

SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

FEBRUARY 6, 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 6:06 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 Veres led the pledge.

INVOCATION

Mayor Ruelas read quotes from Dorothy Thompson and Abraham Lincoln.

PRESENTATIONS

A) RECOGNITION OF MANNY FERNANDEZ III

Mayor Ruelas presented a Certificate of Recognition to Manny Fernandez III, a nine year old brain cancer survivor and she spoke about his bravery and courage.

B) RECOGNITION OF CALIFORNIA EMERGENCY MOBILE PATROL (CEMP) MEMBERS

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Certificates of Recognition were presented to CEMP members and Mayor Ruelas thanked them for their unselfish efforts and time.

C) AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION “WEAR RED” MONTH – FEBRUARY

Mayor Ruelas read the proclamation which was later presented to Leticia Flores (American Heart Association representative).

D) PRESENTATION BY THE ORANGELINE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ON SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MAGLEV TRANSPORTATION PROJECT

Al Perdon, Executive Director of the Orangeline Development Authority (ODA), made a presentation concerning their proposed project (which will be privately funded) to pursue development of an elevated “maglev” high-speed transit line between regional airports in Southern California (17-18 stations are planned between Irvine and Palmdale).

He responded to questions, explained that the ODA is a joint powers agency, and talked about the benefits if the City becomes a member of the Authority.

Mayor Ruelas thanked him for the presentation and said that this item will be placed on a future agenda to allow time for more discussion.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Ruelas removed Item No. 14 from the agenda.

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

PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL

Ray Groff, 327 No. Alexander St., talked about speeding on Maclay Ave. and Fourth and Alexander Streets (vehicles going at 80 mph) and he urged Councilmembers to take this matter seriously.

Mayor Ruelas thanked him for expressing his concerns and Mr. Ruiz responded that there is a Traffic Calming Plan that was adopted and staff is in a process of prioritizing which areas are in the most need of being addressed (the Transportation & Safety Commission is also involved).

Robert Gomez, Granada Hills, San Fernando Relay for Life Committee member, thanked the City for continued support in the fight against cancer and invited everyone to the Relay for Life Kick-Off Rally at the San Fernando Station on February 16, 2006.

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Juan Mora, 1320 Phillippi St., President of Santa Rosa Baseball League, said they would like to bring back their opening day parade (from the San Fernando Mall to Las Palmas Park) scheduled this year for March 12, 2006, and are requesting permission to do so.

Mayor Pro Tem Martinez asked Mr. Mora to get together with the Public Works and Recreation & Community Services Directors so they can assist him and expedite his request.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Ruelas pulled Item No. 2 for further discussion.

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

- 1) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 17, 2006
- 3) ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE; REFERENCING FIRST STREET (FROM JESSIE STREET SOUTH TO THE CUL-DE-SAC) TO NOW READ ROBERT F. KENNEDY DRIVE
- 4) DESTRUCTION OF RECORDS – ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT
- 5) DESTRUCTION OF RECORDS – FINANCE DEPARTMENT
- 6) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR A TARGETED RUBBERIZED ASPHALT CONCRETE INCENTIVE GRANT PROGRAM
- 7) CALIFORNIA INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD RESOLUTION FOR SENATE BILL 1346 RUBBERIZED ASPHALT CONCRETE GRANT PROGRAM FY 2005-2006
- 8) FY 2006-2007 LANDSCAPING & LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT RESOLUTION INITIATING PROCEEDINGS AND ORDERING THE ENGINEER'S REPORT
- 9) COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) STREET IMPROVEMENTS FOCUS AREA 2 – PROJECT AWARD - CDBG PROJECT NO. 600840-05, JOB NO. 7529, PLAN NO. 701

Items Pulled for Further Discussion:

- 2) APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTER NO. 06-021

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In response to Mayor Ruelas' question regarding a payment to a former employee, Mr. Ruiz reported that David Lawrence was hired on a contract basis to work on a couple of remaining items.

Regarding her question on a disbursement made to Motion Picture Licensing Corp., Mr. LaBrado reported that the license is required in order to view/show films and the fee covers all of our recreational sites. He stated that he would follow up regarding a payment to Smart & Final for "Easter Food".

Mayor Ruelas asked about a payment to Munifinancial, Willdan Co. and Mr. Pulido responded that it is the first step in doing the fire assessment.

Motion by Mayor Ruelas, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez, to approve Warrant Register No. 06-021. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

10) ADOPTION OF THE 2005 URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

Mr. Ruiz presented the staff report.

