

MINUTES
ADJOURNED CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS
MARCH 14, 2007

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Serrano, at 6:14 p.m., called the City Council meeting to order.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Councilmembers Gonzalez, Putnam, Velasco, Mayor Serrano

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Kernes

Also present: 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

PUBLIC HEARING

11. Resolution No. 9032 – Weed Abatement

Recommendation: That the City Council, following the Public Hearing, direct the Agricultural Commissioner to abate the nuisance by having weeds, rubbish and refuse removed.

Mayor Serrano, at 6:20 p.m., opened the Public Hearing and invited any person wishing to speak to the matter to come forward and address the Council.

Having no one come forward, Mayor Serrano, at 6:21 p.m., closed the Public Hearing.

Councilmember Gonzalez moved approval of Item No. 11. Councilmember Putnam seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

12. **CONSENT AGENDA**

A. **Minutes**

Regular City Council Meeting of February 22, 2007

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the Minutes.

City Engineer's Report

- B. Authorization to Advertise for the FY 2006/07 Street Rehabilitation Program

Recommendation: That the City Council authorize the City Engineer to advertise for construction bids.

- C. **Conference and Meeting Reports**

Mayor Serrano's and Councilmember Velasco's Trip to the National Chavez Center

Mayor Serrano's Attendance at the 2007 Joint Conference of the American Society on Aging and the National Council on Aging

Councilmember Gonzalez's Trip to the California Parks & Recreation Society Conference & Awards

Mayor Serrano noted that Item 12-B would be deferred to the March 22nd Council meeting.

Councilmember Putnam moved to approve the Consent Agenda, including Items 12-A and 12-C. Councilmember Velasco seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

13. **ORDINANCE FOR PASSAGE**

Ordinance No. 981 – Amending Chapter 151 of the City Code to Adopt and Amend Various Code Sections Relating to Flood Damage Prevention

Recommendation: That the City Council waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 981.

City Attorney Skolnik read the Ordinance by title as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 981

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS
REGARDING FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION

Councilmember Velasco moved to waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 981. Councilmember Putnam seconded the motion, which carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Gonzalez, Putnam, Velasco, Mayor Serrano

NOES:

ABSENT: Mayor Pro-Tem Kernes

NEW BUSINESS

14. Implementation Agreement for the SR 91/I-605/I-405 Corridor Study

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the Implementation Agreement and authorize the Mayor to execute said Agreement; and appropriate \$20,000 from the General Fund Contingency Reserve to cover the City's cost to participate in the Corridor Study.

Councilmember Putnam moved approval of Item No. 14. Councilmember Velasco seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

15. Resolution No. 9038 – Ordering the Preparation of Plans, Specifications, Cost Estimate, Diagram, Assessment and Report Pursuant to the Provision of Division 15, Part 2 of the Streets and Highways Code of the State of California, for Proceedings for Annual Assessment Levy after Formation of a District

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 9038 ordering the preparation of plans, specifications, cost estimate, assessment diagram, assessment and Engineer's Report for the Lighting District.

17. Reconsideration of Alcohol Sales Conditional Use Permit Case No. 5

Request for Reconsideration of Alcohol Sales Conditional Use Permit Case No. 5 to allow the continued sale of alcoholic beverages for off-site consumption at 11770 E. Washington Boulevard within the C-4, Community Commercial, Zone (G & M Oil Company).

Recommendation: That the City Council approve Reconsideration of Alcohol Sales Conditional Use Permit Case No. 5 subject to the conditions of approval as contained within the staff report.

18. Reconsideration of Alcohol Sales Conditional Use Permit Case No. 15

Request for Reconsideration of Alcohol Sales Conditional Use Permit Case No. 15 to allow the continued sale of alcoholic beverages for off-site consumption at Bob's Market located at 11605 Carmenita Road in the C-4, Community Commercial Zone (Sebastian Zambrano & Hyung Bok Yoon).

Recommendation: That the City Council approve Reconsideration of Alcohol Sales Conditional Use Permit Case No. 15 subject to the conditions of approval as contained within the staff report.

19. Reconsideration of Alcohol Sales Conditional Use Permit Case No. 20

Request for approval to allow the continued sale of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption involving a restaurant known as the Rachada Thai Cuisine, located at 13416 Imperial Highway, in the M-2, Heavy Manufacturing, Zone within the Consolidated Redevelopment Project Area (Larry Amone Hongkham).

Recommendation: That the City Council approve Reconsideration of Alcohol Sales Conditional Use Permit Case No. 20 subject to the conditions of approval.

