

**CITY OF SAN FERNANDO  
CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

**JULY 18, 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 6:05 p.m.

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

Staff: City Manager Nick Kimball, Assistant City Attorney Richard Padilla, Police Chief Fabian Valdez, Interim/Acting Director of Finance Sonia Garcia, Director of Community Development Kanika Kith, Director of Recreation and Community Services Julian Venegas, and City Clerk Julia Fritz

Absent: None

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Assistant City Attorney Padilla requested to add an item on to Closed Session this evening regarding real property.

Motion by Councilmember Rodriguez, seconded by Councilmember Montañez to approve the agenda, as amended. The motion carried, unanimously.

**PRESENTATIONS**

A. AN INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION FROM LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (METRO) UPDATING PROGRESS ON THE EAST SAN FERNANDO VALLEY TRANSIT CORRIDOR RIGHT-OF-WAY STUDY

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by City Clerk Julia Fritz

Vice Mayor Hector A. Pacheco announced that he would not be re-running for candidacy in the upcoming November 8, 2022 General Municipal Election.

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**PUBLIC STATEMENTS**

The following individuals spoke in support of Agenda Item No. 6 regarding the potential development on Public Parking Lot No. 3 by Azure Development, Inc.:

Frank Williams	Joel Perez	Bonifasio Rojas
Daisy Lucatero	Blake Powell	Cristian Arias
Joshua Christensen	Mario Pineda	Kyle Norvell
Herbert Hardy	Jake Gridley	Matthew Rodriguez
Nicolas Reyes	Dan Langford	Carlos Quintana
Chuck Powell	Jonathan Galicia	Cameron Wadatz
Carol Lemos Urquidez	Juan De La Rose	Irene Langford
Chad Boggio	Jesus Cortez	Eric Garcia
Marc Greenfield	Patricia Gonzalez	Herbert Hardy
Abel Cenicerros	Victor Camposeco	Yessel Diaz
Ramiro Reyes	Daniel Galindo	Mike Coughlin
Joel Perez	Cristal Garcia	David Benzie
Crisply Carrasco	Alejandro Chavez	Jerred Langford
Francisco Uribe	Roberto Reyes	Shoamy Flores
Carlos Carbajal	Jesse Berumen	Nicolle Walters
Rafael Amezcuita	Juan Torres	Liliana Rojo
Maxamillion Chavez	Cristian Granados	Joe Fuchs
Daniel Gilberto Bermudez	Alberto Garcia	Sandra Hamilton
Jason Baiz	Luis Angel Sanchez Martinez	Jesus C. Rodriguez
Ralph Veladar	Kike Sanchez	Josue Solis Quinones
Ivan Burgara	Jose Giron	Ivan Burgara
Jared Langfod - Phone	Jose Mancilla	Victoria Gudino
David Singerman - Phone	Eric Kesselmark	Adrian Gudino
Angel Zobel-Rodriguez	Miguel Nunez	Leonel Serrano
Joshua Christensen	Arvin Aquino	Patrick Crockerham
Chuck Powell	Teno Mendez	Priscilla Estrada
Jason Green	Anibal Rios	Jonathan Pardo
Enrique Apodaca	Emilio Sandoval	Franklin Rivera
Angel Lomeli	Shaun Mieure	Sadie Lopez
Marielena Apodaca	Jesse Berumen	Corey Crockerham
Carlos Carbajal	Robert Ortega	Oscar Tirado
Jorge Torres	Bryon Murray	Jesus Gamez
Rudy Flores	Jonathan Munoz	Daniel Ayala
Jose Cruz	Josh Taylor	Jose Salcedo
Josue Trejo	Illene Padron	Luis Garcia
Eric Valles	Dmitri Turner	Brandon Solorzano
Nelson Marin	Javier Munoz	Ryan Nance
Jorge Torres	Hector Lomeli	Eduardo
Alice Quintana	Dustin Delapinia	Alberto Sanchez
Vici Langford	Francisco Ortiz	Leticia Rodriguez
David Pineda	Jose Rivas	

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The following individuals spoke in opposition of Agenda Item No. 6 regarding the potential development on Public Parking Lot No. 3 by Azure Development, Inc.:

