

**SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**FEBRUARY 18, 2020 – 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 6:06 p.m.

Present:

Council: Mayor Joel Fajardo, Vice Mayor Hector A. Pacheco, and Councilmembers Sylvia Ballin (arrived at 6:14 p.m.), Robert C. Gonzales, and Mary Mendoza

Staff: City Manager Nick Kimball, Assistant City Attorney Richard Padilla, and City Clerk Elena G. Chávez

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Student of the Month Briana Villasenor

PRESENTATION

- a) CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION – STUDENT OF THE MONTH
- Briana Villasenor – Academy of Scientific Exploration

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

City Manager Kimball announced that Item No. 10 would be removed from the agenda.

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

PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL

Angel Cervantes, Morningside Elementary School, introduced the school's new principal, Lowell Bernstein, who talked about promoting the school and invited all to volunteer in an upcoming event regarding reading to the students.

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Francella Aguilar, Republic Services, reminded everyone of the bulky item and shredding services event available to City residents on Saturday at parking lot 6N.

Jess Perry-Martin, Cesar Chávez Learning Academies ArTES Magnet, asked that the City Council consider collaborating with the school and create a subgroup regarding murals.

Jeanette Ramirez (teacher) and several students also spoke in favor of a mural partnership and emphasized the importance of empowering students to express themselves by promoting art that will also help beautify our community.

Joe Ruelas talked about Kalisher Street being a “historical place”, murals, and properties that need to be revitalized.

Arturo Garcia, field representative for Assemblymember Luz Rivas, provided district information and updates on their activities.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Mendoza requested to pull Item No. 1 for further discussion.

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

- 2) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WARRANT REGISTER
- 3) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A SIDE LETTER OF AGREEMENT TO THE EXISTING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE SAN FERNANDO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES’ ASSOCIATION MAKING CHANGES TO THE CAFETERIA MEDICAL PLAN
- 4) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A SIDE LETTER OF AGREEMENT TO THE EXISTING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE SAN FERNANDO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES’ ASSOCIATION ESTABLISHING A DEFERRED COMPENSATION PROGRAM
- 5) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH KOA CORPORATION FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AND INSPECTION SERVICES FOR GLENOAKS BOULEVARD RESURFACING AND HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT SAFETY PROJECT FEDERAL PROJECT NO. HSIPL-5202(018), JOB NO. 7595
- 6) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT RESOLUTION INITIATING PROCEEDINGS AND ORDERING THE ENGINEER’S REPORT

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- 7) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2019–2020 SALARY PLAN TO IMPLEMENT NEGOTIATED WAGE ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE SAN FERNANDO POLICE OFFICERS’ ASSOCIATION – POLICE MANAGEMENT UNIT
- 8) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE AN AGREEMENT FOR SPECIAL SERVICES WITH LIEBERT CASSIDY WHITMORE
- 9) CONSIDERATION TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF CRADLEPOINT IBR900 WIRELESS MODEMS AND APPROVE A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 ADOPTED BUDGET

By consensus, the motion carried.

- 10) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING USER FEES AND CHARGES FOR SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Item No. 10 was removed under Approval of Agenda.

Item Pulled for Further Discussion

- 1) REQUEST TO APPROVE MINUTES OF:
 - a. MAY 9, 2016 – SPECIAL MEETING
 - b. JULY 18, 2016 – REGULAR MEETING
 - c. NOVEMBER 21, 2016 – REGULAR MEETING
 - d. MARCH 5, 2018 – REGULAR MEETING
 - e. SEPTEMBER 17, 2018 – REGULAR MEETING
 - f. DECEMBER 3, 2018 – SPECIAL MEETING

In response to Councilmember Mendoza’s question whether she could vote on minutes pertaining to a meeting she did not attend, Assistant City Attorney Padilla stated that she is not voting on the accuracy of the statements in minutes, only that they were presented properly, and she could vote to approve or abstain.

Motion by Mayor Fajardo, seconded by Councilmember Ballin, to approve the minutes.

The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES:	Pacheco, Gonzales, Mendoza, Ballin, Fajardo – 5
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

11) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION AND APPROVE AN INSTALLMENT SALE AGREEMENT TO PURCHASE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 13441 FOOTHILL BOULEVARD, LOS ANGELES

Director of Finance Diego Ibanez presented the staff report.

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

- a. Adopt Resolution No. 7985 approving an Installment Sale Agreement; and authorizing certain actions in connection therewith;
- b. Authorize the City Manager to execute an Installment Sale Agreement (Contract No. 1943) with JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.; and
- c. Authorize the City Manager to make non-substantive edits and execute all related documents.

By consensus, the motion carried.

12) PRESENTATION OF FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

Director of Finance Ibanez presented the staff report. He and City Manager Kimball replied to questions from Councilmembers.

No motion; by consensus, the presentation was received and filed.

13) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT AN URGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 1692 TO UPDATE THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO'S WATER POLICIES TO COMPLY WITH SENATE BILL 998 (SB 998)

Assistant City Attorney Padilla presented the staff report and replied to various questions from Councilmembers.

