

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS
OCTOBER 11, 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, Velasco, Mayor Serrano

Excused: Councilmember Putnam

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; 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

14. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Minutes

A. City Council Meeting of September 13, 2007

City Council Meeting of September 27, 2007

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the Minutes.

City Engineer's Report

B. Resolution No. 9074 – Request for Parking Restriction on Springdale Avenue

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 9074, which would prohibit the parking of vehicles weighing over 6,000 pounds to be implemented at various addresses along Springdale Avenue north of Florence Avenue and implement a tow-away zone for vehicles that violate the restriction.

C. **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.

Council deferred taking action on the September 13 and September 27 minutes to a subsequent meeting.

Councilmember Velasco moved to approve Item 14-B. Mayor Pro Tem Kernes seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

15. **NEW BUSINESS**

Request that the City Council Approve the Proposed Change of Job Title and Salary Range for the Position of Cultural Arts Administrator in the Department of Community Services

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the recommendation of the Director of the Department of Community Services and the Director of the Library & Cultural Services Division to modify the job title of the Cultural Arts Administrator to Heritage Park Supervisor and modify the related salary range.

16. Resolution No. 9075 – Establishing the City’s Contribution to the Public Employees’ Retirement System for Safety and General Employees

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 9075 fixing the employer’s contribution at a maximum of \$1228.95 per month under the Public Employees’ Medical and Hospital Care Act for safety and general employees.

17. Reconsideration of Alcohol Sales Conditional Use Permit Case No. 21

Recommendation: That the City Council approve Reconsideration of Alcohol Sales Conditional Use Permit Case No. 21 subject to the conditions of approval as contained within this report.

18. Approval of Conceptual Plans for the Lakeview Park Multi-Purpose Recreation Facility

Recommendation: That the City Council receive the staff presentation on the project; and approve the conceptual plans and authorize staff to proceed with the preparation of construction plans and specifications.

19. Approval of Sponsorship for the 50th Anniversary Celebration of Intercommunity Child Guidance Center

Recommendation: That the City Council approve a Gold Sponsorship for the 50th Anniversary Gala of Intercommunity Child Guidance Center and appropriate \$20,000 from the General Fund for that purpose.

Councilmember Gonzalez moved to approve Item Nos. 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19, including Resolution No. 9075. Mayor Pro Tem Kernes seconded the motion, which carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Gonzalez, Velasco, Kernes, Serrano
NOES:
ABSENT: Councilmember Putnam
ABSTAIN:

Councilmember Gonzalez inquired as to whether the City normally sponsored Intercommunity Child Guidance at a \$20,000 level.

Mr. Latham stated that the sponsorship level was higher than normal because they were celebrating their 50th anniversary.

Mr. Jensen introduced the architectural team of TBP Architecture, which had been hired for the Lakeview Park Multi-Purpose Recreation Facility.

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

No appointments were made.

Councilmember Gonzalez inquired as to whether the Youth Leadership Committee list was up to date, whether Council had four or five appointments each, and what the age limits of the youth were.

Mr. Latham advised those questions would be addressed by staff and answered at the next Council meeting.

RECESS

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

4. **INVOCATION**

Councilmember Gonzalez gave the Invocation.

5. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Pro Tem Kernes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTIONS

6. Representatives from the Chamber of Commerce

Debbie Baker of Simpson Advertising was present representing the Chamber.

7. Representatives from the Youth Leadership Committee
Those committee members who were present came forward and introduced themselves.

8. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Wayne Bergeron, Management Assistant, updated the Community Events Calendar.

PRESENTATIONS

9. Fire Department Promotion
Deferred to a subsequent meeting.

10. Proclaiming October 22-26, 2007 "Red Ribbon Week"
Mayor Serrano called upon Kimberly Sawyer, Public Safety Education Officer, to describe this year's Red Ribbon activities and City Clerk Barbara Earl to read the proclamation. Proclamations were given to the City's Safe Neighborhood Team and representatives from each of the school districts; pictures with Council followed.

11. Presentation to the City Council from the Relay for Life Committee
Debbie Baker, Relay for Life Co-Chair, gave a brief overview of Relay highlights, introduced and thanked her committee members, and gave Council thank you gifts for their support. Pictures with Council followed.

12. Proclamation Declaring October 18, 2007 Rotary Club of Santa Fe Springs 50th Anniversary Day
Mayor Serrano called upon City Clerk Barbara Earl to read the proclamation and Sam Smith, President of the Rotary Club, to accept it. Pictures with Council followed.

PUBLIC HEARING

13. State of California Citizens Option for Public Safety (COPS) Grant Program

Recommendation: That the City Council open the Public hearing; and approve the expenditure of the State of COPS funds as outlined in the plan contained within the staff report.

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

21. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

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

Mayor Serrano directed Public Works staff to look into how the City can assist homeowners with the removal of wasp nests and beehives. He also asked Mr. Jensen to look into ways to get residents to voluntarily cut back on water usage.

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

22. **EXECUTIVE TEAM REPORTS**

Ana Alvarez, Director of Community Services, had staff present Councilmembers with a book entitled "Love in the Time of Cholera" written by Gabriel Garcia Marquez. She also reminded everyone of the volunteer opportunities to help decorate the Rose Float.

Chief Rodriguez advised that as part of Fire Prevention Week, Fire Station #4 hosted an open house, which was very well attended.

23. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Serrano, at 8:06 p.m., adjourned the City Council meeting in the memories of our friends and co-workers from RPI Coating who recently passed away in a work-related incident in Georgetown, Colorado: Gary Foster, Anthony Aguirre, Dupree Holt, James St. Peters and Donald De Jaynes.

Joseph D. Serrano, Sr.
Mayor

ATTEST:

Barbara Earl, CMC
City Clerk