

**SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**JUNE 1, 2009 – 6:00 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING**

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

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Steven Veres called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

Present:

Council: Mayor Steven Veres, Mayor Pro Tem Mario F. Hernández and Councilmembers Ernesto Rubio Hernández, Maribel De La Torre, and Nury Martinez

Staff: City Administrator José E. Pulido, City Attorney Michael Estrada, and City Clerk Elena G. Chávez

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Mayor Veres

INVOCATION Mayor Veres

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilmember Martinez requested that Item No. 6 be moved up on the agenda. Motion by Councilmember De La Torre, seconded by Councilmember E. Hernández, to approve the agenda with the above-mentioned change. By consensus, the motion carried.

PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL

Irene Tovar thanked Nury Martinez for her long-standing service to the community.

Yolanda Anguiano, representative from Assemblymember Felipe Fuentes' office, commended Nury for her outstanding service and dedication.

Angel Banuelo, representative from Los Angeles' Councilmember Alex Padilla's office, presented Nury Martinez with a certification of recognition.

Christine Provencio said it was disheartening to see that local school children are not getting our support and there are many needs within the City's boundaries.

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Veronica Camacho congratulated Nury and said it was sad to see her leave. She thanked her for her leadership and accessibility.

Mimi Soto, SEIU, Local 721, said she was very lucky to have Nury Martinez as a labor friend and wished her well.

Carolina Perez congratulated Nury on her recent win to the Los Angeles Unified School District Board and is looking forward to working with her.

Patti Lopez said that Nury saw the needs of the children and thanked her for her dedication.

John Arroyo said that Nury worked very hard on the City Council and hates to see her leave.

Ruben Rodriguez congratulated Nury and thanked her for her hard work and encouraged her to continue the fight with the board of education.

Leslie Aisenman said the City could not afford another special election and asked that Councilmembers not consider appointing candidates that ran for office.

Sharron Aisenman congratulated and wished Nury success with her new job and daughter and said that as far as filling the Council vacancy, democracy means opening the doors.

Adriana Gomez spoke in support of Brenda Esqueda to fill the City Council vacancy.

Julie Cuellar congratulated Nury Martinez, said the City could not afford another election, and said that Brenda Esqueda has proven herself as a hard-worker and the people of San Fernando have already spoken.

Ralph Perez thanked Nury Martinez and wished her well, reported that many residents have signed petitions in support of Brenda Esqueda and she should be given the opportunity to continue her work.

Ana Maria Barroso said she's worried that the library doesn't have enough computers.

Gerry Guzman and Emma Isabel Guzman (Nury's husband and daughter) presented her with flowers.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Martinez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem M. Hernández, to approve the Consent Calendar Items:

- 1) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 18, 2009 – REGULAR MEETING
- 2) APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTER NO. 09-061

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- 3) REQUEST FOR CONFLICT WAIVER FOR RICHARDS, WATSON & GERSHON;
CLAIM FILED BY COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND LOS ANGELES COUNTY
FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT

By consensus, the motion carried.

- 6) RESIGNATION OF COUNCILMEMBER NURY MARTINEZ

Councilmember Martinez read her resignation letter.

Councilmembers congratulated Nury Martinez and wished her well in her new endeavors with the Los Angeles Unified School District.

At this time, Nury Martinez stepped down from the dais

RECESS / RECONVENE (8:03 – 8:05 P.M.)

NEW BUSINESS

- 4) REQUEST FOR A 12-MONTH TIME EXTENSION FOR TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP
2006-01 (431-433 MACNEIL STREET)

Motion by Councilmember E. Hernández, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem M. Hernández, to approve a 12-month extension for Tentative Parcel Map 2006-01 subject to the City's previously adopted conditions of approval. By consensus, the motion carried.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

- 5) CONSIDERATION OF CARNIVAL AT FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

By consensus, staff was directed to continue looking at multiple options (i.e., three-day options, Recreation Park, rental of rides, etc.) and other scenarios.

- 7) FILLING CITY COUNCIL VACANCY

City Attorney Estrada presented the agenda report and responded to questions from Councilmembers.

Mayor Veres read several letters in support regarding Brenda Esqueda filling the City Council vacancy and he opened up public comments.

Christina Provencio said the City could not afford another election and asked to be appointed to fill the vacancy.

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Leslie Aisenman said that the only thing that prevented Brenda Esqueda from sitting with Councilmembers is that she chose not to run against Maribel De La Torre, Mario Hernández and Sev Aszkenazy.

Veronica Casillas supports bringing Brenda Esqueda back on the City Council. She has the courage, drive, and there are many who support her.

John Arroyo said that the City Council needs to pick someone that lives in the City.

Juanita Arevalo asked why was it so difficult to choose – Brenda Esqueda is valuable.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem M. Hernández, seconded by Councilmember De La Torre, to appoint Brenda Esqueda to fill City Council vacancy.

AYES: M. Hernández, De La Torre, E. Hernandez – 3
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
NON VOTE: Veres - 1

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED BY CITY CLERK TO NEW CITY COUNCILMEMBER

Brenda Esqueda

STANDING COMMITTEE UPDATES

No. 1 Budget, Personnel and Finance (BPF)

Mayor Pro Tem M. Hernández reported that the committee continues to meet with the various employee unions.

No. 2 Housing, Community & Economic Development and Parking (HCEP)

Mayor Veres – no updates.

No. 3 Natural Resources, Infrastructure, Water Energy and Waste3 Management (NRIW)

Mayor Veres reported that he will appoint a new Chair at the next meeting.

No. 4 Public Safety, Veteran Affairs, Technology and Transportation (PVTT)

Councilmember E. Hernández gave an update regarding the various items brought before the committee.

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No. 5 Education, Parks, Arts, Health and Aging (EPAH)

Councilmember De La Torre reported that there will be an EPAH meeting tomorrow.

GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember De La Torre congratulated Brenda Esqueda.

Councilmember E. Hernández said it was good seeing Brenda back and talked about the St. Ferdinand fiesta.

Councilmember Esqueda thanked family and residents for all their support, looks forward to working with her colleagues and staff and move forward with a City that people look at and envy.

Mayor Pro Tem M. Hernández said that the Council believes in Brenda, there's a lot of work that needs to be done, and is looking forward to moving in the right direction.

Mayor Veres said that there are very difficult decisions to make and it's not an easy process.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

Mr. Ristau reported that the EPAH Standing Committee will be meeting tomorrow at 3:30 p.m.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION (9:30 P.M.)

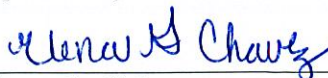
By consensus, Councilmembers agreed to recess to the following Closed Session, thereafter to adjourn.

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR (G.C. 54957.6)

City Negotiator:	City Administrator José E. Pulido
Employee Organizations:	San Fernando Management Group (SEIU, Local 721); San Fernando Public Employees' Association (SEIU, Local 721); San Fernando Part-time Employees' Association (SEIU, Local 721)

No reportable action.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of June 1, 2009 meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.



Elena G. Chávez
City Clerk