

**SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**MAY 18, 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 6:03 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, Assistant City Attorney Richard Padilla, and City Clerk Elena G. Chávez

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Police Explorer Alberto Barragan

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilmember Lopez, seconded by Councilmember Gonzales, to approve the agenda. By consensus, the motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS

The following presentation was made:

- a) NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK – MAY 17-23
Deputy City Manager/Public Works Director Chris Marcarello

PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL

LAFD Battalion Chief Jack Wise was hoping to introduce the new captain but had an emergency call. Chief Wise briefly talked about the brush clearance program.

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John Blue thanked the San Fernando Police Department regarding the professional handling of a recent complaint.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Fajardo pulled Item No. 1, and Vice Mayor Ballin pulled Item No.s 4 and 6 for further discussion.

Motion by Vice Mayor Ballin, seconded by Councilmember Gonzales, to approve the remaining Consent Calendar Items:

- 2) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 15-052 APPROVING THE WARRANT REGISTER
- 3) FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2015-2016 LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT (LLAD) – APPROVAL OF ENGINEER’S REPORT AND SETTING DATE FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING
- 5) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH FIRST TRANSIT, INC.
- 7) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE CITY COUNCIL POLICIES REGARDING CITY COUNCIL CONTACT AND CITY ATTORNEY SERVICES

By consensus, the motion carried.

Items Removed for Further Discussion

- 1) REQUEST TO APPROVE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 2, 2015 – REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Fajardo said that the meeting adjourned in memory of Michelle Vash Payne and would like the minutes to reflect her nickname “Yasmine”.

Motion by Mayor Fajardo, seconded by Vice Mayor Ballin, to approve the minutes with the change. By consensus, the motion carried.

- 4) CONSIDERATION TO IMPLEMENT PHASE II OF THE WATER CONSERVATION ORDINANCE

Deputy City Manager/Public Works Director Chris Marcarello presented the staff report and replied to questions from Councilmembers.

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

- a. Adopt Resolution 7674, declaring a water shortage condition and implementing Phase II of the City’s Water Conservation Ordinance; and

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- b. Approve the Guidelines for Residential Parkway Landscaping to encourage reduced water usage in parkway locations throughout the City.

By consensus, the motion carried.

6) **PROPOSITION A RECREATIONAL AND SPECIAL EVENT TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM UPDATE**

Director of Recreation and Community Services Ismael Aguila presented the staff report and replied to questions from Councilmembers.

Discussion ensued regarding: the procedure for requesting buses and the cost range; who utilizes the buses; how to better advertise (in order to reach wider audiences and more schools); bus accommodations for the special needs community; raising the standards and quality of the buses provided to San Fernando; services and satisfaction of the vendors used (possibly contracting with a specific vendor); and maybe having the Education Commission handle bus requests.

By consensus, the City Council agreed that the Ad Hoc Committee on City Commissions is to look into these comments/concerns and report back with their findings and recommendations.

7) **CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE CITY COUNCIL POLICIES REGARDING CITY COUNCIL CONTACT AND CITY ATTORNEY SERVICES**

Motion by Vice Mayor Ballin, seconded by Councilmember Soto, to reconsider the approval of Consent Calendar Item No. 7 to allow City Manager Saeki to review the grammatical edits and proposed changes to both policies.

Motion by Vice Mayor Ballin, seconded by Councilmember Soto, to approve the policies as presented by staff. By consensus, the motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

8) **APPOINTMENT TO THE PLANNING AND PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

Motion by Councilmember Gonzales, seconded by Vice Mayor Ballin, to appoint Theale “Stormy” E. Haupt to the Planning and Preservation Commission as Councilmember Gonzales’ representative. By consensus, the motion carried.

9) **APPOINTMENT TO THE EDUCATION COMMISSION**

Motion by Councilmember Soto, seconded by Vice Mayor Ballin, to appoint Angel Zobel-Rodriguez to the Education Commission as his representative. By consensus, the motion carried.

10) **DISCUSSION REGARDING THE CITY ARBORIST**

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At the request of Councilmember Soto, this item was tabled.

11) CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL PROJECT UPDATE

City Manager Saeki gave an update and Councilmembers expressed their concerns.

Discussion ensued and Vice Mayor Ballin asked whether the California High-Speed Rail (HSR) Authority will allow for public comments and input at their May 26th meeting in San Fernando and if all of the activities at Las Palmas Park will be cancelled on that day to facilitate parking.

Councilmember Soto suggested distributing HSR information at functions where people congregate or holding sever park functions and workshops to educate the people.

City Manager Saeki talked about the 100 feet of right-of-way required by the HSR Authority and the businesses and properties that may be affected such as Starbucks, the bike path, and the César Chávez Memorial.

By consensus, staff was directed to check with HSR Authority staff on *how* the meeting will be structured (i.e., will it be interactive and allow for community involvement?), possibly seek an expert that may assist San Fernando with our argument, and, in the meantime, to try to get as many people to attend the meeting as possible.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION LIAISON UPDATES

Councilmember Lopez gave an update regarding a Metro meeting and Southern California Association of Governments workshop he attended that offered great networking opportunities.

Vice Mayor Ballin and Deputy City Manager/Public Works Director Marcarello gave updates regarding a recent Metropolitan Water District meeting and said there's another important meeting coming up on May 26th.

Mayor Fajardo gave an update regarding a HSR meeting that was held in Burbank and said the discussion included the Environmental Impact Report and the four proposed routes (including SR 14).

GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Soto said that the High-Speed Rail will be a major battle and he wants to see more people informed; not just through water bills and the newspaper but by taking advantage of places where people congregate and distribute information.

Mayor Fajardo and Vice Mayor Ballin thanked staff for their hard work on the budget.

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STAFF COMMUNICATION

None

ADJOURNMENT (7:16 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 May 18, 2015, meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.

Elena G. Chávez
City Clerk