

**CITY OF SAN FERNANDO
CITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING – 6:00 P.M.
MONDAY, MAY 19, 2025**

**CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
117 MACNEIL STREET
SAN FERNANDO, CALIFORNIA 91340**

**COUNCILMEMBER JOEL FAJARDO
REMOTE TELECONFERENCE LOCATION
74 BRANDON DRIVE
GOLETA, CA 93117**

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL – REGULAR MEETING

6:00 P.M. (OPEN SESSION)

Mayor Mary Mendoza called the regular meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Present: Council: Mayor Mary Mendoza, Vice Mayor Mary Solorio, and Councilmembers Joel Fajardo (Via Remote Location), Victoria Garcia, and Patty Lopez

Staff: City Manager Nick Kimball, City Attorney Richard Padilla, Police Chief Fabian Valdez, Director of Administrative Services Erica Melton, Director of Public Works Wendell Johnson, Director of Recreation and Community Services Julio Salcedo, and City Clerk Julia Fritz

Absent: None

TELECONFERENCING REQUESTS/DISCLOSURE

None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by City Clerk Julia Fritz

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilmember Fajardo, seconded by Vice Mayor Solorio to approve the agenda. The motion carried, unanimously.

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PRESENTATIONS

- A. PRESENTATION OF EDUCATION COMMISSION CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION FOR MAY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH FOR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT
 - Emma Luna (G3 - Vaughn Next Century Learning Center)
 - Jadon Romero (Glenoaks Christian Schools)
- B. PRESENTATION OF A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO PAYASITO TOCOOTIN SHOWW FOR VOLUNTEER PARTICIPATION IN THE "DÍA DEL NIÑO" CELEBRATION EVENT
- C. PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION TO VOLUNTEERS THAT PARTICIPATED IN THE "DÍA DEL NIÑO" CELEBRATION EVENT
 - Blanca Estela Mejia/Minnie
 - Moises Aroldo Mejia/Pluto
 - Francisco Rodriguez/Mickey
 - Dolores Rodriguez
- D. PRESENTATION OF A CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION TO TERESA RUIZ FOR HER CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY
- E. ANNUAL RECOGNITION
 - NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK - MAY 18, 2025 TO MAY 24, 2025

PUBLIC STATEMENTS

Adriana Gomez spoke regarding Agenda Item No. 11 and is opposed to the award of contract to Black and White Towing.

Damiana Cano spoke in support of the Annual Flag Raising event and commented on implementing tobacco retail licenses in the City.

Marcos Tapia mentioned that an informational meeting by Metro will be held at San Fernando Middle School this upcoming Thursday regarding the East San Fernando Valley Light Rail Transit Project.

Kevin Perez spoke in support of the Annual Flag Raising event and commented on the impacts from tobacco use in the LGBTQ+ community.

Lupita Gonzalez is opposed to the Outdoor Market and mentioned mall business owners are also opposed to the market.

Dolores Rodriguez offered a prayer.

Paulina Torres, Field Deputy Representative from Los Angeles County Supervisor Horvath’s office, spoke about a recent informational immigration town hall and provided updates on the activities of Supervisor Horvath’s office.

Gus Villela, Field Representative from Assemblymember Rodriguez’s office, provided an update on legislative activities.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Fajardo requested to pull Agenda Item 11 for discussion.

Councilmember Garcia requested to pull Agenda Item 3, 6 and 10 for discussion.

Councilmember Lopez requested to pull Agenda Item 1 and stated she would be abstaining from consideration.

Motion by Vice Mayor Solorio, seconded by Councilmember Fajardo to approve:

- 1) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES:
 - a. July 16, 2008 – CC Special Meeting
 - b. July 16, 2008 – RA Special Meeting

The motion carried by the following vote:

ROLL CALL

AYES:	Garcia, Fajardo, Solorio, Mendoza - 4
NAYES:	None
ABSTAIN:	Lopez - 1
ABSENT:	None

Motion by Councilmember Fajardo, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to:

- 2) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WARRANT REGISTER
- 4) CONSIDERATION TO AUTHORIZE SUBMITTAL OF A SUBAPPLICATION, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR’S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES, FOR THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY’S HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM
- 5) CONSIDERATION TO AUTHORIZE SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE LA84 FOUNDATION’S WORLD CUP 2026– EXTRAORDINARY IMPACT GRANT
- 7) CONSIDERATION TO AWARD A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT TO STAGE PLUS TO PROVIDE STAGE AND SOUND PRODUCTION FOR THE CITY’S SPECIAL EVENTS HELD IN FISCAL YEARS 2025-2026 THROUGH 2027-2028

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- 8) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTIONS APPROVING THE ENGINEER’S REPORT, AND DECLARING THE CITY’S INTENTION TO ORDER THE ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS AND SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE LEVY OF ASSESSMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT
- 9) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A SECOND READING TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 1734 AMENDING CHAPTER 74 (STREETS, SIDEWALKS, AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES) OF THE SAN FERNANDO MUNICIPAL CODE IN ITS ENTIRETY

The motion carried, unanimously.

