CITY OF SAN FERNANDO
CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING – 5:00 P.M
REGULAR MEETING – 6:00 P.M.
MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2026

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

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL – SPECIAL MEETING **5:00 P.M. (CLOSED SESSION)**

Mayor Victoria Garcia called the Special Meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Present:

Council: Mayor Victoria Garcia, Vice Mayor Patty Lopez, and Councilmembers Mary Mendoza, and Sean M. Rivas

Staff: City Manager Kanika Kith and City Attorney Richard Padilla

Absent: None

TELECONFERENCING REQUEST Mary Solorio

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilmember Rivas, seconded by Vice Mayor Lopez to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried, unanimously.

PUBLIC STATEMENTS None

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION (5:01 P.M.)

By consensus, Councilmembers recessed to Closed Session.

A) CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(D)(1) – EXISTING LITIGATION

Case Name: Rene Lupercio vs City of San Fernando
Case No.: 2:24-CV-06321-CBM-JPR

RECONVENED FROM SPECIAL MEETING AND REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Padilla noted no reportable action as a result of the Closed Session meeting.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL – REGULAR MEETING 6:00 P.M. (OPEN SESSION)

Mayor Victoria Garcia called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Council: Mayor Victoria Garcia, Vice Mayor Patty Lopez, and Councilmembers Mary Mendoza, Mary Solorio and Sean M. Rivas

Staff: City Manager Kanika Kith, City Attorney Richard Padilla, Interim Police Chief Anthony Miranda, Director of Recreation and Community Services Julio Salcedo, Director of Community Development Ron Garcia, Director of Public Works Bonnie Tam, 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 Mendoza, seconded by Councilmember Rivas to approve the agenda. The motion carried, unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

A) PRESENTATION AND UPDATE FROM LOS ANGELES COUNTY VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT

PUBLIC STATEMENTS

Salvador Acevedo submitted correspondence and spoke regarding concerns with Agenda Item No. 9.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Councilmember Rivas, seconded by Vice Mayor Lopez to approve the Consent Calendar:

1) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WARRANT REGISTER

2) RECEIVE AND FILE STATUS UPDATES FOR CITY PROJECTS AND CITY COUNCIL PRIORITIES

3) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS FOR ADMINISTRATION AND COST SHARING FOR IMPLEMENTING THE COORDINATED INTEGRATED MONITORING PROGRAM AND WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE UPPER LOS ANGELES RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT AREA

4) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BAKER TILLY ADVISORY GROUP, LLP FOR FISCAL MODEL AND FINANCIAL HEALTH INDICATORS DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

5) RECEIVE AND FILE AN UPDATE ON THE SAFE & BEAUTIFUL SAN FERNANDO WORK PLAN

6) RECEIVE AND FILE THE DOWNTOWN MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

The motion carried, unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

9) RECEIVE AND FILE A PRESENTATION ON THE CITY'S PENSION AND OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS LIABILITIES AND CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX RATE REQUIRED TO MEET THE CITY'S OBLIGATION TO THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027

Director of Administrative Services Erica Melton presented the staff report and responded to Councilmember questions.

Motion by Councilmember Solorio, seconded by Councilmember Mendoza to receive and file a presentation on the City's Pension and Other Post-Employment Benefit Liabilities. The motion carried, unanimously.

Motion by Councilmember Solorio, seconded by Councilmember Rivas to adopt Resolution No. 8481 establishing the amount necessary to be raised by taxation for the City's annual payment to the California Public Employees' Retirement System; adjust the property tax rate for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 to $0.180471 per $100 of assessed valuation; and authorize staff to submit the required tax rate input forms to the County of Los Angeles to levy the tax rate on all taxable property in the City, as amended to come back in December ahead of the mid-year budget to review the financial forecast with available ways to fund the liability. The motion failed, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL

AYES:	Rivas, Solorio - 2
NAYES:	Mendoza, Lopez - 2
ABSTAIN:	Garcia - 1
ABSENT:	None

It was noted that the City Council recessed the meeting at 7:46 p.m. and reconvened at 8:03 p.m. with all Councilmembers present.

Councilmember Solorio requested a recess at 8:03 p.m. to confer with the City Attorney. The City Council recessed the meeting at 8:03 p.m. and reconvened at 8:04 p.m. with all Councilmembers present.

Motion by Councilmember Solorio, seconded by Councilmember Rivas, to approve staff recommendation to adopt Resolution No. 8481 establishing the amount necessary to be raised by taxation for the City's annual payment to the California Public Employees' Retirement System; adjust the property tax rate for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-2027 to $0.180471 per $100 of assessed valuation; and authorize staff to submit the required tax rate input forms to the County of Los Angeles to levy the tax rate on all taxable property in the City. The motion carried, unanimously.

11) RECEIVE AND FILE A PRESENTATION FROM ASCIELA GALLO AN APOSTILLE SERVICES, MOBILE NOTARY, AND CERTIFIED TRUST DELIVERY AGENT

A presentation was received and filed by the City Council.

10) DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE FIVE-YEAR FACILITIES CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR FISCAL YEARS 2026–2027 THROUGH 2030–2031, AND ADOPT A RESOLUTION AMENDING FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR PHASE I OF THE FIVE-YEAR FACILITIES CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Director of Public Works Bonnie Tam and Public Works Operations Manager Rodrigo Mora presented the staff report and responded to Councilmember questions.

Motion by Councilmember Rivas, seconded by Councilmember Lopez to approve the Five-Year Facilities Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Years 2026-2027 through 2030-2031 for repairs and maintenance of City facilities; and adopt Resolution No. 8480 amending the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Adopted Budget to appropriate $1.6 million from the General Fund, Water Fund and Sewer Fund Reserves for Phase I of the Five-Year Facilities Capital Improvement Plan. The motion carried, unanimously.

8) RECEIVE AND FILE THE SAN FERNANDO HISTORIC CONTEXT STATEMENT AND SURVEY REPORT

Director of Community Development Ron Garcia and Associate Planner Marina Khrustaleva presented the staff report and responded to Councilmember questions.

The City Council received and filed the San Fernando Historic Context Statement and Survey Report.

7) DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED REVISIONS TO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH EMPRENDE TO PRODUCE A CHRISTMAS PARADE IN COORDINATION WITH THE CITY'S ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING EVENT AND TO REIMBURSE THE CITY FOR RELATED PARADE EXPENSES

Economic Development Manager Linden Johnson presented the staff report and responded to Councilmember questions.

Motion by Councilmember Rivas, seconded by Councilmember Solorio to approve proposed revisions per staff recommendation to Contract No. 2545, and directed staff to look into which Councilmember sent a check of $2,000 to Emprende towards the Christmas Parade. The motion carried, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL

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

12) DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION REGARDING CREATION OF CITY CO-SPONSORSHIP AD HOC COMMITTEE

Mayor Victoria Garcia presented the staff report.

Motion by Mayor Garcia, seconded by Councilmember Solorio to create a City Co-Sponsorship Ad Hoc committee and appoint Councilmember Rivas and Councilmember Solorio to serve on the committee, to create a policy and guidelines for co-sponsorship of events by the City. The motion carried, unanimously.

13) DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION REGARDING CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Victoria Garcia presented the staff report.

Motion by Mayor Garcia, seconded by Councilmember Solorio to direct staff to return to a future meeting with research on how other cities handle Councilmember requests to agendize items and ideas for more effective and efficient meetings. The motion carried, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL

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

STAFF COMMUNICATION INCLUDING COMMISSION UPDATES

Commission updates:

- Planning and Preservation Commission:
  - August 10 meeting cancelled due to lack of scheduled items
- Public Safety and Transportation Commission:
  - At the August 6 meeting, the commission supported parking restriction modifications to change 2 hr. parking to 4 hr. parking, on San Fernando Rd., from Kittridge St. to Wolfskill St.; and supported proposed installation of "No Overnight Commercial Vehicle" Parking Signs at multiple locations
- Parks, Wellness, & Recreation Commission:
  - August 13 meeting cancelled due to lack of quorum
- Education Commission:
  - Next meeting scheduled for August 25 at 4:30pm, no items agendized yet

Assistant to the City Manager Pettener provided an update on the following: Summer Concerts – 8/22, from 7-9PM at Las Palmas Park; Community Recognition Meeting – 8/24, from 6-8PM at City Hall; Pacoima Wash Bioswale Project Ribbon Cutting – 8/28, from 9-10AM at Cindy Montanez Natural Park; City's 115th Birthday and Summer Concert – 8/29, starting at 6PM in front of City Hall; Resource Night: Information and Conversation on Immigration – 8/31 from 6-8PM at Las Palmas Park; City Beautification Updates – Palm Tree Trimming and Upgrades to Parking lot and Street Lighting.

GENERAL CITY COUNCIL/BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND LIAISON UPDATES

Councilmember Rivas reported he graduated from the Los Angeles Fire Departments Certified Emergency Response Training (CERT) Program and mentioned he attended the Area B community outreach event in the mall area.

Councilmember Solorio had no updates to report.

Councilmember Mendoza had no updates to report.

Vice Mayor Lopez thanked staff for their work.

Mayor Garcia reported she met with Vietnam Veterans regarding the Veteran Garden, attended the Saving Innocence Ending Human Tracking in LA coalition event, and the League of California Cities Woman's Caucus fireside chat event.

Councilmember Mendoza requested to close the meeting in memory of Luis C. Gonzales.

ADJOURNMENT 10:14 pm

The meeting adjourned in memory of Luis C. Gonzales to the regular meeting of September 8, 2026.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the August 17, 2026, Regular meeting and approved by the San Fernando City Council at the meeting of October 19, 2026.

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Julia Fritz, CMC
City Clerk