

SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

AUGUST 15, 2005 – 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 Julie Ruelas called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

The following persons were recorded as present:

PRESENT:

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

City Treasurer: Margarita Solis

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

ABSENT: Councilmember Maribel De La Torre

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Steven Veres led the pledge.

INVOCATION

Mayor Ruelas read from Ralph Waldo Emerson's writings.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilmember Hernández, seconded by Councilmember Veres, to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

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PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL

Ray Groff, 327 Alexander St., talked about vendors using loud horns and wondered if this was in violation of the City's noise ordinance.

Mayor Ruelas asked if Community Development and Police Departments could look into this.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Ruelas removed Item No.'s 3 and 4 for further discussion.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez, seconded by Councilmember Hernandez, to approve the remaining Consent Calendar items. The motion carried unanimously.

- 1) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 18, 2005 – REGULAR MEETING
- 2) APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTER NO. 05-082
- 5) PERMIT REQUEST FOR ANNUAL FIESTA – SANTA ROSA CATHOLIC CHURCH

Items Removed for Further Discussion:

- 3) FISCAL YEAR 2005-2006 BUDGET AMENDMENT

Mayor Ruelas said that when the budget was approved, the City Administrator's salary had not been negotiated. Now that negotiations have been completed and there is a surplus of \$7,900, she requested that this money be placed back into reserves.

Councilmember Veres believes it was more prudent to review this (along with other departments) during mid-year budget evaluation.

Mr. Pulido said that he was notified by Personnel Manager Michael Okafor that there will be an increase in health insurance costs. During open enrollment (September through October), employees will have an option to change their health insurance coverage. At this time we do not know how that will impact the budget but this will be reviewed during the mid-year budget evaluation. He reminded Councilmembers that he can not change the budget without their approval.

Mayor Ruelas said, in that case, it was okay to leave it for now with the understanding that the money will not be moved to any other account. If determined during mid-year budget review that there will not be increases, then it could be placed back into the General Fund.

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Motion by Councilmember Veres, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez, to approve a Resolution amending the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Budget. The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Veres, Martinez, Ruelas, Hernández – 4

ABSENT: De La Torre - 1

4) **HOLIDAY PARADE CO-SPONSORSHIP**

Mayor Ruelas noticed that this went over budget last year and since there is more money budgeted this year, suggested that we stay within that amount.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez, seconded by Councilmember Veres, to approve a waiver of all City permit fees and expenses incurred by the 2005 Holiday Parade and Santa's Village. The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Martinez, Veres, Ruelas, Hernandez – 4

ABSENT: De La Torre - 1

NEW BUSINESS

6) **AGREEMENT BETWEEN LOZANO ASSOCIATES, INC., AND THE CITY FOR PRODUCTION OF THE MENUDO FESTIVAL**

Director of Recreation & Community Services Dan LaBrado presented the staff report.

Jerry Lozano, Lozano Associates, Inc. stated that they intend to keep this a family-oriented event. He asked that every effort be made to maintain the budgeted cost of \$53,000 for enforcement, traffic control, and Public Works.

Mayor Pro Tem Martinez said she has always been very supportive and would like to make certain that the integrity of the festival be maintained (no over concentration of corporations).

In response to Councilmember Veres' question regarding a three-year commitment, Mr. Lozano stated that typically the first year will not bring about a profitable ledger. For 2005, they expect to introduce certain sponsors to the event and thereby signing them into a two-year subsequent agreement (they need to begin marketing today to attract sponsors for 2006 and 2007).

In response to concerns from Councilmembers, Mr. Pulido reported that there is a 15 days' notice termination clause in the Agreement.

In response to a question from Councilmember Veres, Mr. Lozano stated that his company is assuming the \$53,000 approximate cost for this year. Any profits above and beyond that will be shared with the City.

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In response to questions from Councilmembers regarding promoting healthy foods, Mr. Lozano said that they have contacted state and federally funded programs (i.e., Latino Five a Day Program and Con Tu Vida y Salud). These educational programs will be a component of the festival at no charge to the community.

Motion by Councilmember Hernández, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez, to approve the Agreement between Lozano Associates, Inc. and the City for the production of the San Fernando Menudo Festival. The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Hernández, Martinez, Veres, Ruelas – 4
ABSENT: De La Torre - 1

CITY COUNCIL ITEMS

7) SENATE BILL 767 – LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Martinez stated that she has mixed feelings about this legislation, has a lot of unanswered questions and is not prepared to make a decision at this time.

Councilmember Veres doesn't think that this Bill will solve any of the problems and is not supportive.

Mayor Ruelas explained that this item was for discussion and there will not be a recommendation. She will personally contact Senator Gloria Romero to clarify some of her questions.

8) APPOINTMENT TO THE MISSION COMMUNITY HOSPITAL AD HOC COMMITTEE

Mayor Ruelas reported that at this time, the committee has just one member and she would like to be appointed also.

Motion by Councilmember Hernández, seconded by Mayor Ruelas, to appoint Mayor Ruelas as a Mission Community Hospital Ad Hoc Committee member. The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Hernández, Ruelas, Veres, Martinez – 4
ABSENT: De La Torre - 1

GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Veres requested that an expense report regarding the San Fernando Museum of Art & History to be placed on the next City Council meeting agenda.

Mayor Ruelas: 1) requested that the meeting adjourn in memory of Alfonso Verdin; 2) said that youth have been inquiring why the skate park was closed and she spoke with Public Works and Recreation & Community Services Directors regarding opening it right away; 3) is happy to see families enjoying the Summer Concerts and Movies in the Park; 4) will be meeting with Mission College students to discuss their concerns; 5) gave information regarding the LAUSD Governance Commission meeting she attended; and 6) was notified that there will be a Cities Leadership Summit meeting and interested Councilmembers and staff will be invited to participate

STAFF COMMUNICATION

Mr. LaBrado reported that the next movie scheduled to be shown at Las Palmas Park will be “Cantinflas” on August 18, and the next concert at Cesar E. Chávez Park will be Thee Midneters on August 21.

ADJOURNMENT (7:15 PM)

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez, seconded by Councilmember Hernández, to adjourn in memory of Alfonso Verdin. The motion carried unanimously.