

MINUTES
REGULAR ADJOURNED CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS
DECEMBER 21, 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; Paul Ashworth sitting in for 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; Jose Gomez, Director of Finance & Administrative Services; Alex Rodriguez, Fire Chief

3. **INVOCATION**

The Invocation was given by Councilmember Putnam.

4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by VFW Post 4138.

INTRODUCTIONS

5. Representatives from the Chamber of Commerce

Moshe Sassover, Golden Springs Development; Wendy Meador, Tangram Interiors; and Kathie Fink, Chamber CEO, were present.

6. Representatives from the Youth Leadership Committee

Those youth who were present came forward and introduced themselves.

7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Serrano recognized Mayor Pro Tem Kernes for his 30 years of service to the City and presented him with a pin and a monetary gift.

Mayor Serrano introduced The Masters of Harmony who performed a variety of songs for the Council and audience.

Mayor Serrano announced that Council would be getting a visitor from the North Pole. Santa arrived and presented candy canes to the Council and children in the audience.

PRESENTATION

8. Introduction of New City Employees

Don Jensen, Director of Public Works, introduced Jose Lozano, Traffic Signal Technician I.

Ana Alvarez, Director of Community Services, asked Mike Mendez, Director of Recreation, to give an announcement about the City's First Night celebration.

Paul Ashworth, Assistant Director of Planning and Development, gave a brief announcement regarding the demolition of the Danby house.

Fred Latham, City Manager, introduced Jose Gomez, Director of Finance & Administrative Services, and welcomed him to the City. Mr. Gomez introduced his wife and daughters. Mayor Serrano, along with Mr. Gomez, presented Mrs. Gomez with a bouquet of flowers. Mr. Gomez made a few brief comments.

Mr. Latham introduced Alex Rodriguez, Fire Chief, and welcomed him to the City. Chief Rodriguez introduced his wife and family. Mayor Serrano presented the Chief's badge to him, which was pinned on by Mrs. Rodriguez. Mayor Serrano, along with Chief Rodriguez, presented Mrs. Rodriguez with a bouquet of flowers. Chief Rodriguez made a few brief comments. Friends and colleagues of Chief Rodriguez were asked to come forward and make comments.

9. Presentation to Jim DeSilva upon his Retirement

Mayor Serrano called upon retired Fire Chief Neal Welland to make comments. Mayor Serrano presented Captain DeSilva with gifts from the Council and staff; pictures with Council and fire personnel followed.

10. Introduction of Riders for the Santa Fe Springs Rose Float "Our Hometown"

Mayor Serrano called upon Mr. Latham to introduce the riders who would be on the Rose Parade float "Our Hometown."

11. **CONSENT AGENDA**

City Engineer's Report

A. Valley View Grade Separation – Project Management Services – Seventh Progress Payment

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the seventh progress payment to URS Corporation, 915 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California 90017-3347, in the amount of \$6,319.47 for Project Management Services for the Valley View Grade Separation Project, Activity No. 452-397-V949-4434.

Award of Contract

- B. Engineering Support Services for the Valley View Avenue Grade Separation Project

Recommendation: That the City Council award the contract to Hanson-Wilson, Inc. for the Valley View Avenue Grade Separation Project; and authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement for professional services.

- C. **New Business**

Presentation and Consideration of the Annual Financial Report of the Community Development Commission, including Audited Annual Financial Report and the State Controller's Report of Financial Transactions of Community Redevelopment Agencies, for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2006

Recommendation: That the legislative body, the City Council, receive and consider the attached annual report of the Community Development Commission.

- D. Request to Increase the Mileage Reimbursement Rate for Personal Vehicles Used for City Purposes

Recommendation: With an effective date of January 1, 2007, increase the City's mileage reimbursement rate to 48.5 cents in conformance with the Internal Revenue standard.

- E. **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer's Report for the Month of November 2006

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

- F. **Conference and Meeting Reports**

No reports were submitted.

Mayor Pro Tem Kernes moved to approve the Consent Agenda, including Items 11-A, 11-B, 11-C, 11-D, 11-E and 11-F. Councilmember Putnam seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

12. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Approval to Release Allocated Funding in the Amount of \$39,000 in Support of the Afterschool Collaborative

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the release of allocated funds in the amount of \$39,000 to the Little Lake and Los Nietos School Districts to provide

free access to after-school care at local schools as fulfillment of the City's commitment to the Afterschool Collaborative.

NEW BUSINESS

- 13. Request for Appropriation from General Fund Contingency Reserve to Cover Supplemental Costs for Repairs to City Fire Engine 83

Recommendation: That the City Council appropriate \$17,000 from the General Fund Contingency Reserve to cover supplemental costs for repairs to City Fire Engine 83.

- 14. Request of Appropriation to Enhance the Town Center Plaza Christmas Tree for the City's 50th Anniversary Celebration in 2007

Recommendation: That the City Council appropriate \$10,000 from the General Fund Contingency Reserve to purchase a fabricated commercial Christmas tree.

Mayor Pro Tem Kernes moved to approve Items 12, 13 and 14. Councilmember Velasco seconded the motion, which carried by the following roll call vote:

- AYES: Gonzalez, Kernes, Putnam, Velasco, Mayor Serrano
- NOES:
- ABSENT:
- ABSTAIN:

SUBSEQUENT NEED ITEM

Relocation of Oil Field Workers Sculpture to Town Center Plaza and Modification of the West City Hall Entry

Recommendation: That the City Council consider the concepts developed for placement of the Oil Field Workers sculpture and select a preferred location; appropriate \$10,000 from the General Fund Reserve to cover the cost of relocating the sculpture to Town Center Plaza; authorize the transfer and use of up to \$30,000 from funds budgeted for the Town Center Plaza Phase 2 – West Parking Lot Project to cover engineering and installation costs associated with the selected location; and direct the City Engineer to finalize the design and advertise for bids to modify the west entry to City Hall as needed to accommodate relocation of the sculpture.

Mr. Latham advised that a Subsequent Need Item was also before the Council. He explained that in order for an item to qualify for placement on the agenda as a subsequent need item, it must meet two criteria: 1) that staff became aware of the item after the preparation of the agenda and 2) that the matter could not wait for the next meeting to be acted on. He further stated that this item met both criteria.

Mayor Pro Tem Kernes moved to place the item on the agenda. Councilmember Velasco seconded the motion, which carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Bob McMahon, landscape architect with RMA International, Inc., presented three conceptual plans to the Council for consideration.

Much discussion ensued, after which Mayor Serrano made a motion to defer moving the sculpture until such time as Council considers a comprehensive plan for the west parking lot project. Councilmember Gonzalez seconded the motion, which carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Gonzalez, Kernes, Velasco, Mayor Serrano

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN: Putnam

Councilmember Putnam left the proceedings.

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

No appointments were made.

16. **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.

17. **EXECUTIVE TEAM REPORTS**

On behalf of the Executive Team, Management Team, City employees and audience, Mr. Ashworth wished Council a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mayor Serrano wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

18. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Serrano, at 9:10 p.m., adjourned the City Council meeting.

Joseph D. Serrano, Sr.
Mayor

ATTEST:

Barbara Earl
City Clerk