

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS
MAY 22, 2008**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Velasco, at 6:10 p.m., called the City Council meeting to order.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Councilmembers Gonzalez, Putnam, Rounds, Serrano, Mayor Velasco

Also present: Fred Latham, City Manager; Barbara Earl, City Clerk; Steve Skolnik, City Attorney; Paul Ashworth, 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; Scott Goodwin sitting in for Fire Chief Alex Rodriguez

RECESS

Mayor Velasco, 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: Fred Latham, City Manager

Jose Gomez, Director of Finance & Administration

Andrea Cutler, Human Resources Manager

EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS: Santa Fe Springs Employees' Association
Santa Fe Springs Firefighters' Association

RECONVENE

Mayor Velasco, at 7:10 p.m., reconvened the City Council meeting with all Councilmembers present.

4. **INVOCATION**

Councilmember Serrano gave the Invocation.

5. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Youth Leadership Committee members led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTIONS

6. Representatives from the Youth Leadership Committee

Those representatives who were present introduced themselves.

7. Representatives from the Chamber of Commerce
Liz Buckingham and Bill Billard were present representing the Chamber.
8. Introductions of the 2008 Destiny Scholarship Recipient & Powell Grant Recipient
Liz Buckingham introduced Megan O'Connell, recipient of the Destiny Scholarship; and Richard Cardenas, recipient of the Powell Grant.
9. Introductions of the 2008 Armando J. Mora, Lorenzo Sandoval, and Albert L. Sharp Memorial Scholarship Program Recipients
Wayne Bergeron, Management Assistant, introduced the recipients as follows:
Armando Mora Award: Christopher J. Felix, Paulina Sue Flores; Lorenzo Sandoval Award: Brittany Aranda, Megan O'Connell; Albert L. Sharp Award: Christopher J. Felix, Megan O'Connell. Each recipient was presented with a plaque and a check. Pictures with family members and City Council followed each presentation.

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

PRESENTATIONS

11. Presentation of "Blue Star" Service Banners to the Families of Santa Fe Springs Residents Currently Serving in the Armed Services
Thaddeus McCormack, Assistant to the City Manager, introduced the proud family members. Mayor Velasco presented each with a Blue Star banner and a certificate; pictures with Council were taken.
12. 2008 Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) Recognition of Volunteers
Jo Ann Madrid, Program Coordinator, and Yvonne Peraza-Mendoza, Social Worker, introduced the Program's volunteers and announced that the Program had received an Award of Excellence for the lowest rejection of returns. They further reported that 562 returns were prepared and residents received \$475,000 in refunds. Pictures with Council followed.

13. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Minutes

- A. City Council Meeting of May 8, 2008

Recommendation: That the City Council approve as submitted.

New Business

- B. Authorization to Renew the License Agreement with the Southern California Edison Company for Use of a Portion of Land for Santa Fe Springs Park

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the renewal of the License Agreement with the Southern California Edison Company for use of a portion

of land for Santa Fe Springs Park and authorize the Mayor to sign the Agreement.

C. Approval of Parcel Map No. 69700 – Alondra Boulevard/Carmenita Road

Recommendation: That the City Council approve Parcel Map No. 69700; find that Parcel Map No. 69700, together with the provisions for its design and improvement, is consistent with the City's General Plan; and authorize the City Engineer and City Clerk to sign Parcel Map No. 69700.

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.)

D. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez' and Councilmembers Rounds' and Serrano's Attendance at the International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC) Conference held May 19-21, 2008

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

Treasurer's Reports

E. Treasurer's Reports for the Month of April 2008

Recommendation: For informational purposes only.

Award of Bid

F. Award Bid to Fairway Ford for a Stake Bed Truck

Recommendation: That the City Council award a bid to Fairway Ford and allow the Director of Purchasing Services to issue a purchase order to process the transaction.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez moved to approve Items 13A-F. Councilmember Rounds seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

14. GASB 45 Implementation: Liabilities and Funding Options

Recommendation: That the City Council receive and file the report and direct the City Manager to consider the various funding options when preparing recommended actions for the Fiscal Year 2008-09 Revised Budget.

John Bartel of Bartel Associates, LLC, the City's certified actuarial consultant, gave a presentation outlining the liabilities and the funding options available to the City.

The Council received the report and presentation.

15. Resolution No. 9106 – Approving the Use of Community Development Commission Funds for the Replacement and Enhancement of the Lakeview Park Recreation Facility

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 9106 finding that the replacement and enhancement of the Lakeview Park Recreation Facility Project benefits the Consolidated Redevelopment Project Area and that no other reasonable means to complete the financing of this project is available within the community.

