

MINUTES
ADJOURNED CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS
JULY 17, 2007

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Serrano, at 6:10 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

RECESS

Mayor Serrano, at 6:50 p.m., recessed the City Council meeting to go into Closed Session.

3. **CLOSED SESSIONS**

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 Firefighters' Association

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

POTENTIAL CASES: 1

(12215 E. Slauson Avenue)

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR

Property: Property Acquisition for the Valley view Avenue Grade Separation Project
Negotiating Parties: Staff and Potential Sellers and/or Buyers
Under Negotiation: Terms of Agreement

RECONVENE

Mayor Serrano, at 7:12 p.m., reconvened the City Council meeting with all councilmembers present.

City Attorney Skolnik, in compliance with the Brown Act, reported that in Closed Session one item was discussed on the City Council agenda, which was the Valley View Avenue Grade Separation Project. He further reported that Councilmember Gonzalez moved, and Councilmember Putnam seconded, to approve of the recommendation of just compensation of parcels needed to be acquired for the project; the motion was unanimously approved. He stated that the other Closed Session Items would be discussed following the regular business on the agenda.

4. **INVOCATION**

Councilmember Velasco gave the Invocation.

5. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilmember Putnam led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTIONS

6. Representatives from the Chamber of Commerce

Sylvia Southerland, Southern California Edison, and Kathie Fink, CEO, were present representing the Chamber.

7. Representatives from the Youth Leadership Committee

Those representatives who were present came forward and introduced themselves.

8. Introduction of New City Employees

Directors Fernando Tarin, Don Jensen and Ana Alvarez introduced new employees to their respective departments.

9. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Serrano announced that 4th graders at Santa Fe Springs Christian School had won first place for their quilt entitled "Our Town" in the State Fair; it will be on display in Sacramento for the next couple of weeks.

Cherie Blake, Public Records Technician, and Marissa Madrid, Community Services Intern, updated the Community Services events calendar.

PRESENTATIONS

10. To Anita Ayala Upon Her Retirement

Ana Alvarez, Director of Community Services, along with other Community Services staff, gave a brief history of Mrs. Ayala's career in Santa Fe Springs and thanked her for her years of dedicated service to the City and the library. Mayor Serrano presented her with gifts from the Council. Pictures with family members, staff and Council followed.

11. To Esther B. Sanchez Upon Her Retirement
Jose Gomez, Director of Finance and Administrative Services, gave a brief history of Ms. Sanchez' career in Santa Fe Springs and thanked her for her service to the City. Mayor Serrano presented her with gifts from the Council; pictures with Fire Department personnel and Council followed.
12. Proclaiming August 7, 2007 as "National Night Out"
Mayor Serrano called upon Kimberly Sawyer, Safety Education Officer, to announce the activities planned for the event. He then called upon City Clerk Barbara Earl to read the Proclamation, which he then presented to Mrs. Sawyer.
13. To the Santa Fe Springs Firefighters' Association and Santa Fe Springs Fire Department for their Participation in the "Fill the Boot" Fundraiser

Chief Rodriguez called upon Fire Department personnel to update the Council on the success of the fundraiser, which, to date, had reached \$32,500. Mayor Serrano presented the firefighters with a commendation for their hard work and perseverance on behalf of the Muscular Dystrophy Association; pictures with Council followed.

14. Proclaiming the Month of July as "Parks and Recreation" Month
Ms. Alvarez called upon Community Services staff to kick off Parks and Recreation Month by passing out ice cream to Council and the audience. Mayor Serrano called upon City Clerk Barbara Earl to read the proclamation, which he then presented to Carole Joseph representing the Community Services Department; pictures with Council followed.

15. **PUBLIC HEARING**
Resolution No. 9057 – Heritage Springs Assessment District No. 2001-01 (Hawkins Street and Palm Drive) Update for Fiscal Year 2007/08

Recommendation: That the City Council conduct the Public Hearing and adopt Resolution No. 9057 approving the Engineer's Report, confirming the Assessment, ordering the work and acquisitions, and directing actions with respect thereto.

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

City Clerk Barbara Earl stated that no protests had been received in her office.

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

16. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Minutes

- A. Regular City Council Meeting of June 28, 2007

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the Minutes.

Award of Contract

- B. Sculpture Garden Founders Plaza – Artwork Design, Landscaping and Engineering

Recommendation: That the City Council authorize the City Engineer to execute a contract with each of the following consultants for the design of the Sculpture Garden Founders Plaza as follows: 1) Elwood and Associates, Oversight of Artist and Artwork, in the amount of \$20,000; Eugene Daub, Artist, in the amount of \$86,800; and RMA International, Landscape Architectural and Engineering Services, in the amount of \$41,700.

New Business

- C. Request for Approval to Attend an Out-of-State Conference

Recommendation: That the City Council authorize the Director of Public Works to attend the American Public works Association’s 2007 International Congress in San Antonio, Texas.

