

MINUTES
REGULAR ADJOURNED CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS
December 14, 2006

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

Also Present: Fred Latham, City Manager; Steve Skolnik, City Attorney; Adria Jimenez, Deputy City Clerk; Bob Orpin, Director of Planning and Development; Don Jensen, Director of Public Works; Fernando Tarin, Director of Police Services; Anthony Lopez, Assistant Director of Community Services; Paul Martinez, Director of Purchasing; Neal Welland, Fire Chief

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Serrano opened Oral Communications and invited interested persons to come forward and address the Council. Having no one come forward, Mayor Serrano closed Oral Communications.

PUBLIC HEARING

11. State of California Citizens Option for Public Safety (COPS) Grant Program

Recommendation: That the City Council open the Public Hearing for those wishing to speak on this matter; and approve the expenditure of the State of COPS funds as outlined in the plan contained herein.

Mayor Serrano, at 6:15 p.m., opened the Public Hearing and invited interested persons to come forward to address the Council. Having no one come forward, Mayor Serrano closed the Public Hearing at 6:16 p.m.

Councilmember Gonzalez moved to approve the recommendation. Mayor Pro-Tem Kernes seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

12. Resolution No. 9027 – Amendment of Water Rates and Related Charges for FY 2006/07

Recommendation: That the City Council acknowledge all written protests that have been received and verify that they do not exceed 50% of all City water customers; conduct a Public Hearing on the proposed water rate increase; adopt Resolution No. 9027 to amend water rates and service charges for FY 2006/07; and authorize the Director of Finance and Administrative Services to

transfer \$700,000 from undesignated water fund reserves into the Water Fund Stabilization & Reserve Account.

Mayor Serrano, at 6:19 p.m., opened the Public Hearing and invited interested persons to come forward to address the Council.

City Attorney Skolnik stated that one written protest regarding Resolution No. 9027 was received and requested it be added to the record.

Having no one else come forward, Mayor Serrano closed the public hearing at 6:30 p.m.

Councilmember Gonzalez moved to approve the recommendation, including the adoption of Resolution No. 9027. Mayor Pro-Tem Kernes seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

13. **CONSENT AGENDA**

A. **Minutes**

Regular City Council Meeting of November 21, 2006

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the Minutes.

City Engineer's Reports

B. **Valley View Grade Separation – Engineering Design Services – Fourth Progress Payment**

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the fourth progress payment to Hanson-Wilson, Inc. of San Bernardino, California in the amount of \$56,955.43 for Engineering Design Services for the Valley View Grade Separation Project, Activity No. 452-397-V415-4436.

C. **Water System Master Plan Update – Final Progress Payment**

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the final progress payment to Tetra Tech, Inc., 16241 Laguna Canyon Road, Suite 200, Irvine, California 92618, in the amount of \$1,268.31 for the development of the Water System Master Plan, Activity No. 9196-009-655.

New Business

- D. Approval of Parcel Map No. 66355 (13523-13529 Larwin Circle)

Recommendation: That the City Council approve Parcel Map No. 66355; find that it is consistent with the City's General Plan; and authorize the City Engineer and City Clerk to sign Parcel Map No. 66355.

- E. Approval of an Underpass Agreement with the BNSF Railroad for the Valley View Avenue Grade Separation Project

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the Underpass Agreement between the City of Santa Fe Springs and BNSF Railroad for the Valley View Avenue Grade Separation Project; and authorize the City Manager to execute said Agreement.

- F. Resolution No. 9021 – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Santa Fe Springs Establishing a Revised Policy Regarding Progress Payments on Capital Improvement Projects

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 9021 to establish a revised policy for processing progress payments for capital improvement projects.

- G. Purchase of Emergency Communication Equipment

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the Fire Chief's request to purchase six new radios for the Fire Department; and allow the Director of Purchasing Services to issue a purchase order for this transaction.

- H. Resolution No. 9028 – Appointment of City's Treasurer and Appointment of Assistant Treasurer

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 9028 appointing the City Treasurer and appointing an Assistant Treasurer to their respective offices for the City, Community Development Commission and any other related City entities.

Award of Contracts

- I. Award Bid to L.N. Curtis, a "Sole Source" Vendor for "Jaws of Life"

Recommendation: That the City Council authorize the Director of Purchasing Services to purchase from L.N. Curtis as a "sole source" vendor for "Jaws of Life" equipment.

- J. Award Bid to John Deere Landscapes for the Purchase of Irrigation Supplies

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

Conference and Meeting Reports

- K. Mayor Serrano's recent trip to San Francisco
Report submitted by Mayor Serrano on his recent attendance at the International Council of Shopping Centers Conference.

