

**SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**JANUARY 19, 2010 – 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 at 6:03 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 Robert R. Ordelleide, City Attorney Michael Estrada, and City Clerk Elena G. Chávez

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Mayor Veres

INVOCATION None

PRESENTATIONS

The following presentation was made and representatives of the California High-Speed Rail Authority responded to questions.

CALIFORNIA HIGH SPEED RAIL PRESENTATION

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sev Aszkenazy said it was very exciting and asked if there will be a community educational process.

Tom Ross asked various questions including the time frame and schedule for this potential project.

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By consensus, Councilmembers agreed that staff schedule a public workshop to discuss the issues, challenges, and specific concerns.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilmember E. Hernandez, seconded by Mayor Veres, to approve the agenda. By consensus, the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT (CONTINUED)

Pete Vela, San Fernando National Little League (SFNLL), expressed concern regarding the \$20 youth impact fee and asked what will the money be used for?

James Bullock said that most of the members of the league are homeowners, pay taxes, and suggested that a flat rate would be best.

John Espinoza (SFNLL), Sylmar, said there were still unresolved park issues, the \$20 per child fee is ridiculous and maybe a one-time fee is more appropriate.

Louie Olvera (SFNLL), Sylmar, said that if the fees continue to increase, the kids won't have an opportunity to play and show their potential.

Hector Martinez (SFNLL), Santa Clarita, said that raising the fees is ludicrous, asked that Council reconsider, and perhaps a flat fee is something they would agree to.

Daniel Sara, San Fernando Braves Football, said this fee also affects the football program for the kids.

Jessie Rivera (SFNLL) said it takes a lot of dedication to keep the kids active and positive, and he suggested keeping the fee decent.

Angel Granados suggested allowing local businesses to advertise on the fields. The fee charged for advertising could be in lieu of raising the youth impact fees.

Mayor Veres requested that this item be agendaized at the next City Council meeting.

RECESS (7:15 P.M.)

RECONVENE (7:31 P.M.)

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CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember De La Torre removed Item No. 2 and Mayor Pro Tem M. Hernández pulled Item No. 4 for further discussion.

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

- 1) APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
 - a) JULY 13, 2009 - SPECIAL MEETING
 - b) JULY 27, 2009 – SPECIAL MEETING
 - c) AUGUST 4, 2009 – ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING
 - d) NOVEMBER 16, 2009 – REGULAR MEETING
 - e) DECEMBER 7, 2009 – REGULAR MEETING

- 3) ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SAN FERNANDO CITY CODE RELATING TO NOISE

- 5) RESOLUTION ELECTING TO RECEIVE STATUTORY PAYMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA NO. 4

- 6) CITY ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORTS

- 7) SUBLEASE AMENDMENT BETWEEN MISSION COMMUNITY HOSPITAL (MCH) AND THE PARTNERS IN CARE FOUNDATION

- 8) CALPERS RESOLUTION FOR COST-SHARING OF EMPLOYER PAID MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS WITH THE CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYEES

- 9) RESOLUTIONS AMENDING THE SALARY PLAN AND THE TABLE OF ORGANIZATION FOR FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2009-2010

- 10) ACCEPTANCE OF TWO SURPLUS POLICE MOTORCYCLES FROM THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES

By consensus, the motion carried.

Items Removed for Further Discussion:

- 2) APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTER NO'S. 09-122, 10-011 AND 10-012

Councilmember De La Torre inquired about the dual Internet services. By consensus, this item

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will be addressed by the Public Safety, Veteran Affairs, Technology and Transportation (PVTT) Standing Committee.

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

4) **ORDINANCES AMENDING THE ZONING CODE WITH RESPECT TO CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS, THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, AND PROPERTY MAINTENANCE REGULATIONS**

Regarding Ordinance No. 1595, Mayor Pro Tem M. Hernández suggested clarifying the language; changing “store” to “off-sale outlet”.

By consensus, Councilmembers concurred.

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

- a) Ordinance No. 1595 (second reading). Title: “An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of San Fernando Amending the Zoning Code with Respect to Conditional Use Permits and Alcohol Sales and Making Related Findings Therewith”; and
- b) Ordinance No. 1596 (second reading). Title: “An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of San Fernando Amending the Zoning Code with Respect to Property Maintenance and Making Related Findings Therewith”.

