

**MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS
FEBRUARY 8, 2007**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Serrano, at 6:23 p.m., called the City Council meeting to order.

2. **ROLL CALL**

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

Also present: Thaddeus McCormack sitting in for Fred Latham, City Manager; Barbara Earl, City Clerk; Steve Skolnik, City Attorney; 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

13. **CONSENT AGENDA**

A. **Minutes**

Regular City Council Meeting of January 25, 2007

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the Minutes.

City Engineer's Report

B. Appropriation of Funds for Landscape Enhancements along the Parade Route and Municipal Service Yard for the 50th Anniversary Celebration

Recommendation: That the City Council appropriate \$30,000 from the General Fund Contingency Reserve for landscape enhancements along the parade route and Municipal Services Yard for the 50th Anniversary celebration.

C. **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. 13-A, 13-B and 13-C. Councilmember Putnam seconded the motion, which carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

NEW BUSINESS

14. Request for Appropriation for Flooring Improvements at the Clarke Estate

Recommendation: That the City Council appropriate funds for flooring repairs and the purchase and installation of carpeting at the Clarke Estate in the amount of \$25,000 from the General Fund Contingency Reserve.

15. Request for Appropriation of Funds for the Purchase of New Diving Boards, Diving Board Stands and Resurfacing of the Pool Deck at the Aquatic Center

Recommendation: That the City Council appropriate funds for the purchase of new diving boards, diving board stands and resurfacing of the pool deck in the amount of \$60,000 from the General Fund Contingency Reserve; and authorize the Director of Purchasing Services to solicit bids and award to the lowest responsible vendor.

16. Request for Appropriation from the General Fund Contingency Reserve to Install Automatic Door Openers at the Betty Wilson Center and Conduct Improvements to the Interior Restrooms

Recommendation: That the City Council authorize the appropriation of \$31,500 from the General Fund Contingency Reserve for improvements to the interior restrooms and installation of power-assisted and low-energy, power-operated doors for the Betty Wilson Center in compliance with the American Disabilities Act (ADA).

Councilmember Putnam moved to approve Item Nos. 14, 15 and 16. Councilmember Velasco seconded the motion, which carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

17. Resolution No. 9032 – Weed Abatement

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 9032 declaring weeds a public nuisance, declaring its intention to remove them, and setting Thursday, March 8, 2007 as the date for the Public Hearing.

Councilmember Putnam moved to approve Item No. 17. Councilmember Velasco seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

18. Resolution No. 9033 – Approval of the Carmenita/I-5 Freeway Agreement

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 9033 approving the Carmenita/I-5 Freeway Agreement.

Councilmember Velasco moved to approve Item No. 18. Councilmember Putnam seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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

Councilmember Putnam appointed Luigi Trujillo to the Community Program Committee.

20. Request for a Leave of Absence

Councilmember Putnam moved to approve Item No. 20. Councilmember Velasco seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

22. **EXECUTIVE TEAM REPORTS**

Fire Chief Rodriguez reported that four members of the Fire Department had recently completed a specialty class offered through FEMA.

On behalf of City Manager Fred Latham, Thaddeus McCormack wished Council and Staff a Happy Valentine’s Day.

RECESS

Mayor Serrano, at 6:45 p.m., recessed the City Council meeting.

RECONVENE

Mayor Serrano, at 7:10 p.m., reconvened the City Council meeting with all Council present. Tom Lopez, Assistant Director of Public Works, sat in for Don Jensen.

3. **INVOCATION**

Councilmember Velasco gave the Invocation.

4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilmember Gonzalez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTIONS

5. Representatives from the Chamber of Commerce

Leighton Anderson of Bewley, Lassebeen & Miller and Susan Crowell of Healthfirst Medical Group were present representing the Chamber.

6. Representatives from the Youth Leadership Committee

Those representatives who were present came forward and introduced themselves.

7. Introduction of New City Employees
Ana Alvarez, Director of Community Services, introduced new City employees: Irene Aguilar, Administrative Clerk I; Wayne Bergeron, Management Assistant I; Sarah Pasillas, Library Services Aide; Eddie Ramirez, Family and Human Services Supervisor.

8. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
Cherie Blake, Public Relations Technician, gave updates to the City's Community Calendar.

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

Jimmy Mendoza, Subcommittee Chairperson for the Rose Float Committee, 9248 Millergrove Drive, thanked the Council for their support of the Rose Float and expressed what a wonderful experience it was for him, the volunteers who worked on the float and the entire community. He asked Council to consider participating in the Rose Parade again in 2008. Kim Zollman, 11103 Jersey Avenue, and Mary Anderson, 11108 Gard Avenue, echoed Mr. Mendoza's sentiments.

Mayor Serrano commented that it was a wonderful experience for him as well. He thanked them for their efforts on behalf of the City. He explained that their request could not be acted upon; it would have to be agendaized before any action could be taken by the Council.

PRESENTATION

9. Proclaiming the Week of February 19, 2007 as "Agents of Change Week" in Commemoration of the 2007 Diversity Summit Program and to Honor the Rich Cultural Diversity within Santa Fe Springs

Anthony Lopez, Assistant to the Director of Community Services, gave a brief presentation on Diversity Week activities.

10. Presentation to Santa Fe Springs "Golden Couples"
Mike Mendez, Director of Recreation Services, presented to Council 54 Santa Fe Springs couples who have been married fifty or more years. Mayor Serrano and Councilmember Putnam presented each of the couples with a plaque. Pictures with Council followed.

RECESS

Mayor Serrano, at 8:00 p.m., requested a recess so that a group picture could be taken in the lobby.

RECONVENE

Mayor Serrano, at 8:20 p.m., reconvened the meeting with all Council present.

11. Youth Leadership Committee Report of Yearly Retreat to Big Bear, California January 12-14, 2007
Araceli Espinoza, Committee Chair, gave a report, including a PowerPoint presentation, of the Committee's activities during the retreat.
12. On the Air Quality Management District's (AQMD) Draft 2007 Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP)
Rainbow Yeung, Senior Public Affairs Specialist, gave a brief report on the Draft 2007 Air Quality Management Plan.

Councilmember Gonzalez commented that he was happy to hear that the business community was stepping up to the plate as far as air quality compliance.

23. **ADJOURNMENT**
Mayor Serrano, at 8:40 p.m., adjourned the City Council meeting in the memory of Candace Telles, long-time Santa Fe Springs resident, to 4:30 p.m., Thursday, February 22, 2007, City Council Chambers, for a Study Session on proposed modifications to the City's Capital Improvement Plan.

Joseph D. Serrano, Sr.
Mayor

ATTEST:

Barbara Earl
City Clerk