

**SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES**

**NOVEMBER 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 Nury Martinez called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m. in order to hold Presentations prior to convening Redevelopment Agency meeting.*

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.

**PRESENTATION**

A) SMALL BUSINESS AWARD – NOVEMBER  
SUPER DOLLAR – PEDRO GUTIERREZ

Mayor Martinez presented the plaque to Mr. Gutierrez

B) RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING YOUTH COUNCIL OFFICERS AND  
INTRODUCTION OF NEW

Mayor Pro Tem Ruelas presented certificates to outgoing Youth Council officers and introduced the new members.

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**C) RECOGNITION OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Mayor Pro Tem Ruelas presented recognition certificates to members of the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee.

The City Attorney will work with the City Clerk regarding Councilmember De La Torre's request to have her name removed from one of the certificates.

**D) RECOGNITION OF FORMER HISTORICAL COMMISSIONER MANNY GODOY**

Councilmember De La Torre reported that Mr. Godoy asked to be replaced because he will be moving out of the City and said she wanted to recognize and thank him for his services.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Martinez asked to move Item No. 13 up on the agenda (since the individual is in the audience). Afterwards, she would like to convene the Redevelopment Agency meeting.

Motion by Councilmember De La Torre, seconded by Mayor Martinez, to approve the agenda along with the above noted change.

**13) APPOINTMENTS TO THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

Councilmember De La Torre reported that her appointment, Angel Zobel-Rodriguez, was here earlier but had to leave and read a letter from Mrs. Zobel-Rodriguez thanking the City Council.

Mayor Nury Martinez introduced her appointment, Victoria Carrillo Norton and thanked her for accepting the appointment.

**RECESS (6:34 P.M.)**

*Mayor Martinez recessed the City Council meeting to convene the Redevelopment Agency Meeting.*

**RECONVENED (7:17 P.M.)**

*Mayor Martinez reconvened the City Council meeting.*

**PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL**

Tom Ross, 218 S. Brand Blvd. (business), said that there are items on the agenda regarding contracting with vendors and requested that a better effort be made in hiring local businesses/vendors. He asked that before going out to bid, the City investigate local businesses first and give them the opportunity to provide the services.

Sister Carmel Somers, 302 S. Brand Blvd., Valley Family Center, suggested that in order to provide protection against the City, Commissioner business cards should state “volunteer”. She asked that the City consider placing a ramp at the Council Chamber dais for handicap access, and expressed concern regarding the parking situation at the new development across the street from the Center.

Veronica Camacho, 638 Mott St., presented a certificate from the office of Supervisors of the Children’s Planning Council and thanked Mayor Pro Tem Ruelas for her involvement and leadership with the youth.

Patty Lopez, 432 N. Brand Blvd., thanked Councilmembers involved with the Children Youth and Families and said that the certificates they were provided should only have the names of the Councilmembers who support them. She asked that personal agendas be put aside for the sake of the children.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Councilmember Hernández asked to remove Item No.s 3 and 5 and Mayor Pro Tem Ruelas pulled Item No.s 2 and 6 for further discussion.

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

- 1) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF:
  - A) SEPTEMBER 18, 2006 – REGULAR MEETING
  - B) OCTOBER 16, 2006 – REGULAR MEETING
  
- 4) AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR WEBSITE REDESIGN
  
- 7) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACQUISITION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS FROM THE CITY OF MALIBU
  
- 8) APPROVAL OF LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF COMPOSERS, AUTHORS AND PUBLISHERS FOR THE PLAYING OF COPYRIGHTED MUSIC AT CITY EVENTS
  
- 9) RESOLUTION AMENDING THE TABLE OF ORGANIZATION

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- 10) ACCEPTANCE OF DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS FISCAL YEAR 2006

**Items Removed for Further Discussion:**

- 2) APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTER NO. 06-111

In response to Mayor Pro Tem Ruelas' question, Public Works Director Ron Ruiz said that the amount that we pay for storing holiday decorations is what we've paid in previous years; the company also checks the lighting fixtures to make sure they're operational. He stated that in the future, they will go out to bid. He reported that the \$18,000 are payments for two separate vehicles.

In response to another question regarding using local printers for business cards, Ms. Quijano reported that the two local printers are non-union.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Ruelas, seconded by Mayor Martinez, to approve the Warrant Register. The motion carried unanimously.

- 6) DESTRUCTION OF RECORDS – FINANCE DEPARTMENT

In response to Mayor Pro Tem Ruelas' question, Ms. Quijano reported that cell phone invoices were not being destroyed.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Ruelas, seconded by Mayor Martinez, to adopt a Resolution Authorizing and Directing the City Clerk to Destroy Certain City Records and Documents Pursuant to Government Code §34090. The motion carried unanimously.

- 3) AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR GRAFFITI REMOVAL SERVICES

- 5) AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR JANITORIAL SERVICES

In response to Councilmember Hernández' question, Mr. Ruiz replied that the company follows the City's living wage ordinance and we could request that they hire locally when there are vacancies.

Staff responded to questions regarding graffiti response time and will follow up whether the janitorial services are a union shop.

