

SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

FEBRUARY 21, 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 Julie Ruelas called the meeting to order at 6:09 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 De La Torre led the pledge.

INVOCATION

Mayor Ruelas read quotes by Helen Keller, George Washington Carver and Abraham Lincoln.

PRESENTATIONS

- A) PRESENTATION OF CO-SPONSORSHIP CHECK TO THE SAN FERNANDO HIGH SCHOOL SOLAR CUP TEAM

Public Works Director Ron Ruiz introduced Julie Miller (Metropolitan Water District) and Mayor Ruelas presented the check and banner to San Fernando High School teacher, Dana Neil, and her students.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL

Ray Groff, 327 No. Alexander St., brought samples of broken glass that he collected from streets, sidewalks and parkways (said it was a dangerous problem) and he also talked about speeding cars.

Mayor Ruelas explained to Mr. Groff that the Transportation & Safety Commission would be meeting soon to address some of his concerns and Mr. Ruiz stated that Mr. Groff will receive a phone call inviting him to the meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- 1) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF:
 - A) APRIL 5, 2005 – REGULAR MEETING
 - B) FEBRUARY 6, 2006 – REGULAR MEETING
- 2) APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTER NO. 06-022
- 3) DESTRUCTION OF RECORDS – POLICE DEPARTMENT
- 4) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TREASURER AND DEPUTY CITY TREASURER TO INVEST SURPLUS FUNDS
- 5) INCREASE IN THE MEMBERSHIP AND APPOINTMENT OF APPLICANTS TO THE CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

NEW BUSINESS

- 6) RESOLUTIONS AUTHORIZING ACQUISITION OF SUPPLEMENTAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS

Community Development Director Paul Deibel presented the staff report.

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Motion by Councilmember Veres, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez, to adopt two Resolutions authorizing the City Administrator to execute agreements to acquire supplemental CDBG funding allocations from the cities of Cudahy and Cerritos at a discount using resources from the General Fund to be reimbursed from the Pavement Management Fund. The motion carried unanimously.

CITY COUNCIL ITEMS

7) VALLEY REGION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NO. 8 POTENTIAL TRAFFIC IMPACT ON EIGHTH STREET NEIGHBORHOOD

Councilmember Hernández inquired about the proposed project including an emergency exit on Eighth Street and asked for assurance from LAUSD that the gate will not be used for loading and unloading.

Discussion ensued regarding the Draft Environmental Impact Report meeting that was held and the City's comments and recommendations regarding the traffic study prepared by the City's Consulting Traffic Engineer.

Councilmember De La Torre asked if the Charter School had an acquired an alternate site (at Foothill Blvd. and Arroyo Ave.) and wondered whether they planned to relocate. She suggested that contacts be made with Los Angeles Councilmember Alex Padilla's office regarding participation in the process.

In response to Mayor Ruelas' question regarding preschools, Mr. Deibel stated that issue was addressed in his letter. She commended City Engineer Daniel Wall regarding his recommendations to LAUSD.

GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember De La Torre: 1) said that all elements of the General Plan should be interwoven and not done independently and suggested that goals be defined; 2) talked about the car lot sales at Glenoaks and Hubbard on weekends, and suggested requesting assistance from the City of Los Angeles with this problem; and 3) reminded Councilmembers regarding the fundraiser for the Mariachi Master Apprentice program and their upcoming trip.

Councilmember Hernández: 1) in response to his question regarding the fence at the Eighth St. School, Mr. LaBrado said that standard height for LAUSD is 12-15 ft.; 2) asked why the first five questions on the Finance Department Citizen Satisfaction Survey pertained to customer service. Regarding the last question, he asked how could someone going to the window evaluate the department and said that question should be discounted from the survey.

Councilmember Veres: 1) gave updates regarding Heritage Park, the grants regarding the Pacoima Wash and First Street and recent events going on at the Metropolitan Water District;

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and 2) would like to coordinate meetings with the Alley Ad Hoc and Parking Lot Ad Hoc committees before budget discussions begin.

Mayor Ruelas requested that the meeting adjourn in memory of Robert Braden's mother, Margaret, Manny Bernal, Margarita Rodriguez, and Coretta Scott King.

Councilmember Veres mentioned a letter that he received by the San Fernando Little League regarding a parade and said that he urged them to call the Police Chief to follow up.

In response to Mayor Ruelas' question, Mr. Deibel reported that those inquiring about the new senior housing, could pick up applications in the Community Development Department and staff can assist applicants in filling out the forms.

Mayor Ruelas said that she attended a conference recently regarding asthma and air quality and she forwarded the information to Mr. Pulido for distribution.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

Chief Alba reported that on April 22, 2006, the Police Department, in cooperation with the San Fernando Disaster Council and Los Angeles Fire Department, were planning a Disaster Preparedness Expo. Numerous organizations and companies will be present to provide demonstrations, distribute goods and get people to think seriously about disaster preparedness.

Councilmember De La Torre inquired about the total budget for the event and Chief Alba reported that he will be meeting with departments for input and planning.

ADJOURNMENT (7:34 PM)

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