

**CITY OF SAN FERNANDO
CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**FEBRUARY 21, 2023 – 6:00 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING**

**CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
117 MACNEIL STREET
SAN FERNANDO, CALIFORNIA 91340
TELECONFERENCE – PURSUANT TO PROVISIONS OF ASSEMBLY BILL 361**

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Celeste Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 6:18 p.m.

Present: Council: Mayor Celeste Rodriguez, Vice Mayor Mary Mendoza and Councilmembers Cindy Montañez (via teleconference), 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 Public Works Matthew 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

Motion by Councilmember Fajardo, seconded by Councilmember Solorio to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting recessed at 6:24 p.m. to resolve technical issues with the live video/audio streaming services and reconvened at 6:36 p.m. with all Councilmembers present.

PRESENTATION

- A. PRESENTATION OF EDUCATION COMMISSION CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION FOR FEBRUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH
- Brianna Herrejon (PUC Nueva Esperanza Charter Academy)
 - Nathan Garcia (Social Justice Humanitas Academy)

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- B. PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION TO OUTGOING LAS PALMAS SENIOR CLUB BOARDMEMBERS

- C. PRESENTATION OF A CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION TO MR. ERASMO AGUILAR CELEBRATING HIS CENTENNIAL (100TH YEAR) BIRTHDAY

Assistant City Attorney Padilla stated there were no reportable actions as a result of the Closed Session meeting that was held at 5:15 p.m. on February 21, 2023.

PUBLIC STATEMENTS

The following stated support of Police Chief Valdez on the leadership direction of the Police Department, community policing, policy changes, creating accountability, citizen outreach, and community education and engagement:

Maritza Duarte
Valeria Galvan
Victoria Garcia
William “Blinky” Rodriguez
Rudy Trujillo
Carlos Muñoz
David Messe
Patty Lopez
Felipe Renteria
Albert Lopez
Phyllis Harp
Michael Mario Castillo, Sr.
Danny Trejo
Jose Fernandez
Luis Robledo
John C. Quinones, Jr.
Carlos Romero
Enrique Cristobal Meneses
Peter Marzan
Leo Wise
Peter Correa
Elvin Marel Gagardo Duran
Carlos Muñoz
Juan Garcia
Alexander Esqueda
Edgar Montes
Kevin Marquez
Emrys Stevens
Robert Bernal

Josue S.
Sergio F.
Erin B.
Mario R. Villalobos
Harry Johnson
Carlos H. Morales, Jr.
Paula A.

Julissa Hernandez, Field Representative from the office of Assemblymember Luz Rivas provided information on upcoming community events and legislative activities.

It was noted, the City Council recessed the meeting 8:08 p.m. and reconvened at 8:23 p.m. with all Councilmembers present.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Councilmember Fajardo, seconded by Vice Mayor Mendoza to approve:

- 1) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES:
 - a. January 17, 2023 – Special Meeting
 - b. February 6, 2023 – Special Meeting
- 2) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WARRANT REGISTER
- 3) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION INITIATING PROCEEDINGS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 LEVY OF ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT AND ORDERING THE ENGINEER'S REPORT

The motion carried, unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- 4) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY POLICY AND ADOPTING THE 2023 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

Motion by Mayor Rodriguez, seconded by Councilmember Montañez to adopt Resolution No. 8213 establishing the City's Legislative Advocacy Policy, as amended to postpone approval of the 2023 Legislative Platform pending solicitation of additional public comment and return to Council for final adoption at the March 6, 2023 meeting; and authorize the City Manager to take certain related actions to execute and implement the procedures in the Legislative Advocacy Policy. The motion carried, unanimously.

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- 5) PRESENTATION OF THE ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2022

By consensus, the City Council received and filed the report and no action taken.

- 6) PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF THE MID-YEAR BUDGET REVIEW FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023, CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MID-YEAR PROPOSED BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS, AND REVIEW FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 BUDGET CALENDAR

Motion by Mayor Rodriguez, seconded by Councilmember Fajardo to adopt Resolution No. 8216 amending the City’s FY 2022-2023 Budget to include the proposed mid-year adjustments; as amended, to remove the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Capital Projects water fund transfer of 2 million; and directed staff to bring back to a future meeting a water fund budget report that includes government funding options. The motion carried, unanimously.

