

**SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**APRIL 5, 2010 – 6:00 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING**

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

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Mario F. Hernández called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

Present:

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

Staff: City Administrator Robert R. Ordelheide, City Attorney Michael
Estrada, and City Clerk Elena G. Chávez

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Mayor M. Hernández

INVOCATION Mayor M. Hernández called for a moment of silence in
recognition of sexual assault victims.

PRESENTATION

The following presentation was made:

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH & DENIM DAY (APRIL 21ST)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL

John Arroyo said that his street (Newton Street) has cracks and potholes and the trees have not
been trimmed.

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Pete Vela, San Fernando National Little League President, thanked Lt. Jeff Eley for explaining the youth impact fees to them. He reported that they will pay half their fees in two weeks and the other half by the end of the year.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Veres pulled Item No. 4 for further discussion.

Motion by Councilmember De La Torre, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Esqueda, to approve the following Consent Calendar Items:

- 1) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 15, 2010 – REGULAR MEETING
- 2) APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTER NO. 10-041
- 3) APPROVAL OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO AND THE SAN FERNANDO PART-TIME BARGAINING UNIT (SFPEBU) 2009-2012
- 5) APPROVAL OF SECOND AMENDMENT TO EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT (CONTRACT NO. 1569) DATED MAY 21, 2007 BETWEEN THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO AND ROBERT ORDELHEIDE

By consensus, the motion carried.

Items Removed for Further Discussion:

- 4) ALLOCATION OF QUIMBY FEE FUNDS FOR SKATE PLAZA DESIGN

Councilmember Veres expressed concern that there was currently no written commitment from the organization promising to match funds.

Motion by Councilmember Veres, seconded by Councilmember E. Hernández, to adopt a Resolution to allocate \$25,000 from the Quimby Fee Fund for the design plans of a skate plaza at Fourth Street and Park Avenue - contingent upon written documentation from the Rob Dyrdek/DC Shoes Skate Plaza Foundation to match the funds. By consensus, the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- 6) UPDATE – OUTSTANDING PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS

Public Works Director Ron Ruiz gave an update on pending Public Works projects and he responded to questions from Councilmembers.

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Update only - no action taken.

7) UPDATE – COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACTIVITIES

Lt. Jeff Eley introduced Sgt. Daniel Ambriz who gave an update regarding Community Preservation activities. He and Community Preservation personnel replied to questions from Councilmembers.

Update only – no action taken.

8) UPDATE – STATUS OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES CONTRACT

Community Development Director Paul Deibel presented the staff report. He and staff members replied to questions from Councilmembers.

Motion by Mayor M. Hernández, seconded by Councilmember De La Torre, to authorize the City Administrator to:

- a. Reassess the level of animal control services provided to the community pursuant to the current Agreement for Animal Control Services (Contract No. 1597) between the City of San Fernando and the County of Los Angeles in light of current budgetary constraints;
- b. Execute, for the Fiscal Year 2010-2011, a proposed “service agreement extension” between the City of San Fernando and the County of Los Angeles in conjunction with reassessment of animal control service levels and in order to modify and align requested service levels with anticipated budgetary constraints in the upcoming fiscal year; and
- c. Reassign organizational functions associated with the administration and implementation of the City’s animal care and control services program from the Community Development Department to the Police Department so as to facilitate implementation of field service level modifications.

By consensus, the motion carried.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

9) SAN FERNANDO REGIONAL AQUATICS FACILITY – DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION ON FISCAL YEAR 2010 – 2011 OPERATIONS

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

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Motion by Councilmember Veres, seconded by Councilmember E. Hernández, to approve staff's *short-term* recommendations:

1. Expand summer programming to include a Sprinter's Paradise Swim Camp to be instructed by two coaches from the Rattler Swim Club.
2. Expansion of the menu currently offered at the snack bar.
4. Allow business(es) to sell their product from either the snack bar or front foyer area.
5. City's Summer Day Camp to pay for the use of the pool.
6. Adjust the fees (to include a discount for San Fernando residents).
7. Expand summer offerings/activities.

By consensus, the motion carried.

