

**CITY OF SAN FERNANDO
CITY COUNCIL**

MINUTES

**SPECIAL MEETING – 5:15 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING – 6:00 P.M.
MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 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 5:15 p.m.

Present:

Council: Mayor Celeste T. Rodriguez, Vice Mayor Mary Mendoza and Councilmember Joel Fajardo

Staff: City Manager Nick Kimball, City Attorney Richard Padilla

Absent: Councilmembers Mary Solorio and Victoria Garcia

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC STATEMENTS None

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION (5:16 P.M.)

By consensus, Councilmembers recessed to Closed Session.

It was noted that Councilmembers Mary Solorio and Victoria Garcia joined directly into Closed Session at 5:17 p.m.

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A) 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

B) 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 no reportable action as a result of the Closed Session meeting of October 21, 2024 at 5:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT (6:04 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 6:04 p.m.

Present: Council: Mayor Celeste T. Rodriguez, Vice Mayor Mary Mendoza and Councilmembers Joel Fajardo, Mary Solorio and Victoria Garcia

Staff: City Manager Nick Kimball, City Attorney Richard Padilla, Police Chief Fabian Valdez, Director of Finance 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

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by City Clerk Julia Fritz

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilmember Fajardo, seconded by Councilmember Solorio to approve the agenda. The motion carried, unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

- A. PRESENTATION OF EDUCATION COMMISSION CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION FOR OCTOBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH FOR RESPONSIBILITY AND OWNERSHIP
Benjamin Urbina (Glenoaks Christian School)
Sydney Partida (Nueva Esperanza Charter Academy)
- B. PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION TO MEMBERS OF THE FILIPINO AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GREATER LOS ANGELES AND THE SAN FERNANDO MASONIC LODGE IN HONOR OF FILIPINO HERITAGE MONTH
- C. PRESENTATION FROM GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT ON PROTECTION AND PREVENTION FROM THE WEST NILE VIRUS
- D. PRESENTATION FROM LOS ANGELES CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT OPERATION VALLEY BUREAU REGARDING 2024 FIRE STATISTICS IN SAN FERNANDO

PUBLIC STATEMENTS

Anita Saldana spoke about concerns regarding code enforcement fines.

Curtis Wayne Johnson Junior spoke regarding public safety in the city and is in support of Agenda Item No. 5.

Miguel Luna spoke in support of Agenda Item No. 11.

The following spoke in opposition of the proposed townhome development Project No. SPR 2024-01 at 833 N. Brand Boulevard:

Cindy Navarro
Margarita Cervacio
Ignacio Vergara
Ricardo Benitez
Marta Gonzalez

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Tomile Hakoopian
Julie Cuellar

City Attorney Padilla provided clarification on the development’s status regarding Project No. SPR2024-01 at 833 Brand Boulevard; stated that the project was not approved at the Planning Commission level and the applicant of the project must file an appeal to the City Council to uphold or reverse the Planning Commission’s decision.

Gustavo V. spoke regarding the political atmosphere during this election cycle.

Maria Carillo spoke in support of Agenda Item No. 8.

It was noted that the City Council recessed the meeting at 8:05 p.m. and reconvened at 8:13 p.m. with Councilmember Fajardo absent.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Garcia requested to pull Consent Calendar Item No. 3 and 7 for discussion.

Motion by Councilmember Solorio, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to approve the Consent Calendar with the exception of Item No. 3 and 7.

1. CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES:

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| July 10, 2012 – Special Meeting | c. May 20, 2024 – Regular Meeting |
| August 27, 2012 – Special Meeting | d. October 7, 2024 – Special Meeting |

2. CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WARRANT REGISTER

4. CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ESTABLISHING THE SALARY AND COMPENSATION PLAN FOR SAN FERNANDO MANAGEMENT GROUP, ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE JOB SPECIFICATION FOR PLANNING MANAGER, AND ADOPT A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE SALARY PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025

5. CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATIONS OF GOVERNMENTS’ REGIONAL EARLY ACTION PROGRAM 2.0 GRANT AND AUTHORIZE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING TO IMPLEMENT THE GRANT PROGRAM

6. CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CIVICA LAW GROUP FOR ON-CALL CODE ENFORCEMENT LEGAL SERVICES

8. CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE CO-SPONSORSHIP OF AND PARTICIPATION IN THE 2024 PINK PATCH PROJECT

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9. CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A CONTRACT SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH PRECISION CONCRETE CUTTING THROUGH THE KEYSTONE PURCHASING NETWORK FOR SIDEWALK CONDITION ASSESSMENT SERVICES

The motion carried, with Councilmember Fajardo absent.

3. RECEIVE AND FILE STATUS UPDATES FOR ENHANCEMENTS, PROJECTS, AND CITY COUNCIL PRIORITIES

Councilmember Garcia requested to add the gravel/asphalt and the purchase of the backhoe to the status report.

Motion by Councilmember Solorio, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to approve Consent Calendar Item No. 3. The motion carried, with Councilmember Fajardo absent.

It was noted that Councilmember Fajardo joined the meeting at 8:29 p.m.

7. CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH HOPE THE MISSION FOR MENTAL HEALTH CLINICIAN SERVICES

Motion by Mayor Rodriguez, seconded by Councilmember Fajardo to approve a Professional Services Agreement (Contract No. 2308) with Hope the Mission for Mental Health Clinician Services; and authorize the City Manager, or designee, to make non-substantive changes and execute all related documents. The motion carried, unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

10. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENTS WITH HOME AGAIN LOS ANGELES AND NORTH VALLEY CARING SERVICES TO PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE HOMELESS SERVICES

Director of Community Development Ramirez and Homeless Coordinator presented the staff report and responded to Councilmember questions.

Motion by Councilmember Solorio, seconded by Mayor Rodriguez to approve a Professional Services Agreement with Home Again Los Angeles in an amount not to exceed \$157,200, to provide comprehensive homeless services; authorize contingency of 10% of the annual contracted services amount, for homeless services-related costs and authorize City Manager to execute change orders as necessary up to contingency authority, within the annual authorized budget in a given fiscal year; and approve a Professional Services Agreement with North Valley Caring Services in an amount not to exceed \$175,000, to provide comprehensive homeless services; authorize the City Manager, or designee, to make non-substantive edits and execute all related documents; and directed staff to provide monthly statistics on assistance/services provided, as available. The motion carried, unanimously.

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11. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A NON-EXCLUSIVE REVOCABLE LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH THE FERNANDEÑO TATAVIAM BAND OF MISSION INDIANS FOR ACCESS AND USE OF CINDY MONTAÑEZ NATURAL PARK

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

Motion by Mayor Rodriguez, seconded by Councilmember Fajardo to approve a Non-Exclusive Revocable License Agreement with the Fernandeno Tataviyam Band of Mission Indians (Contract No. 2307) for access and use of Cindy Montañez Natural Park; authorize the City Manager, or designee, to make non-substantive changes and execute all related documents. The motion carried, unanimously.

12. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION REGARDING THE EXTERIOR PAINTING OF CITY HALL AND THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

The City Council he City Council directed staff to bring back to the next Council meeting the following renderings for final approval to the Consent Calendar to reflect paint renderings as follows: option 4 for Police Department Building; option 3 for City Hall and replace Prairie Clay with Espresso Macchiato; and for the façade of City Hall, include "raised" "City Seal" at the top of building and the words "City Hall" across the middle.

13. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION REGARDING CREATION OF A DOMESTIC ABUSE RESPONSE TEAM (DART) TO RESPOND TO NEEDS IN THE COMMUNITY

Mayor Celeste T. Rodriguez continued the item to the next regular meeting.

STAFF COMMUNICATION INCLUDING COMMISSION UPDATES

City Clerk Fritz provided updates regarding the election and commented on commission secretary training.

Director of Recreation and Community Services Salcedo provided update regarding programming information.

Director of Public Works Johnson presented samples of proposed city street signs, talked about the facilities assessment project, mentioned concerns with solicitors visiting residential properties to question the City's water quality in an effort to sell water purification systems.

Director of Community Development Ramirez mentioned that the next Planning and Preservation Commission meeting will be held on November 12, 2024, to discuss the Downtown Master Plan and outdoor dining.

Director of Finance Melton mentioned that on the first Saturday of the month, City Hall will be open in order to allow finance staff to be available to assist water utility customers with outstanding balances, to sign up for payment arrangement plans.

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Police Chief Valdez reminded the public regarding Halloween safety.

City Manager Kimball mentioned that subsequent to November 12 Planning and Preservation Commission meeting, the Downtown Master Plan will be brought to a City Council meeting to kick off phase 2; and suggested that the November 4 City Council meeting go dark due to the November 5 election activities, noting the next City Council meeting would be on November 18, 2024.

GENERAL CITY COUNCIL/BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND LIAISON UPDATES

Councilmember Fajardo was in support of going dark for the November 4, 2024 City Council meeting.

Councilmember Garcia mentioned she would defer to the consensus of the City Council regarding the November 4 meeting going dark, thanked staff for their work, and talked about closing the meeting in memory of former Councilmember Cindy Montañez.

Councilmember Solorio was in support of going dark for the November 4, 2024 City Council meeting and talked about the City’s water quality.

Vice Mayor Mendoza acknowledged staff regarding project updates in Agenda Item No. 3, noted she attended the League of California Cities Annual Conference and Expo where she attended various break-out sessions and noted she attended the San Fernando Valley Council of Governments meeting as Board Chair and noted she was appointed to the League of California Cities LA County Division as a Regional Director.

Mayor Rodriguez stated the meeting will be closing in honor of former Councilmember Cindy Montañez; commented on parking related issues and requested staff to schedule an ad hoc meeting to discuss concerns; noted she attended the Providence Community Health Canvassing of San Fernando and Pacoima regarding social service needs; discussed the upcoming Olympics scheduled to be hosted in Los Angeles; attended the City Hall tour with the Valley Economic Alliance executive team; and attended a recycled water symposium.

ADJOURNMENT (10:02 p.m.)

By consensus, the City Council closed the meeting in memory of former Councilmember Cindy Montañez to the regular meeting of November 18, 2024.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the October 21, 2024, Regular meeting and approved by the San Fernando City Council at the meeting of January 6, 2025.

Julia Fritz, CMC
City Clerk