

SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

FEBRUARY 20, 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 Nury Martinez called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

The following persons were recorded as present:

PRESENT:

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

Staff: City Administrator José E. Pulido, City Attorney Michael Estrada,
and Deputy City Clerk Laura Valdivia

City Treasurer Margarita Solis

ABSENT: Councilmember De La Torre

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Martinez led the pledge.

INVOCATION

Mayor Martinez called for a moment of silence.

PRESENTATION

Mayor Pro Tem Ruelas read a Proclamation Regarding National League of Cities' Platform for Strengthening Families and Improving Outcomes For Children and Youth.

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Ruelas, seconded by Mayor Martinez, to approve the agenda.

The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Ruelas, Martinez, Veres, Hernández – 4
NOES: None
ABSENT: De La Torre – 1

PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL

Mike Majers, 1648 San Fernando Road, commenting on Councilmember Dr. Hernández' negative remarks in the Sun newspaper.

Sister Eleanor Ortega, San Fernando, speaking in favor of staff's recommendation of Item 6.

Erica Arroyo, Mission Hills, requesting that the City Council adjourn the meeting in memory of Dennis Lee Sellen Jr. who died in the Iraq war.

Marisela Torres, San Fenando, speaking on Item 6 asked the City Council and staff to consider closing Coronel Street from the alley during school hours.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Pro Tem Ruelas removed Item No. 4 and Mayor Martinez removed Item No. 6 for further discussion.

Motion by Mayor Martinez, seconded by Councilmember Dr. Hernández s to approve the remaining Consent Calendar Items.

- 1) APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTER NO. 07-022
- 2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 16, 2007 – SPECIAL MEETING
- 3) RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE CITY ENGINEER AS THE LEGALLY RESPONSIBLE SSO OFFICER FOR COMPLIANCE WITH WATER QUALITY ORDER NO. 2006-0003
- 5) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TREASURER AND DEPUTY TREASURER TO INVEST SURPLUS FUNDS
- 7) NADAR, INC. CONTRACT AMENDMENT FOR THE SAN FERNANDO REGIONAL SWIMMING POOL PROJECT

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- 8) RESOLUTION APPROVING FINAL MAP – TRACT MAP NO. 63229 – 1325
GLENOAKS BOULEVARD

The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Martinez, Hernández, Ruelas, Veres – 4
NOES: None
ABSENT: De La Torre – 1

Items Pulled for Further Discussion:

- 4) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACQUISITION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS FROM THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

Staff responded to a question by Mayor Pro Tem Ruelas' asking if the additional funds can be used to repair streets requested by residents, and a question from Councilmember Veres asking if a plan can be developed.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Ruelas, seconded by Mayor Martinez that the City Council adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Administrator to execute an agreement for the City of San Fernando to acquire Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding allocations from the City of Beverly Hills at a discount using resources from the General Fund.

The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Ruelas, Martinez, Veres, Hernández – 4
NOES: None
ABSENT: De La Torre – 1

- 6) ST. FERDINAND SCHOOL PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

Staff responded to a question from Mayor Martinez asking if the school is in agreement with staff's recommendations and if this item has been to the Transportation & Safety Commission. Staff also addressed Councilmember Dr. Hernandez' inquiry if there is still a need for elevated crosswalks if Coronel Street is closed.

Motion by Councilmember Dr. Hernández, seconded by Mayor Martinez that the City Council instruct staff to install a four-way stop sign control at the intersection of Maclay Avenue and Hollister Street; construct a raised crosswalk at the location of the existing school crosswalk located on Coronel Street between Carlisle Street and Maclay Avenue; and install a high visibility ladder striping at the existing school crosswalk on Maclay Avenue at Coronel Street. Staff was also directed to look into the possibility of a street and alley closure on Coronel Street.

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The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Hernández, Martinez, Ruelas, Veres – 4
NOES: None
ABSENT: De La Torre – 1

CITY COUNCIL ITEMS

9) CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPLICATION PROCESS AND VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION SUBMITTED

City Administrator Jose Pulido reported that Councilmember De La Torre requested if she was unable to attend this meeting she would like the item to be moved to the March 5, 2007, City Council agenda.

By the consensus, the item was continued to March 5, 2007.

10) APPOINTMENT TO RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION

Councilmember Dr. Hernandez recommended that Alberto Gutierrez, a teacher at San Fernando High School, be appointed to the Recreation & Community Services Commission.

Motion by Councilmember Dr. Hernández, seconded by Mayor Martinez to appoint Alberto Gutierrez to the Recreation & Community Services Commission. The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Hernández, Martinez, Ruelas, Veres – 4
NOES: None
ABSENT: De La Torre – 1

GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Dr. Hernandez stated he is very supportive of the Coronel Street closure.

Mayor Pro Tem Ruelas: 1) asked if the four-way stop at the intersection of Maclay Avenue and Hollister Street will still be installed in light of the possible street closure on Coronel; and 2) requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Guadalupe Lopez.

Mayor Martinez: 1) stated the City must do more extensive community outreach regarding the Maclay Corridor improvement project; and 2) announced that the California Cultural & Historical Endowment is accepting applications for the next round of funding and the deadline is March 1, 2007.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

Public Works Director Ron Ruiz announced the groundbreaking for the pool facility will be held on March 3, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. at the pool site and Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky will be in attendance.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION (6:42 P.M.)

Motion by Mayor Martinez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ruelas, to recess to the following Closed Session, thereafter to adjourn in memory of Dennis Lee Sullen Jr. who died in Iraq and also in memory of Guadalupe Lopez . The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Martinez, Ruelas, Veres, Hernández – 4
NOES: None
ABSENT: De La Torre – 1

City Attorney Estrada reported that Councilmember De La Torre arrived shortly after the commencement of the Closed Session.

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

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

A point has been reached where, in the opinion of the City Council on the advice of its legal counsel, based on facts and circumstances that might result in litigation but which the City believes are not yet known to the potential plaintiff or plaintiffs, there is a significant exposure to litigation against the City.

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

Name of Case: Soqui v. City of San Fernando, et al.
Case No.: PC038658

No reportable action.