategic Planning Meeting, and encouraged businesses to apply to the small business grant program.

Councilmember Ballin thanked staff for their hard work, mentioned she is looking forward to working with the new Police Chief and expressed her gratitude towards Adan Ortega.

Mayor Mendoza had no updates to report.

ADJOURNMENT (8:30 p.m.)

Mayor Mendoza adjourned the meeting to the special meeting of March 1, 2022.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the February 22, 2022, regular meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.

Julia Fritz, CMC
City Clerk