

**SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**MAY 18, 2015 – 4:00 P.M.
SPECIAL MEETING**

City Hall Community Room
117 Macneil Street
San Fernando, CA 91340

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Joel Fajardo called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Present:

Council: Mayor Joel Fajardo, Vice Mayor Sylvia Ballin, and Councilmembers Robert C. Gonzales, Antonio Lopez, and Jaime Soto (arrived at 4:20 p.m.)

Staff: City Manager Brian Saeki, Assistant City Attorney Richard Padilla and City Clerk Elena G. Chávez

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Mayor Fajardo

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

City Manager Saeki reported that Closed Session Item B was pulled from the agenda and that Item A would be discussed prior to the Budget Study Session.

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

PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL

None

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION (4:01 P.M.)

By consensus, Councilmembers recessed to the following Closed Session as announced by Assistant City Attorney Padilla:

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- A) CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR
G.C. §54957.6
Designated City Negotiator: City Manager Brian Saeki

Employees and Employee Bargaining Units that are the Subject of Negotiation:
San Fernando Management Group (SEIU, Local 721)
San Fernando Public Employees' Association (SEIU, Local 721)
San Fernando Police Officers Association
San Fernando Police Officers Association Police Management Unit
San Fernando Police Civilian Association (SEIU, Local 721)
San Fernando Part-time Employees' Bargaining Unit (SEIU, Local 721)
All Unrepresented Employees

- B) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL TO DISCUSS MATTER OF EXISTING LITIGATION
G.C. 54956.9(d)(1)
Name of Case: Nicolas Garcia v. City of San Fernando
WCAB Case No.: ADJ8774710
Claim No.: 20100007SFE

This item was pulled under Approval of Agenda.

RECONVENE/REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION

Assistant City Attorney Padilla reported that the City Council was provided an update regarding Item A but no final action was taken.

STUDY SESSION

- 1) FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 BUDGET STUDY SESSION

City Manager Saeki presented the staff report and department representatives each gave brief presentations.

Discussion ensued and staff replied to various questions from Councilmembers.

Items discussed included: proposed budget enhancements (i.e., \$50,000 for High-Speed Rail outreach); inclusion of organizational charts in the budget book; priorities and accomplishments; budget versus actual, and consideration to provide small budgets for the City Commissions.

In response to the discussion regarding personnel, City Manager Saeki reported that all departments have stated that they are in need of personnel and he said a salary survey will be done soon that will help shed some light (staff could report back regarding a list of suggested changes to include in the next fiscal year).

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Mayor Fajardo agreed with Vice Mayor Ballin's comments regarding keeping the Mayor position as one to be rotated by Councilmembers and not voted on by the constituents. He inquired about past priorities that have not been addressed and said we need to make certain there's enough in the budget for on-going capital improvements (along with a "priority" list and timeline for the improvements).

City Manager Saeki reminded Councilmembers that the budget is not set in concrete; if, at any time during the year, something comes up and we need to make an appropriation, we can make necessary adjustments.

ADJOURNMENT (5:41 P.M.)

Motion by Councilmember Lopez, seconded by Councilmember Gonzales, to adjourn. By consensus, the meeting was adjourned.

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*