

**MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS
OCTOBER 26, 2006**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Serrano, at 6:09 p.m., called the City Council meeting to order.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Councilmembers Gonzalez, Kernes, Putnam, Mayor Serrano

Councilmember Velasco was excused; it was noted that he was ill.

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; Maricela Balderas sitting in for Ana Alvarez, Director of Community Services; Debbie Pacheco, Interim Director of Finance & Administrative Services; Neal Welland, Fire Chief.

16. **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 adjourned meeting of Monday, November 6, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.

City Attorney Skolnik stated that staff was in the process of scheduling presentations to various City commissions and committees to update them on Ordinance Nos. 978 and 979. He further stated that the item will be carried on the agenda so it will not have to be re-noticed.

Councilmember Gonzalez moved to continue Item No. 16 to November 6, 2006. Councilmember Kernes seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

17. **CONSENT AGENDA**

A. **Minutes**

Regular City Council Meeting of October 12, 2006

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the Minutes.

New Business

B. Water Well Site Selection Study for Zone 2

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the transfer of \$40,000 of surplus funds in order to cover consultant services needed to identify a location for a new City water well site in Zone 2; and authorize the Director of Public Works to enter into an agreement with Tetra Tech Incorporated of Irvine, California to conduct the study for the location of a new water well site in Zone 2.

C. Approval of the 2006 Water System Master Plan

Recommendation: Adopt the 2006 Water System Master Plan; and direct staff to incorporate recommended projects into the City's Capital Improvement Program.

D. Award Bid to D3 Equipment for Purchase of a New Loader Backhoe

Recommendation: That the City Council award bid to D3 Equipment and allow the Director of Purchasing Services to issue a purchase order to process the transaction.

E. Request for Out-of-State Travel for Children's Services Administrator Judi Smith and FCCH Site Supervisor Armida Rosario to Attend the National Association for the Education of Young Children Conference in Atlanta, Georgia November 8-11, 2006

Recommendation: That the City Council approve out-of-state travel for Children's Services Administrator Judi Smith and Site Supervisor Armida Rosario to attend the National Association for the Education of Young Children Conference in Atlanta, Georgia November 8-11, 2006.

F. **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer's Report for the Month of September, 2006

Recommendation: That the City Council receive and file the Treasurer's Report for the month September, 2006.

G. **Conference and Meeting Reports**

No reports were submitted.

Councilmember Putnam moved to approve the Consent Agenda, including Item Nos. 17-A, 17-B, 17-C, 17-D, 17-E and 17-F. Councilmember Kernes seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

18. Request for Appropriation to Purchase New Reindeer for the Santa Float

Recommendation: That the City Council appropriate \$10,000 from the General Fund to purchase new fiberglass reindeer for the Santa Float.

Councilmember Gonzalez moved to approve Item No. 18. Councilmember Putnam seconded the motion, which carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Gonzalez, Kernes, Putnam, Serrano

NOES:

ABSENT: Councilmember Velasco

ABSTAIN:

19. Request Approval to Enter into a License Agreement for Emergency Subscriber List Information with Verizon

Recommendation: That the City Council approve a license agreement with Verizon Telephone Company for emergency subscriber list information (911 information) for the purpose of delivering or assisting in the delivery of emergency services; and authorize the City Manager to execute the license agreement.

20. Reconsideration of Alcohol Sales Conditional Use Permit Case No.11-A
Request for approval to allow the continued on-site sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages at the Santa Fe Springs Drive-In and Swap Meet located in the M-2-FOZ, Heavy Manufacturing-Freeway Overlay, Zone at 13963 Alondra Boulevard. (Newport Diversified, Inc. for Santa Fe Springs Swap Meet)

Recommendation: That the City Council approve Reconsideration of Alcohol Sales Conditional Use Permit Case No. 11-A, subject to the conditions of approval.

21. Reconsideration of Conditional Use Permit Case No. 11
Request for approval to allow the continued operation and maintenance of an entertainment use involving live performances and dancing activities at the Santa Fe Springs Drive-In and Swap Meet located in the M-2, Heavy Manufacturing, Zone at 13963 Alondra Boulevard. (Newport Diversified, Inc. for Santa Fe Springs Swap Meet)

Recommendation: That the City Council approve Reconsideration of Conditional Use Permit Case No. 11, subject to the conditions of approval.

22. Appropriation for Rio Hondo Symphony Pops Concert for the City's 50th Anniversary Celebration

Recommendation: That the City Council appropriate \$30,000 from the General Contingency Fund to cover costs in support of a Rio Hondo Symphony Pops Concert in honor of the City's 50th Anniversary Celebration to be held sometime in the month of may 2007.

Councilmember Gonzalez moved to approve Item Nos. 19, 20, 21 and 22. Councilmember Putnam seconded the motion, which carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Gonzalez, Kernes, Putnam, Serrano

NOES:

ABSENT: Councilmember Velasco

ABSTAIN:

23. Councilmember-Requested Item – Reconsideration of Photo Red Light Enforcement Program

Recommendation: That the City Council consider a request by Councilmember Gonzalez and give staff direction with regard to continuation of the City's Photo Red Light Enforcement Program.