A brief discussion ensued amongst Councilmembers.

Motion by Mayor Fajardo, seconded by Councilmember Ballin, to:

- a. Waive full reading and adopt Urgency Ordinance No. 1692 by title, "An urgency ordinance of the City Council of the City of San Fernando, California, amending provisions of Article III (Water) of Chapter 94 (Utilities) of the San Fernando Municipal Code concerning the discontinuation of residential water service for Nonpayment", and

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- b. Authorize City Manager to direct staff to monitor issues, current policies and bring any other requirements related to SB 998 to the City Council at a future meeting.

The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Pacheco, Gonzales, Mendoza, Ballin, Fajardo – 5
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

14) **CONSIDERATION TO PREPARE A LETTER URGING THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM BOARD TO ADOPT A POLICY TO DIVEST FROM INVESTMENTS IN FOR-PROFIT PRISONS**

Motion by Councilmember Gonzales, seconded by Mayor Fajardo, to allow Councilmember Gonzales, and staff, to create a letter of support (verify whether Councilmembers would like to add their name/s), “send off”, and reach out to other Latino officials in the area to see if we can do a co-op. By consensus, the motion carried.

15) **DISCUSSION REGARDING CELEBRATING THE 100-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF WOMEN’S RIGHT TO VOTE**

Councilmember Ballin gave a brief presentation.

Motion by Councilmember Ballin, seconded by Vice Mayor Pacheco, to create an ad hoc (Ballin and Mendoza) to commemorate the 100th anniversary of women’s right to vote. By consensus, the motion carried.

16) **DISCUSSION REGARDING THE FORMATION OF AN AD HOC COMMITTEE PERTAINING TO CITY MURALS**

A brief discussion ensued amongst Councilmembers.

Motion by Councilmember Ballin, seconded by Councilmember Gonzales, to create a City Murals Ad Hoc Committee (Gonzales and Mendoza). By consensus, the motion carried.

17) **DISCUSSION REGARDING A GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER STIPEND**

Councilmember Ballin gave a brief presentation.

Motion by Councilmember Ballin, seconded by Mayor Fajardo, to approve a \$150 stipend for every meeting attended by the City’s representative to the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control, staff to prepare necessary documents, and bring back as Consent item at the next meeting. By consensus, the motion carried.

STAFF COMMUNICATION INCLUDING COMMISSION UPDATES

City Clerk Chávez announced that voting begins this Saturday, February 22nd (including San Fernando Library), the City has six Vote Centers, and she encouraged all to begin voting. She also reported the Education Commission scholarship deadline is Friday, February 21st

Director of Recreation and Community Services Julian Venegas announced upcoming events on Saturday, including the Heart, Mind, and Soul Health and Wellness Community Fair, and the Family Hike Program to meet at Wilson Canyon.

Deputy City Manager/Director of Community Development Timothy Hou talked about the American Foods and Flavors and Monster Beverage Corp. groundbreaking ceremony and he thanked Mayor Fajardo and Councilmembers Gonzales and Mendoza for attending.

Interim Public Works Director Martin Pastucha gave updates regarding the Republic Services bulky item pickup event on Saturday, and reported the Glenoaks Blvd. Rehabilitation and Traffic Improvement Project will begin early next month through September.

Director of Finance Ibanez reported the mid-year budget review will begin soon and staff is preparing for the Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget.

City Manager Kimball reported the Glenoaks Blvd. project will also include trees along Glenoaks Blvd., thanked community members for coming out and attending the Measure A Town Hall meeting, and encouraged all to visit the City's website to see how Measure A funds are used and to leave feedback.

GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS AND LIAISON UPDATES

In honor of Black History Month, Councilmember Ballin read quotes from Rosa Parks and Beyonce.

Councilmember Mendoza said she was glad to have participated in the groundbreaking of American Foods and Flavors and Monster Beverage Corp. and said the Town Hall meeting was very successful and well attended.

Councilmember Gonzales also talked about the Monster Beverage Corp. event, and gave details regarding the business, distribution center, and its 200 employees.

Vice Mayor Pacheco gave updates regarding the Southern California Association of Governments meeting he attended, the presentation reviewed proposed changes to the Los Angeles International Airport including the new people mover and consolidated rental car facility, and he reminded everyone to exercise their right to vote.

Mayor Fajardo thanked City Manager Kimball for the outstanding job done regarding the Town Hall meeting, but suggested holding these on non-Council meeting dates to allow attendees more time to ask questions and congregate afterwards. He also thanked Mr. Hou on an amazing job on

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the Monster Beverage Corp. ceremony. He talked about the East San Fernando Valley Corridor Project and, in response, City Manager Kimball reported that staff has been working closely with Metro staff and plan to schedule a study session soon.

ADJOURNMENT (7:41 P.M.)

Motion by Councilmember Gonzales, seconded by Councilmember Ballin, 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 February 18, 2020, meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.

Elena G. Chávez, CMC
City Clerk