David Bernal	Gabe Guefen
Christina Bernal	Rosa and Elizabeth
Yvonne Peña	Connie Perez
Tom Ross	Richard Salazar
Julie Cuellar	Nicolas Cardenas
Victoria Garcia	Michael Goodrich
Adriana Gomez	Adam Cordova
Miguel Montañez - Phone	Rick Flores
Joeleen Medina - Email	Joanna Hernandez
Ruben Granados	Martina Colon
Sam Rodriguez	Anna Hendel
Ira Hart	Eric Trevino
Glenda and Jose Angel Rivera	Patricia Trevino
Cesar and Lisa Cano	Denise Trevino
Bruce Kates	Victor Garza
Adrian Rodriguez &	Albert Gonzalez Jr.
Jacynda Gutierrez	Pedro Montelongo
Severyn Aszkenazy	

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Motion by Councilmember Montañez, seconded by Councilmember Ballin to approve the Consent Calendar:

- 1) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WARRANT REGISTER
- 2) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A SPECIAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH LIEBERT CASSIDY WHITMORE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023
- 3) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY AND ONEGENERATION TO IMPLEMENT THE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM
- 4) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 1711 ADOPTING A MILITARY EQUIPMENT POLICY GOVERNING THE USE OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT PURSUANT TO ASSEMBLY BILL 481

The motion carried, unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

- 5) A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PLACEMENT OF LIENS ON REAL PROPERTY FOR NON-PAYMENT OF RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES BILLINGS

Mayor Mendoza opened the Public Hearing.

Management Analyst Kenneth Jones and Republic representatives presented the staff report and responded to Councilmember questions.

Mayor Mendoza opened public comment.

The following speakers spoke in opposition of the placement of liens on real property for non-payment of residential and commercial solid waste collection services:

Suzanne Helo and George Schwary from GSM, LLC.

Adriana Gomez

A Bridal Shop owner in the Downtown Mall

Christina Bernal

Silvana Dominguez

Jose Martinez

Victoria Garcia

Mayor Mendoza closed the public hearing. Motion by Councilmember Ballin, seconded by Councilmember Montañez to close the public hearing. The motion carried, unanimously.

Motion by Councilmember Ballin, seconded by Councilmember Montañez to continue the public hearing to a date uncertain at a special meeting to present Council with additional information. The motion carried, unanimously.

It was noted that the City Council recessed to Closed Session at 9:02 p.m. and reconvened from Closed Session back into Open Session at 10:15 p.m. with Councilmember Rodriguez absent.

### **CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

Assistant City Attorney Padilla reported Councilmember Rodriguez recused herself from discussion on this item. No final action taken.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

- 6) CONSIDERATION AND DISCUSSION REGARDING THE COMMUNITY OUTREACH CONDUCTED BY AZURE DEVELOPMENT, INC. FOR POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENT OPTIONS ON PUBLIC PARKING LOT NO. 3 AND THE RELATED EXCLUSIVE NEGOTIATION AGREEMENT

Community Development Director Kanika Kith presented the staff report and Vanessa Delgado from Azure Development presented the Community Outreach Report and responded to Councilmember questions.

Councilmembers expressed concerns regarding the lack of community outreach meetings held. It was noted that no action was taken and by the City Council, therefore, the Exclusive Negotiation Agreement with Azure Development would expire on August 5, 2022.

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**STAFF COMMUNICATION INCLUDING COMMISSION UPDATES**

City Clerk Fritz announced that Candidate Nomination Period is open regarding potential candidacy in the November 8, 2022 City General Election, through August 17, 2022.

Police Chief Valdez announced three explorers graduated from the Explorer Academy.

Director of Recreation and Community Services Venegas announced the Education Commission will meet on July 26, 2022; noted July 22, 2022 Movies in the Park will begin and provided updates to the off-site camping trip event.

Community Development Director Kith announced the Planning and Preservation Commission met to discuss the proposed subdivision for the Target site and the ribbon cutting event dates for Bodevi Espresso Bar and Advanced Auto Part.

City Manager Kimball announced new Director of Finance Erica Melton starts on July 25, 2022.

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

Councilmember Montañez thanked Interim Director of Finance Garcia for her work; congratulated the explorers; attended a water symposium workshop and the Mission College student resource fair; and requested to adjourn the meeting in memory of Al Ghiradelli.

Councilmember Ballin thanked the community for their contributions in tonight's meeting.

Vice Mayor Pacheco commented on the Covid-19 pandemic and urged the community to take precautions to stay healthy; and thanked current and former colleagues and staff for their support through the years in his tenure on the City Council.

Mayor Mendoza thanked Interim Finance Director Garcia for her work; attended Saturday's Tree Planting event; and attended the 52<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Senior dance.

**ADJOURNMENT (11:02 p.m.)**

Mayor Mendoza adjourned the meeting in memory of Al Ghiradelli to the next regular meeting.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the July 18, 2022, regular meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.

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Julia Fritz, City Clerk