

**SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**MARCH 3, 2014 – 6:00 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING**

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

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Antonio Lopez called the meeting to order at 6:39 p.m.

Present:

Council: Mayor Antonio Lopez, Mayor Pro Tem Sylvia Ballin, and Councilmembers Jesse H. Avila, Joel Fajardo, and Robert C. Gonzales

Staff: Interim City Manager Fred Ramirez, City Attorney Rick R. Olivarez, and City Clerk Elena G. Chávez

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Lopez

PRESENTATION

The following presentation was made:

- a) DENTAL ASSISTANTS RECOGNITION WEEK (MARCH 2-8)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL

The following individuals spoke in support of Item No. 7 - Health Campaign and Relay Race:

Frank Alvarez, Area Health Officer, County Department of Public Health

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Chelsea Yanagida, CSUN student
Audrey Simons, San Fernando Community Health Center
Joni Novosel
Steven Loy, CSUN faculty member

Jacqueline Serrano, Assemblymember Raul Bocanegra representative, spoke in support of Item No. 8 (Junior Legislator Program).

Juan Alcazar asked about the skate park that was “promised” to the skaters.

Jack Lindblad said he was running for State senate and talked about the drought, prison system crisis, no oil tax, restoring redline, and transit oriented development.

Oscar Barragan spoke in support of skaters and said it would be a good idea to build a skate park and keep the kids off the streets.

Oscar Vasquez, Cesar Chávez Learning Academy, talked about the Aspen Challenge program, building a partnership with the City and engaging the community.

Elizabeth Torres and Destiny Medina, Cesar Chávez Learning Academy, talked about using City facilities for school events.

(Female speaker) said her son attends “the boxing gym” and said it was a great program to keep the kids off the streets.

(Female speaker) invited everyone to come look at their boxing club program for youth and suggested maybe they could use the City’s facilities.

In response to Mayor Lopez’s request for an update, Interim City Manager Ramirez reported that at one time, City Council proposed a skate plaza at the corner of Fourth St. and Park Ave., but the estimates of the overall project were between \$250,000 to \$500,000.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Councilmember Fajardo, seconded by Councilmember Avila, to approve the Consent Calendar Item:

- 1) REQUEST TO APPROVE WARRANT REGISTER NO. 14-031

By consensus, the motion carried.

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PUBLIC HEARING

- 2) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT AN URGENCY ORDINANCE NO. U-1631, ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE 2014 EDITION OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES FIRE CODES AS THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO FIRE CODES

Interim City Manager Ramirez presented the staff report and responded to questions from Councilmembers.

City Attorney Olivarez addressed the applicable Government Code Sections 36934 and 36937 relative to authorization of City Council to adopt an emergency ordinance, noted a 4/5ths vote is required and the urgency ordinance becomes effective immediately.

Mayor Lopez declared the Public Hearing open and called for public testimony.

Linda Jauron spoke in support of the ordinance, noting it will make the City safer and easier for departments to work together.

There being no other speakers, Mayor Lopez closed the public comment portion of the Hearing.

Motion by Councilmember Avila, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ballin, to waive full reading and adopt Urgency Ordinance No. U-1631 by title, “An Urgency Ordinance of the City Council of the City of San Fernando Amending the San Fernando City Code to Adopt by Reference the 2014 Edition of the City of Los Angeles Fire Code Together with Certain Amendments, Deletions, and Additions, and Declaring the Urgency Thereof in Accordance with Government Code Sections 36934 and 36937”.

The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Lopez, Avila, Ballin, Gonzales, Fajardo – 5
NOES: None

NEW BUSINESS

- 3) FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2013-2014 MID-YEAR BUDGET REVIEW

Interim City Manager Ramirez gave background information and deferred to staff for a report.

Interim Finance Director Rafaela King presented the report, and both replied to questions from Councilmembers.

Discussion ensued regarding proposed adjustments, addressing shortfalls, the need to continue being conservative, deferring specific projects but needing to maintain a certain level of service, an existing outstanding balance with Crown Disposal, being proactive in attracting business to the City, developing options to address shortfalls and working collaboratively to find solutions

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including cutting expenses, reviewing MOU's, considering different revenue sources, and finding long-term solutions.

Interim City Manager Ramirez suggested returning with a report in April to include feedback and options for the current budget and for long-term implementation.

Motion by Councilmember Gonzales, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ballin, to receive and file the FY 2013-14 Mid-Year Budget and adopt Resolution No. 7593 amending the FY 2013-2014 City Budget. By consensus, the motion carried.

4) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LIGHT EMITTING DIODE (LED) LIGHTING – STREET LIGHT FIXTURE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

Interim Public Works Director Marlene Miyoshi presented the staff report. Both she and Interim City Manager Ramirez replied to questions from Councilmembers.

Discussion ensued regarding the quality of the proposed replacement lighting, the timeline for replacing the lights, funding sources, the possibility of grant funding, safety lights, planning for future developments, bike paths, City-owned and Southern California Edison-owned lights and engaging Edison to switch to LED lighting.

