

**SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**October 7, 2013 – 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 6:06 p.m.

Present:

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

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

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Sylvia Ballin

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Lopez

PRESENTATIONS

The following presentation was made:

A) PARKS COMMISSION – SANTA ROSA YOUTH MINISTRY

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL

Ricardo Benites, Sylmar, said he visited the San Fernando Museum and suggested that the City do better advertising (bigger signs).

John Blue inquired about a policy on how the City Council's mail is handled.

Maria Carrillo invited everyone to an upcoming book sale event at the San Fernando Library.

(Male Speaker – did not state name) congratulated Councilmember Gonzales for competing in a recent swim event and, in response to his comment, staff reported that 10 local schools currently use the Pool Facility.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Councilmember Avila, seconded by Councilmember Gonzales, to approve the following Consent Calendar Items:

- 1) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF:
 - a) FEBRUARY 25, 2013 – SPECIAL MEETING
 - b) SEPTEMBER 16, 2013 – REGULAR MEETING
- 2) APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTER NO. 13-101
- 3) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 7561 APPROVING QUIMBY FUNDS FOR VIRTUAL PATROL SYSTEM UPGRADES

By consensus, the motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

- 4) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 1628 AMENDING CHAPTER 106 TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE REVIEW AND ISSUANCE OF DENSITY BONUSES FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS IN COMPLIANCE WITH STATE HOUSING LAW

Assistant Planner Edgar Arroyo presented the staff report.

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

John Blue talked about Senate Bill 1818 and believes that anything having to do with the bill should be closely monitored.

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In response to the speaker's comments, Community Development Director Fred Ramirez reported that under the Housing Element, the City must annually report to the State (the information reported is also listed on the City Manager's monthly report to the City Council).

There being no further comments, Mayor Lopez closed the public comment portion of the Hearing.

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

- a) Adopt Resolution No. 7565 adopting the Initial Study and Negative Declaration for the proposed adoption of a Density Bonus Ordinance Amending City Code Chapter 106 (Zoning) and implementing Housing Element Program No. 9; and
- b) Introduce for first reading, in title only, and waive further reading of Ordinance No. 1628 "An Ordinance of the City of San Fernando, California, Amending Chapter 106 (Zoning) of the San Fernando City Code to Establish Division 15 to Article VI to Create the Required Regulations to Allow the City to Provide Increased Density for Housing Developments that Incorporate a Percentage of the Units of a Project as Affordable Units, As Required For Compliance with State Density Bonus Law".

The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Lopez, Avila, Fajardo, Gonzales – 4
NOES: None
ABSENT: Ballin – 1

- 5) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 1629 AMENDING CHAPTER 106 TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE ISSUANCE OF REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS IN COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL AND STATE HOUSING LAW

Assistant Planner Arroyo presented the staff report.

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

John Blue suggested that the City use the phrase "granny garages" which would help the public to better understand this issue.

(Male Speaker – did not state name) said that illegal garage conversions currently exist and legal action taken should be consistent with City ordinances.

There being no further comments, Mayor Lopez closed the public comment portion of the Hearing.

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In response to the speaker's comments, Community Development Director Ramirez clarified that current language in the City Code does reference granny flats which is different than the code provisions for a second dwelling units.

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

- a) Approve Resolution No. 7566 adopting the Initial Study and Negative Declaration for the proposed adoption of a Reasonable Accommodation Ordinance amending City Code Chapter 106 (Zoning); and
- b) Introduce for first reading, in title only, and waive further reading of Ordinance No. 1629 "An Ordinance of the City of San Fernando, California, Amending Chapter 106 (Zoning) of the San Fernando City Code to Establish Division 16 to Article VI to Provide the Required Regulations to Allow the City to Review and Facilitate the Issuance of Reasonable Accommodations to Persons with Disabilities, as Required by Federal and State Housing Law".

The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES:	Lopez, Avila, Fajardo, Gonzales – 4
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Ballin – 1

GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Avila thanked Mayor Lopez, Councilmember Fajardo, and staff for hosting and assisting with the recent workshop regarding foreign trade zones. He also suggested that City Commissions give the City Council occasional updates as to what they are working on.

Councilmember Gonzales thanked everyone who supported him on the Alcatraz Race swim event.

Mayor Lopez: 1) said it was honorable that Councilmember Gonzales took part in an event that raised money for scholarships; 2) thanked Councilmember Fajardo for putting together the foreign trade zone event (and thanked Community Development Director Ramirez for assisting at the last minute); and 3) reported that he attended the L.A. Fire Commission meeting recently and the fire contract with the City of L.A. will be moving forward for L.A. City Council approval.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

Community Development Director Ramirez gave an update regarding recent power outages and stated that Interim Public Works Director Bob Dickey was able to identify and address the

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issues. As far as planned outages, staff is having on-going communications SC Edison to provide additional outreach and dissemination of information to the public.

ADJOURNMENT (7:14 P.M.)

By consensus, the meeting was adjourned.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of October 7, 2013 meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.

Elena G. Chávez
City Clerk