

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

**MARCH 6, 2023 – 6:00 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING**

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

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Celeste Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

Present: Council: Mayor Celeste Rodriguez, Vice Mayor Mary Mendoza, and Councilmembers Cindy Montañez, Joel Fajardo, and Mary Solorio

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

Absent: None

TELECONFERENCING REQUESTS/DISCLOSURE

No requests to be considered.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by City Clerk Julia Fritz

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PRESENTATION

Police Chief Valdez introduced to City Council, new employees Police Officer Ivan Moran, Gema Espinoza Police Desk Officer and Jennifer Spatig Management Analyst.

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- A. PRESENTATION BY SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT’S GOVERNING BOARD VICE-CHAIR MICHAEL CACCIOTTI TO PROVIDE AIR QUALITY UPDATES
- B. PRESENTATION OF A PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE MONTH OF MARCH 2023 AS “WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH”

PUBLIC STATEMENTS

Maria Tostado, spoke about her frustration with the lack of information given to the community regarding the recent trash utility rate increase.

Virginia Barragan, spoke about her concerns with not being informed on projects and activities occurring in the City.

Julissa Hernandez, Field Representative from the Office of Assemblymen Luz Rivas, provided updates on community events.

Paula Acuna, submitted a written comment on February 21 and was inadvertently omitted during the meetings public comment period. Ms. Acuna’s letter was read into the record and she stated her support of Police Chief Valdez.

Liana Stepanyan, San Fernando Library Manager provided library updates including programs and services offered to the community.

Victor Crisanto, member of Los Angeles Out Against Big Tobacco Coalition spoke about the negative effects of and is opposed to all tobacco products.

Sylvia Ballin, submitted a written comment stating her support of Patty Lopez to serve as a Commissioner on the Parks, Wellness and Recreation Commission.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Councilmember Fajardo, seconded by Councilmember Solorio to approve:

- 1) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES:
 - a. January 31, 2022 – Special Meeting
 - b. February 21, 2023 – Special Meeting
- 2) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WARRANT REGISTER
- 3) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTIONS ESTABLISHING NEW JOB SPECIFICATIONS IN THE PUBLIC WORKS AND RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENTS AND AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 SALARY PLAN AND TABLE OF ORGANIZATION
- 4) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE 2023 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

- 5) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A FIRST AMENDED AND RESTATED PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH SCOTT FAZEKAS & ASSOCIATES, INC. TO PROVIDE BUILDING PLAN CHECK AND BUILDING OFFICIAL SERVICES THROUGH APRIL 14, 2024

The motion carried, unanimously.

It was noted, Mayor Rodriguez pulled Agenda Item No. 7 to be heard before Agenda Item No. 6.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- 7) CONSIDERATION TO APPOINT A PARKS, WELLNESS, AND RECREATION COMMISSIONER

Motion by Vice Mayor Mendoza, seconded by Mayor Rodriguez to approve appointment of Patty Lopez as Vice Mayor Mendoza’s representative to serve as Commissioner on the Parks, Wellness, and Recreation Commission. The motion carried, unanimously.

- 6) CONSIDERATION AND DISCUSSION REGARDING UPDATING THE PARK AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN AND CONSIDERATION TO AUTHORIZE A NOTICE INVITING BIDS TO CONDUCT A LAND AND OPEN SPACE INVENTORY

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

Motion by Mayor Rodriguez, seconded by Mayor Mendoza to authorize a Notice Inviting Bids to conduct a land and open space inventory; adopt Resolution No. 8220 to allocate a Los Angeles County Regional Parks Open Space District Technical Assistance Program grant, which increases the Capital Grants (Fund 010) revenues and expenditures by \$185,000 for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. The motion carried, unanimously.

- 8) CONSIDERATION AND DISCUSSION TO NOMINATE TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION CHAIR RUDY TRUJILLO TO SERVE ON THE METRO SAN FERNANDO VALLEY SERVICE COUNCIL FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM BEGINNING JULY 1, 2023

Motion by Mayor Rodriguez, seconded by Councilmember Solorio to approve nomination of Transportation and Public Safety Commission Chair Rudy Trujillo to serve on the Metro San Fernando Valley Service Council for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2023; and as amended to direct staff to solicit applications for nominations for the next term of July 2026 – July 2029 and applicants would be considered by the City Council for final selection.

The motion carried with the following vote:

ROLL CALL

AYES:	Solorio, Montanez, Mendoza, Rodriguez - 4
NAYES:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	Fajardo – 1

STAFF COMMUNICATION INCLUDING COMMISSION UPDATES

Director of Recreation and Community Services Venegas mentioned upcoming community events and at the next Parks, Wellness and Recreation Commission meeting two new Commissioners will be official sworn into office.

Director of Public Works Baumgardner provided a brief update on the slurry seal phase 1 project and delays due to rain and cold weather and noted that street striping is scheduled to begin this week.

Director of Community Development Kith spoke about the small business grant program, announced Robeks Fresh Juices and Smoothies grand opening event, and mentioned at the upcoming Planning and Preservation Commission meeting the topic of discussion will be on heights of walls and a moratorium on artificial turf and information on the Annual Housing Report.

Director of Finance Melton stated the City will hosts its Annual Measure A/SF Town Hall meeting in the last week of March and encourages residents to seek utility assistance programs including new program assistance from SoCal Gas to assist qualified customers with utility payments.

Police Chief Valdez mentioned that the Police Department will be holding its Community Academy tomorrow at 6pm in the Council Chamber.

City Manager Kimball spoke about opening day events for the upcoming Mission City Baseball league.

City Clerk Fritz had no updates to report and she requested that the meeting tonight be adjourned in memory of Lily Rose Solis, Deputy City Clerk/Management Analyst Crystal Solis grandmother.

GENERAL CITY COUNCIL/BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND LIAISON UPDATES

Councilmember Fajardo spoke about his concerns associated with compliance with City Council approved actions.

Councilmember Montañez spoke about the Strategic Priority Setting and Study Session meeting, mentioned she attended the Mission City Baseball opening day events, the Strategic Goals ad hoc committee meeting where community survey results were discussed, and encouraged the community to continue submitting surveys.

Councilmember Solorio spoke about the Mission City Baseball opening day parade and events and stated she attended the Police Department's Community Academy.

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Vice Mayor Mendoza mentioned she attended the Parent University, participated in the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) ad hoc committee meeting and was informed on information from the County’s Public Health Department during its regular meeting updates for elected officials. She also noted attending the swearing-in ceremony for Victoria Garcia to serve as Commissioner to the Transportation and Public Safety Commission, briefly spoke about the priority setting meeting and stated she participated in the Mission City Baseball opening day activities.

Mayor Rodriguez spoke about the DEI ad hoc committee meeting, noted she attended the L.A County City Selection committee meeting, recognized Police Chief Valdez for all the informational workshops being held and talked about incorporating the workshops with the San Fernando Health Fair, spoke about the Strategic Priority Setting meeting, and mentioned she attended the Mission City Baseball opening day parade and events and thanked staff for putting on the event.

ADJOURNMENT (8:02 p.m.)

Mayor Rodriguez adjourned the meeting in memory of Lily Rose Solis and recessed back into Closed Session.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the March 6, 2023, regular meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.

Julia Fritz, CMC
City Clerk