- D. Request for Out-of-State Travel for Program Coordinator Anita Jimenez to Chaperone the Sister City Student Exchange to Tirschenreuth, Germany from July 14 to August 5, 2007

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the out-of-state travel request for Anita Jimenez to serve as a chaperone for 9 students of the Sister City Student Exchange Program in Tirschenreuth, Germany from July 14 to August 5, 2007.

Treasurer’s Report

- E. Treasurer’s Reports for the Month of June, 2007

Recommendation: That the City Council receive and file the Treasurer’s Reports for the month of June, 2007.

- F. **Conference and Meeting Reports**

Councilmember Gonzalez’ Attendance at the Independent Cities Association Conference July 11-15, 2007

Recommendation: That the City Council receive and file the report.

Councilmember Gonzalez moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Velasco seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

17. Adoption of FY 2007/08 and 2008/09 City and Community Development Commission Budgets and Related Actions

Recommendation: That the City Council and Community Development Commission adopt the Proposed City and Community Development Commission Budgets, as amended, and, in so doing, approve the related actions as set forth herein.

Mr. Latham stated that staff was prepared to answer any questions the Council might have related to the budgets and related actions.

Discussion ensued which produced the following Council requests:

- a. To pull the Zamora Landscaping contract and the Boxing Program and consider them at a later time.
- b. To amend the Proposed Fee Schedule to provide for the modification of existing fees, including the 17% Approved Construction Cost Fee.
- c. To convey the City's commitment to public safety through the City's newsletter.
- d. To include the actual numbers for the City's 50th anniversary celebration.
- e. To put the EYIP Specialist hours back into the budget.
- f. To broaden the scope of the Cesar Chavez Luncheon to provide for more community involvement; to keep the event under the EYIP; and to appoint Messrs. Serrano and Velasco to bring back recommendations to the Council regarding ways to expand the luncheon without losing the significance of it.

City Attorney Skolnik stated that one motion could be made to approve Item No. 6 on the Community Development Commission agenda and Item No. 17 on the City Council agenda, as amended. Councilmember Velasco moved to approve Item Nos. 6 and 17, as amended. Councilmember Gonzalez seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

18. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Santa Fe Springs and the Santa Fe Springs Employees' Association

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the attached Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Santa Fe Springs (SFS) Employees' Association and authorize the City Manager to execute said agreement.

19. Approval of Management Team Compensation and Benefit Package for Fiscal Years 2007/08 and 2008/09

Recommendation: That the City Council extend the compensation and benefit package authorized for the Santa Fe Springs Employees' Association to the City's Management Team and authorize the City Manager to implement the modification of the compensation and benefits package.

20. Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Santa Fe Springs and Central Basin Municipal Water District for the Water Quality Protection Plan (WQPP) Facility

Recommendation: That the City Council ratify a decision by the City Manager to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Central Basin Municipal Water District for the Water Quality Protection Plan (WQPP) Facility.

21. Resolution No. 9059 Authorizing the City of Santa Fe Springs to Accept a Local Agreement with the California Department of Education, Contract Number CSCC-7083

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 9059 authorizing approval of a Local Agreement for Child Development Services with the California Department of Education for one-time-only, school-age resource funds in the amount of \$2,342, Contract Number CSCC-7083, for the purpose of providing child care and development services for school-age children in Fiscal Year 2007-2008.

22. Resolution No. 9060 – Authorizing the City of Santa Fe Springs to Accept a Local Agreement with the California Department of Education for Child Development Services, Contract Number CRPM-6046, for Facilities Renovation and Repair

Recommendation: That the City Council approve Resolution No. 9060 authorizing the City to approve Contract No. CRPM-6046 for \$20,000 with the State Department of Education Child Development Division for Fiscal Years 2007/2008 and 2008/2009 for the purpose of repair and renovation projects at the Los Nietos Park Child Care Center.

23. Resolution No. 9061 – Delegation of Authority for Awarding Informal Contracts for Capital Improvement Projects

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 9061 delegating authority to the City Manager or Director of Finance and Administrative Services to award contracts for informal capital improvement projects.

25. Approval of the Heritage Arts Advisory Committee’s Recommendation of the Conceptual Design and Selection of the Artist of the Villages at Heritage Springs Art Project

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the Heritage Arts Advisory Committee’s recommendation of Lynn Goodpasture’s conceptual design and selection as artist of the villages at Heritage Springs art project.

Councilmember Gonzalez moved to approve Item Nos. 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 25. Councilmember Velasco seconded the motion, which carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

24. Designation of Voting Delegate/Alternate for League of California Cities Annual Conference September 5-8, 2007, Sacramento

Recommendation: That the City Council approve of the Delegate and Alternate proposed by Mayor Serrano.

Mr. Latham explained that Mayor Serrano will be attending the conference and will act as the City’s delegate for purposes of voting. To comply with League by-laws, it was necessary for Council to also designate an alternate.

