

**SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

**MARCH 3, 2023 – 12:30 P.M.  
SPECIAL MEETING**

**SAN FERNANDO RECREATION PARK  
MULTIPURPOSE ROOM  
204 PARK AVENUE  
SAN FERNANDO, CALIFORNIA 91340**

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Mayor Rodriguez called the special meeting to order at 12:35 p.m.

Present:

Council: Mayor Celeste T. 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 Services Kanika Kith, Management Analyst Kenneth Jones, Director of Recreation and Community Services Julian Venegas, City Clerk Julia Fritz and Assistant to the City Manager Carlos Hernandez

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**PUBLIC STATEMENTS - WRITTEN/ORAL**

Jerry Haro, spoke about concerns on recent rate increases for trash services.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

**1) CITY COUNCIL 2023 PRIORITY SETTING AND STUDY SESSION**

Councilmembers participated in a priority setting workshop facilitated by Nancy Hetrick of Baker Tilly.

Councilmembers discussed prior year accomplishments; provided input on City Council priorities for the upcoming fiscal year, commented on the community survey results and spoke in support of a City Annual Report proposed by City Manager Kimball.

By consensus, Councilmembers were in support of the 2022 – 2026 Strategic Goals I through VIII, which would provide guidance during the development of Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Annual Budget.

The 2022 – 2026 Strategic Goals:

- I. Focus on Community First
- II. Cultivating a Stronger Local Economy
- III. Preserve Beautiful Homes and neighborhoods
- IV. Strengthen Climate Resilience and Environmental Justice
- V. Enhance Public Transportation to Move San Fernando
- VI. Build resilient and Reliable Infrastructure
- VII. Forge Financial Strength and Stability
- VIII. Emergency Preparedness Supporting the Community

The City Council recessed the meeting at 2:00 p.m. and reconvened at 2:15 p.m. with all Councilmembers present.

Councilmembers provided closing comments and thanked staff for their work.

**STAFF COMMUNICATION INCLUDING COMMISSION UPDATES**

City Manager Kimball mentioned the Mission City Baseball League's Opening Day is tomorrow, Saturday May 4, 2023.

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

It was noted Councilmember Fajardo left the meeting at 3:55 p.m.

Councilmembers provided general comments on various topics of the meeting and thanked staff for their work.

Mayor Rodriguez recommended that Closed Session meetings begin at 5:15 p.m. in lieu of 5:00 p.m. Councilmembers discussed their availability, ensure that there would be a quorum, and commented on the importance of all Councilmembers be present for closed session discussions.

By consensus, the City Council requested the City Manager to reach out to Councilmembers prior to scheduling a closed session meeting to determine availability to ensure a quorum of members for the meetings start time of 5 or 5:15 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT 4:07 p.m.**

Mayor Rodriguez adjourned the special meeting to the next regular meeting of February 21, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of March 3, 2023, Special Meeting, as approved by the San Fernando City Council.

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Julia Fritz, CMC  
City Clerk