

SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

MAY 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 Maribel De La Torre called the meeting to order at 7:02 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

Councilmember Veres led the pledge.

INVOCATION

Mayor De La Torre said a prayer.

PRESENTATIONS

- A) FOSTER CARE MONTH - MAY
Councilmember Martinez presented foster care parents (City residents) Angel and Teresa Granados with the certificate.
- B) OLDER AMERICANS MONTH - MAY
Mayor De La Torre presented Senior Board Members with a certificate. Individual proclamations were given to Violeta Quintero Escamilla, Robert Trinidad Galindo, June

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Goss, Donanciano Goytia, Amanda Ortiz, and Maria Zarate.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tem Ruelas stated that her name was listed twice on the Agenda Summary and Councilmember Martinez's name was not listed at all. The City Clerk will make the correction.

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

PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL

Jesus Javier talked about his hometown, Techaluta De Montenegro, Jalisco, Mexico. He said that they were impressed by our City, are interested in creating a sisterhood relationship, and that there is a great wealth of information that could be exchanged that would be mutually beneficial.

Gus Garcia, Rydell representative, thanked the City Council and residents for the on-going support of Rydell Automotive Group and said that they are committed to the continuing growth and improvement of the City.

Sister Carmel Somers thanked the City Council for support of their project. She mentioned that several years ago she wrote a letter to the City regarding the Post Office and the lack of access for the physically disabled and hopes that could be looked into.

John Molina, Valley Occupational Center Administrator, reported that the clinic received a letter from the Personnel Department stating that the City would no longer be using their services and he asked why since the letter did not state any reason.

Dr. G. M. Pai, Valley Occupational Center Medical Director, said that the City has always been high on their priority list, has made numerous changes/repairs to the facility, and hopes that the City Council would give him another opportunity.

Ray Groff, 327 Alexander St., asked that the Redevelopment Agency agenda be placed after the City Council meeting and said that along with broken bottles, there were also many rocks on the streets.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Councilmember Martinez, seconded by Councilmember Veres, to approve the Consent Calendar items. The motion carried unanimously.

- 1) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF:
 - A) APRIL 19, 2004 – REGULAR MEETING

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B) MAY 3, 2004 – REGULAR MEETING

- 2) APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTER NO. 04-052
- 3) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDING FROM THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SAN FERNANDO REGIONAL POOL PROJECT
- 4) RESOLUTION TO APPOINT CITY'S REPRESENTATIVES TO THE INDEPENDENT CITIES LEASE FINANCING AUTHORITY (ICLFA) GOVERNING BOARD
- 5) FY 2004-2005 LANDSCAPING & LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT APPROVAL OF ENGINEER'S REPORT AND SETTING A DATE FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING

NEW BUSINESS

- 6) SECOND AMENDMENT TO OWNER PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT WITH RYDELL AUTOMOTIVE GROUP, LLC

Atty. Estrada reported that this is a joint item that was previously approved by the Redevelopment Agency and approval by the City Council was also recommended.

Motion by Mayor De La Torre, seconded by Councilmember Martinez, to approve the Second Amendment to the Owner Participation Agreement between Rydell Automotive Group, LLC and the Agency. The motion carried unanimously.

CITY COUNCIL ITEMS

- 7) SISTER CITY – TECHALUTA DE MONTENEGRO JALISCO, MEXICO

Mayor De La Torre said that she placed the item on the agenda at the request of Jesus Javier. She said that Techaluta is a city that has many similarities and opportunities. She would like that a decision be made on how the City is going to respond to these sister city requests.

Councilmembers asked if there was a current policy, what happens to past relationships that were established or prior requests, and suggestions were made regarding coming up with a policy or plan.

Mr. Pulido reported that the Mayor of Techaluta would be making an informal visit to City Hall on Monday.

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Mayor De La Torre asked that Mr. Pulido research how other cities have formed sister city relationships and report back to the City Council (by the second meeting in July). Staff should affirm with the Mayor of Techaluta that the City would like to form some kind of relationship. Councilmembers concurred.

8) **LETTER FROM LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON HIV HEALTH SERVICES**

Councilmember Hernández motioned that the City Council support the Los Angeles County Commission on HIV Health Services opposition to Governor Schwarzenegger's proposals to limit medical healthcare services to people with HIV/AIDS by adopting a Resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Martinez and carried unanimously.

GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Martinez invited everyone to the Senior Expo event being held on Friday, May 21, 2004, at Las Palmas Park.

In response to Councilmember Hernández's question, Mr. Pulido said that the Closed Session would last about five to ten minutes and that audience members were allowed to participate in the Budget Workshop afterwards.

Mayor Pro Tem Ruelas: 1) reported that people are using the electrical outlets on the grounds of the Lopez Adobe (evening hours) and asked if staff could look into that; 2) said that the Children, Youth & Families Advisory Committee have begun meeting and encouraged Councilmembers to attend; 3) said that the City Clerk's minutes may be proof read but the contents should not be changed; and 4) asked if the City Attorney could take the role of the parliamentarian at the meetings on a more regular basis.

Councilmember Veres: 1) said that because of all the reading material provided to Council, the minutes should be as brief as possible; and 2) said that the appearance of John Wooden in our City is a wonderful opportunity and encouraged everyone to attend on Saturday.

Mayor De La Torre: 1) said requests for certificates should be submitted in a timely fashion so that the City Clerk can focus on her primary duties and she suggested part-time help; 2) said that since the replacement of new street signs, there are many unattractive posts that that need to be removed; and 3) thanked Public Works crews for cleaning up the restrooms at Las Palmas Park.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Pulido reported that he will be meeting with Dr. Pai regarding the letter sent by our staff and will report back to Council.

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Chief Anthony Alba: 1) reminded everyone of the scheduled appearance by John Wooden on May 29, 2004, at the San Fernando Middle School Auditorium; 2) mentioned pending legislation (SB 1800) regarding distracted motorists (he was asked by Councilmembers to agendaize for the next meeting); and 3) gave an update regarding motorized scooters and reported what the Police Department is doing to enforce laws related to these.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION (8:51 P.M.)

By common consent, the meeting was recessed to the following Closed Session, as announced by the City Attorney, to be followed by a Budget Study Session, and thereafter to adjourn.

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR, G.C. 54957.6

City Negotiator: City Administrator José E. Pulido
Employee Organization: San Fernando Police Officers' Association

Further instructions given to negotiator.