

**SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**OCTOBER 5, 2015 – 6:00 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING**

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

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Joel Fajardo called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Present:

Council: Mayor Joel Fajardo, Vice Mayor Sylvia Ballin, and Councilmembers Robert C. Gonzales, Antonio Lopez, and Jaime Soto

Staff: City Manager Brian Saeki, City Attorney Rick R. Olivarez, and City Clerk Elena G. Chávez

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Police Explorer Alejandro Rodriguez

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Vice Mayor Ballin, seconded by Councilmember Gonzales, to approve the agenda. By consensus, the motion carried.

PRESENTATION

The following presentations were made:

- A) RUDY ORTEGA JR., TRIBAL PRESIDENT OF THE FERNANDEÑO TATAVIAM BAND OF MISSION INDIANS
This item added by Mayor Fajardo at the meeting.
- B) PRESENTATION BY SENATOR ROBERT M. HERTZBERG
- C) INTRODUCTION OF THREE NEW POLICE OFFICERS

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RECESS (6:18 P.M.)

Mayor Fajardo called for a brief recess to allow for photo opportunities.

RECONVENE (6:21 P.M.)

PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL

Linda Campanella Jauron talked about Item No. 10, said he was speaking on behalf of Italian Americans who are vital and go back generations in the City of San Fernando, and asked if a middle ground could be reached for *all* members of the community.

Henry Romero said he's still waiting to hear back from a San Fernando Police Department detective regarding a check that he reported regarding insufficient funds (the District Attorney's office told him he needed to report this to the SFPD).

Raymond Rivera, Sylmar, talked about the native people being underrepresented and underserved and spoke in support of the resolution recognizing the second Monday of October as Indigenous People's Day.

Jesse Avila also spoke in support of the resolution and suggested that the City plan activities and functions regarding this as well.

Mary Mendoza said that the 5K Relay event was nice, asked why the public hearing notice for the Transit Oriented District meeting is not posted on the City's website, and she also inquired about a recent sewage overflow incident.

Monique McGregor, Sylmar, said she felt compelled to attend and make sure that Indigenous People day is recognized.

Alejandro Gonzales, Sylmar, said that his company offers energy rebates and said he would provide information for those interested.

Andrea Diaz, Arleta, said she is a registered tribal member of Oklahoma and she wants her kids to be proud of who they are and the resolution would be an opportunity for them to celebrate their heritage.

Pilar Enriquez invited everyone to the community clean-up and cook-out day on Saturday, October 10th at the Pacoima Wash Park and asked if the City could help with trash pickup on that day.

Pastor Rudy congratulated the City and Downtown Mall Association for the successful Chili Festival and talked about the upcoming Trunk o Treat Halloween Event that will create a safe zone for children.

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City Clerk Chávez read an email from resident Cathe Casillas who spoke in opposition of the resolution (Item No. 10) if the purpose is to disregard the history of our nation and deny one cultural group a celebration in favor of another, also California already has an established Native American Day,

Yolanda Haro said that a special task force was established, along with Assemblymember Patty Lopez' office, for the special needs community and invited everyone to attend the planning meeting this Thursday.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Vice Mayor Ballin pulled Item No. 4 for further discussion.

Motion by Councilmember Gonzales, seconded by Councilmember Lopez, to approve the remaining Consent Calendar Items:

- 1) REQUEST TO APPROVE MINUTES OF:
 - a. SEPTEMBER 8, 2015 – REGULAR MEETING
 - b. SEPTEMBER 21, 2015 – REGULAR MEETING
- 2) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 15-101 APPROVING THE WARRANT REGISTER
- 3) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION FIXING THE EMPLOYER HEALTHCARE CONTRIBUTION AT AN EQUAL AMOUNT FOR EMPLOYEES AND ANNUITANTS UNDER THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL CARE ACT
- 5) CONSIDERATION TO AWARD A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR COMPREHENSIVE USER FEE STUDY AND COST ALLOCATION PLAN SERVICES

By consensus, the motion carried.

Items Removed for Further Discussion

- 4) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH REWARD STRATEGY GROUP TO CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION STUDY

Vice Mayor Ballin said that this is a very important item and suggested that a City Council Ad Hoc committee (herself and Councilmember Gonzales) participate in the classification study (i.e., sit in on the meetings, review and evaluate the documentation, and have a "hands-on" look at this).

Motion by Councilmember Gonzales, seconded by Vice Mayor Ballin, to:

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- a. Approve a Professional Services Agreement (Contract No. 1797) with Reward Strategy Group to perform a comprehensive classification and compensation study;
- b. Authorize the City Manager to make non-substantive corrections and execute the Agreement; and
- c. Appoint an Ad Hoc Committee of both Vice Mayor Ballin and Councilmember Gonzales.

By consensus, the motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mayor Fajardo announced that the following item was moved up on the agenda.

10) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE SECOND MONDAY OF OCTOBER AS INDIGENOUS PEOPLE’S DAY

Mayor Fajardo introduced Rudy Ortega Jr. and Juan Solorio Jr. who both gave brief presentations.

