

SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

JUNE 20, 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 6:06 p.m.

The following persons were recorded as present:

PRESENT:

Council: Mayor Julie Ruelas, Mayor Pro Tem Nury Martinez, Councilmembers Steven Veres (arrived at 6:07 p.m.), José Hernández, Ph.D., 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

Councilmember Maribel De La Torre

INVOCATION

Mayor Ruelas read a statement from former President Jimmy Carter.

PRESENTATIONS

- A) RECOGNITION OF FORMER PLANNING COMMISSIONER MARISELA TORRES
- B) RECOGNITION OF RETIRING MORNINGSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER – ANN DISTEFANO

Mayor Ruelas presented certificates to both Marisela Torres and Ann Distefano and thanked them for their service.

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL

Ray Groff, 327 Alexander St., said that he has seen a lot of changes through the years and he talked about problems with gangs.

Eugene Hernández, P.O. Box 920395, Sylmar, reported that there was discrimination occurring at Mission College against MECHA and Chicano Studies students and asked if the City Council would consider writing a letter supporting the students.

Mayor Ruelas suggested that this be included on the next agenda for discussion.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Ruelas removed both items for further discussion.

Items Removed for Further Discussion:

- 1) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 6, 2005

Mayor Ruelas asked that the City Clerk verify a comment made by a resident. By common consent, the minutes will be brought back for approval.

- 2) APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTER NO. 05-062

Staff responded to inquiries made regarding payments for: legal services rendered, Freedman Tung & Bottomley, pedestrian facility on Fernmont St., and the gopher problem at the Cesar Chávez monument.

Motion by Councilmember Veres, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez, to approve the Warrant Register. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- 3) REALLOCATION OF SUPPLEMENTAL LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2003-2004

Chief of Police Anthony Alba presented the staff report.

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Motion by Councilmember Veres, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez, to appropriate funds received for Fiscal Year 2003-2004 from the County of Los Angeles, through the SLESF, from Public Safety Equipment to Community Policing Overtime. The motion carried unanimously.

4) FINAL MAP – 705 SEVENTH STREET – TRACT MAP 062961

Interim Public Works Director Jim Davis presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Hernández, seconded by Councilmember Veres, to approve the Final Map and adopt a Resolution accepting the Final Map for Tract Map No. 062961. The motion carried unanimously.

5) TIME WARNER REQUEST

Assistant to the City Administrator Ron Ruiz presented the staff report.

Councilmember De La Torre said that she was disappointed to learn that Time Warner's customer service center is located in Ontario, Canada and believes that jobs should remain in the community.

Mayor Pro Tem Martinez concurred and Councilmember Veres suggested that this issue be brought up during franchise discussions.

Motion by Councilmember Veres, seconded by Councilmember Hernández, to approve the following requests by Time Warner:

- a) Use of the City logo;
- b) Temporary banner display on Brand Blvd. to promote a Time Warner community appreciation event;
- c) City's co-sponsorship of the event; and
- d) Permission to use amplified sound at 444 Brand Blvd. on day of the event.

The motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember De La Torre requested that residents (living in parking permit districts) be reminded to visit City Hall for permit parking if they plan on having special events during the week.

In response to Councilmembers Hernández and De La Torre's concerns regarding illegal fireworks, Chief Alba reported that he has notified sworn and civilian personnel, contacted the concerned resident, and requested that The Sun newspaper publish information. Mayor Pro Tem Martinez suggested that every attempt be made to confiscate illegal fireworks and possibly consider increasing penalties for those caught.

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Councilmember Veres: 1) reported that the Metropolitan Water District Inspection Trip was complete; and 2) said that a Heritage Park Ad Hoc Committee meeting was held and we are moving forward.

Mayor Ruelas: 1) welcomed Mayor Villegas of Fillmore; 2) said that, in appreciation, Margarita Flores would like to invite City Councilmembers to her home for carne asada; and) recently attended a library commission meeting and another held by Senator Romero regarding big cities having control of the governance of the school district.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

Mr. Pulido suggested that the City Council consider adjourning to June 28, 2005, 6:00 pm, for the Budget Adoption meeting.

Councilmember Veres reported that the Pacoima Wash Community meeting was Thursday, 6:00 p.m., at Morningside Elementary School.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION (7:00 PM)

By consensus, Councilmembers recessed to the following Closed Session, as announced by the City Attorney, thereafter to adjourn to June 28, 2005, 6:30 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

- A) CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (G.C. Section 54957.6)
Negotiator: City Administrator Jose E. Pulido
Employee Organization: Police Management Bargaining Unit

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

City Representative: City Administrator José E. Pulido
Unrepresented Employees: Management Group

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

- D) CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (G.C. 54957.6)

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

No reportable action.