

**SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

**OCTOBER 5, 2009 – 6:00 P.M.  
REGULAR MEETING**

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

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Mayor Steven Veres called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

Present:

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

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Mayor Veres

**INVOCATION** Mayor Veres

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem M. Hernández, seconded by Councilmember Esqueda, to approve the agenda. By consensus, the motion carried.

**PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL**

Sam Cordova, Sylmar, said he was displeased about the treatment of day laborers. Mayor Veres indicated that the Public Safety, Veteran Affairs, Technology and Transportation (PVT) Standing Committee members would communicate with Mr. Cordova regarding his concerns.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Councilmember De La Torre removed Item No.s 2, 3, and 4 for further discussion.

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Motion by Councilmember De La Torre, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem M. Hernández, to approve the remaining Consent Calendar Item:

- 1) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2009 – REGULAR MEETING

**Items Removed for Further Discussion:**

- 2) APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTER NO. 09-101

In response to Councilmember De La Torre's inquiries, staff responded that payments were for the following:

- (Page 3) Verizon - was for line servicing and phone system maintenance;
- (Page 5) Translation services for a 911 call;
- (Page 6) Northridge Hospital for rape kits;
- (Page 16) Water account refund was for closed accounts; and
- (Page 13) NIT Software was for Edgesoft.

Motion by Mayor Veres, seconded by Councilmember De La Torre, to approve the Warrant Register. By consensus, the motion carried.

- 3) REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE SETTLEMENT OF A LIABILITY CLAIM

In response to Councilmember De La Torre's inquiry, Personnel Manager Michael Okafor indicated that there was no reference to any attorney costs (all costs were direct settlement with the insurance company).

Motion by Councilmember De La Torre, seconded by Councilmember E. Hernández, to authorize the City Administrator to execute a release substantially in the form attached settling a claim with respect to an accidental damage of City property for \$10,000. By consensus, the motion carried.

- 4) SAN FERNANDO MALL ASSOCIATION'S AMPLIFIED SOUND PERMIT REQUEST FOR THE 12<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL OCTOBER FESTIVAL

In response to Councilmember De La Torre's inquiry, Mr. Ruiz indicated that the outstanding event permit was currently in his possession.

Motion by Councilmember De La Torre, seconded by Councilmember E. Hernández, to approve an amplified sound permit to allow the San Fernando Mall Association to operate an amplified audio sound system for the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual October Street Festival, subject to the recommended conditions of approval. By consensus, the motion carried.

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**CONTINUED BUSINESS**

- 5) URGENCY ORDINANCE TO APPROVE AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO AND THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM (CALPERS)

Personnel Manager Michael Okafor presented the staff report and City Attorney Estrada responded to Councilmember inquiries.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem M. Hernández, seconded by Councilmember De La Torre, to not pursue this item any further.

The above motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: M. Hernández, De La Torre, Esqueda, E. Hernández – 4  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: Veres - 1

**STANDING COMMITTEE UPDATES**

No. 1 Budget, Personnel and Finance (BPF)

Mayor Pro Tem M. Hernández reported that: 1) the request from Robertson Properties Group will be brought before the full Council (requires an amendment to the MOU); 2) the reimbursement for City Council training and education is being reviewed; 3) the Treasurer's Office is looking into a credit card billing systems that would allow residents to pay their bills on-line and no cost to the City; 4) the coin counter (purchased in 1976) was on its last leg and they're looking into purchase or lease options; and 5) they discussed the bilingual administration of the MOUs.

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

Mayor Veres – will meet next week to discuss an item dealing with the alcohol ordinance (to be considered by the Council at the next meeting).

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

Councilmember Esqueda – no updates.

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

Councilmember E. Hernández – no updates.

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

Councilmember De La Torre: 1) announced the new Fall hours for Heritage Park; 2) reported that they discussed the collection of outstanding fees from Santa Rosa and San Fernando Little Leagues; 3) said that they also discussed facility use fees for Nueva Esperanza school; 4) reported that a Parks, Wellness and Recreation Commissioner verbalized concern regarding items placed on EPAH agendas; and 5) they discussed Christmas decorations.

**GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember De La Torre: 1) reported that they were in the process of finalizing labor negotiations and would be meeting with Management; and 2) indicated that City Council needs to set goals and objectives (especially with mid-year approaching).

Mayor Veres requested that a Study Session be scheduled to obtain an update on the Aquatics Regional Pool Facility (including operations and programming information).

Mayor Pro Tem M. Hernández reported on a house fire that had occurred in the morning and said that he spoke with Tataviam Tribe members regarding people that were displaced by the fires.

**STAFF COMMUNICATION**

None

**RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION (6:40 P.M.)**

By consensus, Councilmembers recessed 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 October 5, 2009 meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.*

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*Elena G. Chávez*  
City Clerk