

**MINUTES  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS  
JANUARY 25, 2007**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Pro Tem Kernes, at 6:22 p.m., called the City Council meeting to order.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Councilmembers Gonzalez, Velasco, Mayor Pro Tem Kernes

Mayor Serrano and Councilmember Putnam were excused as they were representing the City at another event.

Also present: Fred Latham, City Manager; Barbara Earl, City Clerk; Steve Skolnik, City Attorney; 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

11. **PUBLIC HEARING**

Resolution No. 9031 - Approval of Programs/Projects Proposed for Funding during FY 2007-2008 under the City's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Cooperation Agreement with the County of Los Angeles

**Recommendation:** That the City Council approve the appropriation of CDBG funds as described in the report; and authorize staff to transmit the planning documents to the County.

Mayor Pro Tem Kernes opened the Public Hearing and invited interested parties to come forward to address the Council.

Having no one come forward, Mayor Pro Tem Kernes closed the Public Hearing.

City Attorney Skolnik noted that Council would be taking action on Items 2, 3 and 4 of the Recommendations and a roll call vote should be taken.

Councilmember Velasco moved to approve Items 2, 3 and 4 of the Recommendations. Councilmember Gonzalez seconded the motion, which carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Gonzalez, Velasco, Mayor Pro Tem Kernes

NOES:

ABSENT: Putnam, Mayor Serrano

ABSTAIN:

12. **CONSENT AGENDA**

A. **Minutes**

Regular City Council Meeting of January 11, 2007

**Recommendation:** That the City Council approve the Minutes.

**New Business**

B. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding for Coordination of Water Resources Planning Relating to Proposition 50 Grant Funding and Implementation

**Recommendation:** That the City Council approve the Memorandum of Understanding for the coordination of water resources planning relating to Proposition 50 Grant Funding and Implementation; and authorize the City Manager to execute the Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of the City.

C. Award Purchase of Traffic Signal Controllers to Econolite Control

**Recommendation:** That the City Council authorize the Director of Purchasing Services to "single source" for the purchase of traffic signal controllers in the amount of \$92,300.45 from Econolite Control; and authorize the Director of Purchasing Services to issue a purchase order as needed for this acquisition.

D. Award Bid to Ford West for the Purchase of a New Police Command Vehicle

**Recommendation:** That the City Council award bid to Ford West and allow the Director of Purchasing Services to issue a purchase order to process the acquisition.

E. Approval of Agreement between the City of Santa Fe Springs and American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP)

**Recommendation:** That the City Council authorize the City Manager or his designee to sign the Agreement with the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers ("ASCAP") granting the City license to perform, or have performed on its behalf, live or mechanical music from the ASCAP repertory.

F. Annual Statement of Investment Policy

**Recommendation:** That the City Council receive and file the City of Santa Fe Springs Investment Policy for calendar year 2007.

G. **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer's Reports for the Month of December 2006

**Recommendation:** That the City Council receive and file the Treasurer's Reports for the month of December 2006.

H. **Conference and Meeting Reports**

(In accordance with State law, Councilmembers shall make a brief written or verbal report on any meeting/event/conference attended at City expense.)

No reports were submitted.

Councilmember Velasco moved to approve the Consent Agenda, including Item Nos. 12-A, 12-B, 12-C, 12-D, 12-E, 12-F and 12-G. Councilmember Gonzalez seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

13. Request for Appropriation from the General Fund Contingency Reserve to Purchase New Equipment and Office Furniture in Various City Departments

**Recommendation:** That the City Council authorize the appropriation of \$112,000 from the General Fund Contingency Reserve to purchase new office furniture; and give the authority to the Director of Purchasing Services to carry out these acquisitions.

14. Application of Funds for ISO-Compliant Fire Alarm Notification System

**Recommendation:** That the City Council approve the appropriation of funds in order to upgrade the Fire Alerting System to an ISO-compliant system; and allow the Director of Purchasing Services to issue a purchase order for this transaction.

Councilmember Velasco moved to approve Item Nos. 13 and 14. Councilmember Gonzalez seconded the motion, which carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Gonzalez, Velasco, Mayor Pro Tem Kernes

NOES:

ABSENT: Putnam, Mayor Serrano

ABSTAIN:

15. Re-classification of Battalion Chiefs

**Recommendation:** That the City Council approve the request by the Fire Chief to re-classify the Battalion Chiefs to Division Chiefs.

Councilmember Gonzalez asked for clarification of the re-classification request.

The Fire Chief explained that the re-classification would be for efficiency purposes only in an effort to re-align administrative duties. He further commented that the Firemen's Association approved of the re-classification.

Councilmember Gonzalez moved to approve Item No. 15. Councilmember Velasco seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

16. Authorize the City Manager to Reinstate One Full-Time Administrative Clerk I Position in the Community Services Department – Family and Human Services Division

**Recommendation:** That the City Council authorize the City Manager to reinstate one full-time Administrative Clerk position in the Family and Human Services Division of the Community Services Department and appropriate \$11,600 from the General Fund Contingency Reserve to the Family and Human Services Division operating budget and eliminate one and one-half Office Aide positions assigned to the Division.

Councilmember Gonzalez moved to approve Item No. 16. Councilmember Velasco seconded the motion, which was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

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

No appointments were made.

18. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Mayor Pro Tem Kernes opened Oral Communications and invited interested parties to come forward to address the Council.

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

19. **EXECUTIVE TEAM REPORTS**

The Fire Chief reported that there had been a three-alarm fire on Slauson at Secura Way; sixteen companies responded. Two transformers were lost.

Jose Gomez, Director of Finance, reported that the City had recently undergone an independent audit of Prop A & C transportation funds and passed with flying colors.

Don Jensen, Director of Public Works, reported that the Alondra Boulevard Reconstruction Project was recently completed and came in \$500,000 under budget.

Fernando Tarin, Director of Police Services, gave an update regarding the relocation of the CHP office.

Ana Alvarez, Director of Community Services, reported that the City's Fiestas Patrias event had received two awards; staff will be attending the conference to receive the awards.

Anthony Lopez, Assistant to the Director of Community Services, reported that on January 30 a delegation from the City will be traveling to the Cesar Chavez Center to present two banners which will become part of the permanent collection of the Center; he invited interested Councilmembers to come along. He further noted that the banners were created by Cherie Blake, Public Relations Technician.

**RECESS**

Mayor Pro Tem Kernes, at 6:45 p.m., recessed the City Council meeting,

**RECONVENE**

Mayor Serrano, at 7:07 p.m., reconvened the City Council meeting with all Councilmembers present.

3. **INVOCATION**

Councilmember Putnam gave the Invocation.

4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

VFW Post 4138 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**INTRODUCTIONS**

5. Representatives from the Chamber of Commerce

Roger Fowler, Pacific Mechanical Supply, was present representing the Chamber.

6. Representatives from the Youth Leadership Committee

Those representatives who were present came forward and introduced themselves.

7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Cherie Blake, Public Relations Technician, announced that children's author Wendelin Van Draaner would be at First Friday on February 2<sup>nd</sup> and invited everyone to come and meet her.

**PRESENTATION**

8. 2006 Christmas Basket Program – Recognition of Donors

Jo Ann Madrid, Family & Human Services Supervisor, showed a PowerPoint presentation of the Program from collections and assembling to distribution of the baskets to 425 families in the community. Plaques were given to those companies and individuals who gave food, toys and monetary donations. Pictures with Council followed.

9. Heroic Actions

Scott Goodwin, Battalion Chief, introduced Javier Pacheco, a gentleman who used his jacket to douse the flames on a motorcycle rider who had been involved in a traffic collision. Mayor Serrano presented Mr. Pacheco with a letter of commendation as well as a monetary gift to replace his damaged jacket. Pictures with Council followed.

10. Introduction of New Santa Fe Springs Policing Team Members

Fernando Tarin, Director of Police Services, introduced Lenin Ceja, Fernando Sanchez, David Elliott and Jimmy Guerra to the Council. The officers thanked Council for the opportunity to be working in Santa Fe Springs. Council welcomed the officers and thanked them for their commitment to the City.

20. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Serrano, at 7:42 p.m., adjourned the City Council meeting.

---

Ronald S. Kernes  
Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

---

Barbara Earl  
City Clerk