

**SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**MARCH 11, 2014 – 5:00 P.M.
SPECIAL MEETING**

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

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Pro Tem Sylvia Ballin called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Present:

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

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

Absent: Mayor Antonio Lopez

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Ballin

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL

Linda Campanella Jauron spoke about her experience on the Transportation Commission and spoke in support of more bicycle paths in the City.

Elizabeth Ruvalcaba spoke in support of bicycle paths in the community for increased public safety.

STUDY SESSION

1) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE PACOIMA WASH BIKEWAY PROJECT GRANT APPLICATION SUBMITTALS

Interim Public Works Director Marlene Miyoshi presented the staff report.

Discussion followed regarding working closely with Metro for project sponsors, the possibility of a bicycle path to Mission College, seeking other potential funding sources, use of Measure R funds for this project, the required matching funds, phases of the project, efforts to cut costs, considering long-term maintenance costs, timeline for approval/rejection of the City's application, landscaping, lighting, the possibility of implementing virtual patrol, challenges with staffing shortages, the City's existing budget shortfalls, additional items that will need consideration and responsibilities of other agencies.

Discussion ensued regarding including virtual patrol in the cost of the project for the grant application, the width of the bicycle path, challenges with staffing in the Police Department, updating cost estimates, the need to consider flooding in the area, restrictions and long-term obligations, the need for more time to study the issue, directing engineers to focus on minimal maintenance when designing the path, getting feedback from County Supervisors and benefits of the project to the City of San Fernando.

Staff was directed to continue the item until March 17, 2014, when the full Council is present, without objection.

ADJOURNMENT (6:10 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 March 11, 2014 meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.

*Cynthia Alba
Deputy City Clerk/Management Analyst*