

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS
MARCH 22, 2007**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Serrano, at 6:12 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; 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

10. 50th Anniversary "Celebrating and Commemorating Santa Fe Springs" Monument

Consultant Leslie Elwood introduced the artist and his wife, Eugene and Ann Dobb, and gave an overview of the project, including siting, dimensions and materials to be used.

PRESENTATION

Sylvia Southerland, Southern California Edison, and Julia Emerson, Gas Company, gave a combined presentation on a pipeline project on Orr & day Road from Los Nietos Road southerly to the I-5 Freeway. Following the presentation, they responded to Council's questions and concerns and assured them that every effort will be made so as not to interfere with the upcoming 50th Anniversary celebrations.

Councilmember Putnam thanked them for their cooperation with each other and the City staff.

11. **CONSENT AGENDA**

New Business

A. Award Bid to Fairway Ford for the Purchase of a New Dump Truck

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

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. **Treasurer's Reports**

Treasurer's Reports for the Month of February 2007

Recommendation: That the City Council receive and file the Treasurer's Reports for the month of February 2007.

D. **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 Putnam moved to approve the Consent Agenda, including Item Nos. 11-A, 11-B and 11-C. Councilmember Velasco seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

12. Resolution No. 9036 – Approving the Use of Community Development Commission Funds for Projects Included in the Six-Year Capital Improvement Program

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 9036 finding that the projects identified in Exhibit A – Part 1 (Appropriations for Authorized Projects) and Exhibit B – Part 1 (Appropriations for Other Projects) of that document entitled "Proposed Modifications to the Six-Year Capital Improvement Program (FY 2006-07 through 2011-12) that are recommended to be funded by either the Community Development Commission or the Washington Boulevard Redevelopment areas benefit those respective areas and that no other reasonable means to complete the financing of those projects is available within the Community.

13. Authorize the Creation of a Youth Mentorship Program Known as Firefighters Organizing Resources for Community Enrichment (FORCE) within the City's Fire Department

Recommendation: That the City Council authorize the creation of a youth mentorship program known as Firefighters Organizing Resources for Community Enrichment (FORCE) within the City's Fire Department and in so doing approve the Fire Chief's request to hire four Fire Explorers as Recreation Leader I's.

14. Request for Approval to Issue a Letter of Intent to South Coast Fire Equipment for the Purchase of Two Fire Engines

Recommendation: That the City Council authorize the Fire Chief to send a Letter of Intent for the purchase of two fire engines from South Coast Fire Equipment to replace two fire engines which have exceeded their front-line capabilities; also to authorize the Finance Director to seek proposals to finance the acquisition through the use of a lease-purchase program.

15. Mid-Year Budget Review for Fiscal Year 2006/07 within the Two-Year Budget Cycle for Fiscal Years 2005/06 and 2006/07

Recommendation: That the City Council take appropriation action in the amounts of \$200,000 from the General Fund and \$65,000 from the Water Fund for the requests contained herein.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

16. Amendment of the Six-Year Capital Improvement Program (FY 2006-07 through FY 2011-12)

Recommendation: That the City Council consider and approve the amendments to the Six-Year Capital Improvement Program (FY 2006-07 through FY 2011-12); and authorize the reallocation of surplus funds and the appropriation of other funds as recommended by the City Manager.

Councilmember Velasco moved to approve Item Nos. 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16, including Resolution No. 9036. Councilmember Gonzalez seconded the motion, which carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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

No appointments were made.

RECESS

Mayor Serrano, at 6:59 p.m., recessed the City Council meeting.

RECONVENE

Mayor Serrano, at 7:13 p.m., reconvened the City Council meeting with all councilmembers present.

3. **INVOCATION**

Councilmember Gonzalez gave the Invocation.

4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The VFW led the Pledge of Allegiance.

7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Serrano announced that Mayor Pro Tem Kernes had recently celebrated a birthday. A cake was brought out; the audience, staff and Council sang Happy Birthday to him.

Ana Alvarez, Director of Community Services, introduced new City employee Paul Brascia, Case Worker for the Early Youth Intervention Program.

INTRODUCTIONS

5. Representatives from the Chamber of Commerce

There were no representatives present.

6. Representatives from the Youth Leadership Committee

Those representatives who were present came forward and introduced themselves.

PRESENTATIONS

8. Proclaiming the Month of March 2007 as "Women's History Month"

Mayor Serrano read the Proclamation and presented it to members of the Santa Fe Springs Women's Club who were present; pictures with Council followed.

9. Presentations to Mark Maguire and Robert Gillis in Recognition of their Retirements

Chief Rodriguez recognized Captain Robert Gillis for his contributions to the Fire Department over the past 32 years. Robert's family was invited to join him as Council presented him with a jacket and crystal clock; pictures with Council and family members followed. City Manager Fred Latham then presented Robert with a gift certificate for Home Depot from the Management Team for his interim position which he held some years before and gave congratulatory comments.

Chief Rodriguez then recognized Battalion Chief Mark Maguire for his contributions to the Fire Department over the past 28 years. Mark's family was invited to join him as Council presented him with a jacket and crystal clock; pictures with Council and family members followed. City Manager Fred Latham then presented Mark with a gift certificate from the Management Team to Lowe's Coronado Resort for a hotel stay and golf and gave congratulatory comments.

Retired Fire Chiefs Welland and Schabel were present to congratulate Robert and Mark and share stories of their memories and accomplishments of the two men.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wayne Bergeron, Management Assistant, updated the Community Events Calendar.

Fire Chief Rodriguez called upon Captain Mora to make a presentation to Council. Captain Mora announced that the Fire Department had recently purchased New York-style fire helmets. He presented each councilmember with a plaque to commemorate the new helmets. Pictures with Council, the Fire Chief and Fire personnel followed.

18. **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.

19. **EXECUTIVE TEAM REPORTS**

No reports were given.

20. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Serrano, at 8:10 p.m., adjourned the City Council meeting in the memory of Isabel Gonthier, former City resident and activist for the disabled, former President of the Rio Hondo College Board of Trustees, and mother of former L.A. CADA Executive Director, John Brown.

Joseph D. Serrano, Sr.
Mayor

ATTEST:

Barbara Earl
City Clerk