- 7) CONSIDERATION AND DISCUSSION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION IMPLEMENTING PROCEDURES REGARDING REQUESTS FOR REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETING PARTICIPATION MADE BY MEMBERS OF THE CITY’S LEGISLATIVE BODIES AS PERMITTED UNDER ASSEMBLY BILL 2449

Motion by Councilmember Fajardo, seconded by Mayor Rodriguez to adopt Resolution No. 8215 authorizing and implementing procedures “Assembly Bill 2449 Teleconference Request Form” regarding receiving and processing requests made by Members of the City’s legislative bodies seeking remote teleconference meeting participation, as permitted under Assembly Bill 2449; and authorize the City Manager to make such modifications to City agenda templates addressing Teleconference Requests/Disclosures, Americans with Disabilities Act disclosures/policies, and any other disclosure/policy requirements under AB 2449. The motion carried, unanimously.

- 8) CONSIDERATION TO APPOINT A TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSIONER

Motion by Vice Mayor Mendoza, seconded by Mayor Rodriguez to approve appointment of Victoria Garcia as Vice Mayor Mendoza’s representative to serve as Commissioner on the Transportation and Public Safety Commission. The motion carried, unanimously.

STAFF COMMUNICATION INCLUDING COMMISSION UPDATES

City Clerk Fritz had no updates to report.

Director of Recreation and Community Services Venegas provided updates on programs and upcoming community events.

Director of Public Works Baumgardner reported activity updates for the Phase 1 and Phase 2 Slurry Seal project and mentioned an upcoming presentation showcasing the Public Works Department functions will be provided at the Police Department's Community Academy.

Director of Finance Melton commented on available utility bill payment assistance programs, upcoming outreach events for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget and the Transaction Tax Town Hall meetings and also noted the Finance Department is scheduled to showcase their department functions at a future Community Academy.

Police Chief Valdez had no updates to report.

City Manager Kimball spoke about the upcoming City Council 2023 Priority Setting and Study Session including updates on the Community Survey campaign and an introduction of a draft "City of San Fernando Annual Report".

GENERAL CITY COUNCIL/BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND LIAISON UPDATES

Councilmember Fajardo commented on the design of the new City logo, expressed concerns on the City's supply and equipment purchasing process and commented on public comments received in support of Police Chief Valdez.

Councilmember Solorio expressed appreciation to staff, spoke about the upcoming priority setting meeting and the various ad hoc committee meetings.

Councilmember Montañez reported she attended the Layne Park Revitalization Project groundbreaking event and requested staff to forward a copy on the projects final landscape design upgrades, commented on the tree planting project along 8th Street, and mentioned she attended the Social Justice Humanities Academy at the Cesar Chavez Learning Academies book launching of "*We Are America: San Fernando*".

Vice Mayor Mendoza commented on public comments received in support of Police Chief Valdez, mentioned she attended the Police Department's Community Academy, the Parent University meeting; the League of California Cities Cal Cities Speaker Series on elections and the process of redistricting; the LA County Library's Heart and Hands Book Talk Series on "*Destigmatizing Illiteracy with Social Media*"; the County of Los Angeles Chief Sustainability committee meeting on the mobility project; noted she observed the bulky item drop off event and stated that there will be another shredding event will be held on May 20, 2023; stated she attended the Social Justice Humanities Academy at the Cesar Chavez Learning Academies book launching of "*We Are America: San Fernando*", and the Layne Park Revitalization Project groundbreaking.

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Mayor Rodriguez expressed her appreciation to Police Chief Valdez for his work and commented on the Layne Park Revitalization Project groundbreaking, the tree planting on 8th Street, the book launching of *“We Are America: San Fernando”*, Mission City Baseball’s Opening Day Ceremony and festivities, the recent scheduling of various ad hoc committee meetings, and talked about the Community Survey.

Vice Mayor Mendoza requested to adjourn the meeting in memory of Charles White.

ADJOURNMENT (11:08 p.m.)

Mayor Rodriguez adjourned the meeting in memory of Charles White to the Special Meeting of March 3, 2023.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the February 21, 2023, regular meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.

Julia Fritz, CMC
City Clerk