

SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

JULY 6, 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 6:14 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

Director of Recreation & Community Services Dan LaBrado led the pledge.

INVOCATION

Mayor De La Torre called for a moment of silence.

PRESENTATIONS

- A) RECOGNITION OF EXPLORER CLASS #72 GRADUATES
Chief of Police Anthony Alba and Police Officer Ricardo Curiel presented certificates of recognition to the graduates.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Ruelas, seconded by Mayor De La Torre, to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Pro Tem Ruelas removed Items #1 and #2 for further discussion. Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Ruelas, seconded by Mayor De La Torre, to approve the remainder of the Consent Calendar items. The motion carried unanimously.

3) ARTICLE XIII B APPROPRIATIONS (GANN) LIMIT FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2004-2005

4) UTILITY RATES

Items Removed for Further Discussion:

1) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 21, 2004

Mayor Pro Tem Ruelas reported that Public Works Director Edwin Galvez had provided more specific information regarding the payment on the Warrant Register to Bernards Bros. and asked that the information be included in the minutes.

Regarding page 10, Mayor Pro Tem Ruelas said that the amendment she accepted (part 3 of the motion) was that “the commission consider ways of including Parent Pioneers in the existing plan.”

Councilmember Martinez stated that her amendment was for the Commission to consider the proposal made by the Parent Pioneers.

After some discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Ruelas agreed to not include “existing plan” as part of the motion.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Ruelas, seconded by Councilmember Martinez, to approve the minutes with the two changes mentioned above (more detailed information regarding the payment to Bernards Bros. and that the last part of the motion regarding Item #10 Old Fire Station should read: that the Commission consider ways of including Parent Pioneers.). The motion carried unanimously.

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2) APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTER NO. 04-071

Mayor Pro Tem Ruelas asked for clarification regarding the payment to Manuel Duenas (music for Wells Fargo Bank).

Finance Director Lorena Quijano reported that Wells Fargo Bank donated money to the Senior Center so that payments could be made directly to the individuals providing the services.

Mayor Pro Tem Ruelas asked that clarification be noted on the invoice and Ms. Quijano stated that a notation would be made.

Mayor Pro Tem Ruelas asked for clarification regarding an approximate \$11,000 housing payment. Community Development Director Paul Deibel agreed to research this matter.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Ruelas, seconded by Mayor De La Torre, to approve Warrant Register No. 04-071. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

5) FOUR-WAY STOPS AT THE INTERSECTION OF CHATSWORTH DRIVE AND HOLLISTER STREET AND THE INTERSECTION OF MACLAY AVENUE AND MOTT STREET

City Engineer David Lawrence presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Hernández, seconded by Councilmember Veres, to authorize staff to install four-way stop controls at these intersections and introduce, by title only, and waive further reading of “An Ordinance of the San Fernando City Council amending Section 90-946, stop intersections, of the City Municipal Code providing for vehicular stops at all entrances to the intersections of Maclay Avenue at Mott Street and Chatsworth Drive at Hollister Street as four-way stops.” The motion carried unanimously.

6) SAN FERNANDO REGIONAL POOL FACILITY – AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT

Mr. Lawrence presented the staff report.

In response to inquiries from Councilmembers, Mr. Lawrence reported that the pool contractor is required to pay prevailing wages, there are no labor complaints filed against the company, the architect’s estimate is not based on money available, but rather on the direction received from the pool committee, that the pool contractor will not be able to start until the other bids are approved, and that the multi-prime process was successful on the Las Palmas Phase 3B project.

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He reported that after awarding of the swimming pool facility, there will be approximately \$4 million for the remainder of the project. He reported that the contractor is provided with a list of local suppliers and is required to make an effort to hire local people.

He reported that if the second round on the bidding is not favorable, this project will be brought back to Council to decide whether to scale it down, allocate more money, or other alternatives to consider.

Motion by Mayor De La Torre, seconded by Councilmember Veres, to award the Swimming Pool Construction Contract related to the San Fernando Regional Pool Facility in the total amount of \$2,198,700, to Nadar, Inc. of Altadena; authorize the City Administrator to sign the contract; reject all other bids; and authorize staff to re-advertise under the General Contract method of construction contracting. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

7) **RESOLUTIONS TO ADOPT REVISIONS TO THE FEE AND CHARGE STRUCTURES FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, POLICE, PUBLIC WORKS, AND RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENTS**

Finance Director Lorena Quijano 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.

