

SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

MAY 2, 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 6:18 p.m.

The following persons were recorded as present:

PRESENT:

Council: Mayor Julie Ruelas, Mayor Pro Tem Nury Martinez, Councilmembers Steven Veres, José Hernández, Ph.D., and Maribel De La Torre (arrived at 6:19 p.m.)

City Treasurer: Margarita Solis

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Ruelas led the pledge.

INVOCATION

Mayor Ruelas gave the invocation.

PRESENTATIONS

A) OLDER AMERICANS MONTH – MAY

Mayor Ruelas presented the certificate to Senior Citizen Advisory Board Members and thanked them for their services and dedication.

B) PRESENTATION BY SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY REGARDING EIGHTH STREET PROPERTY

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Project Manager Barbara Romero gave an update regarding the SMMC's plans for the Pacoima Wash Greenway and the Eighth St. property.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL

Ray Groff, 327 Alexander St., said that his neighborhood has gotten more civilized (less speeding cars, broken bottles and loud music) but street vendors continue to make a lot of noise.

Tom Ross, 13834 Kismet Ave., Sylmar, said they hope that the Boy Scout License Agreement is approved so they can begin using the house at Pioneer Park.

Kim Bundy (American Cancer Society) talked about the Relay for Life event and thanked City Council for their continued support.

Rudy Trujillo, Pastor at Praise Chapel (214 N. Maclay Ave.) said he was really touched by the Relay for Life event last year and encouraged the City to continue supporting it.

Danitza Pantoja, 1640 Coronel St., said that the Relay for Life event is a necessity and asked for continued support.

Jaime Mejorado, Youth Minister at St. Ferdinand Church, asked if the City would consider waiving the street closure fee for their annual fiesta.

Richard Arroyo, 11264 Bartee Ave., Mission Hills, talked about the Heritage Park Project and said asked if some of the trees could be saved.

Craig Howell said that there is an existing water tank on the Heritage Park Project site which he suggested could be used for a public museum.

Amy De La Cruz, 508 Chatsworth Dr., said that her daughter had been diagnosed with a brain tumor and thanked City Council for sponsoring the American Cancer Society Relay for Life event.

Mario Hernández, 15596 Olden St., Sylmar, said that many have lost loved ones to cancer and thanked City Council for supporting the event.

Robert Gomez, Granada Hills, said that he attended the Relay for Life event last year and asked the City Council to support it again this year.

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Ana Diaz Hernández 15596 Olden St., Sylmar, talked about the cancer support group at Santa Rosa Church and how it helped her father and family when her mother was ill.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- 1) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 18, 2004
- 2) APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTER NO. 05-051
- 3) ACCEPTANCE OF AWARD OF FUNDS BY SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT (SCAQMD)
- 4) BOY SCOUT LICENSE AGREEMENT
- 5) FY 2005-2006 LANDSCAPING & LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT APPROVAL OF ENGINEER'S REPORT AND SETTING A DATE FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING
- 6) FISCAL YEAR 2004-2005 WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM

CITY COUNCIL ITEMS

- 7) MISSION COMMUNITY HOSPITAL – AD HOC COMMITTEE REPLACEMENT

Councilmember Hernández said that he was no longer able to attend the meetings and mentioned that Mayor Pro Tem Martinez expressed interested in serving.

Mayor Ruelas appointed Mayor Pro Tem Martinez to serve as the City Council liaison to the Committee.

- 8) APPOINTMENT TO PLANNING COMMISSION

Councilmember Hernández reported that due to health reasons, Marisela Torres resigned from the Planning Commission and he was requesting to replace her with Maria Cano.

Motion by Councilmember Hernandez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez, to appoint Maria Cano to the Planning Commission as Councilmember Hernández' representative. The motion carried unanimously.

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GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember De La Torre: 1) congratulated the Boy Scouts regarding the new Scout House; and 2) asked to agendize the Relay for Life event and televising of City Council meetings.

Mayor Pro Tem Martinez: 1) reported that the owner of La Talpense restaurant had been invited to participate in the Cinco de Mayo menudo cook-off at Olvera St.; and 2) said that she took part in the Relay for Life event last year and is very supportive.

Councilmember Veres: 1) said that he too, is very supportive of the American Cancer Society; 2) reported that a senior from Las Palmas Park gave him a bolt that was easily removed from the building and suggested that staff inspect the facility; 3) made comments regarding a letter that Mayor Ruelas wrote to Office Depot regarding their possible departure from the City; and 4) suggested that if there is any interest in the annual Colorado River tour, the MWD be contacted.

Mayor Ruelas: 1) reported that there will be a legislative briefing on May 13 regarding Proposition 63; 2) stated that the California Integrated Waste Management Board is requesting letters of support regarding the conversion technology report; and 3) said that she is very supportive of Relay for Life event.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

None.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION (8:00 PM)

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

- A) CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (G.C. Section 54957.6)
Negotiator: City Administrator Jose E. Pulido
Employee Organization: San Fernando Public Employees Association

No reportable action.