

**SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES**

**NOVEMBER 1, 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 6:09 p.m.

The following persons were recorded as present:

**PRESENT:**

Council: Mayor Maribel De La Torre, Mayor Pro Tem Julie Ruelas, Councilmembers Steven Veres, Nury Martinez, 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**

Community Development Director Paul Deibel led the pledge.

**INVOCATION**

Mayor De La Torre called for a moment of silence.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**A) MENUDO COOK-OFF WINNERS**

Mayor De La Torre presented a certificate to 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner (Amateur Division) Esperanza Gutierrez.

(Not all winners were present at this time and were, therefore, acknowledged toward the end of the meeting.)

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**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL**

Ray Groff, 327 Alexander St., commented on immigration issues and gangs.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Mayor Pro Tem Ruelas removed Items #1, #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.

- 4) ACCEPTANCE OF URBAN AREA SECURITY INITIATIVE GRANT FUNDS FISCAL YEAR 2004
- 5) RESOLUTIONS ACCEPTING ENDORSING TWO TRAFFIC SAFETY GRANT PROGRAMS
- 6) RESOLUTION AMENDING THE TABLE OF ORGANIZATION

**Items Removed for Further Discussion:**

- 1) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2004

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Ruelas, seconded by Councilmember Hernández to table to the minutes to the next meeting to allow more time to review. The motion carried unanimously.

- 2) APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTER NO. 04-111

In response to Mayor Pro Tem Ruelas' question regarding House of Printing, Finance Director Lorena Quijano reported that staff is conducting an informal request for proposals of local printers.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Ruelas, seconded by Councilmember Hernández, to approve Warrant Register No. 04-011. The motion carried unanimously.

- 3) HISTORICAL MATERIALS LOAN AGREEMENT WITH THE 2004 SAN FERNANDO HERITAGE HOLIDAY PARADE COMMITTEE

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Hector Martinez (Parade Committee Chair) responded to questions from Councilmembers and explained that they are using secondary copies - not originals.

In response to Councilmembers' concerns, Mr. Deibel stated that the Historical Commission and staff will soon meet to discuss the inventory of artifacts, cataloguing, and will put together guidelines to ensure that documents are loaned out fairly.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Ruelas to approve the loan agreement (changing the terms of the Agreement from 120 to 60 days) and that the presentations to the local elementary schools not take place until they work with the Friends of the Lopez Adobe.

(There was no second to the above motion.)

After some discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Ruelas motioned to authorize the City Administrator to execute the Historical Materials Loan Agreement (changing the terms of the Agreement from 120 days to 60 days) with the 2004 San Fernando Heritage Holiday Parade Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hernández, and carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

7) MUNICIPAL CODE AMENDMENT TO SIGN REGULATIONS IN THE ZONING CODE

Atty. Estrada presented the staff report.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Ruelas, seconded by Councilmember Veres, to introduce for first reading, in title only, and waive further reading of "An Ordinance of the City of San Fernando Amending Subsection (A)(10) of Section 106-929 (Exemptions), of Division 5 (Signs), of Article V (General Development Standards) of Chapter 106 (Zoning) of the San Fernando Municipal Code." The motion carried unanimously.

8) NO OVERNIGHT PARKING ON ARROYO STREET – FIFTH STREET TO THE NORTH CITY LIMITS

Public Works Director Edwin Galvez presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Veres, seconded by Councilmember Martinez, to introduce for first reading, in title only, and waive further reading of "An Ordinance of the San Fernando City Council Amending Section 90-217, Overnight Parking, of the City Municipal Code Prohibiting Any Vehicular Parking Between the Hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. on Arroyo Street from Fifth Street to the North City Limits." The motion carried unanimously.

**CITY COUNCIL ITEMS**

- 9) RENAMING OF RECREATION PARK AND PARK AVENUE TO CESAR E. CHÁVEZ PARK AND CESAR E. CHÁVEZ AVENUE

Motion by Councilmember Hernández, seconded by Councilmember Martinez to rename Recreation Park and Park Avenue to Cesar E. Chávez Park and Cesar E. Chávez Avenue. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Veres suggested that a notice be mailed to residents notifying them that the monument is open and the intent of the City Council to rename the park and the street.

In response to questions from Councilmembers regarding costs and steps involved, Mr. Galvez said that he would include that information in the Status Report and Atty. Estrada stated that his office would work with staff to verify the procedure.

- 10) NAMING OF NEW HIGH SCHOOL TO CESAR E. CHÁVEZ HIGH SCHOOL

Motion by Councilmember Hernández, seconded by Councilmember Martinez, recommending to Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) that the new high school in San Fernando be named Frank del Olmo High School. Also recommending to LAUSD that the new social justice academy at the school be named Cesar E. Chávez Social Justice Academy. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Councilmember Hernández, seconded by Councilmember Martinez, that staff notify local elected officials and the del Olmo family of City Council's recommendation. The motion carried unanimously.

- 11) FORMATION OF AN AD HOC COMMITTEE REGARDING THE NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Motion by Councilmember Martinez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ruelas, to form an Ad Hoc Committee regarding the new elementary school and recommend that she and Mayor De La Torre be appointed. The motion carried unanimously.

- 12) CO-SPONSORSHIP OF THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY RELAY FOR LIFE EVENT AND AUTHORIZATION FOR USE OF THE CITY SEAL

Mayor De La Torre reported that the American Cancer Society (ACS) has requested co-sponsorship of the Relay For Life event and authorization to use the City seal for the campaign. In regards to the budget impact, she stated that, at this point the ACS will be creating the materials, etc. and the City's contribution should come forth during the mid-year budget review.

Councilmember Hernández said he is supportive but believes that this should be made up of volunteers and City employees should not be paid overtime or comp time.

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Motion by Mayor De La Torre, seconded by Councilmember Martinez, to co-sponsor the American Cancer Society Relay for Life Event and authorization for use of the City seal. The motion carried unanimously.

**PRESENTATIONS (CON'T)**

**A) MENUDO COOK-OFF WINNERS**

Mayor De La Torre and Councilmember Hernández presented a certificate to 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner (Restaurant Division) La Talpense restaurant owners.

**GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Martinez: 1) reminded everyone to vote tomorrow; and 2) passed along information regarding Los Angeles hotel workers boycott.

Councilmember Hernández: 1) said it is apparent that the City Clerk's workload has increased and suggested looking into help for her during mid-year budget discussions; and 2) is glad there were discussions regarding a policy for cataloging historical documents because something has to be done.

Mayor Pro Tem Ruelas: 1) received a call from a resident regarding loud train horns at 4:00 a.m. (Mr. Pulido will look into this); 2) requested that staff send a card to resident Maria Ladas who is hospitalized; and 3) congratulated Ron Ruiz and staff on the Heritage Park Proposal.

Mayor De La Torre: 1) congratulated staff regarding the \$2.3 million Prop 40 Grant for Heritage Park; and 2) said that the unveiling of the Cesar Chávez Memorial Plaza was a beautiful event and staff did a wonderful job; and 3) the Halloween festival was enjoyable.

Councilmember Veres gave special credit to Assemblymember Cindy Montañez for her assistance in obtaining the \$2.3 million grant.

**STAFF COMMUNICATION**

City Clerk Chávez reported that City Hall would be a Check-In Center for the Presidential General Election tomorrow night and 92 local precincts would be dropping off ballots.

**RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION (7:52 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.

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A) PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (G.C. 54957)  
Title: City Administrator

B) CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (G.C. 54957.6)

City Representatives: Mayor, City Attorney  
Unrepresented Employee: City Administrator

No reportable action.