Community Development Director Paul Deibel responded to questions regarding the various proposed fees.

Motion by Councilmember Hernández, seconded by Mayor De La Torre, to adopt the following resolutions:

- (i) A Resolution Establishing Certain Building Fees to Defray Costs for Building and Development Service Provided;
- (ii) A Resolution Establishing Certain Planning Fees and Charges to Defray Costs for Planning and Development Services;
- (iii) A Resolution Prescribing Fees to Defray Costs for Engineering Services Provided;
- (iv) A Resolution Approving the Municipal Code Fine Schedule for Parking and Moving Violations; and

- (v) A Resolution Prescribing Fees to Defray Costs for Indoor and Outdoor Facility Rental and Usage.

The motion carried unanimously.

CITY COUNCIL ITEMS

8) CESAR CHÁVEZ MEMORIAL TRANSIT PLAZA UPDATE

Director of Recreation and Community Services Dan LaBrado gave an update regarding the project.

Mr. LaBrado reported that Friends of Cesar Chávez have sufficient funding to make an increased commitment to the project. He reported that staff has met and discussed options with the artist and explained the different stages of the project. He said that September 16th, El Grito event would be another opportunity to do the unveiling of the memorial.

Mayor De La Torre expressed concern and wants to make sure that the project is completed and unveiled without any further delays by September 16th.

Councilmembers Hernández and Martinez commended the Friends of Cesar Chavez for raising so much money and asked for input from the Chair of the committee.

Ruben Rodriguez, Friends of Cesar Chávez Chair, reported that the committee would also like this completed as soon as possible and said they have been struggling with a number of issues and the complexity of the project. He asked the City Council to grant an extension.

Councilmember Veres stated that we continue to move forward, everyone is anxious to have a celebration and hopes that September 16th is a firm date.

Mayor Pro Tem Ruelas asked that staff be cautious, expect reasonable progress and realize that there could be delays (staff should continue to monitor).

Mr. LaBrado reported that the artist indicated his willingness to be a part of the maintenance of the site.

Councilmember Martinez thanked Xavier Flores, Alex Reza and Ruben Rodriguez for the extra money raised and expressed gratitude for the update and said that everyone will be extremely proud of the end results.

By consensus, Councilmembers gave staff direction to extend the timeline and incorporate the unveiling of the Cesar Chávez Memorial with the September 16th El Grito celebration

GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Martinez: 1) extended gratitude to staff for the Fourth of July celebration; 2) gave her condolences to Ed Rose (founder of MEND) whose mother passed away; 3) and asked for support for hotel and restaurant employees that may go on strike, and that her colleagues make phone calls to management to help ensure that their contract is signed soon.

Councilmember Hernández: 1) asked to adjourn the meeting in memory of Alma Rose; 2) thanked staff for their work on the successful Fourth of July event; and 3) reported that the traffic light on So. Brand (Hollister St.) takes long to change and hopes that speed bumps will eventually be placed on Jackman Ave. and Cork St.

Mayor Pro Tem Ruelas: 1) expressed pleasure with the Fourth of July event and was happy that one of the Youth Council member's band was featured; and 2) is pleased with the progress of the Cesar Chávez Memorial Project and is looking forward to seeing it completed.

Councilmember Veres: 1) has received numerous complaints regarding traffic speed on Huntington St. (between Fourth and Fifth Streets); 2) reported that the traffic light sensor on Maclay Ave. and Fifth St. (Morningside School side) may not be functioning properly; 3) talked about the work done on O'Melveny St. (Mr. Lawrence responded that the construction of the project will not begin until July 19); and 4) is happy to see progress with the Cesar Chávez monument and said that we should try to stick close to guidelines and deadlines on all projects.

Mayor De La Torre: 1) reported that staff did a great job on the Fourth of July event (received many compliments); and 2) reported that Joe Lozano left her a voice mail regarding a City flag (corner of Maclay Ave. and Truman St.) that needs to be taken down.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. LaBrado thanked Councilmembers for their comments regarding the Fourth of July event. He reminded Councilmembers that the Community Based Organizations item will be on the next City Council agenda.

Chief Alba reminded Councilmembers of the upcoming Orange Grove Ave. Neighborhood Watch meeting on July 17th.

Mr. Pulido thanked staff and Councilmembers for their participation in the Fourth of July event.

ADJOURNMENT (8:11 P.M.)

Motion by Mayor De La Torre, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ruelas, to adjourn in memory of Alma Rose. The motion carried unanimously.