

**CITY OF SAN FERNANDO
CITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING – 5:15 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING – 6:00 P.M.
MONDAY, AUGUST 5, 2024**

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

**COUNCILMEMBER MARY SOLORIO
REMOTE TELECONFERENCE LOCATION
1425 HOLLISTER STREET
SAN FERNANDO, CA 91340**

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL – SPECIAL MEETING 5:15 P.M. (CLOSED SESSION)

Mayor Celeste T. Rodriguez called the Special Meeting to order at 5:16 p.m.

Present:

Council: Mayor Celeste T. Rodriguez, Vice Mayor Mary Mendoza, and Councilmembers Joel Fajardo, Mary Solorio (joined via remote location) and Victoria Garcia (arrived at 5:17 p.m.)

Staff: City Manager Nick Kimball, City Attorney Richard Padilla, Deputy City Manager/Economic Development Kanika Kith, Director of Community Development Erika Ramirez, and Director of Administrative Services Erica D. Melton

Absent: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC STATEMENTS None

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION (5:17 P.M.)

By consensus, Councilmembers recessed to Closed Session.

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A) CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.8 – CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR

Subject Property: City owned parcels at Assessor Identification Numbers (APN): 2521-031-901, 902, and 903
Party Negotiation with: Aaron Aszkenazy, Aszkenazy Development and Rudy J. Ortega, Jr., Fernandeno Tataviam Band of Mission Indians
City Representative: Nick Kimball, City Manager and Kanika Kith, Deputy City Manager/Economic Development

B) CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR PURSUANT TO G.C. §54957.6:

Designated City Negotiators: City Manager Nick Kimball
Employees and Employee Bargaining Units:
San Fernando Management Group (SEIU, Local 721)
San Fernando Public Employees' Association (SEIU, Local 721)
San Fernando Police Officers Association
San Fernando Police Officers Association Police Management Unit
San Fernando Police Civilian Association
San Fernando Part-Time Employees' Bargaining Unit (SEIU, Local 721)
All Unrepresented Employees

C) CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957.6 – CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR:

City Representative: City Attorney Richard Padilla
Unrepresented Employee: City Manager

D) CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(D)(4) – INITIATION OF LITIGATION:

Two (2) Matters

RECONVENE FROM SPECIAL MEETING AND REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Padilla stated Councilmember Garcia reported directly to Closed Session and was present for the entirety of Closed Session; and Councilmember Solorio participated via phone for the entirety of Closed Session. Regarding Agenda Item A, in compliance with the Political Reform Act, Mayor Rodriguez recused herself due to the proximity of her home to the proposed project. All other Councilmembers were present, no reportable action taken. Following this item, Mayor Rodriguez returned to Closed Session. There was no reportable action regarding Agenda Item B. Councilmembers discussed Agenda Item D (Matter 1), the City Council directed the City Attorney for the City to opt-in to the national class-action Kroger settlement. Agenda Items C and D (Matter 2) were not addressed and will be continued to a future meeting.

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ADJOURNMENT (6:03 p.m.)

The City Council adjourned the special meeting to the regular meeting.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL – REGULAR MEETING 6:00 P.M. (OPEN SESSION)

Mayor Celeste Rodriguez called the regular meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Present: Council: Mayor Celeste T. Rodriguez, Vice Mayor Mary Mendoza and Councilmembers Joel Fajardo, Mary Solorio (Remote Location) joined at 6:08 p.m. and Victoria Garcia

Staff: City Manager Nick Kimball, City Attorney Richard Padilla, Police Chief Fabian Valdez, Director of Administrative Services Erica Melton, Director of Community Development Erika Ramirez, Director of Public Works Wendell Johnson, Director of Recreation and Community Services Julio Salcedo and City Clerk Julia Fritz

Absent: None

TELECONFERENCING REQUESTS/DISCLOSURE None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by City Clerk Julia Fritz

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC STATEMENTS

Chris spoke about public safety.

