

**SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

**June 29, 2009 – 6:00 P.M.  
SPECIAL MEETING**

Community Meeting Room  
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 Councilmembers Ernesto Rubio Hernández and Brenda Esqueda

Staff: City Administrator José E. Pulido and Deputy City Clerk Laura Valdivia

Absent: Councilmember Maribel De La Torre

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem M. Hernández, seconded by Councilmember Esqueda, to approve the agenda. The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: M. Hernández, Esqueda, E. Hernández, Veres – 4

NOES: None

ABSENT: De La Torre – 1

**PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL**

Kathy Calderon thanked the City and Parks Department for the recent San Fernando Outdoor Youth Connection camping trip, saying it is beneficial to teenagers by teaching initiative, leadership skills and responsibility.

José Juarez said the San Fernando Outdoor Youth Connection camping trip was a very memorable experience and helps improve moral and social skills in the youth and an obligation to give back to the community.

Stephanie DeArcos said she enjoyed spending time with nature on the San Fernando Outdoor Youth Connection camping trip.

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Crystal Calderon thanked the City Council for the opportunity to attend the San Fernando Outdoor Youth Connection camping trip. She encouraged the City to keep the program going because it helps youth a lot.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1) DISCUSSION OF CARNIVAL AT FOURTH OF JULY EVENT

Recreation and Community Services Director Tom Ristau presented an oral report.

Motion by Mayor Veres, seconded by Councilmember E. Hernández, that staff move forward to host a three day carnival from July 3 through July 5, 2009 in connection with the City's Fourth of July event; to advertise the carnival on the cable scroll and traffic message signs; and provide the City Council with the cost for ride tickets. The motion carried with the following vote:

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

**CITY COUNCIL ITEM**

2) SUPPORT LETTER TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERVISORS REGARDING SAFETY EQUIPMENT (SHOES) FOR ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS AND ANIMAL CARE ATTENDANTS

Mayor Veres introduced Mr. James Johnson, representative of SEIU Local 721, who spoke on the importance of providing safety shoes to animal control workers due to safety issues.

Motion by Mayor Veres, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem M. Hernández, that the City of San Fernando take a stance in support of Los Angeles County Animal Control Officers and Animal Care Attendants, by encouraging the County to provide them with safety shoes and that staff be directed to write a letter to Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Zev Yaroslavsky and Michael D. Antonovich to demonstrate that support. The motion carried with the following vote:

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

**STUDY SESSION**

3) BUDGET STUDY SESSION NO. 7 - GENERAL FUND, NON-GENERAL FUND,  
AND REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (RDA) DISCUSSION AND DIRECTIVES

Mayor Pro Tem Hernández provided a brief update on the City Council Budget Ad Hoc Committee meetings held with individual department heads over the past week.

City Administrator José Pulido presented an overview of the FY 2009-2010 General Fund, Non General Fund and Agency budgets and revised budget schedule. Staff addressed questions raised by Councilmembers regarding street and sidewalk repair and the RDA Project Area 4 loan repayment to the General Fund.

By consensus the City Council directed staff to: 1) split the \$422,956 RDA Project Area 4 loan repayment equally over two years; 2) finish negotiations with the bargaining groups and finalize reorganization opportunities; 3) publish a public hearing notice by July 9, 2009 for the budget adoption; 4) bring back a Resolution to continue operating with the FY 2008-2009 budget between now and the adoption of the FY 2009-2010 budget, and 5) pursue reopening negotiations with the San Fernando Police Officers Association. Staff was also directed to hold July 13, 2009 for a possible special meeting date.

Public Works Director Ron Ruiz presented his department budget. Staff addressed questions raised by Councilmembers regarding: potential revenue generating options; janitorial service; trolley; graffiti; sidewalk maintenance; and staffing.

By consensus the City Council directed staff to: 1) provide the Council with analysis and framework for a proposal moving away from a private graffiti contractor to performing the work in-house; 2) defer sidewalk ramps to do more sidewalks repair; and 3) move forward with Trolley advertising.

Community Development Director Paul Deibel presented his department budget. Staff addressed questions raised by Councilmembers regarding use of RDA funds in lieu of Quimby Fees; Lopez Adobe; options for park space located at Fourth Street and Park Avenue; staffing; and recommended fee increases.

By consensus the City Council directed staff to: 1) allocate \$150,550 from RDA Project Area 2 for Lopez Adobe; 2) push back the \$100,000 loan repayment in RDA Project Area 2 for one year; and 3) move forward on the recommended Fee Schedule and Bail Schedule increases.

Recreation and Community Services Director Tom Ristau presented his department budget. Staff addressed questions raised by Councilmembers regarding potential revenue generating options; active or passive park space options at Fourth Street and Park Avenue; and recommended fee increases.

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By consensus the City Council directed staff to: 1) submit reimbursement for pool costs from current \$130,000 park grant funds; 2) move forward on fee increase recommendations; 3) commence an RFQ process for a local vendor to sell food at the pool with a healthy component; and 4) explore options/uses for second floor banquet room.

City Treasurer Margarita Solis presented her department budget. She addressed questions from Councilmembers regarding the coin counter maintenance and online and credit card payments.

By consensus the City Council directed the City Treasurer to: 1) research the cost to replace the coin counter; and 2) research the implementation of online and credit card payments.

Police Chief Robert Ordelheide presented his department budget. By consensus the City Council assigned Chief Ordelheide as the City's chief negotiator for the reopened negotiations with the San Fernando Police Officers Association; and 2) deferred discussion regarding the Police Department reorganization options to closed session.

**RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION (8:39 P.M.)**

By consensus, the City Council recessed to the following Closed Session, and adjourned thereafter.

**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 the June 29, 2009 Special Meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.*

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*Laura Valdivia  
Deputy City Clerk*