Councilmember Putnam moved approval of the Consent Agenda, consisting of items 13-A, 13-B, 13-C, 13-D, 13-E, 13-F, 13-G, 13-H, 13-I, 13-J, 13-K, including the adoption of Resolution Nos. 9021 and 9028. Councilmember Gonzalez seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

14. Reconsideration of Alcohol Sales Conditional Use Permit Case No. 24
Request for approval to continue to conduct an alcohol beverage sales use involving the serving of alcoholic beverages for on-site customer consumption at the Acapulco Mexican Restaurant and Cantina located at 13473 Telegraph Road, within the C-4, Community Commercial, Zone (Acapulco Restaurants, Inc.)

Recommendation: That the City Council approve Reconsideration of Alcohol Sales Conditional Use Permit Case No. 24 subject to the conditions of approval.

16. Request for an Appropriation of \$30,000 for Contractual Services in the Department of Finance and Administrative Services

Recommendation: That the City Council appropriate \$30,000 to offset the percentage contingent costs associated with MBIA MuniServices contract to recover sales and use tax revenues for the City.

17. Request for an Appropriation to Acquire a Detective Vehicle for the Department of Police Services

Recommendation: That the City Council appropriate Vehicle Replacement Reserve Funds in an amount not to exceed \$28,000 for the acquisition of a new detective vehicle; and authorize the Director of Purchasing to obtain bids and award bid to the lowest vendor.

18. Request for Approval of Artwork Proposal by Tony Sheets for Farwell Building at 12831 Telegraph Road

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the art concept by Tony Sheets and authorize the developer to enter into an agreement with the artist to fabricate the work for 12831 Telegraph Road.

Mayor Pro-Tem Kernes moved approval of Item Nos. 14, 16, 17, and 18. Councilmember Gonzalez seconded the motion, which carried by the following role call vote:

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

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

15. Authorization to Distribute Funding as Recommended by the Heritage Arts Advisory Committee to Fund the City's Art Education Grant Program and Appropriate an Additional \$1,750 from the General Fund

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the grant awards from the City's Art in Public Places Fund, Activity 6350-6100, and authorize the distribution of funds as recommended by the Heritage Arts Advisory Committee to fund the City's Art Education Grant Program; and approve an appropriation from the General Fund of \$1,750 to subsidize transportation costs associated with proposed grant activities.

Councilmember Velasco moved approval of Item No. 15, with the following amendment:

- 1) That \$1,700 be appropriated from the City's General Fund to the Richard Graves Middle School Arts Program; and, 2) complete funding of the Public Arts Education Foundation Endowment Fund from the next Heritage Villages Public Arts payment.

Mayor Pro-Tem Kernes asked if this amendment, as proposed by Councilmember Velasco, will affect the City's budget.

City Manager Latham advised the Council that the amendment does not have any affect on the City's budget.

Councilmember Putnam seconded the motion, which carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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

No appointments were made.

20. Request for a Leave of Absence

Recommendation: That the City Council grant a six-month leave of absence to Nelda Woolsey from the Beautification and Community Program Committees.

Councilmember Putnam moved approval of Item No. 20. Councilmember Gonzalez seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

21. Appointment to the Santa Fe Springs/South Whittier Education Center Advisory Committee

Recommendation: That the City Council appoint a Councilmember to the Santa Fe Springs/South Whittier Education Center Advisory Committee.

Councilmember Putnam nominated Councilmember Velasco.

Councilmember Velasco nominated Mayor Serrano.

With the consent of the City Council, Mayor Serrano was appointed to the Santa Fe Springs/South Whittier Education Center Advisory Committee.

22. Appointment of Alternate to the I-5 Joint Powers Authority

Recommendation: That the City Council appoint an alternate representative to the I-5 Joint Powers Authority.

Mr. Latham advised the Council appoint an alternate representative to the I-5 JPA that can attend meetings if the primary member is unavailable. He further stated that meetings are normally scheduled once a month at Norwalk City Hall.

With the concurrence of the City Council, Councilmember Putnam was appointed as the delegate to the I-5 Joint Powers Authority.

RECESS

Mayor Serrano, at 6:28 p.m., recessed the meeting to go into Closed Session.

RECONVENE

Mayor Serrano, at 7:08 p.m., reconvened the City Council Meeting.

Councilmember Gonzalez was excused from the City Council Meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING – CONTINUED BUSINESS

10. **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

Recommendations: That the City Council open the Public Hearing and receive any comments from the audience regarding proposed Urgency Ordinance No. 979 and proposed Ordinance No. 978; adopt 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 waive further reading and introduce the first reading by title only of 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.

City Attorney Skolnik provided a brief explanation regarding Urgency Ordinance No. 979 and Ordinance No. 978.

Deborah Fox presented a brief presentation regarding Ordinance No. 979 and Ordinance No. 978 and advised Council they have received all the necessary information regarding the proposed zone changes.

