

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS
SEPTEMBER 27, 2007**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Serrano, at 6:24 p.m., called the City Council Meeting to order.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Councilmembers Gonzalez, Kernes, Velasco, Mayor Serrano

Excused: Councilmember Putnam

Also present: Thaddeus McCormack, Acting City Manager; Barbara Earl, City Clerk; Steve Skolnik, City Attorney; Steve Masura sitting in for Bob Orpin, Director of Planning and Development; Don Jensen, Director of Public Works; Fernando Tarin, Director of Police Services; Mike Mendez sitting in for Ana Alvarez, Director of Community Services; Jose Gomez, Director of Finance & Administrative Services; Alex Rodriguez, Fire Chief

PUBLIC HEARING

16. Resolution No. 9073 –Public Hearing on the Formation of Underground Utility District No. 12 (Stage Road Between Valley View Avenue and 500' + West of Valley View Avenue and the West Half of Valley View Avenue Between 950' + South of Stage Road and 750' + North of Stage Road)

Recommendation: That the City Council conduct the Public Hearing on the formation of Underground Utility District No. 12 on sections of Stage Road and Valley view Avenue; receive and file the Engineer's Report; and adopt Resolution No. 9073 establishing Underground Utility District No. 12 on sections of Stage Road and Valley view Avenue.

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

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

Councilmember Velasco moved approval of Item No. 16. Councilmember Gonzalez seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

17. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Awards of Contract

- A. Award of Contract to Ricoh Business Solutions for Copier Leases and Service

Recommendation: That the City Council award a copier lease and service contract to Ricoh Business Solutions for thirteen copiers that will be located in various City departments and facilities and allow the Director of Purchasing Services to execute the agreement.

- B. Award of Contract for Maintenance of the Fire Station Alerting System

Recommendation: That the City Council award the contract for annual maintenance of the Fire Station Alerting System to Westnet Incorporated.

Treasurer's Report

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

Recommendation: That the City Council receive and file the Treasurer's Reports for the month of August, 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.)

Mayor Serrano's Attendance at the International Council of Shopping Centers Conference

Councilmember Velasco moved approval of the Consent Agenda, including Items A, B, C and D. Councilmember Gonzalez seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

City Attorney Skolnik suggested that Council take Item No. 21 separately.

18. **NEW BUSINESS**

Request an Appropriation of \$30,000 for Contractual Services in the Department of Finance and Administrative Services

Recommendation: Request that the City Council appropriate \$30,000 to offset the percentage contingent costs associated with MBIA MuniServices contract to recover sales and use tax revenues for the City.

19. Resolution No. 9072 – A Resolution Authorizing Advances from the City of Santa Fe Springs for Purposes of the Consolidated Redevelopment Project

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 9072 authorizing advances in the amount of \$4,842,000 to fund the administrative, operational and capital needs of the Consolidated Redevelopment Project and carry over \$3,494,000 from an outstanding advance of \$6,600,000 that was loaned for purposes of land assembly in the Consolidated Redevelopment Project.

20. Acceptance of Dedication and Approval of Parcel Map No. 64547 – Florence Avenue Foursquare Church

Recommendation: That the City Council accept the street dedication and easement for sidewalk purposes; find that Parcel Map No. 64547 is consistent with the City’s General Plan; and authorize the City Engineer and City Clerk to sign Parcel Map No. 64547.

Councilmember Gonzalez moved approval of Item Nos. 18, 19 and 20. Councilmember Velasco seconded the motion, which carried by the following roll call vote:

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

21. Acceptance of Dedication and Approval of Tract Map No. 63136 – Villages at Heritage Springs

Recommendation: That the City Council accept the street, sidewalk, sewer, storm drain and water easement dedications on the Final Map and approve Tract Map No. 63136; find that it is consistent with the City’s General Plan; and authorize the City Engineer and City Clerk to sign it.

City Attorney Skolnik stated that Public Works staff would like to add a contingency to the approval of Tract Map No. 63136 that Breitburn execute a new surface use agreement for the property before any actions are taken in furtherance of the map approval.

Mayor Pro Tem Kernes moved approval of Item No. 21 and the additional contingency. Councilmember Gonzalez seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

RECESS

Mayor Serrano, at 6:30 p.m., recessed the City Council meeting to go into Closed Session.

3. **CLOSED SESSION**
CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
City of Santa Fe Springs v. Spicy Gentlemen’s Club

RECONVENE

Mayor Serrano, at 7:07 p.m. reconvened the City Council meeting with all Council present.

4. **INVOCATION**
Mayor Pro Tem Kernes gave the Invocation.

5. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
VFW Post 4138 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTIONS

6. Representatives from the Chamber of Commerce
Michael Becher of Miller Giangrande, LLP, 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 Santa Fe Springs Policing Team Members
Fernando Tarin, Director of Police Services, introduced Public Safety Officers Brenda Villasenor and Ray Rojo and Police Service Assistant Brenda Villasenor.
9. Introduction of New City Employees
Don Jensen, Director of Public Works, introduced Public Works Aide Anthony Guthrie and Facility Worker John Mears.

10. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
Thaddeus McCormack, Acting City Manager, stated that it had been a pleasure serving the Council in the City Manager’s absence this past week. He also reminded Council of Relay for Life, which would run from Friday at noon to Saturday at noon.

PRESENTATIONS

12. To the Participants of the F.O.R.C.E. Program (Firefighters Organizing Resources for Community Enrichment)
Chief Rodriguez introduced members of the F.O.R.C.E. Program and showed a brief PowerPoint highlighting the group’s summer activities. Mayor Serrano gave each participant a certificate; pictures with Council followed.

11. Proclamation Declaring October 2007 as "Breast Cancer Awareness Month" in the City of Santa Fe Springs
Mayor Serrano called upon City Clerk Barbara Earl to read the Proclamation, which he then presented to members of the Abigail Barazza Foundation.
13. Proclamation Declaring October 7-13, 2007 as "Fire Prevention Week"
Mayor Serrano called upon City Clerk Barbara Earl to read the Proclamation, which he then presented to Bil Murphy, Fire Marshal, and Sparky the Fire Dog.
14. Fire Department Promotions and Badge Pinning Ceremony
Fire Chief Rodriguez congratulated Mike Glaze on being promoted to Fire Engineer and pinned his badge on him; pictures with Council followed.
15. Proclamation Declaring October 2007 as "Lupus Awareness Month"
Mayor Serrano called upon City Clerk Barbara Earl to read the Proclamation.

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.

Having no one come forward, Mayor Serrano closed Oral Communications.

24. **EXECUTIVE TEAM REPORTS**

Don Jensen, Director of Public Works, reported that on Tuesday he appeared before Congresswoman Napolitano and the Sub-Committee in the House of Representatives on Water & Power asking for \$11 million for a project. He further reported that Congresswoman Napolitano was supportive of the request and sends her regards to the Council.

Fernando Tarin, Director of Police Services, reported that SEACCA will be conducting a dog canvass starting next week in order to get dogs in the City licensed and vaccinated.

Hilary Keith, Director of Library Services, updated the Community Calendar.

Jose Gomez, Director of Finance, reported that the Finance Department has spent the last few weeks preparing for the arrival of independent City auditors; he further stated that he expected a successful audit, which he will present at a future Council meeting.

25. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Serrano, at 7:55 p.m., adjourned the City Council meeting in the memories of Steven Grant, long-time resident and member of VFW Post 4138, and long-time residents Olivia Lopez and Margaret Perez.

Joseph D. Serrano, Sr.
Mayor

ATTEST:

Barbara Earl, CMC
City Clerk