

SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

NOVEMBER 21, 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 6:04 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

Councilmember Maribel De La Torre led the pledge.

INVOCATION

Mayor Ruelas read an inspirational entitled “Be Thankful” and stated a quote by John F. Kennedy.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL

Fr. Carlos Alarcon, Pastor of Santa Rosa Church, requested approval of Item No. 5 - an amplified sound permit for the Lady of Guadalupe procession on December 12, 2005.

Ray Groff, 327 Alexander St., reported that his neighbors play loud music and are always honking their car horns and he asked why the police blotter is not in The Sun newspaper any longer.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Community Development Director Paul Deibel stated that there were non-substantive revisions made to the Wireless Telecommunications Ordinance (Item No. 3) and was recommending that it be continued to the next meeting in December.

Motion by Councilmember Hernández, seconded by Councilmember De La Torre, to approve Consent Calendar items excluding Item No. 3. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez, seconded by Councilmember Hernández, to continue Item No. 3 to the December 5, 2005, City Council meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

- 1) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF:
 - A) SEPTEMBER 19, 2005 – REGULAR MEETING
 - B) NOVEMBER 7, 2005 – REGULAR MEETING
- 2) APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTER NO. 05-112
- 3) ORDINANCE REGARDING ESTABLISHING COMPREHENSIVE STANDARDS FOR THE DESIGN, PLACEMENT, PERMITTING, AND MONITORING OF WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES

Continued to the next meeting.

- 4) SAN FERNANDO REGIONAL POOL FACILITY – FOURTH RE-BID, REJECT ALL BIDS FOR CONSTRUCTION

NEW BUSINESS

- 5) AMPLIFIED SOUND PERMIT REQUEST – SANTA ROSA CHURCH (668 SOUTH WORKMAN STREET)

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Motion by Councilmember Hernández, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez, to approve the amplified sound permit request to allow Santa Rosa Church to operate a sound system for a religious procession and outdoor mass on the evening of December 12, 2005, (from 5:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.). The motion carried unanimously.

6) **PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT – DMR TEAM, INC.**

Public Works Director Ron Ruiz presented the staff report and responded to questions regarding the agreement.

Motion by Mayor Ruelas to approve a new agreement with Professional Services for general civil engineering and project management services to DMR Team, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 good through June 30, 2006, and that no authorization be given at this time for extending the agreement. The motion failed due to a lack of a second.

Discussion ensued.

Motion by Mayor Ruelas, seconded by Councilmember Hernández, to award an as-needed Professional Services Agreement for general civil engineering and project management services to DMR Team, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$100,000; and authorize the City Administrator to execute an Agreement with DMR Team, Inc. with an optional one-year extension contingent upon approval of the Public Works Director and City Administrator subject to locking in the consultant's unit costs. The motion carried unanimously.

7) **CALIFORNIA INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD (CIWMB)
RESOLUTION AND WASTE REDUCTION AND RECYCLING DIRECTIVE**

Mr. Ruiz presented the staff report and suggested that a correction be made that the City Council "adopt" (not "approve") a Waste Reduction and Recycling Directive.

Motion by Mayor Ruelas, seconded by Councilmember Hernández, to approve a Resolution with the CIWMB to submit an application for the FY 2005/2006 Tire-Derived Product (TDP) Grant Program; and adopt a Waste Reduction and Recycling Directive as required by the CIWMB TDP Grant Program. The motion carried unanimously.

CITY COUNCIL ITEMS

8) **FISCAL YEAR 2005-2006 COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS (CBO)
FUNDING ALLOCATION**

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez, seconded by Councilmember Hernández, that her remaining CBO allocation of \$1,950 be given to the San Fernando Explorers Program. The motion carried unanimously.

Refer to attached list of Councilmember Allocations for CBO 2005-2006.

9) **UNAUTHORIZED PURCHASE OF POLICE VEHICLE**

Councilmember De La Torre said that she placed this item on the agenda and was inquiring about the status.

Chief Anthony Alba provided a verbal report and gave background information.

Discussion ensued regarding purchase of the vehicle, future use, whether the emails sent to the newspaper were exempt from public disclosure and whether it was appropriate that they were released to the newspaper and released without having gone through the public records request process. Concerns were expressed regarding a lack of communication.

Mayor Pro Tem Martinez believed that this should have been dealt with professionally and said that it was not in good taste to send the emails to the media. She stated that Chief Alba was given an allocation of funds to purchase a vehicle and he did so at his discretion.

