

SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

AUGUST 16, 2004 – 6:00 P.M.

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE CITY COUNCIL. AUDIO CASSETTE TAPES OF THE ACTUAL MEETING ARE AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Maribel De La Torre called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m.

The following persons were recorded as present:

PRESENT:

Council: Mayor Maribel De La Torre, Mayor Pro Tem Julie Ruelas, Councilmembers Nury Martinez, Steven Veres, and José Hernández, Ph.D.

City Treasurer: Elvira Orozco

Staff: José E. Pulido, City Administrator; Michael Estrada, City Attorney; and, Elena G. Chávez, City Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor De La Torre led the pledge.

INVOCATION

Mayor De La Torre called for a moment of silence.

PRESENTATIONS

- A) PRESENTATION BY PASADENA ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
Director of Recreation & Community Services Dan LaBrado introduced Ted O'Melia and Bob Llamas who presented a \$2,252 check (profits of the San Fernando Criterium) and thanked the City Council for their support.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilmember Hernández, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ruelas, to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL

Maria Ladas talked about cars leaking oil in front of her home and blocking her driveway.

Marjorie Britt, 2025 Lucas St., spoke in favor of the museum and cultural arts center. She talked about a recent article in The Sun newspaper and resents implications made of dishonor against well respected members of the community.

Ray Groff, 327 Alexander St., complained about vendors honking their cart horns and making lots of noise.

Rosa Soriano said that the Community Based Organization grant that was recently provided to the Hip Hop Center will give the youth self-esteem and motivation.

Beverly Di Tomaso, 718 N. Meyer St., talked about the comments made earlier by Mrs. Ladas and asked what the City is doing to implement NPDES laws and how those funds are being used.

Joe Ruelas, 1161 Harding Ave., reported that the last concert at Recreation Park was not well attended. He said that he was concerned that about a commercial shown at the recent i-Can Festival promoting a local business and hopes that City funds are not being used for things of that sort.

Elvira Orozco, 417 Newton St., said that the City would not make much money with the Parent Pioneers group proposal to pay \$2,500 per month to use the Old Fire Station, and deducting \$23,000 annually for remodeling. She said that there was misinformation in the last two editions of The Sun and it needs to be determined whether what people submit is the truth or not.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Pro Tem Ruelas removed Items #2 and #3 for further discussion. Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Ruelas, seconded by Councilmember Hernandez, to approve the remainder of the Consent Calendar items. The motion carried unanimously.

- 1) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 19, 2004

- 4) NOTICE OF COMPLETION AND PROJECT ACCEPTANCE – CESAR CHÁVEZ MEMORIAL TRANSIT PLAZA – FEDERAL PROJECT NO. 07-LA-0-SFR/STPLER – 5202 (008) JOB 7508 – PLAN MS-591

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- 5) PERMIT REQUEST FOR ANNUAL FIESTA – SANTA ROSA CHURCH
- 6) APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL REORGANIZATION CHANGES AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS
- 7) SALE OF SURPLUS POLICE VEHICLES
- 8) HISTORICAL MATERIALS LOAN AGREEMENT WITH PUEBLO CONTRACTING SERVICES, INC.

Items Removed for Further Discussion:

- 2) APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTER NO. 04-082

In reply to Mayor Pro Tem Ruelas' question, Finance Director Lorena Quijano said that the \$6,000 payment to GovPartners is for maintenance of the website for requests from residents.

Regarding Mayor Pro Tem Ruelas' inquiry, Mr. Galvez stated that the \$30,000 payment made to Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc. is for developing the North Maclay Streetscape Project and reported that the consultants will be making a presentation to City Council in the near future.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Ruelas, seconded by Councilmember Hernández, to approve Warrant Register No. 04-082. The motion carried unanimously.

- 3) SAN FERNANDO REGIONAL POOL FACILITY – REJECT ALL BIDS FOR CONSTRUCTION

Mayor Pro Tem Ruelas expressed her concerns stating that money is being paid to consultants yet we have not been able to get the project started. She strongly recommended that, this time around, the Request for Bids be comprehensively advertised.

In response to her inquiries regarding the funds budgeted and estimated costs, Mr. Galvez explained that the architect's estimate is meant to encompass the entire project with all of the alternative options, etc. but that items could be deducted to lower construction costs.

Motion by Councilmember Hernández, seconded by Mayor De La Torre, to reject all construction bids and authorize staff to re-advertise the work using the General Contract approach of construction contracting. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Hernández, De La Torre, Veres, Martinez - 4
ABSTAIN: Ruelas - 1

NEW BUSINESS

9) RESIDENTIAL PARKING PERMIT DISTRICT, ZONE 1 BOUNDARY AND PROGRAM ADJUSTMENT

Mr. Galvez presented the staff report.

Councilmember Dr. Hernández believes that permits should be issued to the automobile instead of the individual.

City Engineer David Lawrence explained that past experience, and after discussions with residents, it was decided that permits would be issued to the individual named on the water bills. He also explained that residents did not want a fee to be imposed.

In response to questions, Chief Alba reported that as a result of the community meetings, there has been more cooperation from Northridge Mills and their employees, but will continue to monitor the area.

