

SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

DECEMBER 3, 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 6:05 p.m.

The following persons were recorded as present:

PRESENT:

Council: Mayor Julie Ruelas, Mayor Pro Tem Nury Martinez, and Councilmembers Steven Veres, Maribel De La Torre (arrived at 6:08 p.m.), and Dr. José Hernández

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

The following presentations were made:

- A) SMALL BUSINESS AWARD TO: DOÑA MERCEDEZ RESTAURANT
- B) INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES:
 - 1) JOYCE WORKMAN, ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST
 - 2) MELODY MOUSSEAU, OFFICE SPECIALIST (CITY HALL)

The following presentation was removed (none of the members were present):

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- C) RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING YOUTH COUNCIL OFFICERS AND INTRODUCTION OF NEW

RECESS (6:13 P.M.)

Mayor Ruelas recessed the meeting to convene the Redevelopment Agency meeting.

RECONVENE (7:03 P.M.)

Mayor Ruelas reconvened the City Council meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL

Juana Cuiriz, S.F. Mall Association, expressed her concern regarding the last two fiscal year budgets not posted on the City website, and as she has reported before, there is no contract with the computer person and again asked about the tracking system for computer equipment.

Alan Skobin said that the City has an obligation to pay its employees fairly and relative to what public employees get paid throughout the state.

Frank Villalpando said that the recent salary survey opens the door to communication regarding employee salaries.

Mimi Soto reported that the proposal submitted by the SEIU, Local 721 addresses the salary survey conducted, and said that the City needs to catch up and retain qualified employees.

Dr. James Lawson said that the material provided for Item No 7 on the agenda is in support of the legislation but there wasn't any information included from groups in opposition and he believes that the Council should get a balanced view of the pros and cons before deciding.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Ruelas removed Item No. 2 for further discussion.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez, seconded by Councilmember De La Torre, to approve the remaining Consent Calendar items. The motion carried unanimously.

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- 1) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 28, 2007 – SPECIAL MEETING
- 3) BUSINESS LICENSE PERMIT RENEWALS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2008
- 4) AWARD OF BID FOR MOBILE GENERATORS
- 5) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACQUISITION OF SUPPLEMENTAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS
- 6) AMPLIFIED SOUND PERMIT REQUEST: SANTA ROSA CHURCH, 668 S. WORKMAN STREET

Items Removed for Further Discussion:

- 2) APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTER NO. 07-121

In response to Mayor Ruelas' question, staff replied that the digital cameras were purchased for miscellaneous City events and marketing materials.

Motion by Mayor Ruelas, seconded by Mayor Pro Martinez, to approve Warrant Register No. 07-121. The motion carried unanimously.

CITY COUNCIL ITEMS

- 7) SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 840 – THE CALIFORNIA HEALTH INSURANCE RELIABILITY ACT

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez, seconded by Councilmember Hernández, to send a letter of support of SB 840 to State Senator Sheila Kuehl. The motion carried unanimously.

- 8) RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ISSUING A POSTAL STAMP IN HONOR OF MAYOR TOM BRADLEY

Motion by Mayor Ruelas, seconded by Councilmember Hernández, to adopt a Resolution in support of the issuance of a postal stamp in honor of Mayor Tom Bradley. The motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Hernández wished everyone peaceful holidays.

Mayor Pro Tem Martinez said that the employee dinner was a nice event and this being the last meeting of the year, wished everyone the best and thanked all for their hard work.

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Councilmember Veres agreed that the employee dinner was a nice event and it was good to see that there are many employees that have been with the City for so long and wished everyone happy holidays.

Mayor Ruelas reported that: 1) she had a good time at the employee dinner as well; 2) the Metrolink event was an exciting event; and 3) wished everyone a happy holidays and a happy New Year too.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

Mr. Ruiz reported that the Holiday Heritage Parade will be on December 9.

Community Development Director Paul Deibel reported that City staff will be conducting a second Community Information Workshop on December 10 regarding the proposed downtown developments.

Mr. Pulido thanked staff and the City Council for a productive year and is looking forward to a prosperous 2008.

Police Chief Robert Ordelleide referred to a memo that he distributed regarding an incident that occurred over the weekend and reminded everyone of the PAC luncheon on December 6.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION (7:45 P.M.)

By consensus, City Councilmembers recessed to the following Closed Sessions, thereafter to adjourn.

- A) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL
Existing Litigation: G.C. 54956.9(a)

Name of Case: San Fernando Station LLC v. City of San Fernando,
Councilmember Dr. José Hernández, and Mayor Julie Ruelas, Case
No. BS 097994.

- B) PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (G.C. 54957)

Title: City Administrator

- C) CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR (G.C. 54957.6)

City Representatives: Mayor, City Attorney
Unrepresented Employee: City Administrator

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D) CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR (G.C. 54957.6)

Negotiator: City Administrator Jose E. Pulido

Employee Organization: San Fernando Public Employees Association

No reportable action on Closed Session Items A-D.