20. **Reconsideration of Alcohol Sales Conditional Use Permit Case No. 23**
Request for approval to allow a continued alcohol beverage sales use involving the serving of alcoholic beverages for on-site customer consumption at the Veracruz Restaurant, in the C-4, Community Commercial, Zone at 9931 Orr & Day Road (Veracruz Restaurant).

Recommendation: That the City Council approve Reconsideration of Entertainment Conditional Use Permit Case No. 23 subject to the conditions of approval.

21. **Reconsideration of Alcohol Sales Conditional Use Permit Case No. 31**
Request for approval to allow the continued operation and maintenance of an Internet-based alcoholic beverage sales activity, in conjunction with the wholesale distribution of distilled spirits, beer and wine, at Fantis Foods California, Inc., located in the M-2, Heavy Manufacturing, Zone at 13505 Marquardt Avenue (Fantis Foods California, Inc.).

Recommendation: That the City Council approve Reconsideration of Alcohol Sales Conditional Use Permit Case No. 31 subject to the conditions of approval as contained within the staff report.

22. **Reconsideration of Entertainment Conditional Use Permit Case No. 12**
Request for approval to continue the establishment and maintenance of an entertainment use involving live performances at a restaurant known as the Rachada Thai Cuisine, located at 13416 Imperial Highway, in the M-2, Heavy Manufacturing, Zone within the Consolidated Redevelopment Project Area (Larry Amon Hongkham).

Recommendation: That the City Council approve Reconsideration of Entertainment Conditional Use Permit Case No. 12 subject to the conditions of approval.

Councilmember Gonzalez moved to approve Item Nos. 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22. Councilmember Putnam seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

16. **Metropolitan Pioneer Little League has Requested that it have a Designated Fireworks Stand**

Recommendation: That the City Council eliminate the current designation of fireworks stands for youth sports teams; appropriate \$6,000 to be used by the Santa Fe Springs Baseball Association, the Norwalk/Santa Fe Springs Youth Football, and the Metropolitan Pioneer Little League to be used for reimbursement of officiating

expenses; and direct staff to return with amendments to Ordinance No. 951 reflecting these changes.

Fred Latham, City Manager, explained that Item No. 16 resulted from a request from Metropolitan Pioneer Little League that it have a designated fireworks stand. He further explained that staff is recommending to Council that the current designation of fireworks stands for youth sports teams be eliminated, that Council appropriate \$6,000 to be used by the teams for reimbursement of officiating expenses, and that staff be directed to return to Council with amendments to Ordinance No. 951 reflecting the listed changes.

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

AYES: Councilmembers Gonzalez, Putnam, Velasco, Mayor Serrano

NOES:

ABSENT: Mayor Pro-Tem Kernes

23. Authorize the Purchase of Data 911 Mobile Computers for Santa Fe Springs Public Safety Officer Vehicles

Recommendation: That the City Council approve utilizing existing funds in Fiscal Year 2006/07 budget allocation for dictation equipment in the amount of \$40,000 for the acquisition of Data 911 mobile computers for the Santa Fe Springs Public Safety Officer vehicles; and authorize the Director of Purchasing Services to issue a purchase order as needed to facilitate the purchase of Data 911 mobile computers as recommended by the Director of Police Services.

24. Request for Appropriation from the General Fund Contingency Reserve to Upgrade the Police Services Center Phone System

Recommendation: That the City Council authorize the appropriation of \$10,000 from the General Fund Contingency Reserve to upgrade the phone system at the Police Services Center; and give authority to the Director of Purchasing Services to issue a purchase order to carry out this contractual service.

25. Request for Appropriation to Acquire a Historically-Significant Vintage 1917 Model T Ford "Runabout"

Recommendation: That the City Council appropriate \$12,000 from the General Fund Contingency Reserve for the purchase of a historically-significant 1917 Model T Ford "Runabout."

26. Approval of Proposed Modifications to the 2007 Memorial Scholarship Program Criteria

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the proposed modifications to the 2007 Memorial Scholarship Program criteria for the Albert L. Sharp Memorial Scholarship.

Councilmember Gonzalez moved to approve Item Nos. 23, 24, 25 and 26. Councilmember Putnam seconded the motion, which carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Gonzalez, Putnam, Velasco, Mayor Serrano

NOES:

ABSENT: Mayor Pro-Tem Kernes

COUNCILMEMBER-REQUESTED ITEM

27. Designation of Fireworks Stand for 2008 Tournament of Roses Parade City Float Entry

Recommendation: That the City Council give direction to staff on how to proceed.

Councilmember Putnam moved to approve Item No. 27. Councilmember Velasco seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

29. Request for a Leave of Absence

Recommendation: That the City Council approve a request from Vada Conrad for a leave of absence from the Beautification Committee.