He also clarified that if residents were to notify the Police Department in advance of a special event, they could get permission to park additional vehicles in the area for a short period of time.

Brenda Esqueda, 148 N. Huntington St., thanked the City Council, but expressed her concern regarding the misuse of the guest permits and suggested that time limits be imposed on those permits.

Councilmember Hernández motioned that no more than two annual parking permits shall be issued to any one dwelling but permits would be issued to the automobile. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ruelas.

Discussion ensued and it was stated that during the neighborhood watch meetings, residents agreed that permits should be issued to the name listed on the water bill.

Councilmember Martinez is concerned about the misuse of the guest permits and thinks that the recommendation made by Ms. Esqueda should be considered.

Mr. Galvez explained that two annual permits will be assigned to the person identified on the water bill which would need to be affixed to the vehicle. Guest permits would be the hanging type.

Councilmember Hernández withdrew his earlier motion.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Ruelas, seconded by Councilmember Martinez, to approve the Resolution revising the Parking Permit District, Zone 1 (listed as A-E on staff report) with the addition to Section 3, Part 2, that **all guest permits shall be limited to 24-hours per single use.** The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

- 10) RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THAT THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE REGIONAL CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (CMP) AND APPROVING THE CITY'S LOCAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Community Development Director Paul Deibel presented the staff report.

Mayor De La Torre declared the Public Hearing open and called for public testimony, either in favor or opposed.

There being no comments, Mayor De La Torre closed the public portion of the Hearing.

Motion by Councilmember Hernández, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ruelas, to adopt a Resolution certifying that the City of San Fernando is in conformance with the 2004 CMP for Los Angeles County, and approving the City's 2004 CMP Local Development Report. The motion carried unanimously.

- 11) ORDINANCE TO GRANT A PIPELINE FRANCHISE TO PACIFIC PIPELINE SYSTEMS LLC TO OPERATE THE LINE 63-PIPELINE SYSTEM

Public Works Director Edwin Galvez presented the staff report.

In response to concerns from Councilmember Hernández, Mr. Galvez said that he would not want to alarm residents because the pipeline is in good condition (inspected by the Fire Department and Fire Marshal), is not a high pressure pipeline, and it does not transport crude oil.

Councilmember Veres suggested that the fees generated be put back into neighborhood improvements to benefit the residents living near or by the pipeline.

In response to Mayor Pro Tem Ruelas' concern regarding the word "across" in the Ordinance, Atty. Estrada explained that it is clear in the body of the Ordinance it is not referring to the surface of the street. He would hesitate to delete or change that because it is standard language used for utility and pipeline easements and agreements.

Mayor De La Torre declared the Public Hearing open and called for public testimony, either in favor or opposed.

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There being no comments, Mayor De La Torre closed the public portion of the Hearing.

Motion by Councilmember Veres, seconded by Councilmember Hernández, to introduce for first reading, in title only, and waive further reading of: “An Ordinance of the City of San Fernando Granting to Pacific Pipeline System LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, a franchise to lay and use pipes and appurtenances for transmitting and distributing light and heavy crude oil for any and all purposes in, under, along, or across, the public streets, ways, alleys and places, as the same now or may hereafter exist, within the City of San Fernando.” He also suggested that a special fund (for Fifth Street improvements) be created from the franchise fees generated. The motion carried with the following vote.

AYES: Veres, Hernández, De La Torre, Martinez – 4

ABSTAIN: Ruelas - 1

GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Martinez said that she attended the last concert at Recreation Park and it was one of the best bands, but unfortunately not many people attended.

Councilmember Hernández: 1) said that the banner on So. Brand is too high and doesn't have the dates advertising these events; and 2) complimented staff on the recent criterium event and asked what could be done to increase attendance.

Mayor Pro Tem Ruelas: 1) suggested that staff contact churches, schools, and businesses for advertising; and 2) wanted to clarify (in reference to the Letter to the Editor of The Sun) that she receives no compensation for any involvement with Friends of Lopez Adobe and her work is strictly voluntary.

Councilmember Veres: 1) thanked Orange Grove Ave. and Huntington St. residents for attending the meeting and asked them to keep the City Council informed on how the Parking Permit program is working; and 2) thanked the Hayes Hip Hop Center reps for attending the meeting and said to keep up the good work.

Mayor De La Torre: 1) thanked residents for their input and participation regarding Parking Permit District; 2) suggesting using email as a form of advertising the Concerts in the Park series; and 3) reported that Doug Smoot of CHFA would be visiting the City and asked if Councilmember Hernández (Housing Ad Hoc Committee Member) would join them.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. LaBrado invited everyone to attend the final movie at the park “Sandlot” on August 27, 2004, at Las Palmas Park.

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Chief Alba introduced Explorer Scout Alani Nunez who recently returned from the Air Force reserve training.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION (8:13 P.M.)

Motion by Mayor De La Torre, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ruelas, to recess to the following Closed Session, as announced by the City Attorney, thereafter to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (G.C. 54957)

Title: Chief of Police

No reportable action.