

**SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**JUNE 1, 2015 – 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 6:03 p.m.

Present:

Council: Mayor Joel Fajardo, Vice Mayor Sylvia Ballin, and Councilmembers Robert C. Gonzales, Antonio Lopez, and Jaime Soto

Staff: City Manager Brian Saeki, City Attorney Rick R. Olivarez, and City Clerk Elena G. Chávez

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Police Explorer Jose Figueroa

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL

Linda Campanella-Jauron talked about the recent High-Speed Rail (HSR) protest rally at Las Palmas Park and suggested that next time, there be a “call to action”.

Celia Hernández talked about over population and parking issues in her neighborhood and suggested that a parking permit program would help increase revenues and stop the illegal practice of people renting rooms.

John Arroyo talked about the need for a new bus stop at Seventh St. and Maclay Ave. (big hole in the street) and the need to fix other streets in the City.

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Jesse Avila also talked about the recent HSR Authority meeting at Las Palmas Park and that staff should be given instructions on how to deal with these types of meetings in the future.

Houman Salem, small business owner, talked about his concerns regarding Item No. 4 and said that increasing minimum wage in the City of San Fernando would make it impossible for him to continue to do business here.

Patrick Aroft said he acquired Northridge Mills in the City approximately three years ago and employs 150 locals. He asked that the Council start a dialogue with business owners within the community for their input.

John Blue talked about a High-Speed Rail train in Spain and said that engineers here do not know what they're doing.

Mary Mendoza acknowledged Vice Mayor Ballin and Councilmember Soto for taking a lead against the High-Speed Rail SR-14 and suggested that a link on the City's website with the information would be helpful to residents.

Pilar Enriquez talked about the lack of parking and asked that Council consider restructuring Maclay Ave. to create more parking to help bring in businesses.

Ricardo Benitez, office of Assemblymember Patty Lopez, said they're open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Saturdays, and said let's work together.

Miguel Montanez talked about the recent HSR meeting (thanked Vice Mayor Ballin and Councilmember Soto for their support) and spoke about the upcoming HSR Authority meeting in Los Angeles on June 9th.

Julie Cuellar, Relay for Life Chair, gave an update regarding the upcoming event on July 11th and thanked those that have shown support.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- 1) REQUEST TO APPROVE MINUTES OF:
 - a. MAY 18, 2015 – SPECIAL MEETING
 - b. MAY 18, 2015 – REGULAR MEETING
- 2) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 15-061 APPROVING THE WARRANT REGISTER

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- 3) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT REACHED IN *STATE OF CALIFORNIA EX REL. DAVID SHERWIN V. OFFICE DEPOT, INC.* LASC NO. BC410135

By consensus, the motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- 4) UPDATE REGARDING THE RECENT ACTION BY THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES TO INCREASE THE MINIMUM WAGE

Finance Director Nick Kimball presented the staff report.

Discussion ensued amongst Councilmembers and staff.

By consensus, staff was directed to develop an outreach plan (including holding a workshop) for the business community and to continue working on the cost-of-doing-business study and analysis.

- 5) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 1642 UPDATING THE CITY CODE, ARTICLE III, STORMWATER AND URBAN RUNOFF POLLUTION CONTROL

Public Works Administrative Analyst Kenneth Jones provided an overview. Deputy City Manager/Public Works Director Chris Marcarello replied to questions from Councilmembers.

Motion by Vice Mayor Ballin, seconded by Councilmember Gonzales, to introduce for first reading, in title only, and waive further reading of Ordinance No. 1642 titled, “An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of San Fernando Amending Article III, Stormwater and Urban Runoff Pollution Control Low Impact Development Requirements Pursuant to the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit Requirements for the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System.” By consensus, the motion carried.

- 6) DISCUSSION REGARDING THE CITY ARBORIST

At the request of Councilmember Soto, this item was tabled.

- 7) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE USE OF THE CITY SEAL IN ADVERTISING MATERIAL FOR A LGBTQ AWARENESS EVENT

Mayor Fajardo and City Manager Saeki gave a brief update and replied to questions from Councilmembers.

Motion by Mayor Fajardo, seconded by Councilmember Lopez, to allow use of the City Seal (i.e., sponsorship) in advertising material for the upcoming LGBTQ Awareness Event to be held in the City. By consensus, the motion carried.

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8) CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL PROJECT UPDATE

Mayor Fajardo gave an update and discussion ensued regarding the upcoming HSR Authority meeting in Los Angeles on June 9th, transporting residents to and from the event (using Prop A funds for buses), outreach to the community, and allocating additional funds for promoting the event.

By consensus, staff was directed to proceed with the canvassing of the petition, allocate \$6,000 for outreach, and coordinate buses (for staff and interested community members) for the June 9th meeting in Los Angeles.

9) DISCUSSION REGARDING THE CITY’S SANITARY MANAGEMENT PLAN

Deputy City Manager/Public Works Director Marcarello gave an overview regarding the City’s Sanitary Management Plan.

Councilmember Soto gave a presentation and expressed his concerns regarding the state of the City’s sewer system. He demanded an immediate moratorium on development and the Transit Oriented Development. He said that developers need to upgrade infrastructure before projects are signed off and asked who is accountable. He requested an explanation regarding the lack of reporting to the State Waste Discharge and said it merits an investigation and evaluation of our City procedures.

Discussion ensued and staff was directed to report back with a full report regarding the items and concerns discussed.

In response to questions from Councilmembers, City Attorney Olivarez reported that the City Council cannot take action regarding a moratorium at this time. An urgency ordinance needs to be brought forth to the Council (the ordinance would require a four-fifths vote).

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION LIAISON UPDATES

Councilmember Gonzales gave an update regarding the Independent Cities Association meeting. He also talked about his LA County Library meeting where he learned that with an LA County library card, people can rent movies through Hoopla and take classes for certification (i.e., technology, marketing, computer skills, and other various courses).

Councilmember Lopez gave an update regarding the Metro meeting he recently attended.

Deputy City Manager/Public Works Director Marcarello gave an update on the Disaster Council meeting and the Jensen Plant tour.

Mayor Fajardo gave an update regarding a meeting of the San Fernando Valley Council of Governments.

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GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Soto thanked Police Chief Tony Vairo for a recent tour of the police station and recommended that Councilmembers visit as well.

Councilmember Gonzales talked about the upcoming Relay for Life Event and encouraged everyone to sign up.

Vice Mayor Ballin spoke about the recent HSR Authority meeting held at Las Palmas Park and said that the City received a lot of positive publicity for speaking out against the HSR Project. She thanked those that helped put together the rally.

Mayor Fajardo also talked about rally and said that the net affect was that it drew attention to the City of San Fernando.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

City Manager Saeki reported that staff is working on an emergency operations procedure.

ADJOURNMENT (8:54 P.M.)

Motion by Councilmember Gonzales, seconded by Councilmember Lopez, 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 June 1, 2015, meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.

Elena G. Chávez
City Clerk