Chief Valdez spoke briefly regarding the events that have affected the community regarding the burglaries and the homicide incidents, stated that the incidents were random acts and that Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Homicide Unit is working on the investigations; and announced the

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Police Department will be hosting two community watches at 6pm on August 21 and on August 28 at noon to discuss community concerns relating to these incidents.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Garcia requested to pull Consent Calendar Item No. 4 for discussion.

Motion by Councilmember Fajardo, seconded by Vice Mayor Mendoza to approve the Consent Calendar with the exception of Item No. 4:

- 1) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES:
 - a. June 11, 2007 – Special Meeting
- 2) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WARRANT REGISTER
- 3) CONSIDERATION TO AUTHORIZE THE LEASE OF A PASSENGER VAN UNDER THE CALIFORNIA COOPERATIVE PURCHASING CONTRACT SOURCEWELL FROM ENTERPRISE FLEET
- 5) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT FUND RESERVES AND AUTHORIZE PURCHASE CHANGE ORDERS TO PAY OUTSTANDING ENTERPRISE FLEET MANAGEMENT INVOICES
- 6) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ESTABLISHING A COMPENSATION PLAN FOR THE SAN FERNANDO POLICE OFFICERS’ ASSOCIATION POLICE MANAGEMENT UNIT, AND ADOPT A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE SALARY PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025

The motion carried, unanimously.

- 4) CONSIDERATION TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO US NATIONAL CORP FOR EXTERIOR PAINTING OF CITY HALL

Motion by Councilmember Garcia, seconded by Councilmember Fajardo to accept the lowest responsible bid (Contractor’s Proposal) in the amount of \$39,880 from US National Corp dba Jimenez Painting Company for Exterior Painting of City Hall; based on available funding, authorize staff to increase the scope of work to include additional facilities, including, but not limited to, the exterior/interior of City Hall, Police Department, and Public Works Operations Center facilities, and city-owned park restrooms, up to an amount not-to-exceed \$100,000; authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute the Construction Agreement (Contract No. 2279) and all related documents and as amended to include funds towards improvements to parks facilities public restrooms. The motion carried, unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 7) A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTING A RESOLUTION APPROVING UPDATES ESTABLISHING AN ANNUAL FEE SCHEDULE FOR CITY SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 AND RESCINDING PRIOR USER FEE RESOLUTIONS

Mayor Rodriguez opened the public hearing.

Director of Administrative Services Erica Melton and Willdan Financial Services Consultant Representatives Tony Thrasher presented the staff report and responded to Councilmember questions.

Mayor Rodriguez called for public testimony. There being no public testimony, Mayor Rodriguez closed the public comment period.

Mayor Rodriguez closed the public hearing.

Motion by Councilmember Fajardo, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to adopt Resolution No. 8325 incorporating all current fees for City services into a Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Annual Fee Schedule, amending fees and charges; rescind Resolution No. 8233 and all parts of Resolutions in conflict with Resolution No. 8325; and as amended to change the effective date of the new fee schedule to January 1, 2025. The motion carried, unanimously.

- 9) DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE COLLECTION SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CONSOLIDATED DISPOSAL SERVICE, LLC DBA REPUBLIC SERVICES

Director of Public Works Wendell Johnson and Republic Services Representatives Pilar Almeida and Mayra Lugo presented the staff report and responded to Councilmember questions.

By consensus, the City Council directed staff to return with a revised amendment to a future meeting uncertain.

- 10) A PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTIONS 5473 AND 5473A, APPROVING THE FINAL FORM OF THE DELINQUENT CHARGES REPORT OF PAST DUE ACCOUNTS FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL SERVICES, AND AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF THE DELINQUENT CHARGES REPORT TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY AUDITOR-CONTROLLER FOR COLLECTION ON THE 2024-2025 PROPERTY TAX ROLL

Mayor Rodriguez opened the public hearing.

Director of Public Works Wendell Johnson and Republic Services Representatives Pilar Almeida and Mayra Lugo presented the staff report and responded to Councilmember questions.

Mayor Rodriguez called for public testimony.

Tadeh Mirzakhonian spoke in opposition.

There being no further public comments, Mayor Rodriguez closed the public comment period.

