

SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

MARCH 20, 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 6:35 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

Police Chief Anthony Alba led the pledge.

INVOCATION

Mayor Ruelas gave the invocation.

PRESENTATIONS

A) ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION

Mayor Pro Tem Nury Martinez presented the proclamation to City employee Frank Villalpando who accepted it on behalf of the Public Works Department.

B) MARCH FOR PEACE PROCLAMATIONS

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Mayor Ruelas read the proclamation and talked about the March for Peace which had taken place earlier (proclamations will be mailed to honored individuals).

C) OATH OF OFFICE TO NEW POLICE OFFICER JOSÉ ARECHIGA

Officer Arechiga was introduced by Police Chief Alba and was given the Oath by City Clerk Chávez. Ofc. Arechiga was welcomed aboard by City Councilmembers.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilmember Veres requested that Item No. 11 (Circus Osorio) be discussed after Item No. 7 (Farmers Market) since they are companion items.

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

PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL

Ray Groff, 327 No. Alexander St., stated that it would be of best economic value to move the Lopez-Villegas house to the Lopez Adobe site due to the historic value and the additional structure can be used for necessary storage and display of items.

Elvira Orozco, 417 Newton St., spoke in favor of moving the Lopez-Villegas house to the Lopez Adobe site and congratulated Mayor Ruelas for her service to the community.

Joe Ruelas, 1161 Harding Ave., encouraged the move of the Lopez-Villegas house to the new site since it is a piece of history that we all represent. He congratulated Mayor Ruelas and Mayor Pro Tem Martinez for their stewardship and for being role models.

Ed Banuelos, San Fernando Chamber of Commerce, 1245 San Fernando Rd., provided information about the Miss San Fernando Pageant, Circus Osorio, Farmers Market, and invited everyone to the Captains of Industry Chamber Luncheon.

Christie Hennessy, 9225 Banyon St., Rancho Cucamonga, VP Government Relations Time Warner Cable, gave background information regarding Item No. 3 on the agenda and stated she would answer any questions if necessary.

Jesus Hurtado, 243 Meyer St., talked about the Lopez-Villegas house and said that it would be a nice idea to have both houses together.

Richard Arroyo, 11264 Barteo Ave., Historical Commissioner, thanked Mayor Ruelas for her leadership and service, hopes that Nury Martinez becomes the new Mayor, and asked City Council to move forward with staff's recommendation regarding the relocation of the Lopez-Villegas house.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember De La Torre removed Item No. 4 and Mayor Ruelas pulled Item No. 2 for further discussion.

- 1) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 6, 2006
- 3) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ASSIGNMENT OF CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISE BY TIME WARNER CABLE INC. TO TWE HOLDING I LLC
- 5) CESAR CHÁVEZ ANNUAL AWARD RATIFICATION
- 6) AMPLIFIED SOUND PERMIT REQUEST: SANTA ROSA CHURCH, 668 S. WORKMAN STREET

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

Items Pulled for Further Discussion:

- 4) ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE SALARY RANGE SCHEDULE AND PLAN

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez, seconded by Councilmember Hernández, to adopt a Resolution to amend the Salary Range Schedule and Plan to include a 3% Cost of Living Adjustment for the Police Chief. The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Martinez, Hernández, Ruelas – 3
NOES: De La Torre – 1
ABSTAIN: Veres - 1

Motion by Councilmember Veres, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez, that the City Administrator work with the Police Chief to define whether he is part of the Department Head group or police bargaining unit (to avoid confusion in the future when negotiating raises and salaries). The motion carried unanimously.

- 2) APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTER NO. 06-032

Mayor Ruelas asked to see the invoice regarding the CBO project for the San Fernando Braves (staff will follow up).

Motion by Mayor Ruelas, seconded by Councilmember Hernández, to approve Warrant Register No. 06-032. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

7) **SAN FERNANDO CHAMBER FARMER’S MARKET CO-SPONSORSHIP
REQUEST**

Motion by Councilmember Hernández, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez, to approve the request from the San Fernando Chamber of Commerce for the Farmers Market. The motion carried unanimously.

CITY COUNCIL ITEMS

This item was moved up under Approval of Agenda.

11) **CIRCUS OSORIO**

Councilmember Veres explained that Circus Osorio is working with the Chamber of Commerce so that a portion of their proceeds will be specifically earmarked for the Farmers Market to help cover expenses. He requested that the 47 cents per head admissions tax be waived.

Frank Osorio, representing the Osorio family, gave background information regarding the circus and responded to questions from Councilmembers.