Mayor Serrano, at 7:15 p.m., opened the Public Hearing and invited interested parties to come forward to address the Council.

Mr. Skolnik advised that two speaker cards were received and invited the individuals to address the Council.

Art Escobedo, Los Nietos School District Boardmember, stated he is speaking on behalf of the members of the Board of Education, and a representative of a California Distinguished School operating down the street from a gentlemen's club. Mr. Escobedo stated that adult businesses are a danger to the kids in the community and urges the City Council to protect the rights of our children's lives.

Don Mette, 10203 Orr and Day Road, stated he is representing the First Southern Baptist Church in Santa Fe Springs. Mr. Mette voiced his concern regarding adult businesses in the area. He further stated that he understands and supports the Council's decision.

Having no one else come forward, Mayor Serrano, at 7:23 p.m., closed the public hearing.

City Attorney Skolnik read the Ordinances as follows:

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

Councilmember Putnam moved to waive further reading and adopt Urgency Ordinance No. 979. Councilmember Velasco seconded the motion, which carried by the following roll call vote:

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

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Kernes moved to waive further reading and introduce Ordinance No. 978. Councilmember Velasco seconded the motion with the following roll call vote:

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

3. **INVOCATION**

Councilmember Velasco gave the Invocation.

4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was presented by the Santa Fe Springs Fire Department.

INTRODUCTIONS

5. Representatives from the Chamber of Commerce

Wendy Meador and Louis Maldonado-French were present.

6. Representatives from the Youth Leadership Committee

Representatives who were present came forward to introduce themselves, and provided a brief summary of why the Youth Leadership Committee is important to our community.

City Manager Fred Latham introduced Santa Fe Springs' retirees: Bob Wilson, Norbert Schnabel, Deanna Schnabel, John and Ana Price, Monica Penninger, Susan Bergeron-Vance, Kathy Goin, and Marina Sueiro.

Also introduced were Laurie Rios, Little Lake School District; and, Art Escobedo, Los Nietos School District.

9. Presentation to Fire Chief Neal Welland upon his Retirement

City Manager Latham welcomed Betty-Ann Welland and family and provided a brief biography of Chief Welland's career with the Santa Fe Springs Fire Department.

Ryan Williams, representing the Firemen's Association, presented Chief Welland with a token of appreciation and thanked him for his service to the Fire Department men and women. Pictures with Council followed.

Richard Elliott and Mark Sautter, on behalf of the LA County Fire Services Association, presented Chief Welland with a plaque and wished him the best of luck in his retirement. Pictures with Council followed.

Whittier Police Chief Dave Singer thanked Chief Welland for his dedication and service to the community and to the Whittier Police Department. Chief Singer presented Chief Welland with a plaque. Pictures with Council followed.

Santa Fe Springs' Management Team presented Chief Welland with a donation, made on his behalf, to LA CADA. Brenda Weiwel and Angela Knox of LA CADA were invited up to accept the donation. Pictures with Council followed.

Mayor Serrano announced that the City will match the \$1,000 donation to LA CADA, on Chief Welland's behalf.

Councilmember Gonzalez arrived at 7:55 p.m.

Toni & Pete Vallejo thanked Chief Welland for his love, support and thoughtfulness throughout the year, especially during the loss of their son, Pete Vallejo Jr. Pictures with Council followed.

Councilmember Velasco expressed his gratitude to Chief Welland and wished him the best on his retirement.

Councilmember Putnam thanked Chief Welland for his commitment and dedication to the community.

Mayor Pro-Tem Kernes expressed his thanks to Chief Welland for his years of service to the City.

Councilmember Gonzalez thanked Chief Welland for his service to the community.

Mayor Serrano expressed his appreciation for Chief Welland's commitment. He stated that he is an amazing individual and truly respects what he has done for the community.

Santa Fe Springs Chamber of Commerce representatives, Shannon Quandt, Kathie Fink, and Rick Landis, presented Chief Welland with a plaque and expressed their appreciation. Pictures with Council followed.

Chief Welland thanked the Council for their commitment to serving the community; the Executive Team for their outstanding support and faith in his leadership; the Fire Department for their patience and support; the LA Area Fire Chiefs Association for their friendship; the residents of Santa Fe Springs for their kindness, support, respect and recognition.

Chief Welland also introduced and thanked members of his family; pictures with Council followed.

8. Introduction of New Santa Fe Springs Policing Team Members
Captain Petropulos introduced Sgt. Jones, Whittier Police Department, as the newest member of the Santa Fe Springs Policing Team.

7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

24. **EXECUTIVE TEAM REPORTS**

There were no reports.

25. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Serrano, at 9:15 p.m., adjourned the City Council meeting in memory of Larry Short, long-time Santa Fe Springs resident.