

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS
JUNE 28, 2007**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Serrano, at 7:35 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

4. **INVOCATION**

Councilmember Putnam gave the Invocation.

5. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

VFW Post 4138 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTIONS

6. Representatives from the Chamber of Commerce

Mark Essena, Mckesson, and Kathie Fink, Chamber CEO, were present representing the Chamber.

7. Representatives from the Youth Leadership Committee

Those representatives who were present came forward and introduced themselves.

8. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

Mayor Serrano announced that Councilmember Putnam will be celebrating her 77th birthday on July 4. A cake was brought out, and the audience sang Happy Birthday.

Councilmember Putnam presented a thank you card to Council from the Santa Fe Springs Girl Scout troops that attended the recent Camp-O-Ree.

PRESENTATIONS

9. Presentation to the 2007 Teachers of the Year
Julie Herrera, Public Relations Specialist, introduced the Teachers of the Year: Andrea Etherton, Los Nietos School District; Barbara Kovar, Little Lake City School District; Leonard Espinoza, Whittier Union High School District; Ann Cunningham, St. Paul High School. Each teacher was presented with a crystal statue from the Council and a gift card from the Kiwanis Club. Pictures with Council, District staff members and family members followed.

Chris Crispo, Fire Association Representative, announced that, to date, the Fill the Boot campaign had raised \$27,000 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, and donations were still coming in.

10. Introduction of the 2007 Lupe M. Contreras Memorial Scholarship Recipients
Jo Ann Madrid and Carole Joseph, Community Services Department, gave the background and eligibility requirements of the scholarship and announced the 2007 winners: Amanda Hernandez and Teresa Orejel. Pictures with Council, staff and family members followed.

11. Commending Head District Attorney Jim Hickey on the Occasion of His Transfer to Pomona Court and the Conclusion of His Tenure at Los Padrinos Juvenile Court
Fred Latham, City Manager, and Anthony Lopez, Assistant to the Director of Community Services, delivered comments of praise and appreciation to Mr. Hickey and his wife, Lark, for their service to the youth and staff in Santa Fe Springs. A Commendation was read by City Clerk Barbara Earl, which Mayor Serrano then presented along with a granite clock. Pictures with Council followed.

12. National Public Works Week – Overview of Events
Don Jensen, Director of Public Works, presented an overview of Public Works Week and presented St. Pius X School with a certificate in recognition of its support to National Public Works Week. Mr. Jensen thanked Ted Spaseff, Director of Municipal and Utility Services, for all of his efforts on behalf of staff and the City to make the week a success.

Mayor Pro Tem Kernes announced that Mike Perez, former Home Repair Supervisor, had recently passed away; his funeral service will be on Friday, June 29 at 2:00 p.m.

City Attorney Skolnik stated that, in accordance with Proposition 218, the Mayor will now conduct a protest hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING

13. Resolution No. 9050 – Public Hearing for City of Santa Fe Springs Lighting District No. 1 (FY 2007/2008)

Recommendation: That the City Council conduct the Public Hearing and if protests of less than 50% of the area of assessable land within the district are received, adopt Resolution No. 9050 confirming the diagram and assessment and providing for annual assessment levy.

City Clerk Barbara Earl reported that she had received no protests.

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

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

Councilmember Velasco moved to adopt Resolution 9050 confirming the diagram and assessment and providing for annual assessment levy. Councilmember Putnam seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

14. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Minutes

- A. Regular City Council Meeting of June 14, 2007

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the Minutes.

New Business

- B. Resolution No. 9055 – Approval of a Letter of Agreement Between the City of Santa Fe Springs and the City of Lawndale Regarding the Exchange of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds for Fiscal Year 2007/2008

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 9055; and authorize the City Manager to execute any and all documents necessary to complete the exchange of funds on behalf of the City.

Treasurer's Report

- C. Treasurer's Reports for the Month of May, 2007

Recommendation: That the City Council receive and file the Treasurer's Reports for the month of May, 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 Velasco moved to approve the Consent Agenda, including Item Nos. 14-A, 14-B and 14-C, including Resolution No. 9055. Councilmember Putnam seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

15. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Extension of Contract – Supplemental Project Management Services for the Valley View Avenue Grade Separation Project

Recommendation: That the City Council approve an extension of the contract with URS, Inc. in the amount of \$349,880 to cover the cost of supplemental project management services for the Valley View Avenue Grade Separation Project; and authorize the Director of Public Works to execute the work order to incorporate these supplemental services into the contract.

16. Extension of Contract – Supplemental Right-of-Way Acquisition Support Services for the Valley View Avenue Grade Separation Project

Recommendation: That the City Council approve an extension of the contract with Epic Land Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$356,230 to cover the cost of supplemental right-of-way acquisition support 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.

Mayor Pro Tem Kernes moved to approve Item Nos. 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:

NEW BUSINESS

17. Request to Adopt Resolutions Pertaining to the City's General Municipal Election to be held Tuesday, November 6, 2007

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution Nos. 9051, 9052 and 9053, which pertain to the City's General Municipal Election to be held Tuesday, November 6, 2007.

18. Adoption of Resolution Nos. 9046, 9047, 9048, 9049 and the Approval of Four Contracts with the State Department of Education

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution Nos. 9046, 9047, 9048 and 9049 authorizing the City of Santa Fe Springs to renew Contract Nos. CLTK-

7027, CPRE-7120, CFCC-7009 and CCTR-7128 with the State Department of Education for Fiscal year 2007-2008 for the purpose of providing child care and development services for children ages birth through twelve under the City's Family & Human Services Division in the Department of Community Services.

