

MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS
APRIL 12, 2007

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Serrano, at 6:18 p.m., called the City Council meeting to order.

2. **ROLL CALL**

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

16. **JOINT PUBLIC HEARING**

Approval of a Policy Change to the Section 8 Annual Plan for FY 2007-2008 and Three Proposed Amendments to the Section 8 Administrative Plan

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the proposed policy change to the Section 8 Annual Plan for FY 2007-2008 and three proposed amendments to the Administrative Plan in accordance with Section 5A of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (USHA), as amended by Section 511 of the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998; and authorize the Executive Director of the Community Development Commission to submit the approved policy change to the Section 8 Annual Plan for FY 2007-2008 and the three approved amendments to the Section 8 Administrative Plan to the Housing Authority for the County of Los Angeles for inclusion with the Comprehensive Housing Agency Plan being submitted to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in April 2007.

City Attorney Skolnik advised that the Community Development Commission Agenda had a companion item; therefore, Council could act on the items concurrently.

Mayor Serrano opened the Joint Public Hearing and invited interested parties to come forward to address the Council.

Having no one come forward, Mayor Serrano declared the Joint Public Hearing closed.

Councilmember Gonzalez moved to approve Joint Public Hearing Item No. 16 on the Council Agenda and Community Development Commission Public Hearing Item No. 6. Mayor Pro Tem Kernes seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

17. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Minutes

- A. Adjourned City Council Meeting of March 14, 2007

Regular City Council Meeting of March 22, 2007

Recommendation: That the City Council approves the minutes.

City Engineer's Report

- B. Request for Authorization to Submit a Bid to Golden State Water Company for Abandonment and Acquisition of Water Services on Marquardt Avenue

Recommendation: That the City Council authorize the City Engineer to submit a bid in the amount of \$32,106.67 to Golden State Water Company to abandon three domestic water service connections on Marquardt Avenue and acquire 14 domestic water accounts and four fire service water accounts.

- C. Request for Proposals for a City-Wide Classification Study

Recommendation: That the City Council authorize the City Manager to advertise the attached Request for Proposals for a City-Wide Classification Study for all full-time and part-time positions.

- D. Conference and Meeting Reports

No reports were submitted.

Councilmember Velasco moved to approve the Consent Agenda, including Item Nos. 17-A, 17-B and 17-C. Councilmember Putnam seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

18. Resolution No. 9039 - Supporting State Legislation to Amend the State Water Code Regarding Groundwater Replenishment Assessments

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 9039 supporting State legislation to amend the State Water Code requiring that the groundwater replenishment assessments be based on the actual cost of service to replenish the groundwater basin.

Adeline Yoong, Government Affairs Program Manager, Water Replenishment District (WRD), was present and asked to speak. She advised that the WRD has not taken a position and is conducting studies to analyze quality and water flow and to ensure if this legislation is passed, it will not damage the basin.

Fred Latham, City Manager, expressed concern that customers will be charged actual cost and not subsidize the west basin.

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

19. Authorize the Creation of a Crisis Intervention Team within the City's Fire Department

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the creation of a Crisis Intervention Team comprised of representatives from local churches to assist residents during times of need.

20. Authorization to Change the Status of the Part-Time, Benefited Bus Driver II and the Substitute Bus Driver II Positions

Recommendation: That the City Council authorize creating a full-time Bus Driver II position and authorize an appropriation of existing Proposition A & C funds to cover the additional costs.

22. Consideration to Amend the Agreement between the City of Santa Fe Springs and the Board of Supervisors, Fourth District (Don Knabe) to Provide Additional Funding for Hiring for Additional Part-Time Graffiti Abatement Worker to Serve in the County Unincorporated Area and Authorization to Create and Fill the Additional Graffiti Abatement Worker Position

Recommendation: That the City Council accept and approve Supervisor Don Knabe's offer to fund an additional graffiti abatement worker by providing additional funding through the existing Social Program Agreement and authorize the City Manager to execute said amendment to the existing Agreement; and authorize the creation of and recruitment for an additional part-time graffiti abatement worker position (aka: Carpenter Aide, Class 75540, non-benefited, at-will), the existence of which shall be contingent on the continuation of grant funding through the County of Los Angeles.

Councilmember Velasco moved to approve Item Nos. 19, 20 and 22. Councilmember Putnam seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

21. Approval of Policy and Process for the Selection of Honorees to be Recognized as Part of the City's 50th Anniversary Celebration Founders Monument and Authorization for the Creation of a "Honoree Review Committee"

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt the provided policy and process for the selection of honorees to be recognized as part of the City's 50th Anniversary Celebration Founders Monument and, in so doing, authorize the creation of a "Founders Monument Honoree Review Committee."

Mr. Latham modified Item No. 21 to give authority to Mayor Serrano and Councilmember Velasco to recommend "Founders Plaza" and the selection process will be every two years.

Councilmember Velasco moved to approve Item No. 21. Councilmember Putnam seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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

No Appointments were made.