Mayor Serrano moved that Tom Lopez, Assistant Director of Public Works, be appointed as alternate. Councilmember Gonzalez seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

SUBSEQUENT NEED ITEM

Ordinance No. 983 – An Urgency Ordinance of the City of Santa Fe Springs Regarding Parking Vehicles in such a Manner as to Obstruct Driveways

City Attorney Skolnik advised that Mayor Pro Tem Kernes had a Subsequent Need item he would like to introduce. He explained that the matter came to the attention of staff after the preparation of the agenda.

Councilmember Kernes explained that currently there was nothing in the Code that addressed the issue of people parking too close to a driveway, and it was a matter that needed to be dealt with immediately. He moved to place the item on the agenda. Councilmember Gonzalez seconded the motion, which carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES:

ABSENT:

City Attorney Skolnik read the Urgency Ordinance by title: Ordinance No. 983 – An Urgency Ordinance of the City of Santa Fe Springs Regarding Parking Vehicles in such a Manner as to Obstruct Driveways, and explained that, if passed, would take effect immediately.

Councilmember Velasco inquired as to how the ordinance would be enforced.

City Attorney Skolnik explained that it would be enforced on a complaint-driven basis.

Mr. Latham explained that the intent was to develop a warning system starting tomorrow advising of the violation; upon a second infraction, a citation would be issued. He explained that it would be similar to a 72-hour parking violation.

Councilmember Velasco commented that there should be leniency on trash days.

Mayor Pro Tem Kernes stated that the purpose of the ordinance was not to target people who obey the law. He suggested that the ordinance needed teeth and recommended that a towing component be added.

Councilmember Gonzalez stated that the ordinance will aid residents and public safety officers to do something about inconsiderate people.

Councilmember Putnam stated she did not understand why this ordinance was needed; that people needed to be educated.

Mayor Pro Tem Kernes stated that the ordinance was needed for people who are intentional and need to be dealt with.

Mayor Pro Tem Kernes moved the recommendation. Councilmember Gonzalez seconded the motion, which carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Mr. Latham advised that the Fee Schedule sets the bail amount for most parking violations at \$47.00; if Council wants a bail amount different than that, the Fee Schedule will need to be amended.

Mayor Serrano suggested an escalating amount for the first and second offense and towing the car on the third offense.

Mayor Pro Tem Kernes suggested a \$100 bail amount.

Mayor Serrano stated that \$100 was too high; they should stay with the \$47.00 amount.

Captain Dan Petropolus stated that a new bail amount would have to be approved by the local court.

City Attorney Skolnik stated for that reason it would be a good idea to stay consistent with the current bail amount.

Mayor Pro Tem Kernes made a motion to amend the budget action to set the bail amount at \$47.00. Councilmember Gonzalez seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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

Councilmember Putnam appointed Lupe Lopez to the Beautification Committee.

Councilmember Gonzalez appointed Josefina Canchola to the Community Program Committee.

27. **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.

28. **EXECUTIVE TEAM REPORTS**

Fernando Tarin, Director of Police Services, reported that Laura Lanksy had been named the new Head District Attorney at Los Padrinos; and that a DUI checkpoint

will be in place on July 20 from 9:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m. on Florence Avenue near Greenwood.

Mayor Serrano commented that he noticed some of the crosswalks in the area were not working properly. He also inquired as to whether it had been determined if PSO's could issue tickets.

Mr. Latham stated that staff is reviewing the authority regarding PSO's being able to give tickets.

Councilmember Velasco inquired about the feasibility of having a flashing red light at the Roseton intersection.

Don Jensen, Director of Public Works, responded that he would have staff review the State Vehicle Code and report back to Council. He also explained that a study had already been conducted on the Roseton/Florence intersection which determined that the intersection met state warrants for a signal, and that would be going before the Traffic Commission.

Mr. Latham stated that a study had been recommended to determine whether an additional crossing guard was needed at this location; he stated that the studies will need to be folded together.

Ana Alvarez, Director of Community Services, advised that Council will be receiving a calendar of meetings for the Joint Oversight Committee through the end of 2008. She also reported that in February 2008 chairmanship of the committee changes from the hospital to the City.

RECESS

Mayor Serrano, at 9:00 p.m., recessed the City Council meeting to go into Closed Session.

RECONVENE

Mayor Serrano, at 11:19 p.m. reconvened the City Council meeting.

Mr. Latham, in compliance with the Brown Act, reported out that in Closed Session Councilmember Gonzalez moved, Mayor Serrano seconded, and it was unanimously carried, to approve the personnel actions as related by the City Manager in the adopted budget.

29. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Serrano, at 11:20 p.m., adjourned the City Council meeting in the memories of Wayne Aslakson, long-time resident, and James and Adeline Havens, 56-year residents.

Joseph D. Serrano, Sr.
Mayor

ATTEST:

Barbara Earl, CMC
City Clerk