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At their April 20, 2015 meeting, the City Council began with the introduction of newly promoted Police Lieutenant Christian Colelli and Police Sergeant CJ Chiasson, the presentation of certificates recognizing the efforts of Leticia Chavez and Andrea Lemus for their work with the special needs community, and proclaiming April 24, 2015 as Arbor Day in San Fernando.

The City Council approved several items, including:

- A tuition discount program with the University of La Verne;
- A recreation sports proposal to be implemented in Fiscal Year 2015-2016 that will bring back several recreational programs (as well as introduce new programs) that had previously been cut due to budgetary constraints;
- A conceptual design to improve traffic safety and the overall look of the parking lot located on the corner of San Fernando Road and San Fernando Mission Boulevard;
- A letter to be sent to the California High-Speed Rail Authority Board of Directors stating the City's opposition to the proposed route through San Fernando; and
- The selection of Councilmember Antonio Lopez as the City's representative to serve on the Southern California Association of Governments Regional Council for District 67.

Administration Department The Solid Waste and Recycling Franchise Services Annual Review was also presented by City staff and the vendor, Republic Services.

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The City Council chose to postpone several items, including: amending the City Council Procedural Manual; discussion on an ordinance regarding the regulation of behested

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payments; discussion of a policy regarding City Council contacts; and discussion of a policy regarding City Attorney services.

The City Council also discussed the Municipal Quality Index Report and ultimately approved a Human Rights Campaign which proposes establishing a Human Rights Commission, with a liaison to the Mayor and City Manager, a liaison for the Police Department, inclusion on the City's website, and the implementation of a policy ensuring that vendors abide by City regulations regarding sexual orientation and gender identity, with non-discrimination.

The City Council adjourned the meeting in memory of Raymond Ojeda, a former San Fernando Mayor and City Councilmember who passed away on April 10, 2015.

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