

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

**JANUARY 3, 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 6:00 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 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: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by City Clerk Julia Fritz

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC STATEMENTS

Angel Zobel-Rodriguez and Nicole Mohr spoke in support of Agenda Item No. 4 and extended an invitation to the City Council to attend upcoming Principles Luncheon event hosted by the Education Commission.

Charles Leone, negotiator representative for the San Fernando Public Employees Association SEIU Local 721 requested City Council's support with labor negotiations.

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Eric Hernandez with OUT Against Big Tobacco Los Angeles submitted a written comment regarding health hazards caused by chemicals contained in all tobacco products.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Fajardo stated he would abstain from Consent Item No. 1.

Motion by Councilmember Fajardo, seconded by Councilmember Solorio to approve:

- 2) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NOS. 22-122 AND 22-011 APPROVING THE WARRANT REGISTERS OF DECEMBER 19, 2022 AND JANUARY 3, 2023, RESPECTIVELY
- 3) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION RE-AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 11, 2023 TO FEBRUARY 10, 2023, 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
- 4) CONSIDERATION TO AUTHORIZE USE OF THE CITY SEAL BY THE EDUCATION COMMISSION TO CIRCULATE A DONATION REQUEST LETTER FOR THE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The motion carried unanimously.

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

- 1) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES:
 - a. October 17, 2022 – Regular
 - b. November 17, 2022 – Regular

The motion carried, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL

AYES:	Solorio, Montañez, Mendoza, Rodriguez - 4
NAYES:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	Fajardo -1

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 5) A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTING AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE SAN FERNANDO MUNICIPAL CODE TO IMPLEMENT THE URBAN LOT SPLITS AND TWO-UNIT RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (R-1) ZONE IMPOSED BY SENATE BILL 9 (SB 9)

Mayor Rodriguez opened the public hearing.

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

Councilmembers discussed concerns with design standards including parking requirements, and questioned why the full list of recommendations made by the Planning and Preservation Commission were not included in the staff report along with the costs for a feasibility study.

Mayor Rodriguez opened public comment and there being no public testimony, Mayor Rodriguez closed public comments. Motion by Councilmember Fajardo, seconded by Vice Mayor Mendoza to close public comments. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Vice Mayor Mendoza, seconded by Councilmember Solorio to introduce for first reading, in title only, and waive further reading of Ordinance No. 1712 “An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of San Fernando, California, repealing Interim Urgency Ordinance No. U-1706 and approval of amendments to the San Fernando Municipal Code (Zoning Text Amendment No. 2022- 001) to add Chapter 78, Article II, Division 6 “Urban Lot Split” and to add Section 359 of Chapter 106, Article III, Division 2 “Two-Unit Urban Residential Development” to establish regulations and standards for urban lot splits and two-unit residential development projects in Single-family Residential (R-1) Zone pursuant to Senate Bill 9.”

The motion failed, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL

AYES:	Solorio, Mendoza - 2
NAYES:	Fajardo, Montañez, Rodriguez - 3
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

Motion by Councilmember Fajardo, seconded by Councilmember Montañez to continue the public hearing to the meeting of January 17, 2023 to consider an additional one-year extension of the existing Interim Urgency Ordinance No. U-1707; and direct staff to present a revised draft ordinance to include additional options for potential design and architectural standards, identify recommendations made by the Planning and Preservation Commission that were included in the ordinance with reasons why certain recommendations were not included; and include stricter oversight for owner occupancy provisions. The motion carried, unanimously.

- 6) A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTING A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FINANCING FOR AN ENERGY SAVINGS PERFORMANCE CONTRACT WITH WILL DAN 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 Rodriguez opened the public hearing.

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

Mayor Rodriguez opened public comment, there being no public testimony, and with no objections, Mayor Rodriguez closed public comments.

Motion by Councilmember Fajardo, seconded by Vice Mayor Mendoza to approve Option No. 4: (HVAC Only; No Financing): Install HVAC at the Police Department Facility and appropriate an additional \$2,500,000 toward the project; with additional direction to staff to return to the Council before February 10th, with a more detailed summary of the financing costs for Option No. 3, in addition to ways that funds could be utilized. The motion carried, unanimously.

It was noted, the City Council recessed at 8:16 p.m. and returned at 8:27 p.m. with all Councilmembers present.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mayor Rodriguez noted that Agenda Item No. 9 and 10 will be considered prior to Item No. 7.

9) **CONSIDERATION TO AWARD A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT TO PACOIMA BEAUTIFUL, TO PROVIDE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SERVICES**

Director of Recreation and Community Services Venegas presented the staff report and responded to Councilmember questions.

Motion by Councilmember Fajardo, seconded by Councilmember Montañez to approve a Professional Services Agreement (Contract No. 2129) with Pacoima Beautiful in an amount not-to-exceed \$50,000 to provide Community Engagement services for the Las Palmas Park Revitalization Project and the Pioneer Park Playground Renovation Project; and authorize the City Manager to make non-substantive changes and execute all related documents. The motion carried, unanimously.

10) **CONSIDERATION TO AWARD A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT TO RJM DESIGN GROUP, INC., FOR THE DESIGN OF THE LAS PALMAS PARK REVITALIZATION PROJECT**

Director of Recreation and Community Services Venegas presented the staff report and responded to Councilmember questions.

