

SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

APRIL 2, 2007 – 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 7:25 p.m.

The following persons were recorded as present:

PRESENT:

Council: Mayor Julie Ruelas, Mayor Pro Tem Nury Martinez,
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 Ruelas led the pledge.

INVOCATION

Mayor Ruelas gave the invocation.

PRESENTATIONS

A) ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION

Mayor Ruelas presented the proclamation to Public Works Director Ron Ruiz.

B) SMALL BUSINESS AWARD – APRIL
SECRETOS NATURALES SKIN & BODY CARE – ROSY LOPEZ

Mayor Ruelas presented the plaque to Ms. Lopez and thanked her for the business that she provides our residents.

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL

Dr. James Lawson spoke in favor of the Maclay Avenue Streetscape Project Ad Hoc Committee recommendations (Item No. 9).

Brenda Esqueda was upset that her comments made at a previous meeting were not taken seriously (regarding home owners using their properties as rentals and allowing them to deteriorate).

Mayor Pro Tem Martinez again requested for a CAPP update to be agendized for the next City Council meeting.

Julie Cuellar was grateful that graffiti at the middle school had been removed but there are many other things that need to be taken care of such as: sidewalk repair, abandoned shopping carts, homeless issues, and the “car lot” on Hubbard St. and Glenoaks Blvd.

Veronica Casillas talked about the Maclay Avenue Streetscape Project, the negative impact it’s having on businesses, lack of signage especially for pedestrians and the dangerous situations they are faced with.

Brad Weinstock, Weinstock Porter Development, reported that his company will be submitting plans for a project at the corner of Truman and Maclay streets and he talked about their reputation.

Mario Hernández, business and home owner, said he was representing Maclay Ave. businesses and talked about the problems they’re having due to the construction and said they want their questions answered.

Tom Ross, business owner, reiterated comments made earlier regarding absentee landlords and blight, and problems with the construction on Maclay Ave.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Ruelas removed Item No.s 3, 4, and 5 and Mayor Pro Tem Martinez pulled Item No.s 4 and 5 too for further discussion.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez, seconded by Councilmember Hernández, to approve the remaining Consent Calendar items:

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- 1) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF:
 - a) JANUARY 16, 2007 – REGULAR MEETING
 - b) MARCH 5, 2007 – SPECIAL MEETING
 - c) MARCH 19, 2007 – SPECIAL MEETING
- 2) APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTER NO. 07-041
- 6) ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE SALARY RANGE SCHEDULE

The motion carried unanimously.

Items Removed for Further Discussion:

- 3) LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (METRO) PASS-THROUGH AGREEMENT FOR TROLLEYS

In response to Mayor Ruelas' question, staff reported that this Agreement authorizes the MTA to be the City's pass-through agency and will handle paperwork and distribution of funds that will be received.

Motion by Mayor Ruelas, seconded by Councilmember Hernández to authorize the City Administrator to execute a pass-through Agreement with the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) for the administration of the City's earmarked SAFETEA-LU Federal Appropriation. The motion carried unanimously.

- 4) AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR 120 MACNEIL STREET TENANT IMPROVEMENTS (CITY YARD RELOCATION)

Councilmembers expressed concern regarding spending hundreds of thousands of dollars for the temporary relocation, asked what were the long-term plans for the City Yard, and if are we being proactive about seeking a new building for a permanent site.

Staff and Councilmembers agreed to schedule a Study Session to discuss and address everyone's concerns.

City Atty. Estrada suggested that Item No.s 4, 5 and 8 be continued to the Study Session as well since these items are interrelated:

- 4) AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR 120 MACNEIL STREET TENANT IMPROVEMENTS (CITY YARD RELOCATION)
- 5) AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR 501 ROBERT F. KENNEDY DRIVE GRADING AND PREPARATION (CITY YARD RELOCATION)
- 8) STATUS OF THE TEMPORARY CITY YARD RELOCATIONS AND THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW PERMANENT CITY YARD SITE

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Motion by Mayor Ruelas, seconded by Councilmember Hernández, to move these items to next week's Study Session (date and time to be determined). The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- 7) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A DELEGATION AGREEMENT CONCERNING HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT BETWEEN THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (SCAG) AND THE SUBREGION CONSISTING OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO

Community Development Director Paul Deibel presented the staff report.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez, seconded by Mayor Ruelas to execute a delegation agreement concerning housing needs assessment between the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) and the "City of Los Angeles-City of San Fernando Subregion" consisting of the City of Los Angeles and the City of San Fernando, subject to any revisions recommended the City Council. The motion carried unanimously.

CITY COUNCIL ITEMS

- 9) MACLAY AVENUE STREETSCAPE PROJECT AD HOC COMMITTEE PARKING RECOMMENDATIONS

Councilmember Veres gave an update regarding the Maclay Avenue Streetscape Project meeting and reported on the recommendations made by the Committee.

Motion by Councilmember Veres, seconded by Mayor Ruelas, that: 1) parking at Lot 6N be free for two years and reduce all day permits by 50% (\$32.50); 2) metered parking around City Hall and the Courthouse be monitored from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (hours of operation); and 3) these changes occur throughout the certified completion of the Maclay Avenue Streetscape Project.

City Atty. Estrada stated that the fees will have to be changed via a Resolution (to be brought forth at the next meeting) and suggested that the City Council direct staff to enforce the parking regulations at Parking Lot 6N and on meters consistent with that motion.

Councilmember Veres accepted the amendment and the motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember De La Torre: 1) said she's received complaints regarding aggressive tactics used by people painting house numbers on street curbs; and 2) said there must be a better way for

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the City to determine the impacts on the community regarding cell towers and radio frequency measurements.

Councilmember Hernández: 1) asked when the streets on the southside would be fixed; and 2) Captain Robert Ordelleide responded to his questions regarding taggers and the graffiti cost recovery program and holding people accountable.

Mayor Pro Tem Martinez: 1) reported on areas that were graffitied; 2) asked if there was a way to allocate additional parking at Las Palmas Park (address the concerns of the seniors and little leagues); and 3) requested that staff agendaize a CAPP program update for the next City Council meeting

Councilmember Veres: 1) also brought up Las Palmas parking situation; 2) suggested notifying businesses as soon as possible regarding the Maclay Avenue Streetscape Project meeting; and 3) gave an update regarding Metropolitan Water District activities.

Mayor Ruelas: 1) talked about the house that will be demolished soon; 2) said that she received information regarding an upcoming forum on global warming; and 3) reiterated Mayor Pro Tem Martinez' concern regarding the lack of handicap parking.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

Community Development Director Paul Deibel reported that there would be a housing element update next Wednesday to provide an opportunity for people to express their concerns.

Temporary Assistant to the Director of Recreation & Community Services Helen Collins reminded everyone of the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday

CLOSED SESSION

City Atty. Estrada reported that there was no need to hold the Closed Session; it could be moved to the next City Council meeting.

- A) PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE
G.C. 54957

- B) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL
Anticipated Litigation:
G.C. 54956.9(b)(1)

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ADJOURNMENT (9:21 P.M.)

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