Motion by Councilmember Gonzales, seconded by Councilmember Avila, to approve implementation of the Light Emitting Diode (LED) Lighting-Street Light Fixture Replacement Program that will allow for the replacement of City-owned street lights using High Pressure Sodium Vapor and Induction lighting with energy efficient LED lighting fixtures, as funds become available or routine maintenance dictates repairs and/or replacements are needed. By consensus, the motion carried.

5) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE USE OF PROPOSITION 1B (PROP 1B) FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2013-2014 CROSSWALK STRIPING PROJECT

Interim Public Works Director Miyoshi presented the staff report. Both she and Interim City Manager Ramirez replied to questions from Councilmembers.

Discussion followed regarding the proposed types of striping and appropriation of State funds.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Ballin, seconded by Councilmember Avila, to approve Resolution No. 7592 amending the FY 2013-2014 Budget to appropriate \$22,380 in Prop 1B funds to undertake the Crosswalk Striping Project at eight locations within the City. By consensus, the motion carried.

6) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2014-2015 LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT RESOLUTION INITIATING PROCEEDINGS AND ORDERING THE ENGINEER'S REPORT

Interim Public Works Director Miyoshi presented the staff report.

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Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Ballin, seconded by Councilmember Avila, to:

- a. Adopt Resolution No. 7590 initiating the proceedings for the FY 2014-2015 Levy of Annual Assessments for the Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District; and
- b. Order the preparation of the Engineer's Report.

By consensus, the motion carried.

7) **CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO HEALTH CAMPAIGN AND 5K RELAY RACE**

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

Discussion ensued regarding the benefits of the proposal, making this a community event where everyone can participate, donations and sponsorships.

Motion by Councilmember Gonzales, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ballin, to:

- a. Authorize the Interim City Manager to allocate City staff to begin plans for implementing the City of San Fernando Health Campaign and 5K Race (Health Campaign);
- b. Authorize the Interim City Manager to Execute a Letter of Agreement with W2 Promotions to provide production services for the 5K Relay Race for an amount not to exceed \$6,000; and
- c. Authorize the Interim City Manager to Execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Valley Care Community Consortium to provide fiscal sponsorship for the Health Campaign.

By consensus, the motion carried.

8) **CONSIDERATION TO CO-SPONSOR ASSEMBLYMEMBER RAUL BOCANEGRA'S JUNIOR LEGISLATOR PROGRAM**

Interim City Manager Ramirez presented a brief staff report.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Ballin, seconded by Councilmember Avila, to:

- a. Approve City co-sponsorship of Assemblymember Raul Bocanegra's Junior Legislator Program; and
- b. Approve the use of the City Council Chambers and two eight-foot tables on March 29, 2014, for said program.

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By consensus, the motion carried.

9) **CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE BASEBALL FIELDS AND CONCESSION STAND LICENSE AGREEMENTS FOR YOUTH BASEBALL LEAGUES**

Recreation and Community Services Operations Manager Aguila presented the staff report and replied to questions from Councilmembers.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Ballin, seconded by Councilmember Gonzales, to:

- a. Authorize the Interim City Manager to execute a Baseball Fields and Concession Stand License Agreement (Contract No. 1735) with Santa Rosa Baseball League (SRBL) to grant access to use park facilities at Las Palmas Park; and
- b. Authorize the Interim City Manager to execute a Baseball Fields and Concession Stand License Agreement (Contract No. 1736) with San Fernando National Little League (SFNL) to grant access to use park facilities at Pioneer/Recreation Park.

By consensus, the motion carried.

10) **CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF CITY MANAGER CANDIDATE AND RELATED RATIFICATION AND FINAL ACTION TO APPROVE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT FOR CITY MANAGER PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 53262 AND 54956**

City Attorney Olivarez presented the staff report.

Discussion followed regarding the interview and evaluation process.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Ballin, seconded by Councilmember Avila, to approve the appointment of City Manager Brian Saeki and related ratification and final action to approve employment agreement for City Manager pursuant to Government Code Sections 53262 and 54956. By consensus, the motion carried.

GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Avila thanked staff and looked forward to working with the new City Manager Brian Saeki.

Councilmember Gonzales also thanked staff for their hard work and stated he is excited to have Mr. Saeki on board to continue the good work.

Mayor Pro Tem Ballin said the director positions need to be filled as soon as possible and in response to her question, Interim City Manager Ramirez said that staff could report back with an update in April.

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STAFF COMMUNICATION

Interim City Manager Ramirez commended City staff for their help, expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to serve as the Interim City Manager, and requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Frida Deibel.

Jack Weis, Battalion 12, presented an update of calls for service in February related to the Fire Department and addressed significant incidents and events.

ADJOURNMENT (9:20 P.M.)

Mayor Lopez called for a moment of silence in memory of Frida Deibel.

By consensus, the meeting was adjourned.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of March 3, 2014, meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.

Cynthia Alba
Deputy City Clerk/Management Analyst