

**SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**May 4, 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 6:11 p.m.

Present:

Council: Mayor Steven Veres, Mayor Pro Tem Mario F. Hernández and
Councilmember Ernesto Rubio Hernández

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

Absent: Councilmembers Nury Martinez and Maribel De La Torre

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Mayor Veres

INVOCATION Mayor Veres

PRESENTATIONS

The following presentation was made:

MAY - OLDER AMERICANS' RECOGNITION MONTH

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Veres reported that Item No. 5 (San Fernando Aquatics Foundation Proposed Operations and Management Agreement for Pool Operations) would be removed from the agenda and requested that staff schedule a special meeting on May 11, 2009 to discuss further.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem M. Hernández, seconded by Mayor Veres, to approve the agenda as amended. By consensus, the motion carried.

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PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL

Juana Cuiriz, SF Mall Association, reported that the Bridal Expo event was a great success and thanked Councilmembers for attending. She also thanked Assistant to the City Administrator Brian Haworth and City Attorney Michael Estrada for their assistance.

Jim Mejorado, St. Ferdinand Catholic Church Fiesta Chairman, asked for City Council support regarding Item No. 4 on the agenda.

Leslie Aisenman said that they were initially opposed to the charter school on Fourth St. but now are in favor and urge the City Council to approve the school.

Kathy Coakley introduced the new Community Library Manager Lidia Harlin and reported on upcoming events.

Russell J. Lombard and Fred M. Hann, U.S. Route 6 Tourist Association, gave a brief presentation regarding historic U.S. Route 6 (San Fernando Road/Sierra Highway) and provided Councilmembers with handouts regarding their association.

Moni and Joanna, local high school students, expressed appreciation regarding a recent state-funded trip, said they had a wonderful time, and asked if the program could be brought to San Fernando.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Veres reported that Item No. 3 would have to be removed until a full City Council was present.

Motion by Councilmember E. Hernández, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem M. Hernández, to approve Consent Calendar items 1 and 2:

- 1) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 20, 2009 – REGULAR MEETING
- 2) APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTER NO. 09-051
- 3) ORDINANCE NO. 1589 – AMENDING SECTIONS 90-941, 90-942, 90-946, 90-947, AND 90-951 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE BY CHANGING THE REFERENCE TO ROBERT F. KENNEDY DRIVE, IN THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO TO NOW READ FIRST STREET

Removed and re-agendized.

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The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: E. Hernández, M. Hernández, Veres – 3
NOES: None
ABSENT: Martinez, De La Torre – 2

NEW BUSINESS

4) ST. FERDINAND CATHOLIC CHURCH ANNUAL FIESTA

Recreation & Community Services Director Tom Ristau presented the agenda report and staff responded to questions from Councilmembers.

Motion by Mayor Veres to:

- a) Approve the request from St. Ferdinand Catholic Church to hold their annual fiesta for the dates of Friday, June 5, 2009, through Sunday, June 7, 2009, during the hours listed in the report;
- b) Approve an amplified sound permit, subject to the recommended conditions of approval;
- c) Consider a fee waiver of \$204.25 for quick-coupler deposit and on-site water service hookup at 1320 San Fernando Road;
- d) Consider a fee waiver of \$1,387.95 for street closure fees;
- e) Consider a fee waiver of \$65 for an encroachment permit fee;
- f) Approve the use of 1320 San Fernando Road for the parking of carnival trailers; and
- g) Approve a Budget Resolution amending the Fiscal Year (FY) 2008-2009 budget.

There being no second, the motion failed.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem M. Hernández, seconded by Councilmember E. Hernández, to:

- a) Approve the request from St. Ferdinand Catholic Church to hold their annual fiesta for the dates of Friday, June 5, 2009, through Sunday, June 7, 2009, during the hours listed in the report;
- b) Approve an amplified sound permit, subject to the recommended conditions of approval; and

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- f) Approve the use of 1320 San Fernando Road for the parking of carnival trailers.

The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: E. Hernández, M. Hernández – 2
NOES: None
ABSENT: Martinez, De La Torre – 2
ABSTAIN: Veres – 1

- 5) SAN FERNANDO AQUATICS FOUNDATION PROPOSED OPERATIONS AND MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT FOR POOL OPERATIONS

This item was removed under Approval of Agenda and rescheduled to a special meeting on May 11, 2009.

CITY COUNCIL ITEMS

- 6) APPOINTMENT TO THE PARKS, WELLNESS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Motion by Mayor Veres, seconded by Councilmember E. Hernández, to appoint Phil Koch to the Parks, Wellness and Recreation Commission as Mayor Pro Tem M. Hernández’ representative. By consensus, the motion carried.

STANDING COMMITTEE ITEMS

- 7) USE OF CELL PHONES DURING PUBLIC MEETINGS

Mayor Veres believes that certain things should be taken into account (i.e., the length and unpredictability of the meetings) and that perhaps the word “refrain” in reference to the use of cell phones is too harsh.

Councilmember E. Hernández said that this item could be brought back to the Standing Committee for further discussion to craft those allowances and bring back to the City Council for final approval. By consensus, Councilmembers agreed.

STANDING COMMITTEE UPDATES

No. 1 Budget, Personnel and Finance (BPF)

Mayor Pro Tem M. Hernández reported that recent discussions involved filling the Finance Director vacancy and the reorganization of Code Enforcement over to the Police Department.

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

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Mayor Veres – no updates.

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

Councilmember Martinez absent.

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

Councilmember E. Hernández reported that they discussed reviewing the RFP process for information technology services and agendizing the trolley routes.

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

In the absence of Councilmember De La Torre, Mr. Ristau reported that the following items were discussed: 1) necessary upgrades/improvements of the snack bars at Las Palmas and Pioneer Parks required by the County Health Dept.; 2) 4th of July event (including revenue generators) to be presented at the next City Council meeting; and 3) senior meals program and ability to fund the program without increasing the City's subsidy or impacting the service.

GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember E. Hernández reported that: 1) the SF Mall Association Bridal Expo was a great event; and 2) he attended a ceremony at SF High School recognizing students that will be attending four-year college institutions.

In response to his concern regarding the absence of Standing Committee members, Mayor Veres said that Standing Committee items could be agendized for City Council review as well.

Mayor Pro Tem M. Hernández: 1) requested that staff set up a meeting with Home Depot and Sam's Club in anticipation of the new Loews and Costco stores; and 2) talked about his concern regarding Councilmember Martinez' move to the school board by July 1, and asked if anyone had updates regarding her intentions; 3) reported there is a lot of buzz that the City will *not* have a fireworks show; and 4) requested that Council and staff take a proactive approach in dealing with issues that arise regarding rather than holding a special meeting.

Mayor Veres: 1) thanked staff regarding their efforts in putting together the Aquatics Foundation Operations and Management Agreement for pool operations but more time will be needed to review; 2) said that the SF Mall Association Bridal Expo was a great event; 3) talked about the event at the Library Plaza said it was a good event; and 3) reported that the Labor Ad Hoc committee met with all three bargaining units and will continue discussions.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

Public Works Director Ron Ruiz gave an update regarding the recent project for consideration submitted to Congressman Berman's office and reported that various cities are participating

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regarding a grant proposal request for the use of electric vehicles and suggested that a letter of interest by the City should be submitted by tomorrow.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION (7:08 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 May 4, 2009 meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.

Elena G. Chávez
City Clerk