

**SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES**

**NOVEMBER 19, 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 6:04 p.m.

The following persons were recorded as present:

PRESENT:

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

City Treasurer Margarita Solis

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilmember Veres led the pledge.

**INVOCATION**

Mayor Ruelas gave the invocation.

**PRESENTATIONS**

A) MENUDO CONTEST WINNERS

Mayor Ruelas presented the winners of the Menudo Contest with their official certificates and prize money.

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B) NATIONAL FAMILY WEEK: NOVEMBER 18-24, 2007

Mayor Ruelas and Mayor Pro Tem Martinez read a proclamation designating November 18-24, 2007 as National Family Week. Mayor Ruelas presented the proclamation to the family of Gloria Fonseca.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL**

Dr. Melvin Kirchner, Granada Hills resident, spoke on his support of SB 840 (Kuehl) due to the recent hospital closures, the lack of preventative medicine for the poor and the increasing cost of health insurance. He encouraged the City Council to write a letter of support to Senator Sheila Kuehl.

Eric Mejia, Pacoima resident, requesting donations and bus transportation for an upcoming trip to Disneyland for 30 impoverished families of the San Fernando Valley.

Warren Felt, Northridge resident, requesting City Council support and endorsement of SB 840 the California Health Insurance Reliability Act.

Jan Holle, North Hollywood resident, requesting City Council endorsement of SB 840 the California Health Insurance Reliability Act.

Adriana Gomez, San Fernando resident, spoke on the timing of the upcoming community workshop being held on the Monday following a holiday weekend.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Mayor Ruelas removed Item Nos. 2, 3 and 4 for further discussion.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez, seconded by Mayor Ruelas, to approve the remaining Consent Calendar items as recommended.

- 1) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 9, 2007 – SPECIAL MEETING
- 5) CITY OF LOS ANGELES INDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT FOR THE HERITAGE AND HOLIDAY PARADE

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Approval of the City of Los Angeles Indemnification and Hold Harmless Agreement for the Heritage and Holiday Parade, and authorization for the City Administrator to execute the Agreement.

- 6) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO AMENDING SECTIONS 90-941, 90-942, 90-947, 90-952 AND 90-953 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE BY CHANGING THE TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS ON MACLAY AVENUE

Adoption of Ordinance No. 1580 (second reading). Title: “An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of San Fernando Amending Sections 90-941, 90-942, 90-947, 90-952 And 90-953 of the Municipal Code by Changing the Traffic Restrictions on Maclay Avenue.”

The motion carried unanimously.

**Items Removed for Further Discussion:**

- 2) APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTER NO. 07-112

Mayor Ruelas requested and was provided additional information on the payment for the Animal Control Officer phone line and the reason for the issuance of replacement checks.

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

- 3) ACCEPTANCE OF SUPPLEMENTAL LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICE FUND (SLESF) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008

Chief Ordelleide responded to Mayor Ruelas’ question of how these funds are used and if they can be used for a school resource officer.

Motion by Mayor Ruelas, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez to accept State COPS Funds received for Fiscal Year (FY) 2007-2008 Supplemental Law Enforcement Service Fund (SLESF) GC §30061, under State Assembly Bill 3229, Chapter 134, in the amount of \$100,000; to adopt Resolution No. 7228 amending the City’s FY 2007-2008 Budget in the amount of \$100,000; and to authorize the Chief of Police to expend the SLESF funds as detailed in the staff report. The motion carried unanimously.

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### 4) AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2007-2008 SIDEWALK REPAIR PROJECT

The Mayor requested an explanation of Item C regarding staff's request for a \$65,000 change order. Discussion ensued regarding the City's competitive bid process and the reason for a change order at this time.

Motion by Councilmember Veres, seconded by Mayor Ruelas to approve Item A (acceptance of the qualified lowest responsive bid in the amount of \$134,000 from Vart Construction for the repair and construction of the sidewalks in Redevelopment Agency Project Areas 1, 3, and 4); to approve Item B (authorizing the City Administrator to execute Construction Contract No. 1585 with Vart Construction); and to bring Item C (authorizing the Temporary Public Works and Parks Director, or his designee, to negotiate and execute one or more change orders, not to exceed \$65,000) back to the City Council at a later date. The motion carried unanimously.

### **COMMITTEE/COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS**

### 7) CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CYF) ANNUAL REPORT

CYF Advisory Committee Member Xochitl Flores provided the City Council with the Advisory Committee's annual report and recommendations on After-school Programs, Youth Activities and Community Health and Safety issues. The report was noted and filed.

### **GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember De La Torre: 1) pointed out a typo on the Pageantry entry form; 2) asked staff the reason for a Holiday Carnival instead of Santa's Village; 3) asked why the Los Angeles Times article on childhood obesity was not included in the last Status Report; 4) announced that the store manager of Sam's Club would like to become more involved in future City events; and 5) requested that a Study Session be scheduled to review and discuss the draft EIR report on the proposed parking lots project.

Councilmember Hernández stated that the San Fernando Museum exhibit on Veterans was very successful and encouraged everyone to visit the exhibit.

Mayor Pro Tem Martinez: 1) stressed the importance of planning accordingly to sustain the Parade; and 2) wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

Councilmember Veres: 1) Pointed out the value of volunteers and community members who contribute service hours to the community during events like the Parade and Dia de Los Muertos; and 2) wished everyone a happy holiday.

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Mayor Ruelas: 1) suggested that before the City budgets for an event, staff should make sure there is a commitment from volunteer committee members; 2) encouraged everyone to attend the Metrolink Holiday Toy Express event this Friday at the San Fernando Station; 3) referred the Volunteers of America request for donations of toys to the Police Department for follow-up; 4) requested that a Resolution supporting the Tom Bradley commemorative stamp be placed on the next Council agenda; 5) referred a census letter from the LUCA program to the Community Development department for follow-up; 6) referred the Tree City USA application to the Public Works & Parks department for follow-up; and 7) wished everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving.

**STAFF COMMUNICATION**

Community Development Director Paul Deibel announced the upcoming Community Workshop on November 26, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber on the proposed mixed use development of the City parking lots in the downtown. He stated the presentation will include the design and details of the project, anticipated benefits of the project, how parking will be preserved, and what types of housing will be proposed. He said attendees will also be provided an opportunity to ask questions.

Chief Robert Ordelleide 1) introduced Lieutenant Robert Jacobs who gave a brief presentation on the Police Department's FY 2007-2008 official DUI Kickoff Campaign and provided t-shirts to the City Council and staff; 2) announced that this year is the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Basket Program and since 1987 over 14,000 toys and 107,000 pounds of food has been delivered to the needy. He welcomed City Council's help in delivering the baskets to 140 families on December 20<sup>th</sup>; and 3) announced the Employee Recognition Dinner on Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup>.

**RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION (7:50 P.M.)**

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez, seconded by Councilmember De La Torre, to recess to the following Closed Session thereafter to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

**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.

No Reportable Action.

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

Title: City Administrator

No Reportable Action.

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

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

No Reportable Action.