

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS
AUGUST 9, 2007**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Serrano, at 6:13 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; Paul Ashworth sitting in for Bob Orpin, Director of Planning and Development; Tom Lopez sitting in for Don Jensen, Director of Public Works; Dino Torres sitting in for Fernando Tarin, Director of Police Services; Ana Alvarez, Director of Community Services; Jose Gomez, Director of Finance & Administrative Services; Alex Rodriguez, Fire Chief

11. **PUBLIC HEARING**

Resolution No. 9063 – Self Certification of Conformance to Congestion Management Program

Recommendation: That the City Council conduct a public hearing and adopt Resolution No. 9063 certifying that the City is in conformance with the Congestion Management Program.

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 approve Item No. 11. Councilmember Gonzalez seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

12. Confirmation of 2006/2007 Weed Abatement Charges

Recommendation: That the City Council confirm the charges listed in the Los Angeles County Agricultural Commissioner's 2006/2007 Weed Abatement Assessment Roll and instruct the County Auditor to enter the amounts of said assessments against the respective parcels of land as they appear on the current Assessment Roll.

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 approve Item No. 12. Councilmember Putnam seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

- 13. Resolution No. 9067 – 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. 9067 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.

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

Councilmember Velasco moved to approve Item No. 13. Mayor Pro Tem Kernes seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- 14. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Minutes

- A. Adjourned City Council Meeting of July 17, 2007

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the Minutes.

City Engineer’s Reports

- B. Resolution No. 9064 – Request for Parking Restriction and Tow-Away Zone on Springdale Avenue North of Florence Avenue

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 9064 restricting parking of vehicles weighing over 6,000 pounds and implementing a tow-away zone on the east side of 10640 Springdale Avenue from a point 400 feet south of Clark to a point 665 feet north of Florence Avenue.

- C. Resolution No. 9065 – Modification of Parking Restriction on Marquardt Avenue North of Freeway Drive

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 9065, which would prohibit the parking of vehicles at various addresses along Marquardt Avenue north of Freeway Drive between 9:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., and implement a tow-away zone for vehicles that violate the restriction.

D. **Conference and Meeting Reports**

Mayor Serrano's and Councilmember Gonzalez' Attendance at the League of California Cities 2007 Mayors and Council Members Executive Forum & Advanced Leadership Workshops July 25-28, 2007

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

Councilmember Gonzalez moved to approve the Consent Agenda, including Resolution Nos. 9064 and 9065. Councilmember Putnam seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

15. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Adoption of FY 2007/08 and 2008/09 City Budget Deferred Items

Recommendation: That the City Council appropriate funds for the boxing program and landscape maintenance contract at the funding levels included in the FY 2007/08 and FY 2008/09 Proposed Two-Year Budget.

NEW BUSINESS

16. Resolution No. 9062 Authorizing the City of Santa Fe Springs to Accept an Agreement with the California Department of Education to Utilize One-Time-Only Funds for the Purpose of Purchasing Materials and Supplies for the Infant and Toddler Childcare Resource Program

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 9062 authorizing the City to enter into an agreement to be awarded Contract No. CCAP-7126 with the State Department of Education – Child Development Division for Fiscal Year 2007-08 for the purpose of purchasing instructional materials and supplies for the award of one-time-only funds for the Infant and Toddler Childcare Resource Program in the amount of \$2,535.

17. Resolution No. 9068 - Supporting the Reauthorization of the League of California Cities' Grassroots Network

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt resolution No. 9068 signifying the City's support for the reauthorization of the League's Grassroots Network program; and authorize the Mayor to vote as such at the League's Annual Conference in September.

18. Authorize City Participation in Operation Interdependence®, a National Nonprofit Organization that Provides a Means for the Public to Serve and Support Military Personnel by Receiving and Distributing Civilian Care Donations (C-rats) to Military Personnel Serving Abroad

Recommendation: That the City Council authorize the City Manager to collaborate with Golden Springs Development, the local business and residential community and the City Employee Association by providing logistical support for the collection and distribution of contributions relating to Operation Interdependence®.

19. Authorize the City to Participate in a Los Angeles County-Sponsored Juvenile Diversion Program for First-Time Vandalism and Graffiti Taggers

Recommendation: That the City Council, in partnership with Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe, authorize the City to participate in the Juvenile Diversion Program for first-time vandalism and graffiti taggers; and give authority to the Director of Police Services to assign staff to the Program.

