

SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

FEBRUARY 2, 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

Atty. Estrada led the pledge.

INVOCATION

Mayor Hernández called for a moment of silent prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL

Eugene Hernández, 412 No. Lazard St., urged Council to oppose Item #13 (the Patriot Act) and asked them to support a Resolution in defense of the Educational Opportunity Program (Item #14).

Peter Yoo, 552 Kalisher St. (business), said that he has reported numerous times that a neighbor is selling cigarettes and alcohol from his home.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Ruelas removed Items #1 and #5 for further discussion. Motion by Councilmember Martinez, seconded by Mayor Hernandez, to approve the remainder of the Consent Calendar items. The motion carried unanimously.

- 2) APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTER NO. 04-021
- 3) ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REDEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR PROJECT AREAS NO. 1, NO. 2, NO. 3, AND NO. 4 TO EXTEND CERTAIN TIME LIMITS
- 4) ORDINANCE AMENDING MUNICIPAL CODE PROVIDING FOR VEHICULAR STOPS
- 6) CITY AND REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (RDA) ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORTS
- 7) ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS FOR CERTAIN JOB CLASSIFICATIONS

Item Removed for Further Discussion:

- 1) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF:
 - a) JANUARY 20, 2004 – REGULAR MEETING
 - b) JANUARY 26, 2004 – SPECIAL MEETING

Councilmember Ruelas requested that the written information she provided at the January 26, 2004, Special Meeting (regarding the budget review) be included as an attachment, to the minutes.

Motion by Councilmember Ruelas, seconded by Councilmember Martinez, to approve Consent Calendar Item #1, and include the attachment to the minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

5) MISSION CITY TRANSIT AGREEMENT

Councilmember Ruelas inquired whether the transit buses provide seatbelts and asked if a provision could be added to the contract requiring them to do so.

Councilmember Veres suggested that wording added to the Agreement should state that vehicles meet **all** safety standards. Councilmember Ruelas agreed.

Motion by Councilmember Ruelas, seconded by Councilmember Veres, to approve the Mission City Transit Agreement with inclusion of the suggested wording. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

8) AFFORDABLE HOMES SUBDIVISION AND SPECIFIC PLAN, 705 SEVENTH STREET

Community Development Director Paul Deibel presented the staff report and Associate Planner Fred Ramirez provided a brief overview with a slide presentation.

In response to Councilmember's concerns, Mr. Ramirez stated that the current renters will be offered the opportunity to purchase the homes. If they do not qualify, the developer will be required to provide them with comparable living.

Mayor Hernandez opened the Public Hearing and asked for any comments in favor of, or against, the project. There being no comments, Mayor Hernandez closed the public portion of the hearing.

Motion by Councilmember Veres, seconded by Mayor Hernández, to adopt a joint Resolution adopting the Mitigated Negative Declaration of environmental impact and approving: site plan for this project in Redevelopment Project Area No. 3; specific plan; zone map amendment; general plan map amendment; and tentative tract map, including the closure of portions of Alexander St. and Harps St. to through vehicle traffic and the modification of First St. to accommodate diagonal parking stalls. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

9) AMENDMENT OF RESOLUTION TO AID MILITARY RESERVISTS

Personnel Manager Michael Okafor presented the staff report.

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Councilmember Veres and Mayor Pro Tem De La Torre suggested one-year pay with no sick, vacation, or any other leave time accrual. The item could be revisited after a year if necessary.

Motion by Councilmember Veres, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem De La Torre, to adopt a Resolution providing compensation to City employees who are military reservists that have been activated in any component of the armed services of the United States for one year, freezing any sick and vacation leave, and continue to extend health benefits. The motion carried unanimously.

10) FISCAL YEAR 2003-2004 MID-YEAR BUDGET REVIEW

Finance Director Lorena Quijano presented the staff report.

Councilmember Ruelas suggested that Council begin looking at strategies for next year on increasing revenues and decreasing expenditures.

Motion by Councilmember Martinez, seconded by Mayor Hernández, to accept the Mid-Year Budget Review Report and approve a Resolution amending the Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Budget. The motion carried unanimously.

11) STREET SWEEPING SERVICES AGREEMENT

Public Works Director Edwin Galvez presented the staff report.

Mayor Hernández suggested that the contract be approved contingent upon hiring the current driver, Rafael Rodriguez.

Linda Burr, principal at Venco Western, agreed that Mr. Rodriguez would be the best person for the job and reported that the company is currently in the process of hiring him.

In response to Councilmember Ruelas' concerns, Mr. Galvez reported that alleys would also be cleaned once per week and that would be included in the Agreement.

Motion by Councilmember Veres, seconded by Mayor Hernandez, to award a five-year Agreement to Venco Western, in the amount of \$128,378.21, to provide municipal street sweeping services, and authorize the Mayor to sign the Agreement. The motion carried unanimously.

CITY COUNCIL ITEMS

12) APPOINTMENTS TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION

Councilmember Veres motioned to appoint Frank Muñiz to the Planning Commission and Cesar Cano to the Recreation & Community Services Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Martinez and carried unanimously.

13) RECENT PATRIOT ACT RULING

Motion by Mayor Hernández, seconded by Councilmember Martinez, to send a letters to legislators, the Attorney General and the President regarding the City's opposition to the renewal of Patriot Act. The motion carried unanimously.

14) RESOLUTION IN DEFENSE OF THE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM (EOP)

Motion by Mayor Hernández, seconded by Councilmember Veres to support the Resolution and send copies to the Governor and elected officials. The motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Martinez: 1) reported that there would be a hearing on February 24, 2004, (Van Nuys) regarding budget cuts; 2) is thankful that the City is moving forward in providing affordable housing; and 3) said that she and Councilmember Veres recently attended a Latino Caucus training and is very proud to be representing San Fernando.

Councilmember Ruelas reported that the San Fernando High School Drama Club is working very hard to put together a musical (Godspell) and she will provide further details later.

Mayor Pro Tem De La Torre reminded Councilmembers of the new high school campus meeting on February 9, 2004, at Mission College.

Councilmember Veres provided a business card (from another city) and asked if staff could look the cost of placing important numbers on the backside of our business cards also.

Mayor Hernández: 1) said that the 705 Seventh St. project will be beautiful; and 2) in response to his concern, Chief Alba and a detective will be meeting with the Kalisher St. business owner that spoke earlier.

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STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Quijano introduce her new Accounting Manager Carlos Corrales and he said that he was looking forward to working here.

ADJOURNMENT (7:32 P.M.)

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