Councilmembers each provided their comments.

Motion by Mayor Fajardo, seconded by Vice Mayor Ballin, to adopt Resolution No. 7703 recognizing the second Monday of October as Indigenous People’s Day and having a call to action with more activities related to such. By consensus, the motion carried.

6) APPOINTMENT TO THE EDUCATION COMMISSION

Mayor Fajardo made a motion to appoint Danitza Pantoja as his representative to the Education Commission. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Ballin and was approved by unanimous consent.

7) CITY COUNCIL PRIORITIES UPDATE

City Manager Saeki presented the update and replied to questions from Councilmembers.

Councilmembers each provided their comments including discussion regarding, sewers, streets, deferred maintenance and capital improvements list/action plan, Lopez Villegas house, developer fees, and the need to update the City’s antiquated website.

City Manager Saeki reported that he will generate a list of pending items, along with a timeframe on each, and bring back to the City Council as a receive and file item.

8) PHOTOGRAPHY AND FILM PRODUCTION PERMIT PROCESS UPDATE

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City Manager Saeki presented the report and replied to questions from Councilmembers.

Discussion ensued and Councilmembers each provided comments which included:

- Concerns about the negative impacts to affected merchants and businesses.
- Which businesses/business owners are paid and profiting from the film companies?
- Requested that film companies disclose what they're paying out to certain businesses, and how much.
- Banning filming altogether.
- Filming offers the City great exposure and lots of jobs.
- The need for better communication with the businesses.
- How much money has the City generated/collected on filming?
- What do other cities charge for filming?

By consensus, City Manager Saeki was directed to: 1) set up a meeting with the mall merchants, business owners, and Councilmembers; 2) provide figures (over last five years) regarding what filming has generated; 3) contact the film companies that do work in town and request what deals they've negotiated with businesses; 4) meet with individually Councilmembers to discuss the concerns with the process; and 5) and report back to full City Council.

9) USE OF CITY OF SAN FERNANDO LETTERHEAD BY THE CITY COUNCIL

City Manager Saeki gave the staff report and requested direction as it relates to the use of the City letterhead by individual City Councilmembers. He explained the current practice and reported that there is currently no policy.

Discussion ensued and Councilmembers each provided their comments and City Attorney Olivarez clarified their questions.

Motion by Vice Mayor Ballin, seconded by Councilmember Gonzales, to preclude any Councilmember from using letterhead at this time, staff to provide a written policy by the next meeting which mirrors the intent that Councilmembers go through the City in order to generate a letter (the policy to address the City logo as well).

The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Lopez, Ballin, Fajardo, Gonzales – 4
NOES: Soto – 1

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION LIAISON UPDATES

Councilmember Gonzales gave an update regarding the Independent Cities Associate education luncheon and one of the topics was regarding the homeless issues.

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Vice Mayor Ballin reported that she attended two conferences recently, the Woman's League and League of California Cities where she voted on the City's behalf and attended numerous workshops.

Mayor Fajardo reported that the Chili Festival was a great success and is looking forward to next year's event and gave an update on the SFVCOG.

GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Gonzales said that he enjoyed being the judge at the Chili Festival and for the Los Angeles Fire Department. He inquired about the Pacoima Wash clean-up day event, said it's going to be held on the same day as the San Fernando Beautification Project and asked if the City had been contacted (it would have been a great opportunity to pair up with the Assemblymember's Office).

Councilmember Lopez reported that he attended a couple events this past week and provided information regarding the Future of the Valley event.

Councilmember Soto said he participated at the Morningside Elementary School's 100th Anniversary event and represented the City at the SEIU International Latino Caucus event. He thanked the residents and said he will continue to move forward.

Vice Mayor Ballin said this is a great City and thanked staff, residents, and her colleagues (as well as former Councilmember Jesse Avila). She also thanked Yolanda Haro for her involvement with the special needs community and Community Preservation Officer Rosa Guzman for doing her job.

Mayor Fajardo thanked Recreation and Community Services Director Ismael Aguila regarding the successful Chili Festival and the 5K Relay. He talked about the homelessness issue in the City. He also thanked his intern Juan Solorio Jr. for his work and research done on the Indigenous People's Day Resolution.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

City Manager Saeki echoed City Council comments that staff has been working hard, more specifically, the last two events (5K Relay and Chili Festival). He also congratulated the City Council regarding the police officer new hires as these were critical positions needed to be filled.

Finance Director Nick Kimball reported that that Fitch Rating service recently published an updated credit rating for the Successor Agency to the San Fernando Redevelopment Agency's outstanding 2006 Tax Allocation Bond. The credit for this bond was upgraded from "BBB+" to "A-" which is further evidence that the City is headed in the right direction and staff will continue to work toward long-term financial stability.

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ADJOURNMENT (8:37 P.M.)

Motion by Councilmember Gonzales, seconded by Councilmember Soto, to adjourn the meeting. By consensus, the motion carried.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of October 5, 2015, meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.

Elena G. Chávez
City Clerk