

**SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL**

**SPECIAL MEETING  
MINUTES**

**APRIL 10, 2007 – 6:30 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 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT:

City Council: Mayor Julie Ruelas, Mayor Pro Tem Nury Martinez, Councilmembers  
Maribel De La Torre and Dr. José Hernández (arrived at 6:34 p.m.)

Staff: City Administrator José E. Pulido and City Clerk Elena G. Chávez

ABSENT: Councilmember Steven Veres

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

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

**PUBLIC STATEMENTS**

None.

**STUDY SESSION**

- 1) CITY YARD RELOCATION AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW PERMANENT CITY YARD SITE

2) CITY YARD MOVE AND ROBERTSON PROPERTIES GROUP NEGOTIATIONS

Mr. Pulido gave an update regarding the negotiations with Robertson Properties Group for the potential purchase of 553 Glenoaks (City Yard) and Public Works Director Ron Ruiz explained that award of the contracts on the agenda was carried over from the last City Council meeting.

Councilmember Hernandez reported that there was a disagreement in the Swap Meet/Commercial Standing Committee regarding the lease or the purchase of the Swap Meet property and he feels the City is at a disadvantage.

Mayor Pro Tem Martinez stated that she was under the impression that the City Yard would be sold and the money would be used to permanently relocate the City Yard and why go through the added expense of \$250,000 to relocate temporarily. She expressed concern regarding the merchants and wants to make sure they are taken care of.

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers stating that the two main factors regarding the new City Yard are money to purchase a new site and the need to find an appropriate site.

Mayor Ruelas appointed Mayor Pro Tem Martinez and Councilmember Hernández to a City Yard Ad Hoc Committee to assist in identifying a permanent City Yard and financing thereof.

Motion by Councilmember Hernández that the City sell the property or provide a loan to Robertson Properties not to exceed five years, and a \$1 million down payment at an agreed upon interest rate.

Mayor Ruelas seconded the motion for discussion purposes. Discussion ensued and the above motion failed with the following vote:

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

Motion by Councilmember De La Torre, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez, to accept the sales price offer of \$5,381,000, accept the \$500,000 down payment, and payments of \$125,000 for the following 10 years, with a balloon payment of \$3,631,000. Also to include the improvements shown and referred to in the most recent offer from Robertson Properties and that any and all proceeds, including property taxes, that come into the City from this transaction be specifically placed into an account and that the money be utilized specifically for the use of the new permanent City Yard. The motion carried with the following vote:

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

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Motion by Councilmember Hernández that admission fees, or any revenue relating to the Swap Meet, be earmarked for the acquisition of the new City Yard. Due to the lack of a second, the motion died.

Motion by Councilmember De La Torre, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez, to approve staff's recommendations regarding the award of the contract for 120 Macneil St. Tenant Improvements and the award of contract for 501 RFK Drive Grading and Preparation. The motion carried with the following vote:

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

**ADJOURNMENT (7:48 P.M.)**

Motion by Mayor Ruelas, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried with the following vote:

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