By consensus, the motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

11) **ALLOCATION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDING FOR FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2010-2011**

Mayor Veres declared the Public Hearing open and Senior Planner Fred Ramirez presented the staff report.

Mayor Veres called for public testimony in favor or opposition.

There being no comments, Mayor Veres closed the public comment portion of the Hearing.

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

- a) Adopt a Resolution approving intended allocations of CDBG funds for programs

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and projects in FY 2010-2011;

- b) Direct staff to submit documentation conveying the City Council's Resolution to the Los Angeles County Community Development Commission for approval; and
- c) Authorize the City Administrator to approve subsequent minor program modifications and/or funding changes that do not exceed 10% of approved total project funding.

By consensus, the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

12) CITY APPROVAL OF A JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT THAT ESTABLISHES AND GOVERNS THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (SFVCOG) JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

Mr. Ramirez presented the staff report and responded to questions from Councilmembers.

Motion by Mayor Veres, seconded to Councilmember De La Torre, to approve and authorize the Mayor and the City Administrator to execute the Joint Powers Agreement establishing and governing the SFVCOG Joint Powers Authority. By consensus, the motion carried.

Motion by Mayor Veres, seconded by Councilmember De La Torre, to appoint Mayor Pro Tem M. Hernández to the SFVCOG Governing Board (Mayor Veres as an alternate) and the Community Development Director (or designee) as an alternate. By consensus, the motion carried.

Motion by Mayor Veres, seconded by Councilmember De La Torre, to adopt a Resolution amending the Fiscal Year (FY) 2009-2010 budget to appropriate \$10,000 for initial dues for the SFVCOG. By consensus, the motion carried.

13) SAN FERNANDO AQUATICS FACILITY OPERATIONS AND APPROVAL OF BUDGET RESOLUTION

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

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

- a) Approve a Resolution amending the Fiscal Year (FY) 2009-2010 budget that will to allow continued operations and maintenance of the San Fernando Aquatics Facility through FY 2009-2010;

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- b) Agendize for this for discussion at both the Budget, Personnel and Finance (BPF) and Education, Parks, Arts, Health and Aging (EPAH) Standing Committees; and
- c) Schedule a City Council Study Session to fully vet potential direction for the San Fernando Aquatics Center.

Mr. Ristau noted that the Resolution would be changed to reflect the above action by Council (addition of \$185,000 from Fund 17).

By consensus, the motion carried.

STANDING COMMITTEE UPDATES

No. 1 Budget, Personnel and Finance (BPF)

Mayor Pro Tem M. Hernández – nothing to report.

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

Mayor Veres reported that an item (SFVCOG) was addressed on this Council agenda. There will be future updates.

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

Councilmember Esqueda reported there will be meeting in February.

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

Councilmember E. Hernández – nothing to report.

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

Councilmember De La Torre – nothing to report.

GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Esqueda wished everyone a happy new year.

Mayor Pro Tem M. Hernández: 1) thanked Mr. Ristau for assisting with scheduling the food certification classes; and 2) requested that the meeting adjourn in memory of Felipe Rodriguez.

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Mayor Veres: 1) distributed various letters to staff for follow up; 2) announced the reception of the new exhibit at La Galeria Gitana; and 3) mentioned City Council bus request allocations and wondered if there was a better method of communicating that information.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

Mr. Ordelheide reported that: 1) before starting the 2010-2011 budget process, staff will schedule a workshop for the high-speed rail and a study session for the S.F. Aquatics Facility; 2) the candidate for the Finance Manager position is currently being processed; 3) an item regarding Enterprise Funds will be agendized for the BPF Standing Committee; and 4) in lieu of the former bi-monthly Status Report, there will be a brief monthly report to Council.

Public Works Director Ron Ruiz gave an update regarding the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act funds.

ADJOURNMENT (8:42 P.M.)

By consensus, the meeting adjourned in memory of Mr. Rodriguez.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of January 19, 2010 meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.

Elena G. Chávez
City Clerk