

SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

NOVEMBER 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 Nury Martinez called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. and announced that after the Pledge of Allegiance, there would be a joint Redevelopment Agency/City Council meeting to discuss Item No. 8.

The following persons were recorded as present:

PRESENT:

Council: Mayor Nury Martinez, Mayor Pro Tem Julie Ruelas, Councilmembers Steven Veres, Maribel De La Torre, and Dr. José Hernández

City Treasurer: Margarita Solis

Staff: City Administrator José E. Pulido, City Attorney Michael Estrada, and City Clerk Elena G. Chávez

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Martinez led the pledge.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Martinez declared the Public Hearing open.

- 8) APPROVAL OF RESOLUTIONS AND RELATED BOND DOCUMENTS REGARDING THE SAN FERNANDO REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY CIVIC CENTER REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREAS NO. 3 AND 3A (PROJECT NO. 3) TAX ALLOCATION BONDS, SERIES 2006

Finance Director Lorena Quijano presented the staff report.

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Councilmember De La Torre talked about the bond insurance, underwriter's discount and about the total cost of the transaction.

Mark Northcross, Financial Advisor consultant (Northcross, Hill, Ach), City Atty. Estrada, and Ms. Quijano responded to inquiries from Councilmembers.

Mayor Martinez called for public testimony, either in favor or opposed. There being no comments, she closed the public portion of the Hearing.

Motion by Mayor Martinez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ruelas, to adopt a Resolution Approving the Issuance, Sale and Delivery of San Fernando Redevelopment Agency Civic Center Redevelopment Project (Project No. 3) Tax Allocation Bonds, Series 2006".

The motion carried with the following vote:

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

RECESS (6:37 P.M.)

Mayor Martinez recessed the City Council meeting to convene the Public Financing Authority meeting.

RECONVENED (7:47 P.M.)

Mayor Martinez reconvened the City Council meeting.

INVOCATION

Mayor Martinez called for a moment of silence.

PRESENTATIONS

A) RECOGNITION OF POLICE RESERVE SERGEANT JOHN BROOKS
FOR 50 YEARS OF SERVICE

Mayor Martinez presented Mr. Brooks with a plaque and thanked him for his service.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilmember Hernandez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ruelas, to approve the

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agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL

Cassandra Gonzales, 4251 Lyceum Ave., Los Angeles, requested approval of the amplified sound permit (Item No. 4 on the agenda).

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Pro Tem Ruelas removed Item No. 1 for further discussion.

Motion by Councilmember Veres, seconded by Mayor Martinez, to approve the remaining Consent Calendar Items:

- 2) ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING THE DISASTER COUNCIL
- 3) DISPOSITION OF CITY-OWNED SURPLUS AND PERSONAL PROPERTY
- 4) AMPLIFIED SOUND PERMIT REQUEST: FAMILIES TO AMEND CALIFORNIA'S THREE STRIKES (FACTS), 120 NORTH MACLAY AVENUE

See Council Comments below.

- 5) AMPLIFIED SOUND PERMIT REQUEST: SANTA ROSA CHURCH, 668 SOUTH WORKMAN STREET
- 6) ACCEPTANCE OF SUPPLEMENTAL LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES FUNDS (SLESF) FOR FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2006-2007
- 7) RESOLUTION AMENDING THE TABLE OF ORGANIZATION TO DELETE AN OFFICE CLERK POSITION AND TO ADD AN OFFICE SPECIALIST POSITION

The motion carried unanimously.

Items Pulled for Further Discussion:

- 1) APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTER NO. 06-112

In response to Mayor Pro Tem Ruelas' question, Chief Alba explained that Motorola Digital Smartzone Flashport is regarding police communications radio system and is funded through Homeland Security Grant Funds.

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Public Works Director Ron Ruiz responded to her question regarding \$10,000+ for on-site training regarding federal and state requirements.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Ruelas, seconded by Councilmember Veres, to approve Warrant Register No. 06-112. The motion carried unanimously.

CITY COUNCIL ITEMS

9) **FORMATION OF AN AD HOC COMMITTEE ON DROP OUT RECOVERY**

Mayor Martinez appointed herself and Pro Tem Ruelas to this Ad Hoc Committee.

GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember De La Torre said that a healthy city deals more than just walking and exercising. It also involves land use (new construction, etc.) which impacts the overall health of our communities.

Councilmember Hernández talked about waiving fees related to agenda Item No. 4 since it was a charity event.

Motion by Councilmember Hernández, seconded by Councilmember Veres, to waive all fees related to the Amplified Sound Permit Request: Families To Amend California's Three Strikes (Facts), 120 North Maclay Avenue. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Hernández asked about alley gate closures (Public Works is in the process of reviewing) and Chief Alba confirmed that the Christmas basket program is on again this year.

Mayor Pro Tem Ruelas said that we need to discuss ways to provide community input regarding the parking lot project and reported that she received a letter from Norton Medical Industries which she will pass on to the Personnel Dept.

Councilmember Veres: 1) provided an update regarding Heritage Park and said that the archeological finding should be incorporated as part of the display; 2) reported that Crown Disposal was inquiring about spaces for community gardens (willing to build at their expense); and 3) gave an update regarding the Metropolitan Water District project trip.

In response to Mayor Martinez' question, Mr. Ruiz reported that the last day to submit bids for the aquatic facility is December 6 and he will keep City Council updated.

Mayor Martinez asked that staff schedule a Public Safety Ad Hoc Committee meeting soon and she wished everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving.

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STAFF COMMUNICATION

Mr. Pulido thanked everyone involved in the bonding issue and announced that the employee recognition dinner is on November 30, 2006.

ADJOURNMENT (8:25 PM)

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