City Attorney Skolnik explained that this matter involved patent infringement litigation, and the settlement resulted in Nestor taking over for Transol. He further explained that once a year the City has a 30-day window, commencing on November 25, in which to terminate the contract.

Mr. Latham stated that Dino Torres was present to answer any questions Council might have.

After much discussion, Councilmember Gonzalez moved to terminate the contract with Nestor and terminate the Red Light Photo Enforcement Program. Councilmember Kernes seconded the motion.

Councilmember Putnam stated the program had proven itself to be life saving and, therefore, should not be terminated.

A roll call vote was taken with the following result:

AYES: Councilmembers Gonzalez, Serrano

NOES: Councilmember Kernes, Putnam

ABSENT: Councilmember Velasco

ABSTAIN:

Councilmember Kernes moved to cancel the contract with Nestor and direct staff to investigate whether, in fact, there was a safety issue. Councilmember Putnam seconded the motion, which carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Kernes, Putnam, Serrano

NOES: Councilmember Gonzalez

ABSENT: Councilmember Velasco

ABSTAIN:

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

Councilmember Putnam appointed Regina Rodriguez and Jose Andara to the Youth Leadership Committee.

RECESS

Mayor Serrano, at 6:50 p.m., recessed the City Council meeting to go into Closed Session.

RECONVENE

Mayor Serrano, at 7:22 p.m., reconvened the City Council meeting.

3. **INVOCATION**

Councilmember Putnam gave the Invocation.

4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The VFW led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTIONS

5. Representatives from the Chamber of Commerce

Rick Landis, Santa Fe Springs Swap Meet; Wendy Meador, Tangram Interiors; Kathie Fink, Chamber CEO were present representing the Chamber.

6. Representatives from the Youth Leadership Committee

Those students who were present came forward and introduced themselves.

7. Introduction of New Santa Fe Springs Policing Team Member

This matter was deferred to the next regularly-scheduled Council meeting.

8. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Cherie Blake, Public Relations Technician, updated the City's community calendar.

A short video presentation on the InkaVote Plus Voting System was shown.

PRESENTATION

9. Presentation to Gus Velasco, Jr. in Recognition of Service on City Traffic Commission
Mayor Serrano presented Mr. Velasco with a plaque and thanked him for his years of service on the Traffic Commission; pictures followed.

10. Red Ribbon Contest Winners
Kim Sawyer, Public Safety Educator, introduced the Red Ribbon Contest Winners. Mayor Serrano presented each student with two certificates, one from the City and one from Congresswoman Grace Napolitano. Pictures with Council followed.

11. Recognition of Santa Fe Springs Policing Team Members for their Outstanding Police Work Leading to the Arrest of Grand Theft Auto Suspects
Representatives from the CHP and AAA assisted Mayor Serrano in presenting Corporal Robert Cook, Officer Mike Dekowski, Officer Dominic Montoya, Officer Eliseo Reveles, Officer Jerry Reyes and Officer Robert Wolfe with their 10851 award pins for their participation in the recovery of stolen vehicles; pictures with Council followed.

PROCLAMATIONS

15. Proclaiming November 1, 2006 "Law Enforcement Records and Support Personnel Day"
Mayor Serrano called upon City Clerk Barbara Earl to read the Proclamation. Police support personnel who were present accepted the Proclamation; pictures with Council followed.

12. Presentation by the Vector Control District on West Nile Virus
Susanne Kluh, ecologist from the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District, gave a brief presentation on West Nile Virus and informed the Council that all testing that had been performed in Santa Fe Springs had come back negative.

13. Fiestas Patrias 2006 "Arte Y Cultura" Report
This matter was deferred to a future Council meeting.

14. Presentation of a Donation by the Fire Association to the Family & Human Services Fund
This matter was deferred to a future Council meeting.

25. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Tammy Hill of Santa Fe Springs Christian thanked Council for their support of the Red Ribbon parade and their commitment to all students of Santa Fe Springs.

26. **EXECUTIVE TEAM REPORTS**

Fernando Tarin, Director of Police Services, informed Council that one hour before the parade a motorcycle officer in pursuit of a traffic violator between Roseton and Orr & Day had been involved in an accident; he is home now and doing fine.

Debbie Pacheco, Interim Director of Finance & Administrative Services, reported that the auditors had concluded their work and reported that there were no significant items of non-compliance.

Neal Welland, Fire Chief, reported that he and other fire personnel had traveled to San Francisco, along with Mayor Serrano and his wife, to attend the Fallen Firefighters Ceremony in honor of Dennis Stubblefield whose name had been inscribed on the memorial wall.

27. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Serrano, at 8:30 p.m., adjourned the City Council meeting in the memories of Dale Covington, beloved Santa Fe Springs employee; Al Velasco, cousin of Councilmember Gus Velasco; Pete Vallejo, retired Santa Fe Springs firefighter; and Phil Studebaker, first Public Works Superintendent of Santa Fe Springs, to Monday, November 6, 2006, City Hall Council Chambers, 11710 Telegraph Road, Santa Fe Springs, CA, at 6:00 p.m.

Joseph D. Serrano, Sr.
Mayor

ATTEST:

Barbara Earl
City Clerk