

SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

JUNE 4, 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 6:19 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) SMALL BUSINESS AWARD – JUNE
POLLO CAMPEON – DAGOBERTO VASQUEZ

Mayor Ruelas presented the plaque to Mr. Vasquez and his family and thanked him for the business he provides our residents.

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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

Dr. James Lawson, speaking on behalf of the S.F. Civic League and Veterans of Foreign Wars, said that the Council has yet to take action on their request for assistance regarding a fire which occurred in January. He also reported that the American flag was being flown inappropriately.

Nick Kalogris thanked the City Council for doing a great job and is looking forward to future developments.

John Arroyo congratulated the new Police Chief and asked that the City Council not allow the sale of alcohol at the fiesta (Item No. 9).

Patty Lopez spoke of her concern regarding the high cost of Summer Day Camp and asked that the City Council look into this issue.

Selma Madrueño asked that the City Council consider increasing funding for our parks to allow for more youth activities and programs.

Carolina Perez agreed stating that it was important to set aside sufficient funding for children after-school and summer programs.

Mauricio Vinan reported that he has a new business on Maclay Ave. and he and the other business owners are concerned about the construction which is placing a financial burden on them (no parking on either side of the street for clients).

Hermelinda Rodriguez said that she has a beauty salon on Maclay Ave. and the construction has made a negative impact on her business and she urged that the work be completed as quickly as possible.

Juana Cuiriz, San Fernando Mall Association, spoke in support of the businesses and reported that she has been receiving many calls from concerned Maclay Ave. business owners. She reported that the construction on both sides of the street presents a huge problem besides the fact that it is very dangerous to pedestrians.

Jesus Castro, Maclay Ave. business owner, expressed concern regarding various construction issues and reported that his business has slowed down by 35%.

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CONSENT CALENDAR

The following items were pulled from the agenda for further discussion:

Item No. 1 (removed by Mayor Ruelas);
Item No. 3 (Councilmember Hernandez);
Item No. 4 (Mayor Pro Tem Martinez); and
Item No. 5 (Councilmember De La Torre).

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

- 2) APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTER NO. 07-061
- 6) AMPLIFIED SOUND PERMIT REQUEST: CLINICA MEDICA SAN MIGUEL, 1500 GLENOAKS BOULEVARD

The motion carried unanimously.

Items Removed for Further Discussion:

- 1) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF:
 - A) NOVEMBER 6, 2006 – REGULAR MEETING
 - B) DECEMBER 4, 2006 – REGULAR MEETING
 - C) MAY 7, 2007 - REGULAR MEETING

Staff responded to various questions from Mayor Ruelas regarding cell phone payments, CalPERS tax, and U.S. flags at Cesar E. Chávez Park and Community Room (Public Works Management Analyst Helen Collins will follow up on this item).

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

- 3) RESOLUTIONS ADOPTING JOB SPECIFICATIONS FOR A FINANCE OFFICE SPECIALIST

Councilmember Hernández reported that at the last Special Meeting, both he and Mayor Pro Tem Martinez felt that this position should focus on customer service. He said that the job description does not provide emphasis on customer service at the public counter.

Ms. Quijano reported that the City already has a full-time Account Clerk which is designated for cashiering and counter service. She stated that staff has taken on clerical duties, this will allow

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them to get more technical in their respective duties and perhaps in the future, the Accounting Technician position could be brought back and allow for in-house promotions.

Motion by Councilmember Veres, seconded by Councilmember De La Torre, to:

- a) Adopt a Resolution for the Finance Office Specialist Job Specification;
- b) Adopt a Resolution to amend the Table of Organization; and
- c) Adopt a Resolution to amend the Salary Resolution.

The above motion failed with the following vote:

AYES: Veres, De La Torre – 2
ABSTAIN: Ruelas - 1
NOES: Hernández, Martinez – 2

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez, seconded by Councilmember Hernández, to revisit this issue during the budget process. The motion carried with the following vote:

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

4) APPROVAL OF ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO AND THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

In response to Mayor Pro Tem Martinez' question, Mr. Deibel reported that City of Los Angeles' Animal Shelter in Mission Hills will be completed in August. However, the process of soliciting a proposal from the City of L.A. to consider providing San Fernando with contract services will take another year or so.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez, seconded by Councilmember Hernández, to approve the Agreement with the County of Los Angeles for the continued provision of animal control services to San Fernando by the Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care and Control, and authorize the Mayor to execute the Agreement. The motion carried unanimously.

