

SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

FEBRUARY 5, 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 6:03 p.m.

The following persons were recorded as present:

PRESENT:

Council: Mayor Nury Martinez, Mayor Pro Tem Julie Ruelas, Councilmembers Steven Veres, Maribel De La Torre (arrived at 6:40 p.m.) 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.

INVOCATION

Mayor Martinez called for a moment of silence.

PRESENTATION

- A) SMALL BUSINESS AWARD – FEBRUARY
CONCHITA'S RASPADOS – CONCEPCIÓN ALONZO

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

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B) PRESENTATION OF CHECKS BY CROWN DISPOSAL FOR RECYCLING CONTEST WINNERS

Tom Ybarra, Crown Disposal, provided cash to residents who won the recycling contest.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilmember Veres, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ruelas, to approve the agenda. The motion carried with the following vote:

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

PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL

Donna McLeary talked about the Historic Preservation Ordinance and asked what recourse will homeowners have that if they do not want to be part of a designated historic district.

Dr. James Lawson asked for support for the Veterans of Foreign Wars request (Item No. 17) and proposed that a City Council Ad Hoc Committee be created to work with them.

Estela Ramirez, Maclay Ave. business owner, reported that her new landlord increased her rent by 100% and asked for support for her and the other small business owners.

Mayor Martinez suggested that staff facilitate a meeting between the property owner and the tenant to possibly to come up with a solution.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Ruelas, seconded by Mayor Martinez, to approve the remaining Consent Calendar Items:

- 2) APPROVAL OF ALLOCATION OF GENERAL FUND RESERVES AS MATCHING GRANT FUNDS FOR THE LOPEZ ADOBE PRESERVATION PROJECT
- 3) DESTRUCTION OF RECORDS – ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT
- 4) DESTRUCTION OF RECORDS – PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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- 5) DESTRUCTION OF RECORDS – POLICE DEPARTMENT
- 6) DESTRUCTION OF RECORDS – CITY TREASURER’S OFFICE
- 7) SAN FERNANDO DOWNTOWN MALL ASSOCIATION BRIDAL EXPO CO-SPONSORSHIP REQUEST
- 8) RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES’ PLATFORM FOR STRENGTHENING FAMILIES AND IMPROVING OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH
- 9) REJECTION OF BID AWARD FOR TREE MAINTENANCE SERVICES
- 10) CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES (CYF) ADVISORY COMMITTEE – APPOINTMENT OF NEW APPLICANTS AND MEMBERSHIP APPLICANT TERM RENEWALS
- 11) AWARD OF LABOR COMPLIANCE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR THE SAN FERNANDO REGIONAL SWIMMING POOL FACILITY CONSTRUCTION
- 13) DISPOSITION OF SURPLUS CITY-OWNED PERSONAL PROPERTY

The motion carried with the following vote:

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

Items Removed for Further Discussion:

- 1) APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTER NO. 07-012

Police Chief Anthony Alba responded to a question regarding a Reserve Officer.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Ruelas, seconded by Mayor Martinez, to approve the Warrant Register. The motion carried with the following vote:

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

- 12) ALLOCATION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDING FOR FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2007-2008

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This item was later removed by Councilmember Veres (see below).

PUBLIC HEARING

14) SAN FERNANDO HISTORIC PRESERVATION ORDINANCE AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Mayor Martinez declared the Public Hearing open.

Community Development Director Paul Deibel presented the staff report and responded to questions from Councilmembers.

Mayor Martinez called for public testimony in favor of the Ordinance. There being none, she called for public testimony of those in opposition.

Donna McLeary said it's wonderful if homeowners have the option but is against designation of specific historical districts.

There being no further comments, Mayor Martinez closed the public portion of the Hearing.

Mr. Deibel and City Atty. Estrada responded to questions regarding procedures allowing homeowners to decide for themselves whether to include their property in a historic district, financial incentives, identifying funding, outreach for this meeting (lack of homeowner participation).

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

CONSENT CALENDAR (CONTINUED)

12) ALLOCATION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDING FOR FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2007-2008

Councilmember Veres stated that he had intended to remove this item from the Consent Calendar and requested to change his vote to "no".

In response to his question, City Atty. Estrada reported that he could change his vote and it would be recorded as such but re-opening this item for discussion would require the majority of the City Council.

Motion by Councilmember Veres, seconded by Councilmember De La Torre to open the item for further discussion. The motion failed with the following vote:

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AYES: Veres, De La Torre – 2
NOES: Martinez, Hernández, Ruelas – 3

NEW BUSINESS

15) FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2006-2007 MID-YEAR BUDGET REVIEW

Finance Director Lorena Quijano presented the staff report. She reported that at the end of the mid-year budget review, the City is at 12% reserves and staff is projecting \$2.5 million or 14% for the subsequent two fiscal years

Motion by Mayor Martinez, seconded by Councilmember Hernández, to adopt a Resolution amending the FY 2006-2007 General Fund Adopted Budget. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mayor Martinez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ruelas, to adopt a Resolution amending the FY 2006-2007 Special Funds Adopted Budget. The motion carried unanimously.

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16) TRAFFIC STUDY REGARDING THE INTERSECTION OF MACLAY AVENUE AND HOLLISTER STREET

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Ruelas, seconded by Mayor Martinez, to direct staff to install an all-way stop sign at the intersection of Maclay Avenue and Hollister Streets.

Discussion ensued regarding another possible request from St. Ferdinand School for speed bumps at Coronel and Maclay Streets and City Engineer Dan Wall suggested that both items be agendaized and discussed at the next meeting.

Council concurred, therefore there was no vote taken on the above motion.

17) REQUEST FROM VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS (VFW) POST 3834

Councilmember Veres presented the staff report and talked about the request for assistance letter from the VFW.

Motion by Mayor Martinez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ruelas, to establish a VFW Ad Hoc Committee consisting of Councilmembers Veres and Hernández. The Ad Hoc Committee is to meet with the leadership of the VFW Post 3834, along with adjacent business owners, and keep the City Council updated on the meetings. The motion carried unanimously.

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GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember De La Torre: 1) suggested that staff begin work on budget discussions for 2007-2008 so that priorities can be set and meetings can be scheduled with our local representatives; and 2) requested that an item regarding the application process and verification of the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee be agendaized for the next meeting.

Councilmember Hernández requested that the meeting adjourn in memory of Sara Garcia and Manuel Borquez.

Mayor Pro Tem Ruelas requested that a proclamation regarding the National League of Cities' Platform for Strengthening Families and Improving Outcomes for Children and Youth be agendaized for the next meeting.

Councilmember Veres suggested that items that were previously listed on an agenda and require further discussion, be listed as Old Business instead of Consent Calendar.

Mayor Martinez: 1) said that she was bothered by the graffiti-covered billboard on San Fernando Road (City of L.A.) and asked what could be done; 2) in response to her questions, Mr. Ruiz reported that staff is preparing a letter to the County Supervisor regarding the pool project and stated that Maclay Avenue business owners were provided with an outreach plan and update; 3) she reported that the retirement luncheon for Toni Lopez was very nice; and 4) said that she will be attending the MTA San Fernando Valley Sector meeting and requested input from staff to forward to them.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

None.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION (8:22 PM)

Motion by Mayor Martinez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ruelas, to recess to the following Closed Session, thereafter to adjourn in memory Sara Garcia and Manuel Borquez. The motion carried unanimously.

- A) PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/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

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the City believes are not yet known to the potential plaintiff or plaintiffs, there is a significant exposure to litigation against the City.

No reportable action.