

**SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**JANUARY 22, 2008 – 6:00 PM
REGULAR MEETING**

City Hall Council Chamber
117 Macneil Street
San Fernando, CA 91340

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Julie Ruelas called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Present:

Council: Mayor Julie Ruelas, Mayor Pro Tem Nury Martinez, and Councilmembers Steven Veres, Maribel De La Torre, and Dr. José Hernández

Staff: Community Development Director Paul Deibel, City Attorney Michael Estrada, and City Clerk Elena G. Chávez

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Mayor Pro Tem Martinez

INVOCATION Mayor Ruelas

PRESENTATIONS

The following presentation was moved to the next Council meeting since no one was present to accept the award.

- A) SMALL BUSINESS AWARD: JANUARY
ISABEL MONTES AND MARTIN VILLA – OWNERS OF JACONA BARBER SHOP

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL

Sharron Aisenman said that the Council majority has not held employees and consultants responsible for exhibiting poor judgment regarding the pool project.

Mario Hernández asked about the pool project cost overruns, Maclay corridor safety enhancement oversights and asked what is the final cost of those projects and who is going to pay?

Ray Ortiz said that the drawing for his business and new development on Maclay Ave. are nearly complete and wants to meet with each Councilmember to allow for their input.

Leslie Aisenman asked to receive a copy of the City Attorney's letter to Enrique Fainchtein's attorney and he spoke about his concerns regarding the cost of the pool facility.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Mayor Ruelas, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez, to approve the following Consent Calendar item:

- 1) APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTER NO. 08-012

The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

- 2) ALLOCATION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009

Mayor Ruelas declared the Public Hearing open and Community Development Director Paul Deibel presented the staff report.

Mayor Ruelas called for public testimony, either in favor or opposed. There being no comments, she closed the public comment portion of the Hearing.

Motion by Councilmember Hernández, seconded by Mayor Ruelas to:

- a) Adopt a Resolution approving intended allocations of CDBG funds for programs and projects in FY 2008-2009;
- b) Direct staff to submit documentation conveying the City Council's Resolution to the Los Angeles County Community Development Commission (CDC) for approval; and

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- c) Authorize the City Administrator to approve minor program modifications and/or monetary changes that do not exceed 10% of approved total project funding.

The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- 3) **AMPLIFIED SOUND PERMIT REQUEST: HOME DEPOT, 12960 FOOTHILL BOULEVARD**

Motion by Mayor Ruelas, seconded by Councilmember Hernández, to approve an amplified sound permit to allow operation of an amplified sound system from the Home Depot Contractor Trade Show on Thursday, February 7, 2008, from the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. subject to the recommended conditions of approval. The motion carried unanimously.

- 4) **MACLAY AVENUE STREETScape PROJECT SAFETY ENHANCEMENTS UPDATE**

Discussion ensued amongst Councilmembers and staff regarding the design default, planning/engineering process, color of the planter pots, installation of anchor devices, traffic accidents involving the pots and stepping up police patrol, landscaping schedule, creating safety improvements (i.e. stop signs and striping of crosswalks), and long-term solutions.

Mr. Ruiz reported that staff will need time to consult with different people to look all of the options and could report back to the City Council by the next meeting.

By consensus, Councilmembers agreed to allow staff time to report back with the above-mentioned concerns.

GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember De La Torre said that the Mall Association should be billed for cleaning up the Christmas tree lot that they used. She talked about the AYSO program and the bicycle criterion.

Councilmember Hernández talked about the Neighborhood Clean-up Event on Saturday and about the speeding on Brand Blvd.

Councilmember Veres requested that staff follow up and agendaize the request from the Veterans of Foreign War and the issue regarding the alley.

Mayor Ruelas reported that she, Mayor Pro Tem Martinez, and Temporary Public Works and Parks Director Ron Ruiz met with Congressman Howard Berman to discuss the City's needs and priorities. She requested that the meeting adjourn in memory of veteran Mike Alba.

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STAFF COMMUNICATION

Finance Director Lorena Quijano asked about Councilmembers' availability for a Study Session to discuss the Mid-Year Budget.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION (9:01 P.M.)

By common consent, Councilmembers agreed to recess to the following Closed Session, thereafter to adjourn in memory of Mike Alba. 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.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of January 22, 2008 meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.

*Elena G. Chávez
City Clerk*