

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

**MARCH 21, 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 6:00 p.m.

Present:

Council: Mayor Mary Mendoza, Vice Mayor Hector A. Pacheco, Councilmembers Sylvia Ballin, Cindy Montañez, and Councilmember Celeste Rodriguez (arrived at 6:39 p.m.)

Absent: None

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**

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

**PRESENTATIONS**

- A. EDUCATION COMMISSION CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION FOR THE MARCH STUDENTS OF THE MONTH  
Arianna Silva (San Fernando Institute for Applied Media MS)  
Nicholas Flores (Social Justice Humanitas Academy)

- B. PRESENTATION OF A CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION TO JAVIER VERDIN FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY
  
- C. PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION TO MEMBERS OF THE SAN FERNANDO MASONIC LODGE NO. 343 FOR THEIR SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

**PUBLIC STATEMENTS**

Everto Ruiz spoke about the Cesar Chavez Commemorative Committee and the fees for the guided tours at the Cesar Chavez Memorial.

Victoria Garcia spoke in support of the Cesar Chavez agenda item and spoke about the Technical Advisory Committee for the Housing Element and expressed concerns.

James Thomas, San Fernando Valley President of the NAACP, spoke via Zoom regarding his concerns with the City's appointment of Adan Ortega to the Metropolitan Water District Board.

Julie Cuellar spoke via Zoom against low-income housing in the Downtown Mall area.

Darrell Goode, Area Director of NAACP, spoke via Zoom regarding his concerns with the City's appointment of Adan Ortega to the Metropolitan Water District Board.

Liana Stepanyan San Fernando Library Manager provided updates regarding the library hours, on-going programs, and resuming Metro TAP services.

Equality California and OUT Against Tobacco representative spoke about the impact of flavored tobacco on the community and suggested restricting the sale of flavored tobacco in San Fernando.

It was noted that Councilmember Rodriguez arrived at 6:39 p.m.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Councilmember Ballin and Councilmember Montañez requested to pull Agenda Item No. 3 for discussion.

Motion by Councilmember Ballin, seconded by Vice Mayor Pacheco to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 and 7.

- 1) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE CITY COUNCIL AND REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING MINUTES FOR:
  - a. May 13, 2008 – Special Meeting
  - b. March 7, 2021 – Regular Meeting

- 2) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WARRANT REGISTER
- 4) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE CO-SPONSORSHIP OF THE VALLEY ECONOMIC ALLIANCE HOUSING CRISIS AWARENESS CAMPAIGN AND THE USE OF THE CITY SEAL
- 5) CONSIDERATION TO AUTHORIZE A PURCHASE ORDER WITH DOWNTOWN FORD SALES FOR A 2023 FORD F650 REGULAR CAB DUMP TRUCK WITH GASOLINE ENGINE UNDER THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA COOPERATIVE PURCHASING CONTRACT 1-18-23-10A
- 6) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS FOR THE SAN FERNANDO PACOIMA WASH BIKE PATH PROJECT
- 7) RECEIVE AND FILE AN UPDATE REGARDING COVID-19 RESPONSE EFFORTS

The motion carried, unanimously.

**Items Pulled for Discussion**

- 3) CONSIDERATION TO RECEIVE AND FILE, AND AUTHORIZE STAFF TO SUBMIT THE GENERAL PLAN HOUSING ELEMENT ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021

City Manager Kimball and Director of Community Development Kith responded to Councilmember questions.

Motion by Vice Mayor Pacheco, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez to receive and file the General Plan Housing Element Annual Progress Report for Calendar Year 2021; authorize staff to submit the Housing Element Annual Progress Report to the California Department of Housing and Community Development and the Governor’s Office of Planning and Research; and directed staff to present an update at the next City Council meeting, on the City’s legislative advocacy efforts associated with opposing the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) allocation methodology.

The motion carried by the following vote:

ROLL CALL

AYES:	Rodriguez, Ballin, Pacheco, Mendoza - 4
NAYES:	Montañez - 1
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

**PUBLIC HEARING**

- 8) A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION AND SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1708, APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE SAN FERNANDO MUNICIPAL CODE ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE 2020 EDITION CITY OF LOS ANGELES BUILDING AND FIRE CODES

Mayor Mendoza opened the public hearing.

