

SAN FERNANDO REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

**SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES**

DECEMBER 18, 2007 – 6:30 P.M.

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE CITY COUNCIL. AUDIO CASSETTE TAPES OF THE ACTUAL MEETING ARE AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chair Julie Ruelas called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

PRESENT:

Agency: Chair Julie Ruelas, Vice-Chair Nury Martinez, Members Steven Veres, Maribel De La Torre, and Dr. José Hernández

Staff: Executive Director José E. Pulido, City Attorney Michael Estrada, and Secretary Elena G. Chávez

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Vice-Chair Martinez, seconded by Chair Ruelas, to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC STATEMENTS

Sharon Aisenman said that she hopes that the City can get out of the agreement.

Veronica Casillas expressed concern regarding the developer's track record and is in favor of the City getting out of the contract because of the facts that are arising.

Mario Hernández would like the City to grow but is concerned about the developer, believes that these issues should have been brought forth a long time ago, and asked why is this going to be discussed in a Closed Session and not an open public forum.

Adriana Gomez said that the fact that Agency Members and the public are here shows that people are concerned and hopefully the contract with this developer will be rescinded.

Cathy Casillas would like the City to make smart choices with someone who is trustworthy.

Lesley Aisenman asked that the City seriously reconsider the direction it is moving in with this developer and is concerned whether he (the developer) will operate in a fiscally sound manner.

RECESS (6:46 P.M.)

Chair Ruelas recessed the meeting in order to convene the City Council meeting.

RECONVENE (6:53 P.M.)

City Clerk Elena G. Chávez and members of the public left the room.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION)

By consensus, Agency Members recessed to the following Closed Session, thereafter to adjourn.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL

Anticipated Litigation:
(G.C. 54956.9(b))

A point has been reached where, in the opinion of the Agency on the advice of its legal counsel, based on the below-described existing facts and circumstances, there is a significant exposure to litigation against the Agency. The Redevelopment Agency finds, based on advice from legal counsel, that discussion in open session will prejudice the position of the local agency in the litigation.

The following facts and circumstances known to potential plaintiff or plaintiffs regarding a Transactional Occurrence:

Allegations made by various individuals concerning Wilshire Ventures Corp.

No reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT (9:10 P.M.)

By consensus, the meeting was adjourned.