Motion by Councilmember Fajardo, seconded by Vice Mayor Solorio to approve:

- 3) RECEIVE AND FILE STATUS UPDATES FOR ENHANCEMENTS, PROJECTS, AND CITY COUNCIL PRIORITIES
- 6) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF CERTAIN OBSOLETE RECORDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CITY’S RECORDS RETENTION SCHEDULE FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND DISPOSITION OF RECORDS
- 10) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH ENTERPRISE FLEET MANAGEMENT THROUGH SOURCEWELL FOR THE PURCHASE OF EIGHT VEHICLES UTILIZED BY THE WATER DIVISION, ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE THE FUNDS, AND APPROVE DISPOSITION OF THE SURPLUS CITY-OWNED VEHICLES BEING REPLACED
- 11) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A FRANCHISE AGREEMENT TO BLACK & WHITE TOW, INC. FOR VEHICLE TOWING AND VEHICLE STORAGE SERVICES

The motion carried by the following vote:

ROLL CALL

AYES:	Garcia, Fajardo, Solorio, Mendoza - 4
NAYES:	None
ABSTAIN:	Lopez - 1
ABSENT:	None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- 12) RECEIVE A PRESENTATION REGARDING THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A CITYWIDE RESIDENTIAL PARKING PERMIT PROGRAM

Interim Management Analyst Isabella Tapia presented the staff report and responded to Councilmember questions.

By consensus, the City Council directed staff to return to a future meeting with a proposed Ordinance for consideration.

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It was noted that the City Council recessed the meeting at 8:18 p.m. and reconvened at 8:32 p.m. with all Councilmembers present.

13) DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION TO RENAME THE ANNUAL PRIDE FLAG RAISING CEREMONY IN MEMORY OF MATTHEW SHEPARD AND RELATED MATTERS

Councilmember Fajardo presented the staff report and responded to Councilmember questions.

By consensus, the City Council directed staff to rename the “Annual Pride Flag Raising Ceremony” to the “Annual Pride Flag Raising Ceremony in Memory of Matthew Shepard” and going forward to hold the event on the first Saturday in June beginning at 10:30 a.m. and continue to raise the Pride Flag on June 1 annually at City Hall.

14) DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST TO CO-SPONSOR AND USE OF CITY SEAL FOR THE SAN FERNANDO OUTDOOR MARKET IN JUNE HOSTED BY THE MALL ASSOCIATION

Motion by Councilmember Solorio, seconded by Councilmember Fajardo to approve the co-sponsorship of the June Outdoor Market, not waive the hard costs and labor of public works staff and to pay for the hard costs through the Special District 2 Mall Association Account. The motion carried, unanimously.

15) DISCUSSION OF FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 BUDGET STUDY SESSION NO. 1

By consensus, the City Council continued the item to the May 27, 2025 Special meeting.

STAFF COMMUNICATION INCLUDING COMMISSION UPDATES

City Clerk Fritz provided an update on candidate applications received towards appointment to the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District Board of Directors.

Deputy City Manager/Economic Development Kith had no updates to report.

Director of Recreation and Community Services Salcedo provided updates associated with summer programming activities.

Director of Public Works Johnson reported on having a meeting to discuss park maintenance issues.

Director of Community Development Ramirez had no updates to report.

Director of Administrative Services Melton spoke about the City’s URL address will soon be changing from sfcity.org to sanfernando.gov.

Police Chief Valdez announced that a DUI checkpoint will be conducted this weekend and reminded citizens that citations are being issued regarding violations associated with the new daylighting law.

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City Manager Kimball mentioned information is being gathered regarding hosting an immigration forum.

GENERAL CITY COUNCIL/BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND LIAISON UPDATES

Councilmember Fajardo spoke about potentially agendizing a discussion regarding contract negotiations at an ad hoc committee meeting.

Councilmember Garcia mentioned she attended various memorial day events and noted she attended the California Contract Cities Annual Municipal Seminar where she was sworn in to the Executive Board.

Councilmember Lopez mentioned she attended the California Contract Cities Annual Municipal Seminar and noted that she would be bringing a potential candidate for commissioner appointment to the Transportation and Public Safety Commission, to the City Council in June.

Vice Mayor Solorio reported graduating from the Latino Leaders Fellowship Program, attended the United Change of Corner Inspirational Leaders women luncheon, the City's immigration forum, the Senior festival, Los Angeles Mission College Culinary Cup, the Southern California 2025 Woman Leadership event, a school rally and thanked staff for assisting families in need of social services.

Mayor Mendoza had no updates to report.

ADJOURNMENT (9:59 p.m.)

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the May 19, 2025, Regular meeting and approved by the San Fernando City Council at the meeting of August 4, 2025.

Julia Fritz, CMC
City Clerk