

**MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS  
AUGUST 23, 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, 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

15. **CONSENT AGENDA**

**Minutes**

A. City Council Meeting of August 9, 2007

**Recommendation:** That the City Council approve the Minutes.

**Award of Contract**

B. Street Rehabilitation Program (FY 2006/2007)

**Recommendation:** That the City Council accept the bids for the subject project and award the contract to the lowest, responsible bidder, if acceptable.

**New Business**

C. Request for Approval for Out-of-State Travel for Fleet Operations Superintendent, Mechanic II and Signals and Street Lighting Supervisor to Inspect New Aerial Lift Truck Prior to Delivery

**Recommendation:** That the City Council authorize the Fleet Operations Superintendent, Richard Maben, Mechanic II, Tod Gordon, and Signals and Street Lighting Supervisor, Joseph Rodriguez, to travel to Saint Joseph, Missouri to inspect the new aerial lift truck prior to accepting delivery.

- D. Request City Council Approval for Out-of-State Travel for Designated Staff in the Department of Community Services to Attend the National League of Cities 2007 Summit on Combating the Childhood Obesity Epidemic in San Antonio, Texas from September 30-October 3, 2007

**Recommendation:** That the City Council approve the request of Ana M. Alvarez, Director of the Department of Community Services, Maricela Balderas, Director of Family and Human Services Division, and Edmund Ramirez, Family Services Supervisor, to attend the National Summit on Your City's Families in San Antonio, Texas from September 30-October 3, 2007.

- E. Resolution No. 9069 – Approval of the Carmenita/I-5 Freeway Agreement

**Recommendation:** That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 9069 approving the Carmenita/I-5 Freeway Agreement and authorize the Mayor to sign the Agreement.

**Treasurer's Report**

- F. Treasurer's Reports for the Month of July, 2007

**Recommendation:** That the City Council receive and file the Treasurer's Reports for the month of July, 2007.

- G. **Conference and Meeting Reports**

No reports were submitted.

Councilmember Putnam moved to approve the Consent Agenda, including Resolution No. 9069. Councilmember Velasco seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

16. \$26,000 Contribution to the Little Lake School District's Lake Center Fitness Lab Project

**Recommendation:** That the City Council appropriate \$26,000 from the General Contingency Reserve to support funding the Little Lake School District's Lake Center Fitness Lab Project.

Councilmember Velasco moved to approve Item No. 16. Councilmember Putnam seconded the motion, which carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Gonzalez, Kernes, Putnam, Velasco, Mayor Serrano  
NOES:  
ABSENT:  
ABSTAIN:

17. Artist Agreement for the Villages at Heritage Springs Project

**Recommendation:** That the City Council enter into an agreement with Artist Lynn Goodpasture to create the artwork as detailed in the Artist Agreement for the Villages at Heritage Springs residential development and authorize the Director of the Department of Community Services to sign the agreement.

Councilmember Velasco moved to approve Item No. 17. Councilmember Putnam seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA**

City Attorney Skolnik noted the reason for the Supplemental Agenda was that the first agenda had been printed before staff was aware that the Operation Interdependence item had been set for the August 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

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®.

Councilmember Putnam moved to approve the City's participation in Operation Interdependence. Councilmember Gonzalez seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**SUBSEQUENT NEED ITEM**

Repair of Light-Emitting Diodes (LED) Crosswalk Lighting

**Recommendation:** That the City Council appropriate \$40,000 from the General Fund Reserve and authorize the Director of Public Works to proceed with repairs to existing LED-lighted crosswalks.

City Attorney Skolnik advised that a Subsequent Need Item was also before the Council. He 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.

Councilmember Gonzalez moved to place the item on the agenda.  
Councilmember Velasco seconded the motion, which carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Councilmember Putnam 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:

**RECESS**

Mayor Serrano, at 6:27 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 7:15 p.m., reconvened the City Council meeting with all Councilmembers present.

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

No representatives were present.

7. Representatives from the Youth Leadership Committee

Those representatives who were present came forward and introduced themselves.

11. To Jim Lidyoff Upon His Retirement  
Don Jensen, Director of Public Works, gave a brief summation of Jim's work history and thanked him for his service to the City. Mayor Serrano presented him with a jacket and a crystal clock. Pictures with family members and Council followed.
8. Introduction of New Santa Fe Springs Policing Team Member  
Captain Petropolus introduced Officer Willie Lawson. Officer Lawson thanked Council for the opportunity to work in the City.
9. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
Cherie Blake, Public Relations Technician, gave a brief update of Community Calendar events.
- PRESENTATIONS**
10. To Guests from Our Sister City of Tirschenreuth, Germany, and Their Host Families  
Thaddeus McCormack, Assistant to the City Manager, introduced the German students and chaperones and presented them with a plaque. The chaperones presented Council with gifts of appreciation; pictures with Council followed.
13. Presentation to Metro/Pioneer Little League Teams, 2007 All Star District Champions  
Sandy Lopez, President, thanked the Council for their continued support of the 700-member league and said that she had three of the teams represented here tonight. The players presented Council with photo collages; pictures with Council followed.
12. Proclamation Declaring September 14 & September 15, 2007 as the City of Santa Fe Springs 2007 Fiestas Patrias 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Cultural Celebration  
Community Services staff announced the various activities that would take place during the Fiestas; musicians and dancers performed; a sash ceremony was performed honoring those families who were instrumental in bringing the Fiestas to the City. Mayor Serrano read the Proclamation; pictures with Council followed.
14. Recognition of Santa Fe Springs Policing Team Members, Officer Fernando Sanchez, Officer Mike Dekowski, Officer Bruce Saurer and Officer Jeremy Rounds by the California Highway Patrol for Their Outstanding Police Work Leading to the Arrest of Grand Theft Auto Suspects  
Captain Minor from the CHP and representatives from the Automobile Club presented the officers with their 10851 award pins; pictures with family members and Council followed.
18. **APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS**  
Councilmember Gonzalez appointed Jimmy Mendoza to the Sister City Committee.

19. **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.

20. **EXECUTIVE TEAM REPORTS**

Fernando Tarin reported that the Police Services Center was gearing up for the beginning of school, including reviewing traffic protocol.

Ana Alvarez reported that both senior centers were undergoing minor renovations.

Councilmember Velasco requested that the new chairs for the centers have arms to give the seniors extra support as they sat and stood up.

City Attorney Skolnik wished everyone a Happy Labor Day.

21. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Serrano, at 9:28 p.m., adjourned the City Council meeting in the memory of John A. McMillen, long-time Santa Fe Springs resident.

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Joseph D. Serrano, Sr.  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Barbara Earl, CMC  
City Clerk