

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

**APRIL 4, 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 **6:03 p.m.**

Present:

Council: Mayor Mary Mendoza, Vice Mayor Hector A. Pacheco (Teleconference), Councilmembers Sylvia Ballin, and Celeste Rodriguez

Absent: Cindy Montañez (Teleconference – left at 6:36 p.m.)

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

Mayor Mendoza stated a Presentation of a Proclamation Declaring April as Donate Life California Month would be added under Presentations. Motion by Councilmember Ballin seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez to approve the agenda, as amended. The motion carried, unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

- A. EDUCATION COMMISSION CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION FOR THE TEACHER SPOTLIGHT AWARD
Stephanie L. Levinson (San Fernando Elementary)
Education Commissioner Nicole Mohr

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- B. PRESENTATION OF A CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION TO JAVIER VERDIN FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY
- C. PRESENTATION OF A CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE MONTH OF APRIL AS AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH
- D. PRESENTATION OF A CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION COMMEMORATING THE VICTIMS OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE AND DECLARING APRIL 24, 2022 AS ARMENIAN GENOCIDE REMEMBRANCE DAY
- E. PRESENTATION OF A CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE MONTH OF APRIL AS SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH AND THE DAY OF APRIL 27, 2022 AS DENIM DAY
- F. PRESENTATION OF A CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE MONTH OF APRIL AS DONATE LIFE MONTH

It was noted that Councilmember Montañez left the meeting at 6:36 p.m.

Councilmember Ballin spoke about the atrocities happening to the people of Ukraine, expressed support for the Ukrainians and recommended that the City send a letter with a resolution proclaiming the City's support for the people of Ukraine to be mailed to local, state and federal agencies, including the President of the United States.

Councilmember Ballin suggested that the city invite an organization specializing in donor awareness to provide an educational and informational presentation.

PUBLIC STATEMENTS

Kevin Al Perez expressed concerns about increased use of electronic cigarettes.

Maria Ortega mentioned being mistreated by various organizations in the city.

Patty Lopez thanked the Mayor for her contributions to the community and presented the Mayor with a Certificate of Recognition from the 18th State Senate District of California for her support in "Woman Who Inspire 2022" at the Second International Alpha Women's Conference.

Oscar Mora mentioned he volunteers for the Mission City Baseball League and suggested local businesses have an opportunity to purchase and hang (fee based) advertisement banner signs on baseball field fences, and use the fees collected to reinvest fees towards replacing baseball league equipment.

Lilia Monterrosa, Field Representative for Congressman Cárdenas office reported on legislative activities including federal funding opportunities towards mental illness support and crisis response team and noted dialing 988 is the mental health crises hotline.

Written comments submitted and read:

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Liana Stepanyan, Library Manager San Fernando Library Manager gave updates on activities and programs being offered.

Nicole Kristal expressed opposition of flavored tobacco products.

Erin Arendse, Ryan Oda, K Hodge – Equality California Institute Los Angeles County Tobacco Control Program Team expressed opposition towards the marketing of, advertising and use of flavored tobacco use.

Eddie Martinez, Mariella Reataza - OUT Against Big Tobacco Los Angeles expressed opposition of flavored tobacco products.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Councilmember Ballin, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez to approve:

- 1) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WARRANT REGISTER
- 2) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION RE-AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS FOR THE PERIOD OF APRIL 14, 2022 TO MAY 13, 2022, OF THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO’S LEGISLATIVE BODIES IN COMPLIANCE WITH GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953(E) AND OTHER APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF ASSEMBLY BILL 361
- 3) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF CERTAIN OBSOLETE RECORDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CITY’S RECORDS RETENTION SCHEDULE FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND DISPOSITION OF RECORDS
- 4) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT TO THE HABITAT CONSERVATION FUND AND ACCEPT SUCH FUNDS SHOULD THE GRANT BE AWARDED
- 5) CONSIDERATION TO AWARD A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE PICO STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Motion carried, with Councilmember Montañez absent.

PUBLIC HEARING

- 6) A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE ALLOCATION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 INCLUDING A RECREATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Mayor Mendoza opened the public hearing. Motion by Councilmember Ballin, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez to open the public hearing. The motion carried.

City Manager Kimball presented the staff report and Michael Neal of Michael Baker International, Program Administration Services consultant presented additional information and also responded to Councilmember inquiries.

Mayor Mendoza called for public testimony, there being none submitted, Mayor Mendoza closed the public hearing. Motion by Councilmember Ballin, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez to close the public hearing. Motion carried with Councilmember Montañez absent.

Motion by Vice Mayor Pacheco, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez to adopt Resolution No. 8137 approving the allocation of Community Development Block Grant Funds for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 including a Recreation Scholarship Program; and authorize the City Manager to submit documentation conveying the City Council's Resolution to the Los Angeles County Community Development Authority for approval. Motion carried with Councilmember Montañez absent.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- 7) UPDATE AND DISCUSSION FROM THE COVID RELIEF PROGRAM AD HOC COMMITTEE RELATED TO AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDING

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

Members of the City Council discussed allocation of funds, suggested funding priority towards certain quality of life programs. City Council received and filed an update from the COVID Relief Program Ad Hoc Committee.

