

SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

DECEMBER 5, 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 6:24 p.m.

The following persons were recorded as present:

PRESENT:

Council: Mayor Julie Ruelas, Mayor Pro Tem Nury Martinez, Councilmembers Steven Veres, Dr. José Hernández and Maribel De La Torre

City Treasurer: Margarita Solis

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Matthew Fainchtein led the pledge.

INVOCATION

Mayor Ruelas read inspirational quotes from John Greenleaf Whittier and Josephine Dodge Daskam Bacon.

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Ruelas introduced, and Councilmembers welcomed, Dr. José A. Leyba, new interim president for Los Angeles Mission College.

A) U-16 GIRLS SOCCER TEAM PRESENTATION

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Mayor Ruelas and Recreation & Community Services Program Specialist Sam Valdivia presented certificates to the soccer team players and announced that they recently won Area B Championship.

B) INTRODUCTION OF NEW CITY EMPLOYEE EVA CONTRERAS

Finance Director Lorena Quijano introduced Mrs. Contreras and Councilmembers welcomed her to the City.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilmember Hernandez, seconded by Councilmember De La Torre, to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL

Ray Groff, 327 Alexander St., reported there has been more civility in his neighborhood and said that people are intimidated to speak at City Council meetings.

At this time, Councilmember Hernandez stepped away from the dais.

Kitty Kroger, San Fernando High School Librarian, said she is concerned that personal information regarding high school students is turned over to military recruiters without permission and said that she supports the resolution calling upon the withdrawal of California National Guard Troops from Iraq.

Rosa Furumoto, 12727 Gladstone Ave., Sylmar, spoke in favor of the resolution also and hopes that it is adopted.

Richard Arroyo, Historical Commissioner, said he is very much in favor of supporting Alternative 2 regarding Item No. 6 (Lopez-Villegas House Relocation and Rehabilitation) and also supports Item No. 7 to assist in the financial needs of the project.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Ruelas pulled Item No. 4 for further discussion.

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

- 1) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 21, 2005
- 2) APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTER NO. 05-121

- 3) **ORDINANCE REGARDING ESTABLISHING COMPREHENSIVE STANDARDS FOR THE DESIGN, PLACEMENT, PERMITTING, AND MONITORING OF WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES**

Items Pulled for Further Discussion:

- 4) **BUSINESS LICENSE PERMIT RENEWALS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2006**

In response to Mayor Ruelas' question regarding business license permit fees for family child care providers, Finance Director Lorena Quijano said that particular fee is separate from those being discussed with this item. She suggested that if the City Council desires, the fee resolution could be brought back during the budget review discussions.

Motion by Mayor Ruelas, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez, to approve the business license permit renewals for calendar year 2006. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- 5) **EXTENSION OF NEGOTIATION AGREEMENT WITH CMI MANAGEMENT/ WILSHIRE VENTURES FOR CITY PARKING LOTS NOS. 8 & 10 AND 4 & 5**

Motion by Councilmember Hernández, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez, to extend the Negotiation Agreement No. 1520 with CMI Management Inc. and Wilshire Ventures for a 60-day period to review and finalize the development proformas for Parking Lots Nos. 8 & 10 (i.e., Celis Street and Brand Boulevard and 4 and 5 (i.e., Truman Street between Brand Boulevard and San Fernando Mission Boulevard), and negotiate a Disposition and Development Agreement (DDA) with CMI Management Inc. and Wilshire Ventures for Parking Lots Nos. 8 & 10, and 4 & 5. The motion carried unanimously.

- 6) **UPDATE ON RELOCATION AND REHABILITATION OF THE LOPEZ-VILLEGAS HOUSE**

Community Development Director Paul Deibel presented the staff report.

Senior Planner Fred Ramirez and Mr. Deibel responded to questions from Councilmembers. They reported that staff is requesting authorization to circulate the Request for Proposals for a scope of work that would entail approximately \$152,000 of preservation planning, construction drawings and construction management for both the Lopez Adobe and the Lopez-Villegas house. Source of funds would be identified subject to responses and estimates of the actual cost of work from consulting firms responding to the Request for Proposals.

Councilmember De La Torre said that focus has been taken off the Lopez Adobe (which has been designated as a national historic structure) and placed in another building. The City has

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invested much money the Lopez Adobe and she expressed concern regarding the budget impact with respect to the relocation of the Lopez-Villegas house.

Historical Commissioner Richard Arroyo responded to questions from Mayor Pro Tem Martinez and stated that unless the building is joined to the Lopez Adobe site as one unit, it is difficult to apply for grants and seek other funds.