In response to Mayor Pro Tem Martinez’ question, Director of Recreation & Community Services Dan LaBrado reported that the only impact on activities would be the Little League Baseball and rearrangements have been made.

In response to Councilmember Hernández’ question, Mr. Banuelos stated that he and Chief Alba have had discussions and Mr. Osorio may be requesting two officers and a unit to assist.

Mayor Pro Tem Martinez said that she does not disagree with having the circus, but is disappointed that this was not organized. She stated that when projects of this magnitude are considered, Councilmembers are provided with a detailed budget or, at a minimum, a status report item.

Atty. Estrada read from the Municipal Code regarding admissions tax and discussion ensued regarding expenses and proceeds.

Motion by Councilmember Veres, seconded by Councilmember De La Torre, that the City Council grant the waiver conditioned upon the applicant establishing (to the satisfaction of the Finance Director and the City Attorney) that this function is eligible for the waiver under Section 82-108 of the Municipal Code. The above motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS (CON'T)

8) **SITE PREPARATION FOR THE RELOCATION OF THE LOPEZ-VILLEGAS HOUSE AT THE LOPEZ ADOBE SITE**

Public Works Director Ron Ruiz presented the staff report.

Motion by Mayor Ruelas, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez, to approve the Public Works project schedule for site preparation at the Lopez Adobe for the relocation of the Lopez-Villegas House; and approve a Resolution to appropriate \$23,804 from the General Fund reserve in order for Public Works to conduct the necessary site preparation work at the Lopez Adobe for the relocation of the Lopez-Villegas House.

In response to questions, Associate Planner Fred Ramirez provided background information regarding the grant funding, described what the house would look like in the mothball stage, and stated that historic preservation is to basically encourage the community to preserve their own resources and not so much rely on City funds.

The above motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Martinez, Hernández, Ruelas – 3
NOES: De La Torre, Veres – 2

9) **UPDATE ON MTA/CALTRANS FUNDS FOR CESAR CHÁVEZ MEMORIAL**

Mr. Ruiz provided an update regarding MTA/CALTRANS funds for the Cesar Chávez Memorial project.

Discussion only – no action was taken.

10) **CITY COUNCIL REORGANIZATION**

City Clerk Chávez opened nominations for the position of Mayor.

Councilmember Hernandez nominated Nury Martinez; the motion was seconded by Mayor Ruelas. The vote carried with the following vote:

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

City Clerk Chávez called for nominations for the position of Mayor Pro Tem.

Mayor Martinez nominated Julie Ruelas; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Hernandez. The motion carried with the following vote:

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AYES: Martinez, Hernández, Ruelas – 3

ABSTAIN: De La Torre, Veres – 2

Mayor Martinez dedicated this special day to her parents and is very honored to represent the City. She thanked her husband, friends and commissioners for their support and looks forward to working with staff. She thanked Mayor Pro Tem Ruelas for her dedication and appreciates her colleagues' support and guidance.

Mayor Pro Tem Ruelas thanked Mayor Martinez, Councilmembers, staff and residents for being very supportive throughout the past year and is looking forward to continuing to serve.

Councilmember Hernández is happy to see Nury Martinez as Mayor and thanked Mayor Pro Tem Ruelas for her leadership and professionalism this past year.

Councilmember Veres said that he voted in favor of Nury Martinez as Mayor in hopes that she can make the City Council a better group of people and wished her luck in the next year.

GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember De La Torre asked if we could take a look at how other cities streamline their business license process (in reference to Farmers Market).

Mayor Pro Tem Ruelas acknowledged her daughter, husband, mother and friends for their support, especially this past year as Mayor.

Councilmember Veres: 1) announced that the City received 500 new water saving shower heads for general public consumption; and 2) reported that the construction drawings for Heritage Park are nearly complete, the project is moving quickly, and encouraged everyone to look at drawings and provide comments.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

Atty. Estrada recommended continuing the Closed Session to the next City Council meeting (could be done by consensus) to allow Mayor Martinez to spend time with family and friends.

Mr. Pulido congratulated Mayor Martinez and said that staff looks forward to working with her and he appreciates the balance that she will bring.

Chief Alba congratulated Mayor Martinez and wanted to clarify that he stopped by Mr. Banuelos office to drop off information regarding the Disaster Preparedness Expo and at that time he responded to a question from him regarding the circus.

CLOSED SESSION

By consensus, this item was continued to the next City Council meeting.

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (G.C. 54957)

Title: City Administrator

ADJOURNMENT (8:38 P.M.)

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