20. Resolution No. 9054 – Adoption of Annual Appropriation Limit for Fiscal Year 2007-2008

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 9054 adopting the appropriation limit for Fiscal Year 2007-2008 (roll call vote required).

21. Request an Appropriation of \$41,000 for Contractual Services in the Department of Finance and Administrative Services

Recommendation: That the City Council appropriate \$41,000 to offset the percentage contingent costs associated with MBIA MuniServices' contract to recover sales and use tax revenues for the city.

22. Solid Waste Collection Rate Adjustments

Recommendation: That the City Council approve a 3.84% increase in the annual residential rate; approve a 3.84% increase in the commercial/industrial solid waste collection rate; and make these rate adjustments effective July 1, 2007.

Mayor Pro Tem Kernes moved to approve Item Nos. 17 - 22.

Mr. Latham stated that Item No. 19 should be taken separately.

Mayor Pro Tem Kernes amended his motion to include Item Nos. 17, 18, 20, 21 and 22. Councilmember Putnam seconded the motion, which carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

19. Report on Police Tow Services Agreement

Recommendation: That the City Council extend the Tow Service Agreement with Vernola's Tow for an additional five years until December 31, 2014; and authorize the Director of Police Services to execute the Agreement with Vernola's Tow to extend towing services until December 31, 2014.

Mr. Latham stated that staff requests a third recommendation be added, with the concurrence of Mr. Vernola, to increase towing and impound rates effective July 1 \$5.00 or 2% in addition to the annual 2% increase.

Mayor Pro Tem Kernes moved to approve the recommendation and the amendment as stated by Mr. Latham. Councilmember Gonzalez seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

23. City Council, Community Development Commission and Public Finance Authority Meeting Schedule for July

Recommendation: That the City Council give staff direction as to the July meeting schedule.

Mr. Latham stated that because of various scheduling conflicts, Council had made a decision to not have Council meetings on the regularly-scheduled dates of July 12 and 26, but instead to have one meeting date on July 17 at 6:00 p.m.

City Attorney Skolnik added that due to the date change, a public hearing which had previously been set for July 12 would need to be changed; therefore, he advised that a Subsequent Need Item was before the Council.

SUBSEQUENT NEED ITEM

Resolution No. 9056 – Declaring Intention to Levy Annual Assessments Heritage Springs Assessment District No. 2001-01 (Hawkins Street and Palm Drive)

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 9056 amending Resolution No. 9044 adopted on June 14, 2007, which declared its intention to levy annual assessments and set the public hearing for the Council meeting of July 12, 2007.

City Attorney Skolnik explained that in order for an item to qualify for placement on the agenda as a Subsequent Need Item, it must meet two criteria: 1) that staff became aware of the item after the preparation of the agenda and 2) that the matter could not wait for the next meeting to be acted on. He further stated that this item met both criteria.

Mayor Pro Tem Kernes moved to place the item on the agenda. Councilmember Putnam seconded the motion, which carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Mayor Pro Tem Kernes moved the recommendation. Councilmember Putnam seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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

No appointments were made.

25. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Dale Bayless, representative of the Community Playhouse, thanked Council for their support and personally invited them to attend their newest play, Grease, in honor of the City's 50th anniversary celebration.

26. **EXECUTIVE TEAM REPORTS**

Fernando Tarin, Director of Police Services, reminded everyone of the rabies clinic at Santa Fe High School on July 10; and advised that flyers had gone out around Los Nietos Park to residents reminding them of the "no parking" zones on July 4.

Ana Alvarez, Director of Community Services, reminded everyone of the July 4th festivities and to be sure to get to the park no later than 9:00; advised of the Beautification awards ceremony which had recently taken place and gave kudos to staff members Jean Madrid and Teresa Ramirez for putting on such a nice event; thanked Council for their support of the Lupe Contreras Scholarship; and reminded Council of the Farwell art dedication on July 6.

Councilmember Gonzalez wished everyone a safe and Happy 4th of July.

RECESS

Mayor Serrano, at 8:55 p.m., recessed the City Council meeting to go into Closed Session.

3. **CLOSED SESSION**

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

AGENCY DESIGNATED

REPRESENTATIVES: Jose Gomez, Director of Finance & Administration
Andrea Cutler, Human Resources Manager
Maribel Garcia, Assistant Human Resources Manager
Debbie Ford, Human Resources Clerk III

EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION: Santa Fe Springs Employees' Association

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EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION: Santa Fe Springs Firefighters' Association

27. **RECONVENE**

Mayor Serrano, at 10:07 p.m., reconvened the City Council meeting.

For purposes of complying with the Brown Act, Mr. Latham reported the following actions were taken in Closed Session: that compensation for general employees be continued at the current levels pending approval of the Memorandum of Understanding, at which time the term will be implemented; to continue the current compensation for employees represented by the Santa Fe Springs' Fire Association to the first City Council meeting in August; and to continue to authorize expenditures under the 06/07 Fiscal Year budget pending adoption of the 07/08 budget. Councilmember Putnam moved to approve all three actions. Councilmember Velasco seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Serrano, at 10:10 p.m., adjourned the City Council meeting in the memory of Mike Perez, long-time resident and City employee, to Tuesday, July 17 at 6:00 p.m., Council Chambers.

Joseph D. Serrano, Sr.
Mayor

ATTEST:

Barbara Earl, CMC
City Clerk