

**SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES**

**MAY 21, 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 6:09 p.m.

The following persons were recorded as present:

**PRESENT:**

Council: Mayor Julie Ruelas, 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

**ABSENT:** Mayor Pro Tem Nury Martinez

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Ruelas led the pledge.

**INVOCATION**

Mayor Ruelas gave the invocation.

**PRESENTATION**

The following presentation was made:

A) OLDER AMERICAN VOLUNTEERS

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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Motion by Councilmember De La Torre, seconded by Councilmember Hernández, to approve the agenda. The motion carried with the following vote:

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

**PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL**

Dr. James Lawson referred to Items 11 and 12 and congratulated Robert Ordelleide and thanked the Maclay Avenue Streetscape Ad Hoc committee for working with and assisting residents and business owners regarding their concerns.

Massiel Lozano talked about Care1st Health Plan and said that she would provide more information if anyone was interested.

Margarita Lopez, Pueblo y Salud, Inc., reported that they oppose a permit to allow St. Ferdinand Catholic Church to serve alcohol at their annual fiesta.

Brenda Esqueda thanked the City Council for the positive differences she's seeing in her neighborhood.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Councilmember Hernández pulled Item Nos. 1A, 4, 9 and Mayor Ruelas removed Item Nos. 2 and 3 for further discussion.

Motion by Councilmember Hernandez, seconded by Mayor Ruelas, to approve the following Consent Calendar Items:

- 1) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF:
  - B) MAY 7, 2007 – SPECIAL MEETING
  - C) MAY 14, 2007 – SPECIAL MEETING
  
- 5) RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO'S NATURAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN
  
- 6) BUDGET RESOLUTION FOR AN ALL-WAY STOP SIGN AND PAINTED CROSSWALK AT ORANGE GROVE BOULEVARD AND LUCAS STREET
  
- 7) TREE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT AWARD

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8) ARTICLE XIIIIB APPROPRIATIONS (GANN) LIMIT FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2007-2008

The motion carried with the following vote:

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

**Items Removed for Further Discussion:**

1) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF:

A) APRIL 10, 2007 – SPECIAL MEETING

At the request of Councilmember Hernández, Mr. Pulido reported that staff would schedule a meeting of the City Yard Ad Hoc Committee to meet with the consultant.

Motion by Councilmember Hernández, seconded by Mayor Ruelas, to approve the minutes of April 10, 2007. The motion carried with the following vote:

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

2) APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTER NO. 07-052

In response to Mayor Ruelas' question, Finance Director Lorena Quijano reported that the charges for legal services were for Carl Warren and were related to various pending cases.

Motion by Mayor Ruelas, seconded by Councilmember De La Torre, to approve Warrant Register No. 07-052. The motion carried with the following vote:

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

3) DISPOSITION OF CITY-OWNED SURPLUS AND PERSONAL PROPERTY

In response to Mayor Ruelas' question, staff reported that the City Council will be informed regarding the amount of the proceeds received from the auction.

Motion by Mayor Ruelas, seconded by Councilmember Hernández, to declare all the items on the Surplus Property List as surplus and authorize the City Administrator to dispose of surplus City-owned property in accordance with Chapter 2, Article VI, Division 7, of the City of San Fernando Municipal Code and that staff inform the City Council regarding the amount of the

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proceeds received. The motion carried with the following vote:

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

4) **PERMIT REQUEST FOR ANNUAL FIESTA – ST. FERDINAND CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Motion by Councilmember Hernández, seconded by Mayor Ruelas, to:

- a) Approve, with conditions, the annual fiesta for St. Ferdinand Catholic Church for the dates of June 8, 9 and 10, 2007, during the hours requested;
- b) Approve an amplified sound permit;
- c) Approve the use of 1320 San Fernando Road as a storage facility for trailers; and
- d) Approve a total waiver of \$2,565 related to street closure fees and an encroachment permit.

The motion failed with the following vote:

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

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- b) Approve an amplified sound permit;
- c) Approve the use of 1320 San Fernando Road as a storage facility for trailers;
- d) Approve a total waiver of \$2,565 related to street closure fees and an encroachment permit; and
- e) Agendize for the next City Council meeting, the issue of whether to permit the sale of alcohol at the Church's fiesta. In the meantime, direct staff to work with the Church to see if they can come up with acceptable and appropriate controls to address the concerns discussed.

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The motion carried with the following vote:

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

9) **RESOLUTIONS ADOPTING JOB SPECIFICATIONS FOR A FINANCE OFFICE SPECIALIST**

Councilmember Hernández asked to continue this item during budget discussions.

