

SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

APRIL 4, 2006 – 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 Nury Martinez called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

The following persons were recorded as present:

PRESENT:

Council: Mayor Nury Martinez, Mayor Pro Tem Julie Ruelas, 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

Mayor Martinez led the pledge.

INVOCATION

Mayor Martinez called for a moment of silence for the day of Cesar E. Chávez.

PRESENTATIONS

A) NATIONAL FAIR HOUSING MONTH – APRIL

Mayor Martinez presented the proclamation to Hermes Ayala and Juanita Bankhead (representatives from the Fair Housing Council).

B) NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK – APRIL 2-8, 2006

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Mayor Martinez presented the certificate to San Fernando Library Branch Manager Kathy Coakley.

C) **SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH (APRIL) AND
DENIM DAY (APRIL 19, 2006)**

Mayor Martinez presented the proclamation to Gilbert Berriozábal and Cathy Adams (Los Angeles Commission on Assaults Against Women).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL

Ed Banuelos, San Fernando Chamber of Commerce, 1245 San Fernando Rd., reported on the Miss San Fernando Pageant and gave an update regarding Farmers Market, what it will entail, and said that everyone is excited about it.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Councilmember Veres, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ruelas, to approve the Consent Calendar Items. The motion carried unanimously.

- 1) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 20, 2006**
- 2) **APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTER NO. 06-041**
- 3) **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) LIBRARY STREET AND ALLEY IMPROVEMENTS – PROJECT NO. CDBG 600786-05 – JOB NO. 7530 – PLAN NO. 697**
- 4) **DESTRUCTION OF RECORDS – PERSONNEL/ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT**
- 5) **THIRD EXTENSION OF NEGOTIATION AGREEMENT NO. 1520 WITH CMI MANAGEMENT INC./WILSHIRE VENTURES FOR CITY PARKING LOTS NOS. 8 & 10**
- 6) **EXTENSION OF NEGOTIATION AGREEMENT WITH GANGI DEVELOPMENT FOR CITY PARKING LOT NO. 3**

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NEW BUSINESS

7) 2006 DISASTER PREPAREDNESS EXPO

Police Chief Anthony Alba presented the staff report.

Ms. Quijano reported that City Council had previously approved SLESF funding to be used for community policing overtime, and recommended that the motion direct staff to prepare a budget resolution adopting the additional \$783 to the Public Works department.

In response to questions, Chief Alba reported that the Disaster Expo is a multi-faceted approach to disaster preparedness and will include approximately 23 disaster responder organizations (i.e., County of L.A. Health Dept., L.A. City Fire Department, L.A. City Dept. of Water and Power, Metrolink and L.A. Unified School District). It will be a great opportunity for our residents, as well as people in the surrounding community to participate and receive important information.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Ruelas, seconded by Councilmember Hernández, that the City Council approve the required funding for the 2006 Disaster Preparedness Expo in the amount of \$783 and that a Resolution be prepared. The motion carried unanimously.

CITY COUNCIL ITEMS

8) APPOINTMENT OF CITY COUNCIL LIAISON ASSIGNMENTS

Councilmembers made suggested changes and Mayor Martinez stated that this would be brought back for final approval at the next meeting.

9) CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS IN JULY AND DECEMBER – DARK

Motion by Mayor Martinez, seconded by Councilmember Hernandez, to go dark and not have a meeting on July 3 and December 18, 2006. The motion carried with the following vote:

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

10) SAN FERNANDO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FARMERS MARKET BUSINESS LICENSE WAIVER FOR CIRCUS OSORIO FUNDRAISER

Councilmember Veres reported that this was a continuation from the last City Council meeting and his proposal is to waive the business license fees.

Atty. Estrada stated that if granted, it should be contingent upon the demonstration that all proceeds, etc. go to charitable/educational activities (just as the admissions tax waiver).

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Discussion ensued regarding total fees waived thus far (\$1,000 park facilities fees, and 47 cents admissions tax based on ticket sales) and whether business license fees have been waived in the past.

Motion by Councilmember Veres, seconded by Councilmember De La Torre to waive the business license fees for Circus Osorio Fundraiser contingent on proof that monies meet our ordinance expectations. The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Veres, De La Torre, Martinez – 3

NOES: Hernández, Ruelas - 2

GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Veres: 1) reported that the Eighth Street project scored high (parkway and rivers category) and there is a probability it will be funded; 2) Heritage Park will have a committee meeting shortly and he asked everyone to get their comments in before then; 3) reported there is a cable show regarding the MWD Solar Cup; and 4) said that he submitted a memo regarding the Cesar Chávez march and said there were good experiences and bad ones (referring to the campaigning by L.A. City Councilmember Alex Padilla).

Mayor Pro Tem Ruelas: 1) reported that on April 22 (after the Disaster Expo), the San Fernando Museum of Art & History will have its fifth exhibit opening; 2) on April 23, La Voz Del Mariachi will be at S.F. High School; 3) the next LAUSD Governance Commission meeting will be on April 6; and 4) reported that the Cesar Chávez Commemorative Committee did a great job on the march and mass (well-organized and beautiful).

Councilmember Hernández: 1) said that every year, the Cesar Chávez Commemorative Committee tries to prohibit and discourage groups from expressing their political views but it is very difficult; 2) commended Cultural Arts Supervisor Virginia Diediker for the Marcha de Justicia event and for all her work; and 3) announced the birth of his grand daughter, Isabella.

Councilmember De La Torre: 1) requested that the City Attorney agendize for the next City Council meeting a report regarding campaign laws in the City; 2) encouraged people to start a team for the Relay for Life event; and 3) asked that the meeting adjourn in memory of Fernando Garcia.

Mayor Martinez: 1) reported that the Santa Monica Conservancy meeting went well; 2) the S.F. Mall Association Mayor's Luncheon was nice; 3) reported that the Menudo Festival Committee meeting with Jerry Lozano was productive; 4) attended the Miss San Fernando event and said that it was successful; 5) announced the Arbor Day and Home Landscaping and Water Conservation events; 7) commended Virginia Diediker and all the work she puts into various City events; 8) reported that Paul Chávez (son of Cesar Chávez) attended the mass and spoke; 9) regarding the Cesar Chávez march, said that signage comes up every time the event occurs; and 10) requested that the meeting adjourn in memory of Fernando Garcia and former Assemblymember Marco Firebaugh.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

Public Works Director Ron Ruiz announced that the Arbor Day and Home Landscape Workshop events will be on Saturday. He encouraged people to attend the special meeting of the Transportation & Safety Commission on April 19, regarding the Trolley Project.

Director of Recreation & Community Services Director Dan LaBrado reported that the first kick off meeting for the Healthy Cities Program to develop the committee will be on April 6, at Las Palmas Park.

Mr. Pulido said he would provide information regarding funeral services for Mr. Garcia via email.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION (8:02 PM)

By consensus, the City Council recessed to the following Closed Session, thereafter to adjourn in memory of Fernando Garcia and former Assemblymember Marco Firebaugh.

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

- B) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL
Anticipated Litigation: G.C. 54956.9(b)

A point has been reached where, in the opinion of the City Council on the advice of its legal counsel, based on the below described existing facts and circumstances, there is a significant exposure to litigation against the City Council.

Removal of Billboard at 608 Maclay Avenue.

No reportable action.