Councilmember Putnam moved to approve Item No. 29. Councilmember Velasco seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

30. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

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

Alma Rodriguez, Vice President of Metropolitan Pioneer Little League, thanked the Council for approving the \$6,000 appropriation to the youth sports teams stating that the children benefit greatly from participating in the programs.

Councilmember Velasco thanked Ms. Rodriguez and all of the volunteers who put so much time and effort into the programs on behalf of the children.

RECESS

Mayor Serrano, at 6:40 p.m., recessed the City Council meeting to go into Closed Session.

3. **CLOSED SESSION**

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

TITLE: Director of Parks and Recreation

RECONVENE

Mayor Serrano, at 7:15 p.m., reconvened the City Council meeting.

City Attorney Skolnik reported that one item was acted on in Closed Session, which was to create a new position within the Recreation Division. The position would be second in command to the Director of Parks and Recreation; the title to be determined at a later date. He further reported that Councilmember Putnam moved to approve the item; it was seconded by Councilmember Velasco and unanimously approved.

4. **INVOCATION**

Councilmember Putnam gave the Invocation.

5. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Santa Fe Springs Girl Scouts led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTIONS

6. Representatives from the Chamber of Commerce

Wendy Meador, Tangram Interiors, was present representing the Chamber.

7. Representatives from the Youth Leadership Committee

Those representatives who were present introduced themselves.

8. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Serrano announced that Councilmember Velasco had a March birthday. A cake was brought out; staff and the audience sang Happy Birthday.

PRESENTATIONS

9. Proclaiming the Month of March 2007 as "National Girl Scout History Month" with Special Recognition to the Girl Scout Spanish Trails Council

Mayor Serrano called upon all troop leaders and Girl Scouts who were present to accept the Proclamation. Mayor Serrano read the Proclamation. A birthday cake was presented to the girls in honor of the 95th birthday of the Girl Scouts of America. Pictures with Council followed. Mayor Serrano also announced that the City would be contributing money to the Girl Scouts to supplement their year-end activities.

Cherie Blake, Public Records Technician, updated the events on the Community Calendar.

10. Artwork Dedication at the National Chavez Center in Keene, California
Rick Brown, Program Coordinator, showed a PowerPoint presentation of a visit to the National Chavez Center taken by Council, staff and local elementary school students. The visit was to present the Center with murals of Cesar Chavez which had been created by Cherie Blake, Public Relations Coordinator, and which were to become part of the museum's permanent collection.

Councilmember Velasco thanked Anthony Lopez, Assistant to the Director of Community Services, for arranging the trip and stated that he would like to thank him in a tangible way. He stated that he would also like to give special recognition to Cherie Blake for her work in creating the banners.

Mayor Serrano agreed and requested that staff follow up to make those recognitions take place in the near future.

28. **APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS**
Councilmember Velasco appointed Naomi Torres, a Pico Rivera resident, to the Community Program Committee and Susan Johnston to the Historical Committee.

31. **EXECUTIVE TEAM REPORTS**
Councilmember Gonzalez gave a brief overview of his recent trip to Sacramento for the California Parks & Recreation Society Conference.

Mayor Serrano gave a brief overview of his recent trip to Chicago for the National Society on Aging Conference.

Don Jensen, Director of Public Works, advised Council of an upcoming project that staff was currently working on with Edison and the Gas Company, which would involve laying a three-mile pipeline in the City. Mr. Jensen assured Council that staff was strategizing how to complete the project with the least impact to the City's 50 Anniversary events.

Ana Alvarez, Director of Community Services, reported that Mickey Mouse will be the Grand Marshall at the 50th Anniversary Parade; the Depot at Heritage Park is getting a furnishings makeover; the City was given two excellence awards at the CPRS Conference, one for single best brochure and one for the marketing campaign, and an achievement award for the actual Fiestas Patrias program; the conference was opened and closed in the memory of Dale Covington. Lastly, Ms. Alvarez gave kudos to library staff, in particular Joyce Ryan, for the recent Huck Finn presentation which was hosted at the library.

Alex Rodriguez, Fire Chief, announced that the Firefighters' Association had launched a website to allow the community to have an inside look at the Department; the address is sfsfirefighters.org.

Fred Latham, City Manager, thanked Council for their acknowledgement of staff members and the work they have been doing.

32. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Serrano, at 8:14 p.m., adjourned the City Council meeting in the memories of Eddie Aycock and Nelda Woolsey, long-time Santa Fe Springs residents; Tom Lamping, Whittier Police Department Sergeant; and Shirley Latham, mother of City Manager Fred Latham.

Joseph D. Serrano, Sr.
Mayor

ATTEST:

Barbara Earl
City Clerk