Motion by Councilmember De La Torre, seconded by Councilmember Veres, 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 motion failed with the following vote:

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

Motion by Councilmember De La Torre, seconded by Councilmember Veres, to place this item on the next agenda. The motion carried with the following vote:

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

**PUBLIC HEARING**

10) **FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008 LANDSCAPING & LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT PUBLIC HEARING AND CONFIRMATION OF ASSESSMENT**

City Engineer Daniel Wall presented the staff report.

Mayor Ruelas declared the Public Hearing open.

City Clerk Chávez announced that this was the time and place for the Hearing, and that the notice had been legally published.

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Motion by Mayor Ruelas, seconded by Councilmember De La Torre, to receive and file the affidavit. The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Ruelas, De La Torre, Hernandez, Veres – 4

ABSENT: Martinez – 1

Mr. Wall made a presentation of the Engineer's Report and gave an explanation as to the method of assessment for the annual levy.

City Clerk Chávez announced that no written protests were received.

Mayor Ruelas asked for public testimony, either in favor or opposed.

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

Motion by Councilmember Veres, seconded by Councilmember Hernández, to adopt a Resolution ordering continued maintenance of the City's streetlights and confirming the annual assessment. The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Veres, Hernandez, De La Torre, Ruelas – 4

ABSENT: Martinez – 1

**NEW BUSINESS**

11) **CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT ORDELHEIDE AS CHIEF OF POLICE AND APPROVAL OF AN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT**

Motion by Councilmember Hernández, seconded by Councilmember De La Torre, to appoint Robert Ordelheide as the new Chief of Police, and authorize the Mayor to execute an Employment Agreement with Robert Ordelheide, setting forth the terms of his appointment effective May 21, 2007 through November 1, 2010. The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Veres, Hernandez, De La Torre, Ruelas – 4

ABSENT: Martinez – 1

**CITY COUNCIL ITEMS**

12) **MACLAY STREETSCAPE AD HOC COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS**

Mayor Ruelas said she wanted to address each item individually.

Motion by Mayor Ruelas, seconded by Councilmember Hernández, to approve the artist rendering of the project (two perspectives); cost is \$2,000. The motion carried with the following vote:

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

Motion by Mayor Ruelas, seconded by Councilmember Hernández, to approve (200) 11 x 14 posters for businesses (will show rendering); cost is \$400. The motion carried with the following vote:

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

Motion by Mayor Ruelas, seconded by Councilmember Hernández, to approve two banners over Brand Blvd.; cost is \$1,700. The motion carried with the following vote:

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

Motion by Councilmember Veres, seconded by Mayor Ruelas, to approve (20) posters at bus shelters; cost is \$2,000. The motion carried with the following vote:

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

Motion by Councilmember Veres to approve a series of full page, color, and back page ads in *The Sun* for six issues (will show rendering). There was no second, therefore the motion failed.

Motion by Councilmember Veres to approve a series of full page, color, and back page ads in *The Sun* for three issues (will show rendering). There was no second, therefore the motion failed.

Motion by Councilmember Veres to approve 17 pole banners along Maclay, Truman, etc. There was no second, therefore the motion failed.

Motion by Councilmember Veres, seconded by Mayor Ruelas, to approve pole banners along Maclay, Truman, cost of up to \$2,000. The motion failed with the following vote:

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

Discussion ensued regarding the development of the Farmers' Market RFP.

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Motion by Councilmember Veres to expedite the project with the second mobilization costs of \$35,000 and staff to draft a resolution to identify the funding (RDA or General Funds). There was no second, therefore the motion failed.

**GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember De La Torre: 1) asked that Public Works staff talk to City resident Era Trice regarding ADA issues along Maclay Ave.; and 2) congratulated Chief Ordelheide.

Councilmember Hernández: 1) congratulated Chief Ordelheide; and 2) is concerned about introducing alcohol at church fiestas.

Councilmember Veres: 1) congratulated Chief Ordelheide; 2) encouraged others to talk to the businesses that are being impacted by the Maclay Avenue construction (it's been extremely inconvenient) and get things back to functionality where we could get rid of the cones and show people that this is a good thing.

Mayor Ruelas: 1) congratulated Chief Ordelheide; 2) staff for putting together the Mother's Day event; 3) requested to adjourn the meeting in the memory of Annabel Godwin and Helen Schwab; and 4) invited everyone to the Miss San Fernando Coronation on June 8.

**STAFF COMMUNICATION**

Mr. Pulido also congratulated Chief Ordelheide.

**ADJOURNMENT (8:29 P.M.)**

By consensus, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Annabel Godwin and Helen Schwab.