

**SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**JULY 6, 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 6:13 p.m.

Present:

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Mayor Veres

INVOCATION None.

PRESENTATION

The following presentation was made:

STATE OF UTILITY – Anna Frutos-Sanchez, Southern California Edison

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilmember E. Hernández, seconded by Councilmember De La Torre, to approve the agenda. The motion carried by consensus.

PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL

Leticia Rodriguez and Maribel Romo spoke in support of Project GRAD.

John Arroyo reported that trees along Newton St. should be trimmed and said that the City fireworks show should have ended later.

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Adriana Gomez invited everyone to the American Cancer Society Relay for Life event on Saturday which starts at 9:00 a.m. at San Fernando Recreation Park.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- 1) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF:
 - a) JUNE 15, 2009 – REGULAR MEETING
 - b) JUNE 22, 2009 – SPECIAL MEETING
- 2) APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTER NO. 09-071
- 3) ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO CONTINUE OPERATIONS INTO FISCAL YEAR 2009/10 USING THE FISCAL YEAR 2008/09 CITY BUDGET UNTIL THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPTS THE FISCAL YEAR 2009/10 CITY BUDGET
- 4) ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A CITY IDENTITY THEFT PREVENTION PROGRAM
- 5) POLICE DEPARTMENT AND COMMUNITY PRESERVATION REORGANIZATION

By consensus, the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- 6) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT RESOLUTION FOR FOURTH OF JULY WEEKEND CELEBRATION

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

Motion by Councilmember E. Hernández, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem M. Hernandez, to adopt a Resolution amending the FY 2008-09 Budget. The motion carried with the following vote:

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

- 7) PROJECT GRAD'S REQUEST FOR PUBLIC SPACE DISPLAY

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Public Works Director Ron Ruiz presented the agenda report and staff responded to questions from Councilmembers.

Motion by Councilmember De La Torre, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem M. Hernández, to approve Project GRAD's request to: 1) utilize the City's bus shelters to feature Project GRAD promotional posters; 2) forward the \$160 fee costs associated with placing the posters to Councilmembers De La Torre and M. Hernández; and 3) make certain that the posters are replaced and looking fresh throughout the year. By consensus, the motion carried.

CITY COUNCIL ITEMS

8) CITY COUNCIL COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

Councilmember De La Torre reported that she was retiring Dee Akemon from the Transportation and Safety Commission and replaced her with Angel Zobel-Rodriguez.

Councilmember Esqueda appointed Jennifer Perez to the Parks, Wellness, and Recreation Commission.

Mayor Pro Tem M. Hernández appointed Sylvia Ballin to the Transportation and Safety Commission.

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

STANDING COMMITTEE UPDATES

No. 1 Budget, Personnel and Finance (BPF)

Mayor Pro Tem M. Hernández – no updates.

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

Mayor Veres reported that the committee will be meeting next week.

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

Councilmember Esqueda reported on several items discussed at the last meeting (i.e., NPDES Contract, high speed train) and public speakers that attended voiced their concerns regarding the Maclay Ave. and Fourth Street intersection modifications.

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

Councilmember E. Hernández reported that the next meeting will be held on Thursday.

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

Councilmember De La Torre said various issues were discussed at the last meeting and a resident showed up to voice her concerns regarding the LAUSD cutbacks.

GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS

In response to Councilmember De La Torre's question, Chief of Police Robert Ordelleide reported that there were additional calls for service this Fourth of July and that the Police Department was the busiest they had been in decades.

Councilmember E. Hernández thanked staff for the Fourth of July event and suggested cleaning up the City's gateways next time.

Councilmember Esqueda reported that she called Crown Disposal and was made to feel guilty for requesting bulky item pickup service. She stated she would like to meet with Crown Disposal to take care of problems that residents may have.

Mayor Pro Tem M. Hernández thanked staff for the great job this weekend.

Mayor Veres thanked Crown Disposal for being a sponsor of the City's Fourth of July event.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

Mr. Ruiz reported that the City may be receiving funding from the MTA Call for Projects.

STUDY SESSION

9) BUDGET STUDY SESSION NO. 8 – GENERAL FUND, NON-GENERAL FUND, AND REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (RDA) DISCUSSION AND DIRECTIVES

At this time, there was a brief recess and the meeting was moved to the Community Meeting Room.

Mr. Pulido gave an update and by consensus, the City Council directed staff to:

- 1) Report back with a \$250,000 reserve at the next budget meeting;
- 2) Explore early retirements options with qualifying employees;
- 3) Look at proposals regarding cuts and services;
- 4) Look at proposals to reduce the workforce of non-revenue generating part-timers; and
- 5) If the above-mentioned directives do not assist in meeting the \$250,000 threshold, then look at reducing full-time staff workforce.

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Councilmembers discussed possibly suspending tuition reimbursement and the auto/mileage allowances for staff and Council.

Also, the City Treasurer gave up her \$100 per month mileage reimbursement.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION (8:20 P.M.)

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

A) CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR (G.C. 54957.6)

City Negotiator: Police Chief Robert Ordelleide
Employee Organization: San Fernando Police Officers' Association

B) 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 July 6, 2009 meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.

Elena G. Chávez
City Clerk