20. Approval of Sponsorship for the 35th Anniversary Celebration of SPIRITT Family Services

Recommendation: That the City Council approve sponsorship of the 35th Anniversary Celebration of SPIRITT Family Services as a Sapphire Sponsor and appropriate \$5,000 for that purpose.

21. Approval of Third Amendment to Employment Agreement with the City Manager

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the Third Amendment to the City Council's Employment Agreement with the City Manager, the effect of which would be to extend the Agreement to December 31, 2009 and to remove the "evergreen" provisions from the Agreement.

Fred Latham, City Manager, requested that Item No. 18 be deferred to a future Council meeting so that staff could gather more information on the subject matter.

Councilmember Gonzalez moved to approve Item Nos. 15, 16, 17, 19, 20 and 21. Councilmember Velasco seconded the motion, which carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

With respect to Item No. 19, Councilmember Velasco requested that Anthony Lopez be directed to give a presentation about how the City's program can interface with the County program.

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

No appointments were made.

23. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

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

Mike McEntee, 10751 Longworth Avenue, stated that he was present to contest Urgency Ordinance No. 983 because it was flawed and the sole purpose of it was retaliation. He further stated that the ordinance created a parking problem for many residents whose addresses he had included in an exhibit he prepared for Council. He inquired as to why the ordinance had not been posted on an agenda within 72 hours of the meeting. Lastly, he requested that the ordinance be retracted.

City Attorney Skolnik explained that the Brown Act prohibits the Council from acting on an item which has not been agendized. As such, he requested that the Mayor, in his discretion, refer the matter to staff for follow-up.

Mayor Serrano stated that he did not want to delay this matter; he would like staff to get back to him by the end of next week.

RECESS

Mayor Serrano, at 6:25 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 Firefighters' Association

RECONVENE

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

City Attorney Skolnik reported that there were no actions at this time to report out from the Closed Session.

4. **INVOCATION**

Mayor Pro Tem Kernes gave the Invocation.

5. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
Councilmember Gonzalez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTIONS

6. Representatives from the Chamber of Commerce
Wendy Meador of Tangram Interiors was present representing the Chamber.
7. Representatives from the Youth Leadership Committee
Those representatives who were present came forward and introduced themselves.
8. New City Employees
The following employees were introduced: Richard Benavente, Summer Intern; Paul Garcia, Intern; Laurie Flores, Summer Intern; Marty Guzman, Public Works Aide; George Garcia, Summer Intern; Beannette de la Cruz, Summer Intern; Clement Gosch, Summer Intern; Marisa Madria, Summer Intern; Sergio Trejo, Summer Intern; Otesha Mosley, Summer Intern.

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

PRESENTATIONS

10. To the City Council by the Santa Fe Springs Thunder Baseball League
Ruben Rodriguez, Manager, and Head Coach, Jesse Rodriguez, along with a few players, thanked Council for their support and presented each Councilmember with a plaque; pictures with Council followed.

24. **EXECUTIVE TEAM REPORTS**
Paul Ashworth reported that a new corporation which manufactures refrigerated cabinets had just signed a five-year lease in the Suzuki building; the company was relocating from the City of Commerce.

Dino Torres reported that over 1,000 people attended National Night Out. He thanked the departments for their support of the event and commented that the Fire Department cooked hamburgers and hotdogs for three hours.

Ana Alvarez reported that her staff had just retained a new family law attorney to provide pro bono work for residents; the library had recently received a grant; and she and her immediate staff would be located at Town Center Hall and Heritage Park as her office underwent renovation.

Jose Gomez reported that the City was given an Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the City's FY 05-06 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR).

Chief Rodriguez reported that the Rio Hondo Fire Academy landscaping project was complete; the Department had recently received \$300,000 in non-matching grant funds to add training props to the academy site; personnel had been dispatched to a 2nd alarm fire at a local business; and Captain McGauley had a presentation for the Council on an evacuation chair, which Councilmember Putnam, in conjunction with AbilityFirst, was instrumental in helping the Department obtain.

RECESS

Mayor Serrano, at 7:44 p.m., recessed the City Council meeting to go into Closed Session.

25. **RECONVENE/ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Serrano, at 9:15 p.m., reconvened the City Council meeting and immediately adjourned it in the memories of Lucy Sandoval and Ann Bartunek, long-time Santa Fe Springs residents; and Elvira Yniguez, family member of Councilmember Velasco.

Joseph D. Serrano, Sr.
Mayor

ATTEST:

Barbara Earl, CMC
City Clerk