

**MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS
OCTOBER 12, 2006**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Serrano, at 6:10 p.m., called the City Council meeting to order.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Councilmembers Gonzalez, Kernes, Putnam, Velasco, Mayor Serrano

Also present: Fred Latham, City Manager; Steve Skolnik, City Attorney; Barbara Earl, City Clerk; Bob Orpin, Director of Planning and Development; Don Jensen, Director of Public Works; Fernando Tarin, Director of Police Services; Ana Alvarez, Director of Community Services; Debbie Pacheco, Interim Director of Finance & Administrative Services; Neal Welland, Fire Chief.

15. **PUBLIC HEARING - CONTINUATION**

Urgency Ordinance No. 979 - Amending Section 113.02 and Chapter 155 (Zoning) of the Santa Fe Springs Municipal Code by adding, repealing and amending various code sections relating to adult businesses; and

Ordinance No. 978 Amending Section 113.02 and Chapter 155 (Zoning) of the Santa Fe Springs Municipal Code by adding, repealing and amending various code sections relating to adult businesses

Recommendation: That the City Council continue this matter to its regular meeting of Thursday, October 26, 2006.

Councilmember Gonzalez moved the recommendation to continue Item No. 15 to the October 26 Council meeting. Councilmember Putnam seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

16. **PUBLIC HEARING**

Santa Fe Springs Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 9017 amending the City's Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan and authorize the City Manager to amend/update the Plan as needed; and direct the Director of Police Services to forward the City's Revised Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan to the State Office of Emergency Services for review and then forward the Plan to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Mayor Serrano opened the Public Hearing and invited interested parties to come forward to address the Council.

Having no one come forward, Mayor Serrano closed the Public Hearing.

Mayor Pro Tem Kernes moved to approve the recommendation, including the adoption of Resolution No. 9017. Councilmember Gonzalez seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

- 17. Resolution No. 9018 – Proposed Street Vacation at Park Avenue East of Norwalk Boulevard

Recommendation: That the City Council conduct the Public Hearing and adopt Resolution No. 9018 ordering the vacation of said portions of Park Avenue.

Mayor Serrano opened the Public Hearing and invited interested parties to come forward to address the Council.

Having no one come forward, Mayor Serrano closed the Public Hearing.

Councilmember Velasco moved to approve the recommendation, including the adoption of Resolution No. 9018. Councilmember Putnam seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- 18. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. **Minutes**

- Regular City Council Meeting of September 28, 2006

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the Minutes.

- City Engineer's Reports**

- B. Sidewalk Wheelchair Access Ramps Community Development Block Grant Project No. 600609-03 – Release of Retention Payable

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the Release of Retention Payable to C. J. Concrete Construction, Inc. of Santa Fe Springs, California, in the amount of \$6,910.90 for the subject project, Activity No. 0968.

- C. Water System Master Plan – Sixteenth Progress Payment

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the sixteenth progress payment to Tetra Tech, Inc., 16241 Laguna Canyon Road, Suite 200, Irvine, California 92618, in the amount of \$3,237.36 for the development of the Water System Master Plan, Activity No. 9196-009655.

New Business

- D. Resolution No. 9019 – Support for Proposition 84: Clean Water, Parks and Coastal Protection Bond

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 9019 expressing support for Proposition 84: Clean Water, Parks and Coastal Protection Bond.

- E. **Conference and Meeting Reports**

Report submitted by Mayor Serrano on his recent attendance at the International Council of Shopping Centers Conference.

Councilmember Velasco moved to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 18-A, 18-B, 18-C, 18-D and 18-E, including the adoption of Resolution No. 9019. Mayor Pro Tem Kernes seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- 19. Amendment of Water Rates and Related Charges for FY 06/07

Recommendation: That the City Council direct staff to initiate proceedings in accordance with Proposition 218 to consider a 2.5% increase in water rates and service charges as of January 1, 2007 with certain exceptions as recommended by staff; and establishing a Reserve Fund with an initial balance of \$700,000 for FY 06/07 and annual adjustments in future years to maintain a balance equal to 10% of anticipated operating expenditures.

Mayor Pro Tem Kernes moved to approve Item No. 19. Councilmember Gonzalez seconded the motion, which carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Gonzalez, Putnam, Kernes, Velasco, Chairperson Serrano

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

RECESS

Mayor Serrano, at 6:16 p.m., recessed the meeting to go into Closed Session.