Motion by Councilmember Fajardo, seconded by Councilmember Montañez to approve a Professional Services Agreement (Contract No. 2107) with RJM Design Group, Inc. (RJM) in an amount not-to-exceed \$490,121 to provide community engagement and design services for the Las Palmas Park Revitalization Project; and authorize the City Manager to make non-substantive changes and execute all related documents. The motion carried, unanimously,

7) CONSIDERATION TO AWARD A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR PHASE 2 OF THE ANNUAL STREET RESURFACING PROJECT

Director of Public Work Baumgardner presented the staff report and Director of Finance Melton presented fund balances and responded to Councilmember questions.

Motion by Councilmember Fajardo, seconded by Vice Mayor Mendoza to accept the lowest responsive bid in the amount of \$3,610,154 from American Asphalt South, Inc. for construction of these improvements; and approve a construction contract with American Asphalt South, Inc. for an amount not-to-exceed \$3,610,154 (Contract No. 2130); adopt Resolution No. 8204 amending the budget of Fiscal Year 2022-2023 to increase total project expenditures by \$1,860,926 to \$6,460,154; and authorize the City Manager to execute all related documents. The motion carried unanimously.

8) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE CITY COUNCIL LIAISON AND AD HOC ASSIGNMENTS

Mayor Rodriguez provided opening comments.

Mayor Rodriguez noted that a updated ad hoc committee list would be brought back to City Council which is reflective of the City's adopted strategic goals.

Motion by Councilmember Fajardo, seconded by Mayor Rodriguez to approve the 2023 Liaison Assignments, as amended to include Celeste Rodriguez as Alternate for ICA and advertisement for the upcoming vacancy of MTA. The motion carried, unanimously.

11) CONSIDERATION TO APPOINT REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE AS COMMISSIONERS TO THE EDUCATION, PARKS, WELLNESS AND RECREATION, TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC SAFETY, AND PLANNING AND PRESERVATION COMMISSIONS

Councilmember Fajardo presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Fajardo, seconded by Vice Mayor Mendoza to approve Angel Zobel-Rodriguez to be appointed as Councilmember Fajardo's representative to the Education Commission; approve Nicole Mohr to be appointed as a representative to the Transportation and Public Safety Commission; approve Natasha Sanchez-Brooks to be appointed as a representative to the Parks, Wellness and Recreation Commission; and approve Hector A. Pacheco to be appointed as a representative to the Planning and Preservation Commission. The motion carried unanimously.

12) CONSIDERATION AND DISCUSSION TO PROVIDE STAFF DIRECTION FOR A PRESENTATION ON THE SAN FERNANDO POLICE DEPARTMENT AND RELATED ISSUES TO BE AGENDIZED TO A SPECIAL MEETING OR STUDY SESSION

Councilmember Fajardo presented the staff report.

By consensus, the City Council directed staff to bring back, before February 1, a presentation and discussion regarding Senate Bill 2's impact on the Police Department, current policies and procedures related to sworn officer personnel investigations, arbitration, and appeals, as well as the Department's hiring plan, school resource matters, and staffing shortages. The Council also noted that each Councilmember would provide staff with specific topics of concern to address and include in the staff report. Furthermore, staff is instructed to provide a summary of the changes that have taken place since Chief Valdez's tenure with the City's Police Department.

Staff mentioned January 30 as the tentative date for scheduling the special City Council meeting to bring the item back for discussion.

13) **CONSIDERATION TO APPOINT CITY COUNCIL LIAISON TO THE GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT**

Councilmember Fajardo presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Fajardo, seconded by Vice Mayor Mendoza to appoint Sylvia Ballin as City Council Liaison to the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District (GLACVD) for a two-year term. The motion carried, unanimously.

STAFF COMMUNICATION INCLUDING COMMISSION UPDATES

City Clerk Fritz had no updates to report.

Director of Recreation and Community Services Venegas commented on the upcoming Parks, Wellness and Recreation Commission and the Layne Park groundbreaking event.

Director of Public Works Baumgardner reported that the City received a grant for \$300,000 towards the City-wide infiltration project.

Director of Community Development Kith had no updates to report.

Police Chief Valdez requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Riverside Sheriff Deputies Isaiah Cordero and Darnell Calhoun.

City Manager Kimball reminded City Council that the City Manager's Quarterly Outlook Report which informs Councilmembers about City activities, events and upcoming agenda items and also noted the City Manager's bi-weekly update report would be emailed this week.

GENERAL CITY COUNCIL/BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND LIAISON UPDATES

Councilmember Fajardo spoke about the HVAC finance options, public hearing matters, and suggested to leave special meetings to begin at 5pm and spoke about citizen concerns regarding the lack of parking and on receiving updates related to the park infiltration project.

Councilmember Montañez spoke about strengthening economic development in the City and thanked her colleagues for their work.

Councilmember Solorio thanked staff for a great first council meeting.

Vice Mayor Mendoza commented on having a great first meeting and reported she attended the grand opening for Heavenly Pancake announcing dinner service and wished everyone a happy holidays and happy new year.

Mayor Rodriguez thanked staff for their work, commented on items approved on the agenda, mentioned she attended the grand opening for Heavenly Pancake announcing dinner service, thanked colleagues for their work and spoke about her recognizing her new role as the Mayor.

ADJOURNMENT 11:12 p.m.)

Mayor Rodriguez adjourned the meeting in memory of Riverside Sheriff Deputies Isaiah Cordero and Darnell Calhoun to the next regular meeting.

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

Julia Fritz, CMC
City Clerk