

**MINUTES
ADJOURNED CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS
MAY 15, 2007**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Serrano, at 7:00 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

3. **INVOCATION**

Councilmember Putnam gave the Invocation.

4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by VFW Post 4138.

INTRODUCTIONS

5. Representatives from the Chamber of Commerce

Representing the Chamber was Shannan Quandt, Chamber President.

6. Representatives from the Youth Leadership Committee

Those representatives that were present came forward and introduced themselves.

7. Introduction of Landrat Haberkorn of Tirschenreuth, Germany

Thaddeus McCormack, Assistant to the City Manager, introduced Landrat Haberkorn and his granddaughter, Tina Faltenbacher. The Landrat thanked the Council and staff for their hospitality, congratulated the City on its 50th anniversary and presented Council with a sculpted plaque. Pictures with Council followed.

8. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chief Rodriguez presented a replica of the Fire Department's new badge to each of the Councilmembers.

Cherie Blake, Public Relations Technician, updated the Community Events Calendar.

Mayor Serrano recognized Mike Mendez, Director of Parks & Recreation, and Jeff Mahlstedt, Program Coordinator, for their outstanding work on the coordination of all of the 50th Anniversary events that occurred over the past weekend.

PRESENTATIONS

- 9. Proclamation Declaring May 20-26, 2007 as "Emergency Medical Services Week"
Mayor Serrano requested that Chief Rodriguez and representatives from Presbyterian Hospital, CARE Ambulance and the L. A. County Department of Health Services come forward to accept the Proclamation. City Clerk Barbara Earl read the proclamation; pictures with Council followed.

10. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Minutes

- A. Regular City Council Meeting of April 26, 2007

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the Minutes.

- B. **New Business**

Approval of Parcel Map No. 63676 (9210-9234 Norwalk Boulevard)

Recommendation: That the City Council approve Parcel Map No. 63676; find that Parcel Map No. 63676, together with the provisions for its design and improvement, is consistent with the City's General Plan; and authorize the City Engineer and City Clerk to sign Parcel Map No. 63676.

- 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.)

Mayor Serrano's and Councilmember Putnam's Attendance at the Annual Gonsalves Client Cities Appreciation Dinner

Mayor Pro Tem Kernes moved to approve the Consent Agenda, including Item Nos. 10-A, 10-B and 10-C. Councilmember Putnam seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- 11. Supplemental Engineering Services for the Valley View Avenue Grade Separation Project

Recommendation: That the City Council approve an extension of the contract with Hanson Wilson, Inc. in the amount of \$450,000 to cover the cost of supplemental engineering services for the Valley View Avenue Grade Separation Project; and authorize the Director of Public Works to execute the work order in order to incorporate these supplemental services into the contract.

12. Approval of Agreement Between the City of Santa Fe Springs and the City of Downey Establishing Access to a Library Automation System

Recommendation: That the City Council approve a three-year agreement with the City of Downey for the continuance of a Consortium for Automated Library Management and to provide access to a library automation system at an approximate cost of \$82,000 per year.

13. Request Approval to Enter into a Lease/Purchase Financing Agreement for Fire Equipment with SunTrust Corporation

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the lease/purchase financing of two fire engines to SunTrust Corporation and authorize the Director of Finance & Administrative Services to execute the necessary documents to finalize this transaction.

Mayor Pro Tem Kernes moved to approve Item Nos. 11, 12 and 13. Councilmember Gonzalez seconded the motion, which carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN:

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

Mayor Pro Tem Kernes appointed Chris Felix to the Youth Leadership Committee.

15. Request for Leave of Absence

Councilmember Putnam moved to approve item No. 15. Councilmember Velasco seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

16. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

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

Janie Aguirre, resident, commended the Council and City Staff on the wonderful 50th Anniversary events that took place over the weekend and stated that she felt very fortunate to live in such a wonderful community.

Steven Grant, VFW Post 4138, expressed regret to the Council that due to low attendance, VFW Post 4138 was forced to merge with the La Mirada Post and would no longer be active in the City of Santa Fe Springs. He stated that their hearts will remain in Santa Fe Springs.

17. **EXECUTIVE TEAM REPORTS**

Chief Rodriguez reported that for two days firefighters and equipment assisted the City of L.A. He further reported that all equipment came back intact and no firefighters were hurt.

Don Jensen, Director of Public Works, thanked the Council for their support of the 50th Anniversary events and stated that City staff enjoyed being a part of the events.

Councilmember Velasco thanked City staff and all of the numerous volunteers for their hard work over the past several months.

Councilmember Putnam also thanked everyone who worked on all of the wonderful birthday celebrations stating that they did a tremendous job.

Mayor Pro Tem Kernes stated that Santa Fe Springs is definitely a class act.

Councilmember Gonzalez thanked staff recognizing that they had been busy with preparations for the various events prior to January. He also thanked volunteers and those members of the business community who had been involved in some way. Lastly, he commented that his family had a blast at all of the events.

Mayor Serrano further thanked Mike Mendez and Jeff Mahlstede for the tremendous job that they did. He commented that the unity and harmony of staff was wonderful; the Mother's Day Brunch was wonderful; and all staff did a tremendous job.

18. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Serrano, at 7:40 p.m., adjourned the City Council meeting in the memories of long-time residents Blas Gonzales, William Craig, Francis Martinez and Mario Martinez, to Tuesday, May 29, 2007, 6:00 p.m., Council Chambers in City Hall.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Barbara Earl
City Clerk