

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

**JUNE 21, 2021 – 6:00 P.M.  
REGULAR MEETING**

City Hall Council Chamber  
117 Macneil Street  
San Fernando, CA 91340  
TELECONFERENCE PER GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Vice Mayor Mary Mendoza called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

Present:

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

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

Absent: None

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by City Clerk Julia Fritz

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Vice Mayor Mendoza requested Agenda Item No. 14 be heard concurrently with Agenda Item No. 9. Motion by Vice Mayor Mendoza, seconded by Councilmember Montañez. The motion carried, unanimously.

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**PRESENTATIONS**

- A) EDUCATION COMMISSION CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT 2021 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT FOR THE REPUBLIC SERVICES-CESAR CHAVEZ SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM TO REGINA VELAZQUEZ (VAUGH NEXT CENTURY LEARNING CENTER)
- B) PRESENTATION OF A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO OUTGOING COMMISSIONER SANDRA RICHARDS FOR HER SERVICE ON THE PARKS, WELLNESS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

**PUBLIC STATEMENTS**

Renato Vera spoke about the upcoming LGBTQ celebration in the City of San Fernando and thanked Councilmember Montañez for supporting the LGBTQ community.

The following submitted public statements in support of Agenda Item 14 regarding a Downtown Master Plan:

Rene Aguilar	Katherine Hernandez	Richard Bernal
Michael Garcia	Michael Morgan	Jose Luis Rodriguez SR
Pearl Arredondo	Andrea Grant	Magda Banuelos
Alex Aguilar	Judy Quiroz	Andrew B.
Miriam Meza	Sandy Skinner	Jose Luis Rodriguez
Valerie Barragan	Adriana Felix	Michael T.
Tom Ross	Alejandra Palomera	Anna
Cesar Cano	Alec Baird	Eric Trevino
Lisa Cano	Jennifer Reinos	Patricia T.
Yvonne Mejia Peña	Arlene B. Salazar	Lillian Denise Trevino
Mario Rivera	Juana Lopez	Paul Trevino
David Bernal	Bianca Cervantes	Charles Bernal
Ana Mejia and Angel Canizales	Arlene Perez	Andy Alonso
Christina Bernal	Andrew Rome	Brittany Rodriguez
It's Boba Time San Fernando	Desiree J. Ocegneeda	Juan Rodriguez
Alma Aguilar	James Stewart	Vic C.
Sergio Amalfitano	Vanessa Delgado	Brian D.
Lisa Dinson	Julian Ruelas	Katherine Martinez
Jose Catalan	Richard Bercalina	Elizabeth Ruvalcaba Mendez
Rebecca Rivera	Severyn Aszkenazy	Kari Garcia
Raquel Gorman	Connie Perez	Yesenia Seda
Will Endara	Rosa Ruvalcaba	Amy Ramirez
Adriana Gomez	Tom Ross	J. Ross
Cristian Rodriguez	Gloria's Furniture	Joeleen and Miguel Medina
Ramon and Margarita Gomez	Albert Melena	Sandra Silva
Miguel Montanez	Bart Trevino	Pricilla Estrada

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Liana Stepanyan San Fernando Library Manager provided updates regarding San Fernando Library's lunch and reading program and Summer Discovery program.

Paul Ventimiglia submitted a public comment on behalf of the SFPOA regarding next fiscal year's budget and requesting Council approve all additions to Police personnel and equipment.

Arlene Sacco, Kiwanis Club President, and Cynthia submitted a public comment regarding their support of the Beautification Program.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Motion by Councilmember Montañez, seconded by Councilmember Pacheco to approve:

- 1) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES FOR THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS:
  - a. MAY 17, 2021 SPECIAL MEETING (CLOSED SESSION)
  - b. JULY 20, 2020 REGULAR MEETING
- 2) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WARRANT REGISTER
- 3) CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL TO WRITE-OFF BAD DEBT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021
- 4) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION SETTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 ARTICLE XIIIIB APPROPRIATIONS (GANN) LIMIT
- 5) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTIONS APPROVING THE SALARY PLAN AND TABLE OF ORGANIZATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022
- 6) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING SENATE BILL 1: THE ROAD REPAIR AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2017 FUNDS AND APPROVING THE PROJECT LIST FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022
- 7) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE AN EXECUTIVE ORDER ESTABLISHING AND IMPLEMENTING THE COVID-19 OUTDOOR SERVICES PERMIT PROGRAM THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2021

The motion carried, unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- 8) A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2020 URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

Vice Mayor Mendoza opened the public hearing.

Director of Public Works Baumgardner presented the staff report and John Robertson Consulting provided a presentation and responded to Councilmember questions.

Vice Mayor Mendoza opened public comment, there being no public testimony, Vice Mayor Mendoza closed the public hearing. Motion by Councilmember Montañez, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez to close the public hearing. By consensus, the motion carried.

Motion by Councilmember Pacheco, seconded by Mayor Ballin to adopt Resolution No. 8074 as presented in the Supplemental Agenda Item that revised the resolution to include components of the Water Shortage Contingency Plan (UWMP) (Section 8 of the UWMP). The motion carried, unanimously.

Vice Mayor Mendoza requested Item No. 14 be heard concurrently with Item No. 9.

- 9) A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 CITY BUDGET

Vice Mayor Mendoza opened the Public Hearing.

City Manager Kimball and City Department Heads presented a staff report and summarized Department enhancement requests.

Vice Mayor Mendoza opened public comment, there being no public testimony, Vice Mayor Mendoza closed the public hearing. Motion by Councilmember Rodriguez, seconded by Councilmember Montanez to close the public hearing. The motion carried.

