

**SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

**MAY 22, 2023 – 6:00 P.M.  
SPECIAL MEETING**

**CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
117 MACNEIL STREET  
SAN FERNANDO, CALIFORNIA 91340**

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Mayor Rodriguez called the special meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present:

Council: Mayor Celeste T. Rodriguez, Vice Mayor Mary Mendoza, and Councilmembers Joel Fajardo and Mary Solorio (arrived at 6:01 p.m.)

Staff: City Manager Nick Kimball, Assistant City Attorney Norma Tabares, Police Chief Fabian Valdez, Director of Finance Erica Melton, Director of Recreation and Community Services Julian Venegas and City Clerk Julia Fritz

Absent: Councilmember Cindy Montañez

**TELECONFERENCING REQUESTS/DISCLOSURE**

No requests considered.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by City Clerk Julia Fritz

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion by Councilmember Fajardo, seconded by Vice Mayor Mary Mendoza to approve the agenda. The motion carried, with Councilmembers Montañez and Solorio absent.

It was noted that Councilmember Mary Solorio arrived at 6:01 p.m.

**PUBLIC STATEMENTS**

The following speakers spoke in support of the Police Department’s Community and Parent Academies:

Louis A. Lopez  
Gustavo Franco  
Patty Lopez  
Julio Martinez

Ricardo Benitez spoke about public safety in San Fernando and his support for the Police Department’s Budget.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

1) FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 BUDGET STUDY SESSION NO. 1

Staff presented the following department proposed budgets for Administration, City Clerk, Police Department and Recreation and Community Services.

It was noted that the City Council recessed the meeting at 7:54 p.m. and reconvened at 8:04 p.m. with Councilmember Montañez absent.

Councilmembers discussed the proposed department budgets, enhancement requests and suggested recommendations to staff to include in Budget Study Session No. 2.

**STAFF COMMUNICATION INCLUDING COMMISSION UPDATES**

City Manager Kimball invited City Council to attend the Education Commission Scholarship Award Ceremony at Rudy Ortega Park on May 23, 2023; invited the community to attend the Community Bike Ride on Saturday, May 27, 2023; and Monday, May 29, 2023 invited Council and the Community to Police Department Open House and Veterans Banner Recognition Program at American Legion.

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

Councilmember Fajardo thanked Labor Local 300 for donating \$10,000 for Measure SF.

Councilmember Solorio commented on the importance of data analysis projections.

Vice Mayor Mendoza requested clarification regarding reporting bulky item, and reminded Council to focus on the greater good.

Mayor Rodriguez commented on the robust meeting and thanked everyone for their participation.

**ADJOURNMENT (11:01 p.m.)**

Mayor Rodriguez adjourned the meeting to the next special meeting.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the May 22, 2023, Special meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.

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Julia Fritz, CMC  
City Clerk