Councilmember Veres reported that there is not much money left in the CCHE Grant endowment (agenda Item No. 7), the process is extremely competitive, and any funds should go to toward the Lopez Adobe.

Councilmember Hernández stated that he supports historical projects but believes there should be a limit as to the extent of the City's role.

Motion by Mayor Ruelas, seconded by Councilmember Hernández, to:

- a) Direct staff to initiate a Request for Proposals process to identify and select a qualified historic preservation architectural firm to prepare a preservation plan for the Lopez-Villegas House and subsequently provide for the design of construction drawings and specifications, bid services, and construction management for the relocation and rehabilitation of the Lopez-Villegas House (this will be contingent that it does not disqualify the City from applying or receiving funds from the California Cultural and Historical Endowment);
- b) Direct staff to work with the Friends of Lopez Adobe (if the Friends desire) in the preparation of Memorandum of Understanding that would outline the scope of work, construction fees, and parties responsible for the future rehabilitation, maintenance, and ongoing operation of the Lopez-Villegas House;
- c) Subsequent to an update on available project funding from the Friends of the Lopez Adobe, select Alternative Two for the relocation and rehabilitation of the Lopez-Villegas House; and,
- d) Direct staff to allocate reserves from the General Fund to provide gap-financing (\$3,000 to \$8,000) for the additional funds necessary for the implementation of Alternative Two for the Lopez-Villegas House.

Councilmember Veres excused himself from the meeting (8:02 p.m.) due to a personal commitment. He reported that he would be voting “no” on this Item and on Item No. 7. He said that he supported Item No. 8 on the agenda.

The above motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Ruelas, Hernández, Martinez – 3
NOES: De La Torre, Veres – 2

CITY COUNCIL ITEMS

7) CALIFORNIA CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL ENDOWMENT (CCHE) GRANT APPLICATION

Motion by Mayor Ruelas, seconded by Councilmember Hernández, to direct staff to look into the possibilities of the City applying for the California Cultural and Historical Endowment grant. That staff not make any pre-determination as to what the City would be applying for under CCHE grants program, but rather review the application process and procedures and determine whether the City has a viable application (report back to the City Council in January with alternatives).

The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Ruelas, Hernández, Martinez – 3
NOES: De La Torre, *Veres – 2

**Councilmember Veres cast his vote prior to leaving the meeting.*

Councilmember De La Torre said that she recommends placing priority on the Lopez Adobe and suggested applying for the CCHE grant for that structure.

8) RESOLUTION REGARDING BRINGING THE CALIFORNIA NATIONAL GUARD UNITS HOME

Mayor Pro Tem Martinez thanked Kitty Kroger (who spoke under Public Comments) for bringing this to her attention.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez, seconded by Councilmember Hernández, to support the Joint Resolution AJR36 (Assemblymember Loni Hancock), adopt a Resolution Calling Upon the Governor of California to Take Immediate Steps to Withdraw California National Guard Troops From Iraq Now, and that staff send a copy to Governor Schwarzenegger, President Bush, each member of the California Congressional Delegation, and to the President Pro Tempore of the California Senate. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Veres cast his vote prior to leaving the meeting.

GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember De La Torre: 1) suggested that, at some point, a resolution regarding keeping military recruiters out of local high schools be brought before the City Council; 2) stated that the Grand Marshal Dinner on Thursday kicked off holiday parade events; 3) hopes that everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and New Year; and 4) sees many improvements in the neighborhoods and thanked the Community Development Department.

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Councilmember Hernández: 1) asked that the meeting adjourn in memory of Jennifer Blanco and Ferdinand Martinez, choir members at Santa Rosa Church who passed away in a tragic car accident; and 2) wished everyone a Merry Christmas and happy holidays.

Councilmember Martinez: 1) agrees with Councilmember De La Torre regarding military recruiters at our local high schools and suggesting educating youth and their parents regarding this; 2) congratulated City staff regarding the Employee Dinner; 3) congratulated and welcomed new employee Eva Contreras; 4) is supportive and excited about the new housing developments (including 20% affordability); 5) invited everyone to the parade on Sunday; and 6) wished everyone a Merry Christmas, happy holidays, and happy New Year.

Councilmember Hernández reminded everyone of the Police Advisory Council luncheon on Thursday (Chief Alba provided more information.)

Mayor Ruelas: 1) wished everyone happy holidays and happy New Year; 2) welcomed new City employee Eva Contreras; 3) reported that the next LAUSD Governance Commission meeting would be on December 8, 2005, and 4) thanked everyone for attending the meeting and said it was a great end-of-year meeting.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

None.

ADJOURNMENT (8:18 PM)

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez, seconded by Councilmember Hernandez to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.