

SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

FEBRUARY 17, 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 José Hernández, Ph.D., called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.

The following persons were recorded as present:

PRESENT:

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

City Treasurer: Elvira Orozco

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chief Anthony Alba led the pledge.

INVOCATION

Mayor Hernández called for a moment of silent prayer.

PRESENTATIONS

- A) INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEE – ACCOUNT CLERK ROBERTO ALVAREZ
Finance Director Lorena Quijano introduced Mr. Alvarez and he was welcomed by Council.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilmember Martinez, seconded by Councilmember Ruelas, to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL

Ray Groff, 327 Alexander St., talked about trash throughout the City, said that the new street signs were difficult to read, and the public should be allowed more than three minutes to speak at meetings.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Ruelas removed Item #3 for further discussion. Motion by Mayor Hernandez, seconded by Councilmember Martinez, to approve the remainder of the Consent Calendar items. The motion carried unanimously.

- 1) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 2, 2004
- 2) APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTER NO. 04-022

Item Removed for Further Discussion:

- 3) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACQUISITION OF SUPPLEMENTAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS AT A DISCOUNT

In response to Councilmember Ruelas' questions, Mr. Deibel stated that the amount on the Resolution for Sierra Madre was correct and Mr. Galvez said that Cork St. is eligible for speed humps.

Motion by Councilmember Ruelas, seconded by Mayor Hernández, to adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Administrator to execute agreements for the City of San Fernando to acquire supplemental CDBG funding allocations from other cities at a discount using funds from the General Fund, to be reimbursed from the Pavement Management Fund. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- 4) ADOPTION OF RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CALIFORNIA RELOCATION ASSISTANCE LAW AND REAL PROPERTY ACQUISITION GUIDELINES

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Attorney Estrada recommended that this be approved with the same changes made to this item on the Redevelopment Agency agenda: 1) that information material provided be prepared in the language most easily understood by the recipient; 2) that the homeowner be apprised (to the best extent possible) of the value of the replacement dwelling; and 3) that the displaced resident be informed that they may accept an acquisition payment or relocation payment instead.

Motion by Councilmember Ruelas, seconded by Mayor Hernández to adopt Rules and Regulations for Implementation of the California Relocation Assistance Law and Real Property Acquisition Guidelines with above suggested changes. The motion carried unanimously.

5) **AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH FREEDMAN TUNG & BOTTOMLEY**

Community Development Director Paul Deibel presented the staff report.

Motion by Mayor Hernández, seconded by Councilmember Ruelas, to approve the Amendment to the Agreement for Professional Services between Freedman Tung & Bottomley and the City for the preparation of the San Fernando Corridors Specific Plan. The motion carried unanimously.

CITY COUNCIL ITEMS

6) **CORPORATE POLLWORKER PROGRAM**

Mayor Pro Tem De La Torre said that she met with Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk Conny McCormack and explained that L.A. County is in desperate need of pollworkers. She also asked for Council support in sponsoring the Corporate Poll Worker program.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem De La Torre, seconded by Mayor Hernández, to adopt a Resolution in support of the Corporate Pollworker Program and allow an employee to work as a pollworker during this election while receiving his/her regular salary for the day. The motion carried unanimously.

7) **“CALIFORNIANS TO PROTECT LOCAL TAXPAYER AND PUBLIC SAFETY”
BALLOT MEASURE**

Mayor Pro Tem Maribel De La Torre presented the staff report.

Discussion ensued and Councilmembers concurred to continue this item to the next meeting.

8) **PROPOSITION 55 – KINDERGARTEN-UNIVERSITY PUBLIC EDUCATION
FACILITIES BOND ACT OF 2004**

Mayor Hernández asked for Council's support.

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Motion by Mayor Hernández, seconded by Councilmember Veres, to support Proposition 55. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Pulido reported that staff would send out a letter. Councilmember Veres suggested that it state that Council is supporting Measures T and R also.

GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Ruelas: 1) reported that the San Fernando High School Drama Club Godspell performances will be March 24-26; 2) commended Paul Deibel and Wayne Donaldson for their work on the Lopez Adobe Historic Preservation Plan and reported that the next workshop is on March 11; and 3) reported that the San Fernando Democratic Club will be delivering door hangers for support of Proposition T and could use more volunteers.

In response to Mayor Pro Tem De La Torre's inquiry, Atty. Estrada stated that City funds could not be used to express City Council's support on the propositions, but a press release could be issued announcing Council's action.

Mayor Pro Tem De La Torre announced that she was appointed to the National Urban Forestry Advisory Council and will be representing all cities and counties throughout the United States.

Councilmember Veres reported that information regarding the Pacoima Wash Greenway project could now be obtained through the City's website.

Mayor Hernández said that he was bothered that the WellsFargo banner on Brand Blvd. (advertising partnership with the City) had the City of San Fernando in very small print.

Councilmembers agreed that this item (policy regarding street banners) should be agendaized for the next meeting.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Chief Alba reported that two organizations that he is a member of (L.A. County Police Chiefs Association and the California Police Chiefs Association) have joined the League of California Cities to support the Californians to Protect Local Taxpayer and Public Safety ballot measure.

ADJOURNMENT (7:09 P.M.)

Motion by Mayor Hernandez, seconded by Councilmember Ruelas, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.