5) BUDGET RESOLUTION FOR MACLAY AVENUE STREETSCAPE MARKETING

Councilmember De La Torre would rather see a comprehensive marketing plan developed for the entire Maclay Avenue Streetscape Corridor (from First to Eighth Streets) and that's why she did not vote in favor of this at the last meeting as well.

Motion by Mayor Ruelas, seconded by Councilmember Hernández, to adopt a Resolution allocating \$5,700 from the General Fund for the Maclay Streetscape Marketing Plan as approved at the May 21, 2007, City Council meeting. The motion carried with the following vote:

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

PUBLIC HEARING

- 7) TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP 2006-01: PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL TWO-LOT SUBDIVISION AT 431-433 NORTH MACNEIL STREET.

Mayor Ruelas declared the Public Hearing open.

Senior Planner Fred Ramirez presented the staff report and responded to questions from Councilmembers.

Mayor Ruelas called for public testimony in favor or opposition of the project.

There being no comments, she closed the public portion of the Hearing.

Motion by Councilmember De La Torre, seconded by Councilmember Hernández, to adopt a Resolution approving a tentative parcel map for the subdivision of one existing lot into two new lots in the R-1 (Single Family Residential) Zone, subject to the recommended conditions of approval. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- 8) LITTLE LEAGUE PARKING PROBLEMS

Public Works Director Ron Ruiz presented the staff report and responded to questions from Councilmembers. He stated that items addressed in the report will be implemented soon; therefore no motion is necessary.

- 9) PERMIT REQUEST FOR ANNUAL FIESTA – ST. FERDINAND CATHOLIC CHURCH UPDATE

Chief Robert Ordelheide presented the staff report and reported that the Church is in agreement that no alcohol will be served.

City Attorney Estrada said that no action is required (all the permits were approved at the last City Council meeting).

CITY COUNCIL ITEMS

- 10) CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS IN JULY AND DECEMBER – DARK

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Motion by Councilmember Hernandez, seconded by Mayor Ruelas, to not have a regular City Council meeting on July 16 and December 17, 2007 with the understanding that if there is an urgent matter that must be addressed, the City Council will meet. The motion carried unanimously.

11) AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN AND AQMD – SPONSORED LEGISLATION

Motion by Mayor Ruelas, seconded by Councilmember Hernández, to adopt a Resolution urging the federal and state government to accelerate their efforts to reduce air pollutions emissions from sources under their authorities and also to support Senate Bills 1028 and Assembly Bill 630. The motion carried unanimously.

12) SAN FERNANDO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CITY DEBT

Motion by Mayor Ruelas, seconded by Hernández, to direct the City Administrator to meet with the S.F. Chamber of Commerce to discuss a payment plan. The motion carried with the following vote:

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

13) REVERSE ANGLE PARKING CONSIDERATION FOR MACLAY AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS

Councilmember Veres gave a report and staff responded to Councilmembers' inquiries and concerns.

Motion by Mayor Ruelas, seconded by Councilmember Hernández, that staff consider the possibility of reverse-angled parking and incorporate public (business and residents) input. The motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember De La Torre said that she will forward information to staff to contact the East L.A. Classic Theatre.

Councilmember Hernández said that Public Works has a barbeque in June, Police Dept. in December, and suggested one be held at City Hall around February.

Mayor Pro Tem Martinez asked about the Heritage Park Ribbon Cutting Event and Mr. Ruiz reported that it was cancelled and rescheduled for July 21, at 10:00 a.m.

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Councilmember Veres said that Councilmembers need to be more respectful of each other, and make an effort to report back and give updates on ad hoc committee meetings.

Mayor Ruelas reminded everyone of the Miss San Fernando Coronation event on June 8 and asked everyone to show support and buy event tickets.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

Mr. Ruiz reported that the League of California Cities submitted information regarding Proposition 42 (money used toward street improvements) and he will forward this to the City Council for their review and comment.

Community Development Director Paul Deibel reminded everyone of the: 1) third Housing Element Community Workshop to be held at Cesar E. Chávez Park on Wednesday; and 2) Annual Pet Vaccination Clinic sponsored by the County of L.A. Department of Animal Care and Control held at City Hall on Saturday.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION (8:57 P.M.)

Motion by Mayor Ruelas, seconded by Councilmember Hernández, to recess to the following Closed Session, thereafter to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

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.

No reportable action.