Mayor Ruelas declared the Public Hearing open and called for public testimony, either in favor or opposed.

There were no comments by audience members.

In response to Councilmember De La Torre's question, City Engineer Daniel Wall reported that usually cities that have encountered problems with pharmaceuticals in the water supply are those that are downstream from sewage treatment plants.

Mr. Ruiz reported that the City is a member of ULARA (Upper Los Angeles River Area) and there are on-going discussions with the Watermaster to discuss those types of issues.

In response to questions, Mr. Wall reported that the Metropolitan Water District has an excellent education program and we use their materials to teach water conservation to our classrooms, the City has a low-flush toilet rebate programs and other programs that we partner with MWD. The Urban Water Management Plan calls for an annual percentage reduction and in being 100% self-reliant.

Regarding Mayor Ruelas' question on educational promotions or encouraging people to use drought resistant plants, Mr. Ruiz stated that in connection with the Arbor Day Program, a workshop is provided to residents.

There being no further comments, Mayor Ruelas closed the Public Hearing.

Motion by Councilmember Veres, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez, to adopt a Resolution adopting all components of the 2005 Urban Water Management Plan. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

11) FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2005-2006 MID-YEAR BUDGET REVIEW

Motion by Councilmember Veres, seconded by Councilmember Hernández, to accept the Mid-Year Budget Review Report and adopt City Council budget resolutions. The motion carried unanimously.

12) SECOND EXTENSION OF NEGOTIATION AGREEMENT NO. 1520 WITH CMI MANAGEMENT INC./WILSHIRE VENTURES FOR CITY PARKING LOTS NO.S 8 & 10 (i.e., PHASE ONE) AND 4 & 5 (i.e., PHASE TWO)

Motion by Councilmember Hernández, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez, to extend the Negotiation Agreement No. 1520 with CMI Management Inc./Wilshire Ventures for a second 60 day period in order to undertake a market study and establish a level of affordability for the residential condominiums for Phase One: Parking Lots Nos. 8 & 10 (i.e., Celis Street and Brand Boulevard). The motion carried unanimously.

13) RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE HEALTHY CITIES CONCEPT AND INTENT TO PARTICIPATE

Director of Recreation & Community Services Dan LaBrado presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Hernández, seconded by Councilmember Veres, to adopt a resolution supporting the development of San Fernando as a Healthy City and authorize staff to participate in the grant program as coordinated by the California Healthy Cities and Communities. The motion carried unanimously.

CITY COUNCIL ITEMS

14) APPROVAL OF WAIVER OF PARKING FEES

(This item was pulled under Approval of Agenda by Mayor Ruelas.)

Councilmember Veres left the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

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GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember De La Torre: 1) likes the concept of the high-speed transit line (presentation made earlier by Mr. Perdon); and 2) in response to her question, Mayor Ruelas said the community forum will take place on February 22, 2006.

Councilmember Hernández: 1) wished City Engineer Daniel Wall a happy birthday; and 2) in response to his question, Mr. Ruiz reported that Ordinance No. 1571 addressed the street name change and the speed limits listed were taken from sections of the Municipal Code.

Mayor Pro Tem Martinez: 1) said she attended the first Menudo Festival Committee meeting and was very impressed with Jerry Lozano and the different types of festivals he has put together throughout the country; 2) complimented staff and Mayor Ruelas for the Mayor's luncheon; and 3) reported that the latest San Fernando Museum of Art & History exhibit was very nice and encouraged everyone to go see it.

Mayor Ruelas: 1) also encouraged everyone to visit the museum (the exhibit is bigger and better); and 2) reported that Morningside Elementary School students that visited City Hall mentioned that they wanted speed humps/bumps around their school and Mr. Ruiz responded that he would have to look at the Traffic Calming Plan for specifics.

Mayor Pro Tem Martinez requested that the meeting adjourn in memory of long-time community activist Ramona Tovar Barker.

Mayor Ruelas reminded everyone of the follow up Community Forum meeting with O'Melveny and San Fernando School parents on February 22, 2006, to discuss City concerns.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

Mr. LaBrado reminded everyone of the Relay for Life Kick-Off Rally at the San Fernando Station on February 16, 2006.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION (7:45 PM)

By consensus, the City Council recessed to the following Closed Session, thereafter to adjourn in memory of Ramona Tovar Barker.

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (G.C. 54957.6)

City Representatives: Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem
Unrepresented Employee: City Administrator

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (G.C. 54957)

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Title: City Administrator

No reportable action.