16. Resolution No. 9107 – Approving the Use of Community Development Commission Funds for the City Library Renovation and Enhancement Project

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 9107 finding that the Library Renovation and Enhancement Project benefits the Consolidated Redevelopment Project Area and that no other reasonable means to complete the financing of this project is available within the community.

17. Resolution No. 9108 – Approving the Use of Community Development Commission Funds for the Expansion of the Fire-Rescue Department Headquarters Facility

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 9108 finding that the Expansion of the Fire-Rescue Department Headquarters Facility Project benefits the Consolidated Redevelopment Project Area and that no other reasonable means to complete the financing of this project is available within the community.

18. Resolution No. 9109 – Approving the Use of Community Development Commission Funds for Little Lake Park Phase 1 Improvement Project

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 9109, finding that the Little Lake Park Phase 1 Improvement Project will benefit the Consolidated Redevelopment Project Area and that no other reasonable means to complete the financing of this project is available within the community.

19. Resolution No. 9110 – Approving the Use of Community Development Commission Funds for the Neighborhood Center Enhancement and Expansion Project

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 9110 finding that the Neighborhood Center Enhancement and Expansion Project will benefit the Consolidated Redevelopment Project Area and that no other reasonable means to complete the financing of this project is available within the community.

Councilmember Rounds moved to approve Item Nos. 15, 16, 17, 18, and 19. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

COUNCILMEMBER-REQUESTED ITEMS

20. Adoption of Policy on Support of Community Organizations through Sponsorship or Participation in Golf Tournaments

Recommendation: That the City Council consider adoption or modification of the policy as requested by Mayor Velasco and take action as deemed appropriate.

Mayor Velasco commented that he initiated this item because of his concern for the City's budget challenges. He further commented that employees and residents are being asked to cut back; Councilmembers should be role models for fiscal responsibility.

Mayor Velasco moved to approve Item No. 20. The motion died for lack of a second.

Mayor Velasco stated that in an effort to ensure the Council was being fiscally responsible, he would like the City Manager to provide him with a monthly report of all golf activity consisting of the name of the tournament, the cost of the tournament, and how many foursomes the City paid for. He stated that there are only five Councilmembers and one does not play golf; there is no reason to have more than one foursome.

Mayor Velasco also requested that he be provided with a car report consisting of who uses the car, for what purpose, and how many days. He concluded by stating that Councilmembers receive a car allowance. They should not be using the City car and accepting the allowance.

21. Consideration of Modifying the Solid Waste Collection Permit Granted to City Franchised Waste Haulers in Accordance with the Provisions of Chapter 50 of the Municipal Code and the Agreements Between the City and the Respective Franchised Waste Haulers

Possible Actions: Should the City Council wish to take action, the following steps would need to occur to be consistent with the Waste hauler Agreements:

1. Direct staff to give notice to Consolidated Disposal Service, CR&R, Inc., and Serv-Wel Disposal Service that the Council does not consent to the annual extension term of their existing permit agreements, which would then expire on June 30, 2017; and

2. Direct staff to communicate such notice in a way that specifies the City Councils' intent to eliminate the annual, automatic extension of the terms of the agreements through and up until the expiration date of June 30, 2017.

Richard Fierro, Consolidated Disposal, stated that it was wrong for Council to consider a wind-down contract with a company which has given so much to this City. He further stated that it was his hope that staff and Council would sit down with him to negotiate a contract that was mutually beneficial.

Mick Shubin, Serv-Wel Disposal, stated that his dad had started this company 50 years ago. A contract like the one the City is proposing really hurts his small company. He would really like to sit down with City staff and the Council and be given the chance to give input before a decision is finalized.

City Attorney Skolnik advised that if Council did not act now before June 1st, they would have to wait for another year to do so.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez moved to approve Possible Actions Nos. 1 and 2. Councilmember Serrano seconded the motion, which carried by the following roll call vote:

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

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

No appointments were made.

23. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Mayor Velasco opened Oral Communications and invited interested parties to address the Council.

Debbie Gomez, 11031 Cultura Street, Santa Fe Springs, stated that she was unhappy with the Santa Fe Springs Baseball Association. A problem occurred with a board member, the police were called, and her child was kicked out of the league.

City Manager Latham advised Mrs. Gomez that the association was not a City organization; the City merely provided the field and support to the association. He further advised Council that staff has been working with the Board and Mrs. Gomez, and a number of offers have been made in an effort to resolve the situation.

City Attorney Skolnik advised that the issue was not on the agenda; therefore, Council could not act on it.

City Manager Latham stated that he would meet with Mrs. Gomez in the coming weeks to find a resolution to the problem.

24. **EXECUTIVE TEAM REPORTS**

No reports were given.

25. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Velasco, at 8:55 p.m., adjourned the City Council meeting.

Gustavo R. Velasco
Mayor

ATTEST:

Barbara Earl, CMC
City Clerk