RECESS

Mayor Serrano, at 6:38p.m., recessed the City Council meeting.

RECONVENE

Mayor Serrano, at 7:08 p.m., reconvened the City Council meeting with all Councilmembers present.

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

Chris Williamson, Breitburn Energy Company, LP, was 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

Donald Jensen, Director of Public Works, introduced Laura Calderon, Office Aide; and Dyana English, Office Aide. Mr. Latham introduced Andrea Cutler, Human Resources Manager.

8. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Serrano announced that Councilmember Gonzalez celebrated his birthday on Tuesday. A cake was brought out; staff and the audience sang Happy Birthday.

Cherie Blake, Public Relations Technician, announced the kickoff of National Library Week with "Dia de los Librosos" on April 28, 2007 from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Mr. Latham announced that Mayor Serrano and Councilmember Velasco were honored on behalf of the Council by Los Nietos School Board on April 11, 2007.

A plaque was presented to the Council by the Girl Scouts of Santa Fe Springs.

PRESENTATIONS

9. 2007 Diversity Summit Program "Agents of Change" Report
Mayor Serrano called upon Rick Brown, Program Coordinator, and Anthony Lopez, Assistant to the Director of Community Services, who showed a DVD on the event. Mr. Brown was congratulated on this being his first project.
10. Proclaiming the Week of April 16 through April 20, 2007 as "Week of the Young Child" in Santa Fe Springs
Susan Beasley, Planning Department Executive Secretary, read the Proclamation; the children and families were invited to take photos with the Council. Mayor Serrano presented Judi Smith, Children's Administration Supervisor, with flowers; pictures with staff and Council followed.
11. Proclaiming April 22, 2007 as "Earth Day in Santa Fe Springs"
Ms. Beasley read the Proclamation. Mayor Serrano called on Anita Jimenez, Program Coordinator, to assist with the presentation. Thaddeus McCormack, Assistant to the City Manager, thanked Mrs. Jimenez for her contribution. Mayor Serrano also thanked Mrs. Jimenez for the Residential Refuse Roundup Program. Council was reminded that the next Residential Refuse Roundup will be held June 23 at Santa Fe High School.
12. Proclamation Declaring March 20 - April 30 as "Aprilfest Comedy Marathon"
Ms. Beasley read the Proclamation. Mayor Serrano called on Steven Kimborough, CEO Kimborough Media Group, Inc. Mr. Kimborough stressed the importance of comedy and thanked the City Council for this opportunity and presented Mayor Serrano with a token of his appreciation.
13. 2007 California Parks and Recreation Society (CPRS) Awards of Excellence Presentation
Mayor Serrano called on Ms. Pamela Yugar, past President of the California Parks and Recreation Society, to present the three awards.

Councilmember Gonzalez thanked the Council for allowing him to travel to Sacramento to accept the awards.
14. Proclaiming the Week of April 15 through 21, 2007 "National Library Week"
Ms. Beasley read the Proclamation. Mayor Serrano called on Anthony Lopez, Assistant to the Director of Community Services, and Library staff members. Dr. Lopez thanked his staff and the Friends of the Library who were in the audience.

Mayor Serrano declared that the Santa Fe Springs Library is top notch.

Mr. Latham reminded the Council that in 2001 the library won the prestigious Helen Putnam Award through the State of California. He thanked Dr. Lopez for his support in the library's recent transition.

15. Proclaiming April 25, 2007 as "Denim Day"

Ms. Beasley read the Proclamation. Mayor Serrano called on Fernando Tarin, Director of Police Services, to accept the proclamation.

24. **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.

25. **EXECUTIVE TEAM REPORTS**

Fernando Tarin, Director of Police Services, reminded Council of the City's 50th Anniversary 5K Walk/Run to be held on Saturday, April 14.

Maricela Balderas, Director of Family and Human Services, announced that the co-chairs for Fiestas Patrias will be Sylvia Arias and Eddie Ramirez.

Fire Chief Rodriguez distributed 5K T-shirts to Councilmembers; he announced that Firefighter Sean Escontrias helped coordinate the design; he also announced that firefighters were assisting with the Windy Ridge Fire; lastly, he reported that the SFS Fire Association ranked first in contributions, raising \$600 per firefighter, for the Fill the Boot Fundraiser.

Mr. Latham complemented Julie Herrera for the successful May event mailing, and commented that Simpson Advertising did a fabulous job. He also thanked Ted Spaseff, Director of Municipal and Utility Services, for his coordination of the 50th Anniversary golf tournament.

24. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Serrano, at 8:25 p.m., adjourned the City Council meeting in the memory of Al Zarling, long-time resident, City Crossing Guard, and volunteer docent at Heritage Park who was recently recognized as a 50-year Golden Couple and 50-year resident, to Tuesday, April 17, 2007 at noon, to the Executive Round Table Luncheon to be held at the Clarke Estate.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

SUSAN BEASLEY
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, PLANNING DEPARTMENT