Mayor Rodriguez closed the public hearing.

Motion by Vice Mayor Mendoza, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to adopt Resolution No. 8326 approving the final form of the Delinquent Charges Report for past due accounts for residential and commercial municipal solid waste collection and disposal services, and authorizing submittal of the Delinquent Charges Report to the Los Angeles County Auditor-Controller for collection on the 2024-2025 property tax roll by August 9, 2024. The motion failed by the following vote:

ROLL CALL

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- 10) CONSIDERATION AND DISCUSSION TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SAN FERNANDO MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 2-908 DEFINITIONS AND SECTION 2-909, ARTICLE VII OF CHAPTER 2 TO INCREASE LOCAL CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION LIMITS FROM \$500 TO \$1,000 AND MODIFYING PROVISIONS FOR FUTURE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX ADJUSTMENTS TO THE SAME

City Clerk Julia Fritz presented the staff report and responded to Councilmember questions.

Motion by Councilmember Fajardo, seconded by Vice Mayor Mendoza to introduce for first reading, in title only, and waive further reading of Ordinance No. 1727 titled, “An Ordinance of the City Council of the City Of San Fernando, California amending the San Fernando Municipal Code Sections 2-908 and Section 2-909 of Article VII of Chapter 2 to Increase Local Campaign Contribution Limits from \$500 to \$1,000 and modifying provisions relating to future Consumer Price Index adjustments to the same.” The motion carried by the following vote:

ROLL CALL

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

STAFF COMMUNICATION INCLUDING COMMISSION UPDATES

City Clerk Fritz announced the upcoming City-wide End of Summer Employee Picnic on September 7, 2024 and mentioned the Commissioner’s attendance report would be emailed to Council by end of week.

Director of Recreation and Community Services mentioned that the cooling centers are opened at Las Palmas and Recreation Park, talked about upcoming summer concerts and programming activities.

Director of Public Works Johnson reported that the painting of pavement markings has begun and noted that staff held a kick-off meeting for the Parking Permit Study.

Director of Community Development Ramirez emailed SCAG to confirm that the \$1.1 million grant is fully funded. A meeting with SCAG is scheduled for next week to discuss grant details. Additionally, on August 12 at the Planning and Preservation Commission meeting a study session will be held regarding landscape requirements.

Director of Finance Melton mentioned that staff has posted both in English and Spanish to the City’s website information regarding payment arrangement programs for past due water utility bills.

The City Attorney reminded the City Council about whether to recess back into Closed Session at the conclusion of the regular meeting.

City Manager Kimball announced that the August City Manager Report has been released. He noted that the bi-weekly report, which includes budget enhancement timelines, was emailed to the Council and mentioned that staff would soon be scheduling a Parking Ad Hoc Committee meeting.

GENERAL CITY COUNCIL/BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND LIAISON UPDATES

Councilmember Fajardo spoke about the recent retail store break-ins and mentioned maintenance issues at the Cindy Montañez Natural Park.

Councilmember Solorio thanked staff for their work and shared concerns regarding the recent retail store break-ins.

Councilmember Garcia expressed concerns regarding the recent homicide incident, extended condolences to the family, spoke about the retail store break-ins, noting public safety is her priority for the community and thanked staff for their work regarding enhancement timelines.

Vice Mayor Mendoza thanked the Police Department for their work and acknowledged Police Chief Valdez for his leadership.

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Mayor Rodriguez mentioned the upcoming Police Departments two community meetings where they will be discussing public safety issues, acknowledged the recreation team for their work with the summer camp programming, commented on the work of local churches providing children at no cost 1000 back to school backpacks, and requested to adjourn the meeting in honor of her grandmother, Juanita Alvarez Romo.

The City Council recessed back into Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT (8:35 p.m.)

Mayor Rodriguez adjourned the meeting in memory of Juanita Alvarez Romo to the regular meeting of August 19, 2024.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the August 5, 2024, Regular meeting and approved by the San Fernando City Council at the meeting of January 6, 2025.

Julia Fritz, CMC
City Clerk