Motion by Councilmember Montañez, seconded by Councilmember Pacheco to adopt Resolution No. 8075 approving the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget, and to allocate \$25,000 toward the Downtown Masterplan and authorize staff to add any newly approved position to the organization table. The motion carried with Mayor Ballin absent.

- 14) CONSIDERATION AND DISCUSSION REGARDING COMMUNITY BENEFIT OF A MASTER PLAN

Councilmember Rodriguez presented the staff report.

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It was noted that Mayor Ballin left the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Motion by Councilmember Rodriguez, seconded by Councilmember Pacheco to allocate the \$50,000 already earmarked in the budget, add \$25,000 surplus from budget towards a master plan, and begin work when the Economic Development Manager is hired.

The motion carried by the following vote:

ROLL CALL

AYES: Rodriguez, Pacheco, Montañez, - 3

NOES: Mendoza - 1

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Ballin – 1

It was noted, City Council recessed the meeting at 9:25 p.m., and reconvened at 9:36 p.m.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

City Manager Kimball requested that Agenda Item Nos. 10 and 11 be presented together and voted on separately.

- 10) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH JOHN ROBINSON CONSULTING, INC. FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES RELATED TO THE UPPER RESERVOIR REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Director of Public Works Baumgardner presented the staff report for Item Nos. 10 and 11.

Motion by Councilmember Pacheco, seconded by Vice Mayor Mendoza to approve a second Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with John Robinson Consulting, Inc. (Contract No. 1912(b)) for construction management services related to the Upper Reservoir Replacement Project; and authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement and all related documents. The motion carried with Mayor Ballin absent.

- 11) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CWE FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES RELATED TO THE SAN FERNANDO REGIONAL PARK INFILTRATION PROJECT

Motion by Councilmember Pacheco, seconded by Vice Mayor Mendoza to approve a first Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with CWE (Contract No. 1883(a)) for construction management services related to the San Fernando Regional Park Infiltration Project; and authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement and all related documents. The motion carried with Mayor Ballin absent.

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12) INFORMATIONAL UPDATE REGARDING COVID-19 RESPONSE EFFORTS

City Manager Kimball presented an update on the most current information associated with Governor Newsom’s Executive Order regarding masks, social distancing, and capacity. The City Council received and filed the report.

13) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION DECLARING JUNE 2021 AS PRIDE MONTH IN THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO

Councilmember Cindy Montañez presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Montañez, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez to adopt a resolution declaring June as Pride Month in the City of San Fernando. The motion carried with Mayor Ballin absent.

15) CONSIDERATION AND DISCUSSION REGARDING APPROVAL OF A SAN FERNANDO BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM

Councilmember Cindy Montañez presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Rodriguez, seconded by Councilmember Montañez to approve the Beautification program and staff to return with information on implementation.

The motion failed by the following vote:

ROLL CALL

AYES: Rodriguez, Montañez - 2

NOES: Pacheco, Mendoza - 2

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Ballin – 1

Motion by Councilmember Pacheco to create a Beautification Ad Hoc Committee with Councilmember Pacheco and Montañez to serve on the committee. Motion failed due to lack of second.

Motion by Councilmember Montañez, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez to create a Neighborhood Beautification Ad Hoc Committee with Councilmember Montañez and Rodriguez to serve on the committee. The motion carried with Mayor Ballin absent.

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- 16) CONSIDERATION TO CANCEL THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE SAN FERNANDO REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING ON JULY 6, 2021

Motion by Councilmember Pacheco, seconded by Vice Mayor Mendoza to cancel the Regular City Council and Successor Agency to the San Fernando Redevelopment Agency meeting on July 6, 2021. The motion carried with Mayor Ballin absent.

**STAFF COMMUNICATION INCLUDING COMMISSION UPDATES**

City Clerk Fritz announced the next Education Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 29, 2021, to discuss the student scholarship program.

Police Chief Vairo had no updates to report.

Director of Public Works Baumgardner announced a pop-up event this weekend between 12-6pm by Toole Design presenting priorities for the Safe and Active Streets Project.

Director of Recreation and Community Services Venegas announced the Parks, Wellness, and Recreation Commission meeting will be held on July 13, 2021, and they plan to discuss the mural process; day camp activities are slowly re-opening; and encourages residents to participate in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Treasure Hunt.

Director of Finance Ibañez announced staff submitted an application to receive American Rescue Care Act Funds.

City Manager Kimball thanked staff and Council for their help on the budget.

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

Councilmember Rodriguez expressed thanks on the approval of the budget, declaring June as Pride month; and thanked colleagues for the robust discussion.

Councilmember Pacheco thanked staff for putting together the budget and the Council for discussion and compromise; thanked Sandra Richards for her service on the Commission; and announced Juneteenth has been recognized as a National Holiday.

Councilmember Montañez reminded residents to participate in the vendor pop-up scheduled on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of every month; thanked staff and Councilmembers for the budget discussions and adopting the budget; and echoed sentiments regarding Juneteenth.

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Vice Mayor Mendoza thanked everyone for submitting public comments this evening, thanked colleagues and staff for the adoption of the budget; and acknowledged the new federal holiday, Juneteenth.

**ADJOURNMENT (10:42 p.m.)**

Vice Mayor Mendoza adjourned the meeting in memory of Maria Rosaria Rodriguez to the next regular meeting of July 19, 2021.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of June 21, 2021 meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.

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Julia Fritz, CMC  
City Clerk