Motion by Councilmember De La Torre, seconded by Mayor M. Hernández, to approve staff's recommendation:

3. Authorize staff to prepare an alcohol policy for the Aquatics Banquet Facility and bring back to the City Council for approval. The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: De La Torre, M. Hernández, Esqueda – 3

NOES: E. Hernández, Veres – 2

Motion by Councilmember Veres, seconded by Councilmember E. Hernández, to approve staff's recommended *long-term* alternatives (primary focus on #1):

1. City to takeover full operations of the Aquatics Facility.
2. Utilization of high school coaches as lifeguards.
3. Seek long-term corporate sponsorship.
4. Work with a non-profit organization to help with operations of the pool.
5. Lease snack bar to local business.
6. Produce a promotional video for the pool and banquet room.

By consensus, the motion carried.

Motion by Councilmember Veres, seconded by Mayor M. Hernández, to direct staff to examine the possibility of a three to four week closure between the months of December and January (during school break). By consensus, the motion carried.

10) UPDATE – YOUTH IMPACT FEE FOR PARK USE

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

Motion by Councilmember De La Torre, seconded by Mayor M. Hernández, to:

- a. Reduce the Youth Impact Fee for the 2010 season from \$20 to \$10 per participant (by way of a tier system: \$10 for 2009/10; \$15 for 2010/11; and \$20 for 2011/12) and

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- that the City Council revisit this issue during the upcoming budget discussions to determine whether this fee will need to be increased again for the 2011 season.
- b. Require the youth leagues to pay the established rate of \$10 per hour for the use of ball field lighting.
 - c. Require that the youth leagues perform field maintenance to help offset the reduction in the Youth Impact Fee from \$20 to \$10.
 - d. Direct the Recreation and Community Services Director to work with the City Attorney and develop a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) allowing youth leagues to provide volunteer labor for park field maintenance. The MOU should include language regarding possible actions to be taken by the City if the leagues fail to pay the set fees.

The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: De La Torre, M. Hernández, Esqueda – 3

NOES: Veres, E. Hernández – 2

STANDING COMMITTEE UPDATES

No. 1 Budget, Personnel and Finance (BPF)

Mayor M. Hernández – nothing to report.

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

Councilmember Veres – reported that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 13th at Tres Hermanos Restaurant and discussions will entail improvements to Public Parking Lot #3.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Esqueda – reported that their next meeting is Monday, April 12th.

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

Councilmember E. Hernández – reported that they discussed the possibility of videotaping City Council meetings and the high speed rail project.

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

Councilmember De La Torre – reported that the committee continues to work and bring items forward for full City Council direction. More items are forthcoming.

GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember E. Hernández; 1) thanked Lt. Eley for setting up an Evening Ride Along; 2) urged Councilmembers to keep in mind the Parks Master Plan when looking at goals; 3) asked staff how can processes (i.e., building permits) be simplified and done more as a partnership; and 4) reminded his colleagues that goal setting sessions are forthcoming.

Councilmember Veres asked staff to take a look at a letter from the City of Santa Clarita regarding support for House Resolution No. 322 and Senate Bill 3057.

Councilmember Esqueda: 1) asked why hasn't the landscaping on Brand Blvd. been maintained; and 2) attended the Las Palmas Park Easter egg hunt and expressed disappointment that neither the Director of Recreation & Community Services or the Cultural Arts Supervisor were in attendance to oversee the event.

Councilmember De La Torre reported that some feedback she received regarding the Easter egg hunt was that it was chaotic (parents looked for the eggs instead of the children and the DJ played inappropriate music).

Mayor M. Hernández: 1) (in response to his question) Mr. Ruiz gave an update regarding the S.F. Road and Brand Blvd. project; 2) thanked staff for the updates; 3) said "good job" on the Easter event; and 4) asked Councilmembers to review Section 4 of the City Council Procedural Manual regarding maintaining decorum and order during meetings.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

Mr. Ordelheide: 1) thanked Councilmembers for sitting through briefings; 2) reminded everyone that the next meeting and workshop will be held on April 19th at the Aquatics Facility; 3) announced that the new Finance Manager will start on April 12th; and 4) said that he will direct Police Department staff to draft a policy regarding animal control issues.

ADJOURNMENT (10:20 P.M.)

By consensus, the meeting was adjourned.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of April 5, 2010 meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.

*Elena G. Chávez
City Clerk*