Motion by Councilmember Hernández, seconded by Mayor Martinez, to accept staff's recommendation and approve Item No.s 3 and 5. The motion carried unanimously.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

11) **ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING THE DISASTER COUNCIL**

City Attorney Estrada presented the staff report and stated that this was done at the request of the Disaster Council and that the Ordinance codifies the recommendations made by them.

*At this time (7:39 p.m.), Councilmember Veres left the meeting.*

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Ruelas, seconded by Mayor Martinez, to introduce for first reading, in title only, and waive all further reading of “An Ordinance of the City Of San Fernando Amending Section 26-62 and 26-63 of Article II, Entitled Administration, and Section 26-91 and Section 26-94 of Article III, Entitled Disaster Council, of Chapter 26 of The San Fernando Municipal Code.” The motion carried with the following vote:

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

**CITY COUNCIL ITEMS**

12) **CITY COUNCILMEMBERS’ CELL PHONES**

Councilmember Hernández said he placed this on the agenda because he would like clarification regarding staff’s responses at the last meeting (he had asked for a written explanation but did not receive it).

In response to Councilmember Hernández’ question, Ms. Quijano reported that the billing discrepancies she referred to was when Verizon changed the plan and as a result, the Councilmember was overcharged.

She reported that last Friday, Verizon credited over \$700 to that specific account and she could provide the City Council with a revised statement based on payments received thus far.

Motion by Councilmember Hernández, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ruelas, that money owed to the City should be paid within three months of this date, that the City Council be informed when the payments are received and if the individuals need more time, that could be arranged. The motion carried with the following vote:

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

**14) REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR A YOUTH INTERVENTION PROGRAM**

Mayor Martinez reported that the reason she placed this item on the agenda was because she was concerned about the gang activity and the recent rash of shootings have been occurring in the past several weeks. We do not have any gang intervention programs to work with our young people and at-risk youth and wants to figure out ways in which to help. She recalls discussing, as part of the community action plan, putting together an RFP to find out what organizations in the valley work with gangs and how we can bring those resources to the City.

In response to her concerns, Mr. Pulido suggested that this be referred to the Public Safety Standing Committee for direction.

Mayor Martinez also referred to Agenda Item No. 15 and talked about reinstating a program that had taken place several years ago. She reported that at one time, there had been an agreement between the Country probation department and the City where each paid half of a Probation Officer's salary. The Officer tracked parolees, worked with them and their families, and provided them with a network of social services.

Mayor Martinez said she would like to move forward with implementing both of these programs as soon as possible (Item No.'s and 15).

Motion by Mayor Martinez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ruelas, to move forward putting together an RFP for youth intervention program as well as reinstating our youth-at-risk probation officer/gang unit (could be done through the Public Safety Standing Committee).

The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Hernández, Ruelas, Martinez, De La Torre – 4

ABSENT: Veres – 1

**15) YOUTH AT RISK PROBATION OFFICER/GANG UNIT**

(Combined with above)

**16) PARTICIPATION AND SPONSORSHIP OF THE VALLEY EDUCATION COLLABORATIVE EVENT ON NOVEMBER 29, 2006**

Mayor Martinez reported that the Valley Education Collaborative is a non-profit organization that meets periodically to promote non-profit organizations and helps link families to their resources. The VEC is requesting to host a parent resource fair at San Fernando Middle School. They are requesting assistance with distribution of flyers to parents and families in our City.

Motion by Mayor Martinez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ruelas to approve co-sponsorship of the Valley Education Collaborative Event on November 29, 2006, to allow use of the City name as one of their partners and co-sponsor their event.

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The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Hernández, Ruelas, Martinez, De La Torre – 4

ABSENT: Veres – 1

**GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember De La Torre: 1) in regards to Mr. Cabrera who serves on the CYF Advisory Council, she said that questionable practices have been brought to her attention and she does not want herself or the City to be held liable for anyone's actions; and 2) is disappointed regarding the cell phone issue because she gives a lot of time to this community (her cell phone is published and many people do call her).

Councilmember Hernández: 1) in response to his question regarding the Management Group, Atty. Estrada said that he would have to defer to the labor counsel but it would be a separate bargaining unit than the employees; and 2) he asked if the contract with L.A. Fire Dept. includes emergency ambulance services because his daughter was recently billed \$650 when she had an accident (Mr. Pulido will follow up).

Mayor Pro Tem Ruelas said that she recently spoke to the Mission College President regarding a drop-out prevention program that he would like to recommend to our community and she asked that this be agendaized for the next meeting.

Mayor Martinez: 1) in response to her concern regarding a recent shooting in Pacoima, Chief Alba reported that there is additional man power covering the City in the evenings; 2) attended the Clinica Miguel grand opening and reported that the second floor had been tagged; 3) in response to her question, Mr. Pulido will contact Erica Santos (Gas Co.) regarding the federally mandated pipeline integrity program; and 4) requested to adjourn the meeting in memory of Anthony Alarcon (father of State Senator Richard Alarcon).

**STAFF COMMUNICATION**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT (8:10 PM)**

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