

**CITY OF SAN FERNANDO
CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**NOVEMBER 21, 2022 – 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

City Clerk Fritz announced that due to a lack of quorum for the Closed Session meeting scheduled at 5:00 p.m., the City Council would adjourn at the conclusion of the regular meeting to the Closed Session meeting.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Mary Mendoza called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

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

Staff: City Manager Nick Kimball, Assistant City Attorney Richard Padilla, Police Chief Fabian Valdez, Director of Finance Erica Melton, Director of Public Works Matthew Baumgardner, Director of Community Development Kanika Kith, Director of Recreation and Community Services Julian Venegas and City Clerk Julia Fritz

Absent: Councilmember Cindy Montañez

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by City Clerk Julia Fritz

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilmember Ballin, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez to approve the agenda. The motion carried with Councilmember Montañez absent.

PRESENTATIONS

A. PRESENTATION FROM GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT BOARD

Councilmember Sylvia Ballin presented a Certificate of Recognition to Jesse Avila for his many years of dedicated service to the community and as San Fernando's appointed Board Member representative and wished him well in his retirement.

PUBLIC STATEMENTS

Dianne Raymond commented on water conservation, drought tolerant yards, and solar panels.

Victor Pena expressed concerns associated with delays in approving project permits.

San Fernando Library Manager Liana Stepanyan provided updates on activities and programs offered at the library.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Councilmember Ballin, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez to:

- 1) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES:
 - a. April 19, 2021 –Special Meeting
 - b. April 19, 2021 – Regular Meeting
 - c. November 7, 2022 – Special Meeting
- 2) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WARRANT REGISTER
- 3) CONSIDERATION TO AUTHORIZE A CHANGE ORDER TO PURCHASE ORDER NO. 12729 WITH STAGE PLUS FOR STAGE AND SOUND SERVICES
- 4) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENTS WITH HOUSEAL LAVIGNE ASSOCIATES, LLC DBA HOUSEAL LAVIGNE FOR PREPARATION OF THE 6TH CYCLE (2021-2029) HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE
- 5) CONSIDERATION TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS AWARDED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE UNDER THE BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP GRANT ACT OF 1988
- 6) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING FINAL PARCEL MAP NO. 74153 LOCATED AT 927 SEVENTH STREET, ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NO. 2515-028-014

The motion carried with Councilmember Montañez absent.

PUBLIC HEARING

- 7) A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER APPROVING AN ENERGY SAVINGS PERFORMANCE CONTRACT WITH WILLDAN ENERGY SOLUTIONS FOR TURN-KEY DESIGN, ENGINEERING, AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICES FOR SOLAR, HEATING, VENTILATION, AND AIR CONDITIONING, AND BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS AT CITY FACILITIES

Mayor Mendoza opened the public hearing.

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

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

Motion by Vice Mayor Pacheco, seconded by Councilmember Ballin to approve an Energy Savings Performance Contract with Willdan Energy Solutions (Contract No. 2126) for Turn-Key Design, Engineering, and Construction Services with Option No. 1: Solar, Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC), and Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) at City Facilities; adopted Resolution No. 8195; and authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement and all related documents. As amended, to include direction to staff to explore financing options; utilize general fund reserves to potentially cover the \$4.4 million funding gap and return to City Council by February, 2023. The motion carried with Councilmember Montañez absent.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- 8) UPDATE AND DISCUSSION FROM THE 100-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF WOMEN’S RIGHT TO VOTE AD HOC COMMITTEE RELATED A MURAL COMMEMORATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF WOMEN GAINING THE RIGHT TO VOTE

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

Motion by Mayor Mendoza, seconded by Councilmember Ballin to direct staff to engage Lalo Garcia to design a mural to present to the Parks, Wellness and Recreation Commission for recommendations to bring forward to the City Council for consideration. The motion carried with Councilmember Montañez absent.

- 9) CONSIDERATION AND DISCUSSION REGARDING ALLOCATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF INDEPENDENT CITIES FINANCE AUTHORITY'S COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 TOWARDS THE 100-YEAR WOMEN'S RIGHT TO VOTE ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE MURAL

Councilmember Ballin presented the staff report.

City Council requested staff to provide a memo to Councilmembers on the Community Investment Funds account balance.

Motion by Mayor Mendoza, seconded by Councilmember Ballin to allocate and distribute ICFA funds to a 100-Year Anniversary of Women's Right to Vote Commemorative Mural; transfer any unused funds to the Mural Program Ad Hoc for use on potential future murals; and adopt Resolution No. 8196 appropriating the funds in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 adopted Budget. The motion carried with Councilmember Montañez absent.

STAFF COMMUNICATION INCLUDING COMMISSION UPDATES

City Clerk Fritz reported new multifunctional copiers were installed last week, and wished everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving holiday.

Police Chief Valdez reported initial discussions with school district officials regarding campus police presence and spoke about the proposed parent university program.

Director of Recreation and Community Services Venegas expressed the success of the legal workshop at Las Palmas Park; noted the Education Commission will be meeting on November 29th; and announced the Holiday Tree Lighting Event is on December 3rd.

Director of Public Works Baumgardner provided updates on the street resurfacing project.

Director of Community Development Kith commented on the Small Business Grant program offered by the Los Angeles Conservancy; stated Senate Bill 9 regulations would be heard by the Planning and Preservation Commission in December and would be agendaized for a future Council meeting consideration of the Commission's recommendations.

Director of Finance Melton reported that the Finance Department would be continuing waiving past due water bill late fees and not turning off water, and mentioned residents can seek assistance with paying utility bills from various state assistance programs.

Assistant to the City Manager Hernandez provided an update on various grant opportunities.

City Manager Kimball thanked the City Council for tonight's discussion, spoke about the Tree Lighting event; and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

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GENERAL CITY COUNCIL/BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND LIAISON UPDATES

Councilmember Rodriguez spoke about the Tree Lighting event, and suggested that a future item be agendaized on an overview of processes at the permit counter.

Councilmember Ballin attended an event with LA County Supervisor Sheila Keuhl, and requested to close the meeting in memory of the men and woman killed in Colorado.

Vice Mayor Pacheco announced his donation of \$2,500 of Community Investment Funds towards Rudy Ortega Sr. Park for park maintenance and upkeep; commended colleagues and staff regarding the HVAC system; spoke about Mr. E. Hernandez who was unlawfully detained in Venezuela; commented on the tree planting on Glenoaks and wished Happy Thanksgiving to everyone.

Mayor Mendoza thanked staff for their work, spoke about the San Fernando Police Department Torch Run; noted she attended the North Valley Military Institute event in Sun Valley; the Veterans Day Parade; the San Fernando Regional Park Infiltration Project tour; Tip a Cop fundraising event; the grand openings for City Business Shipping, Lash and Glow Studio and lastly wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

ADJOURNMENT (8:26 p.m.)

Mayor Mendoza adjourned the regular meeting at 8:26 p.m. The City Council reconvened back into the adjourned Closed Session meeting.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the November 21, 2022, regular meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.

Julia Fritz, CMC
City Clerk