Director of Community Development Kith presented the staff report.

Mayor Mendoza called for public testimony and there being none, Mayor Mendoza closed the public hearing. Motion by Councilmember Ballin, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez to close the public hearing. The motion carried, unanimously.

Motion by Councilmember Ballin, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez to approve the second reading to adopt Ordinance No. 1708, in title only, “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.”

The motion carried, unanimously.

- 9) A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT REVOLVING FUND TOWARD THE SMALL BUSINESS GRANT PROGRAM AND ALLOCATE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS TO REPAY THE REVOLVING FUND

Mayor Mendoza opened the public hearing.

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

Mayor Mendoza called for public testimony and there being none Mayor Mendoza closed the public hearing. Motion by Councilmember Ballin, second by Councilmember Rodriguez to close the public hearing.

Motion by Vice Mayor Pacheco, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez to authorize a drawdown of \$200,000 from the Los Angeles County Community Development Block Grant Revolving Grant Fund to allocate toward the City's Small Business Grant Program; approve the allocation of \$200,000 of the City's Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Community Development Block Grant funds to repay the Revolving Grant Fund; and authorize the City Manager, or designee, to submit documentation conveying the City Council's approval to the Los Angeles County Community Development Authority. The motion carried, unanimously.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

Vice Mayor Mendoza requested Agenda Item No. 11 be heard before Item No. 10.

11) PRESENTATION OF DEVELOPMENT OPTIONS BY AZURE DEVELOPMENT, INC., FOR THE OPPORTUNITY SITE AT PUBLIC PARKING LOT NO. 3

City Manager Kimball and Director of Community Development Kith presented the staff report.

Azure Development President Vanessa Delgado presented three development options for the site at Parking Lot No. 3 and responded to Councilmember questions.

By consensus of the City Council, staff was directed to bring this matter back for discussion at a meeting in June 2022 or later in order to allow the developer sufficient time to perform public outreach and communicate the three development options presented by Azure.

10) DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION REGARDING CITY SUPPORT IN CELEBRATING THE LEGACY OF CESAR E. CHAVEZ

Councilmember Rodriguez presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Rodriguez, seconded by Vice Mayor Pacheco to approve co-sponsorship for this year's events with Cesar Chavez Commemorative Committee (CCCC); approve the City Manager to waive city fees associated with the event; and re-establish a formal partnership with the CCCC by extending the term of the Memorandum of Understanding to 2027, with Pueblo y Salud, Inc.

It was noted that City Council recessed at 7:53 p.m. and reconvened at 8:05 p.m. with Councilmember Rodriguez absent.

### **STAFF COMMUNICATION INCLUDING COMMISSION UPDATES**

City Clerk Fritz reported information regarding the in-person vote centers at the San Fernando Recreation Park and Las Palmas Park.

Police Chief Valdez provided an update on traffic enforcement detail.

Director of Recreation and Community Services Venegas provided updates on Heart, Mind, and Soul health fair; fruit tree giveaway at Pioneer Park on April 2, 2022; and that the Education Commission will meet on March 29, 2022, to select scholarship recipients.

Director of Community Development Kith announced the RFP for Climate Action and Resilience Plan is available on the City website and reported that Code Enforcement will be in the field performing site reviews for property maintenance issues.

Interim/Acting Director of Finance Garcia announced in April there will be an agenda item discussing the Strategic Goal and Priorities for next Fiscal Year.

City Manager Kimball announced a report to provide an update on the final American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) regulations.

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

Councilmember Montañez acknowledged the Homeless Ad Hoc Committee and their work and progress; thanked the Public Works Department and Beautification Program for clean-up in the City; and thanked Chief Valdez for presentation during Neighborhood Watch.

Councilmember Ballin expressed excitement from the community regarding Target and expressed concerns of the lack of quorum for the Parks, Wellness, and Recreation Commission;

Vice Mayor Pacheco provided an update from the ARPA Ad Hoc.

Mayor Mendoza requested staff provide recommendation regarding the Parks, Wellness, and Recreation Commission.

**ADJOURNMENT (9:38 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 March 21, 2022, regular meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.

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Julia Fritz, CMC  
City Clerk