- 3. **CLOSED SESSION**
CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Initiation of litigation pursuant to Subdivision (C) of Section 54956.9
(One Case: 12215 East Slauson Avenue)

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
Per Government Code Section 54956.9
Number of Cases: 1

RECONVENE

Mayor Serrano, at 7:17 p.m., reconvened the meeting.

City Attorney Skolnik stated that he had no Closed Session report.

4. **INVOCATION**

The Invocation was given by Councilmember Velasco.

5. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by Boy Scout Troop 328 and Cub Scout Pack 990 under the direction of their leader, Robert Hulbert.

INTRODUCTIONS

6. Representatives from the Chamber of Commerce

Paul Hess, Penta Pacific Properties; Sylvia Southerland, Southern California Edison; and Kathie Fink, CEO were present representing the Chamber.

7. Representatives from the Youth Leadership Committee

Those students who were present came forward and introduced themselves.

8. Introduction of New Santa Fe Springs Policing Team Member

Fernando Tarin, Director of Police Services, called upon Chief Singer to introduce Sergeant Mike Przybyl and Police Services Assistant Karen Valenzuela.

9. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Ana Alvarez, Director of Community Services, called upon Cherie Blake, Public Relations Technician, to give updates on future Community Services events.

PRESENTATION

10. Final Results of the 2006 Santa Fe Springs Relay for Life

Neal Welland, Fire Chief, called upon Relay for Life Co-Chair Debbie Baker to make a presentation to Council. Ms. Baker thanked Council for their support of the event, recognized the committee chairs and introduced Larry Sandoval, representative of the American Cancer Society.

11. Presentation by Robert Hulbert, Cub Scout Camp Director/Camp Treasure Island

Mr. Hulbert thanked Council for their support of Camp Treasure Island and recognized Chief Neal Welland, Councilmember Louie Gonzalez, Alicia Trujillo of the Recreation Division and Harry Yessian from Santa Fe High School. Each was presented with a plaque and Boy Scout patch; pictures followed.

12. Presentation by Dr. Rose Marie Joyce

Dr. Joyce thanked Council and staff for their continued support of Rio Hondo College and presented an overview of the building program.

PROCLAMATIONS

13. Proclaiming October 9-14, 2006 "Fire Prevention Week"

Mayor Serrano called upon Kimberly Sawyer, Public Safety Education Officer, who gave an overview of the activities which will take place during Fire Prevention Week. City Clerk Barbara Earl read the proclamation, which was then presented by Mayor Serrano to members of the Fire Department and Safe Neighborhood Team; pictures with Council followed.

14. Proclaiming October 23-27, 2006 "Red Ribbon Week"

Mayor Serrano called upon Kimberly Sawyer, Public Safety Education Officer, who gave an overview of the activities which will take place during Red Ribbon Week. City Clerk Barbara Earl read the proclamation, which was then presented by Mayor Serrano to the Safe Neighborhood Team and representatives from the various school districts.

20. **APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS**

Mayor Pro Tem Kernes appointed Amanda Fry, Jacqueline Medina and Jaclyn Arroyo to the Youth Leadership Committee.

Councilmember Gonzalez appointed Patricia Arteaga and Jessica Cuen to the Youth Leadership Committee.

Councilmember Velasco appointed Whittany Pinedo and Michelle Juarez to the Youth Leadership Committee.

Mayor Serrano appointed Josephine Santa-Anna to the Traffic Commission.

21. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Mayor Serrano opened Oral Communications and invited interested parties to come forward to address the Council.

Having no one come forward, Mayor Serrano closed Oral Communications.

22. **EXECUTIVE TEAM REPORTS**

Mr. Tarin notified Council that American Emergency Notification Systems was in the process of contracting with Verizon to obtain unlisted phone numbers. He also notified Council that Friday will be the last day the Rim Ram will be open.

Ms. Alvarez reported that the library division had contributed 1,400 books to 25 Whittier schools which had been vandalized in July.

Anthony Lopez, Assistant Director of Community Services, gave a status report on the Early Youth Intervention Program and introduced the staff: Rick Brown, Program Coordinator; Diana Castaneda, Intern; Billy Pope, Probation Officer.

Billy Pope took the opportunity to give Council a brief update on the Junior Golf Program.

23. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Serrano, at 8:42 p.m., adjourned the City Council meeting.

Joseph D. Serrano, Sr.
Mayor

ATTEST:

Barbara Earl
City Clerk