- 8) CONSIDERATION TO AWARD A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE UPPER RESERVOIR REPLACEMENT PROJECT, JOB NO. 7613

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

Motion by Councilmember Ballin, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez to approve Budget Resolution No. 8135 to amend Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Capital Improvement Budget by \$1,852,091 from the Water Enterprise Reserve Balance for the Upper Reservoir Replacement Project Budget; accept the lowest responsive bid in the amount of \$5,890,000 from Pacific Hydrotech Corporation, for construction of these improvements; approve a construction contract with Pacific Hydrotech Corporation, for an amount of \$5,890,000 (Contract No. 2063); and authorize the City Manager to execute change orders for an amount not-to-exceed 10% of the contract amount, or \$589,000, to cover costs of unforeseen conditions, and execute all related documents. Motion carried with Councilmember Montañez absent.

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- 9) RECEIVE AND FILE AN UPDATE OF COMPLIANCE WITH STATE HOUSING ELEMENT LAW AND EFFORTS IN OBJECTING TO THE REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT (RHNA) ALLOCATION

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

Councilmembers suggested inviting local and state legislators to present information regarding their stand on the RHNA allocations and continue to track and support an amicus brief to present to Council at a future meeting.

Councilmembers received and filed an update report regarding the Housing Element law and efforts in objecting to the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Allocation.

- 10) DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 1709 AMENDING DIVISION 2 OF ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 90 OF THE SAN FERNANDO MUNICIPAL CODE AND SECTION 90-72 OF THE SAN FERNANDO MUNICIPAL CODE TO EXPAND THE DUTIES OF THE TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY COMMISSION TO INCLUDE PUBLIC SAFETY.

Police Chief Valdez presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Ballin, seconded by Vice Mayor Pacheco to introduce for first reading, in title only, and waive further reading to adopt Ordinance No. 1709 “An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of San Fernando, California, amending Division 2 of Article II of Chapter 90 of the San Fernando Municipal Code renaming the Transportation and Safety Commission the Transportation and Public Safety Commission and amending section 90-72 of the San Fernando Municipal Code to expand the duties of the commission to include public safety.” Motion carried with Councilmember Montañez absent.

It was noted that Agenda Item No. 11 was considered before Agenda Item No. 12.

- 11) DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION REGARDING COMMISSIONER VACANCIES FOR THE PARKS, WELLNESS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

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

By consensus, City Council directed staff to create an Ad Hoc Committee with Mayor Mendoza and Councilmember Ballin to review City Council Procedural Manual and draft guidelines for commissioner vacancies, as well as general rules and responsibilities of each Commission.

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

Councilmember Rodriguez presented the staff report and City Clerk Fritz read a statement submitted by Robert Gonzales.

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Motion by Councilmember Rodriguez, seconded by Councilmember Ballin to approve the appointment of Robert Gonzales as her representative to serve as a Commissioner on the Parks, Wellness and Recreation Commission. Motion carried with Councilmember Montañez absent.

STAFF COMMUNICATION INCLUDING COMMISSION UPDATES

City Clerk Fritz had no updates.

Police Chief Valdez announced recruitment for a Community Engagement Detective to address quality of life issues.

Director of Community Development Kith announced the next Planning and Preservation Commission will be held next Monday to discuss SB 9 regulation; and promoted new businesses Lola's Kitchen and Bodevi Wine and Espresso Bar.

Director of Recreation and Community Services Venegas announced the next Parks, Wellness, and Recreation Commission meeting will be held on April 12, 2022, to vote on a mural application; and reported on events for the community including: Spring Jamboree and Veteran Recognition Banner Program.

Director of Public Works Baumgardner provided an update on the 300 fruit tree giveaway to the community and informed the community about the Infiltration Project.

Interim/Acting Director of Finance Garcia announced staff is diligently working on the FY 2022-2023 proposed budget.

City Manager Kimball spoke about the look ahead report information provided to City Council; and announced The San Fernando Sun will be putting together a special Climate Change issue and the City will take the opportunity to highlight events that have occurred over the last couple of years.

GENERAL CITY COUNCIL/BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND LIAISON UPDATES

Councilmember Rodriguez thanked Council for feedback regarding Covid Ad Hoc and CDBG funds; and highlighted two CDBG resources including: the food bank and Countywide Guaranteed Income.

Councilmember Ballin spoke about learning loss and possible programs with the Recreation and Community Services Department.

Vice Mayor Pacheco recognized Supreme Court nominee Ketanji Brown Jackson.

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It was noted that Vice Mayor Pacheco left the meeting at 9:35 p.m.

Mayor Mendoza thanked staff for all their hard work and noted she attended a tour of the Pueblo y Salud facility.

Councilmember Ballin asked Police Chief Valdez to announce the “Chat with the Chief” event being held on Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. at Starbucks.

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 April 4, 2022, regular meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.

Julia Fritz, CMC
City Clerk