Councilmembers De La Torre and Veres said that they were misled because during the budget process, it was understood that the Park Rangers would be getting a multi-purpose vehicle and that's what they had believed.

Mayor Ruelas said that funds were available and Chief Alba did not spend more than what was itemized for the purchase of the vehicle.

Discussion only – no action was taken.

GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember De La Torre said that many hours are spent during budget Study Sessions with departments and City Councilmembers make decisions based on what is presented and requested during those sessions.

Councilmember Dr. Hernández: 1) believes that any information of personal nature should not be sent via email; and 2) said that he respects Chief Alba's leadership and the Police Department is doing a very good job protecting our citizens.

Mayor Pro Tem Martinez: 1) believes this issue is not about a budget, but there are other elements taking place and it is more important to begin communicating with one another finding other ways of resolving these matters; 2) reported that the architectural designs for the new high school to be built at the Swap Meet site are available for public view on November 30, at 6:00 p.m. at Pacoima Middle School; and 3) wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

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Councilmember Veres said there is a communication problem and said that if something is wrong, we should figure out how to fix it, move forward and improve.

Mayor Ruelas: 1) said that when certain things come before the City Council, there are questions that need to be asked and that discussions could take place in an orderly fashion; 2) she reminded Councilmembers to show respect for each other; 3) said that Chief Alba is doing a fine job and she continues to hear positive comments regarding police services; and 4) thanked audience members for attending the meeting and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

Mr. Pulido stated that he is doing the job he was entrusted to do and stands behind the email which is factual and he agrees with Councilmember Veres regarding lack of communication.

Mr. Ruiz reported that the American Cancer Society has presented a Community Partnership Award for 2004/2005 for the work the City has done for the Relay for Life Event.

Regarding a comment made earlier, Chief Alba said that he did meet and confer with the Police Captain and Lieutenant regarding the vehicle and the decision was made by the group (although as Department Head he takes full responsibility for the final decision).

ADJOURNMENT (7:15 PM)

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

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| Community Based Organization | Councilmembers | | | | | Totals |
|---|----------------|---------------------------|-----------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| | De La Torre | Mayor Pro Tem Martinez | Mayor Ruelas | Veres | Hernandez | |
| Children's Hunger Fund | \$ - | \$ 250.00 | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 500.00 | \$ 500.00 | \$ 2,250.00 |
| Urban Education Partnership - SF Healthy Start | \$ - | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 4,000.00 | \$ 500.00 | \$ 500.00 | \$ 6,000.00 |
| Valley Family Center | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 2,000.00 | \$ - | \$ 3,000.00 |
| Partners in Care Foundation-Family Network | \$ 4,310.00 | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ - | \$ 1,500.00 | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 7,810.00 |
| W.A.V.E. Women Advancing the Valley | \$ 1,190.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 750.00 | \$ 500.00 | \$ 2,440.00 |
| San Fernando Sharks Swim Team | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 250.00 | \$ 200.00 | \$ 250.00 | \$ 500.00 | \$ 2,200.00 |
| San Fernando Youth Council- Reaching Out | \$ 500.00 | \$ 1,050.00 | \$ 200.00 | \$ 250.00 | | \$ 2,000.00 |
| San Fernando Braves | \$ 2,500.00 | \$ 500.00 | \$ 400.00 | \$ 2,250.00 | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 6,650.00 |
| San Fernando Youth Council-Skate Park | \$ - | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 2,000.00 | | \$ 2,000.00 | \$ 5,000.00 |
| Northeast Valley Health Corporation | \$ - | \$ 500.00 | \$ 200.00 | \$ 250.00 | \$ 500.00 | \$ 1,450.00 |
| San Fernando Youth Volunteer Training Program | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 500.00 | \$ 500.00 |
| Mariachi Master Apprentice Program | \$ 2,000.00 | \$ 2,000.00 | \$ 500.00 | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 2,000.00 | \$ 7,500.00 |
| San Fernando Explorers | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 4,950.00 | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 750.00 | \$ 2,000.00 | \$ 9,700.00 |
| Friends of the Lopez Adobe | \$ - | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 3,000.00 | \$ - | \$ 3,000.00 | \$ 7,000.00 |
| Tia Chucha's Centro Cultural Inc. | \$ 1,500.00 | \$ 500.00 | \$ 500.00 | \$ 4,000.00 | \$ - | \$ 6,500.00 |
| | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
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| | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Total | \$ 14,000.00 | \$14,000.00 | \$14,000.00 | \$14,000.00 | \$ 14,000.00 | \$ 70,000.00 |
| | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |