

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

**JANUARY 17, 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 6:10 p.m.

Present: Council: Mayor Celeste Rodriguez, Vice Mayor Mary Mendoza and Councilmembers Cindy Montañez, 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.

PRESENTATION

- A. PRESENTATION OF A CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION HONORING THE 100th YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF O'MELVENY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PUBLIC STATEMENTS

Dee Akeman thanked Public Works staff for their work during the recent storms and spoke about concerns regarding a potential conflict of interest related to Councilmember Fajardo inquiring directly on active internal affairs investigations regarding three police officers.

Julissa Hernandez, Field Representative from the Office of Assemblymember Luz Rivas provided legislative updates.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Montañez stated she would recuse herself from Item No. 5, due to a potential conflict of interest; and Vice Mayor Mendoza stated she would recuse herself from Item No. 5 due to the proximity of the project location and her residence.

Motion by Councilmember Montañez, seconded by Vice Mayor Mendoza to approve Item Nos. 1 through 4, excluding Item No. 1) a. which will be brought back to a future meeting:

- 1) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES:
 - a. November 1, 2021 – Regular **(ITEM PULLED TO BE BROUGHT BACK AT A FUTURE MEETING)**
 - b. November 15, 2021 – Regular
 - c. December 6, 2021 – Regular
- 2) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WARRANT REGISTER
- 3) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 SALARY PLAN TO IMPLEMENT CHANGES IN MINIMUM WAGE FOR CERTAIN PART-TIME EMPLOYEES
- 4) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT CITY REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE ON THE INDEPENDENT CITIES FINANCE AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The motion carried, unanimously.

It was noted, Councilmember Joel Fajardo arrived at 6:36 p.m.

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

- 5) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE FILING A GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE CALIFORNIA NATURAL RESOURCES AGENCY FOR THE URBAN GREENING PROGRAM FUNDING

The motion carried, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 6) A CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AN URGENCY ORDINANCE MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS AND EXTENDING FOR A PERIOD OF UP TO ONE YEAR INTERIM STANDARDS FOR URBAN LOT SPLITS AND TWO-UNIT RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (R-1) ZONE PURSUANT TO SENATE BILL 9 (SB 9) AND CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A PROPOSED ORDINANCE APPROVING AMENDMENTS REGULATING SB 9 PROJECTS

Mayor Rodriguez opened the public hearing.

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

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

Motion by Councilmember Fajardo, seconded by Vice Mayor Mendoza to adopt Urgency Ordinance No. U-1713 extending the temporary regulations in Interim Urgency Ordinance No. U-1707 for one additional year; and approve introduction and first reading, in title only, and waive further reading of Ordinance No. 1714 “ An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of San Fernando, California, repealing Interim Urgency Ordinance U-1706 and approving amendments to the San Fernando Municipal Code to add Chapter 78, Article II, Division 6 “urban lot split” and to add Chapter 106, Article III, Division 2, Section 359 “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 carried by the following vote:

ROLL CALL

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- 7) CONSIDERATION AND DISCUSSION REGARDING MEETING TIME FOR SPECIAL MEETING CLOSED SESSION AGENDA ITEMS

Councilmember Fajardo presented the staff report and discussion ensued regarding start times of the Closed Session meetings to begin at 5:00 p.m. instead of 5:15 p.m. and spoke of concerns regarding ensuring that all Councilmembers are able to regularly attend a Closed Session meeting that begins at 5:00 p.m.

City Manager Kimball suggested that he would obtain a consensus from Councilmembers in advance of scheduling Closed Session Special meetings in order to achieve full City Councilmember attendance or to ensure a quorum, prior to scheduling the Closed Session meeting start time of 5:00 p.m. or 5:15 p.m.

- 8) CONSIDERATION AND DISCUSSION REGARDING REVISED 2021-2026 CITYWIDE STRATEGIC GOALS AND UPDATES TO THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Mayor Celeste T. Rodriguez presented the staff report.

Motion by Mayor Rodriguez, seconded by Councilmember Montañez to approve the revised 2021-2026 Citywide Strategic Goals and the Ad Hoc Committee Assignments, as amended to: keep the 100 Year Anniversary of Women's Right to Vote Ad Hoc active with Vice Mayor Mendoza and Councilmember Fajardo to serve on the committee; and revise scope to include planning a recognition event with the Ad Hoc sun setting on January, 2024. In addition, staff was directed to add notes to the Ad hoc Committees master list that clarifies the definition of public meetings to leverage existing public meetings, such as Commission meetings, Measure A/SF Town Hall and Neighborhood Watch meetings as a forum to provide Ad Hoc committee interim progress reports.

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

Councilmember Solorio presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Solorio, seconded by Councilmember Fajardo to approve David Govea to be appointed as representative to the Education Commission; approve Ivan Gonzalez to be appointed as representative to the Transportation and Public Safety Commission; approve Erica Friend to be appointed as representative to the Parks, Wellness and Recreation Commission; and approve Francisco Solorio to be appointed as my representative to the Planning and Preservation 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 spoke about the workshop for parents at Las Palmas on Tuesdays and mentioned the Veterans' Banner Program is currently accepting applications.

Director of Public Works Baumgardner reported on the City's end of the year water usage decreased by 9% for 2022.

Director of Finance Melton had no updates to report.

Director of Community Development Kith announced the annual homeless count event is seeking volunteers.

Assistant to the City Manager Hernandez mentioned the Police Department received grant funds from Congressman Tony Cardenas towards police officers mental health program and counseling services.

City Manager Kimball thanked Public Works operations staff for the new painting of the City logo in the Council Chambers and reported staff is working on generating the City's 2022 Annual Report.

Police Chief Valdez mentioned the Community Academy was postponed until Tuesday, February 27 and requested that this evenings meeting be closed in memory of Riverside County Sheriff Deputy Darnell Calhoun.

GENERAL CITY COUNCIL/BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND LIAISON UPDATES

Councilmember Fajardo commented on the burglary that occurred at the Police Station, mentioned that the Commissioner's application should be updated to include a question on whether the applicant is related to the nominating Councilmember, and lastly talked about inconsistencies on the Council meetings decorum and order.

Councilmember Montañez thanked public works staff for their work during the recent storms; for staffs assistance with completion of planting trees and reported she attended the swearing-in/appointment ceremony of Adan Ortega as Board Chair for the Metropolitan Water District.

Councilmember Solorio thanked to public works staff for helping with the tree planting completion, thanked Congressman Cardenas for the grant funds for the police department and commented on the Layne Park ground breaking event.

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Vice Mayor Mendoza condolences to Sheriff Deputy Calhoun and his family, spoke about the mental health grant, participated in a webinar on the community on aging, and mentioned receiving updates from the Library Commission meeting, which will be forwarded to the City Manager.

Mayor Rodriguez commented on Southern California Gas Company, the homeless count event, mentioned she attended the swearing-in/appointment ceremony of Adan Ortega as Board Chair for the Metropolitan Water District, noted she would be participating in moderating a domestic violence event where Chief Valdez will be one of the panelist speaker, noted she attended the City Selection Committee meeting and provided updates from the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT (9:02 p.m.)

Mayor Rodriguez adjourned the meeting in memory of Riverside County Sheriff Deputy Darnell Calhoun to the next special meeting of January 30, 2023, 6:00 p.m.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the January 17, 2023, regular meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.

Julia Fritz, CMC
City Clerk