

**MINUTES**  
**ADJOURNED CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS**  
**JULY 21, 2008**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez, at 6:09 p.m., called the City Council meeting to order.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Councilmembers Putnam, Rounds, Serrano, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez

Absent: Mayor Velasco

Also present: Fred Latham, City Manager; Barbara Earl, City Clerk; Steve Skolnik, City Attorney; Paul Ashworth, Director of Planning and Development; Tom Lopez sitting in for Don Jensen, Director of Public Works; Fernando Tarin, Director of Police Services; Carole Joseph sitting in for Ana Alvarez, Director of Community Services; Alex Tong sitting in for Jose Gomez, Director of Finance & Administrative Services; Scott Goodwin sitting in for Fire Chief Alex Rodriguez

Mayor Velasco entered the proceedings.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

9. Confirmation of 2007/2008 Weed Abatement Charges

**Recommendation:** That the City Council confirm the charges listed in the Los Angeles County Agricultural Commissioner's 2007/2008 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 Velasco opened the Public Hearing and invited interested parties to come forward to address the Council.

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

Councilmember Rounds moved to approve the recommendation. Councilmember Serrano seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

10. **CONSENT AGENDA**

**Minutes**

A. City Council Meeting of July 8, 2008

**Recommendation:** That the City Council approve as submitted.

**New Business**

- B. Authorization to Enter into an Agreement for Reservoir No. 2 Interior Recoating and Exterior Painting

**Recommendation:** That the City Council authorize the City Engineer to execute a contract with Harper & Associates Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$39,250 for engineering and inspection services needed to complete the interior recoating and exterior painting of Reservoir No. 2.

- C. Approval of Out-of-State Travel

**Recommendation:** That the City Council approve the purchase of airline tickets for out-of-state travel, hotel and conference fees for Fire Chief Alex Rodriguez and Division Chief Scott Goodwin to attend the annual International Association of Fire Chiefs Conference.

**Treasurer's Reports**

- D. Treasurer's Reports for the Month of June 2008

**Recommendation:** That the City Council receive and file the Treasurer's Reports for the month of June 2008.

**Conference and Meeting Reports**

- E. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez's Attendance at the Independent Cities Association Conference July 10-13, 2008

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

Councilmember Rounds moved to approve the Consent Agenda, including Item Nos. 10-A, 10B, 10-C, 10-D and 10E. Councilmember Serrano seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez inquired as to whether Item B went out to bid.

Tom Lopez, Assistant Director of Public Works, stated that the item did not go to bid; this was for a specialized type of work that very few contractors do.

City Attorney Skolnik advised this was handled under the informal bid process.

Mr. Lopez stated this work was classified as professional services.

City Manager Latham inquired whether the City had worked with Harper & Associates on prior projects.

Mr. Lopez confirmed the City had used them in the past.

**ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION/PASSAGE**

11. Ordinance No. 994 – An Ordinance Enacting and Adopting Supplement 12 to the Code of Ordinances for the City of Santa Fe Springs and Declaring an Emergency

**Recommendation:** That the City Council waive further reading, introduce and adopt Ordinance No. 994.

City Attorney Skolnik read Ordinance No. 994 by title as follows: An Urgency Ordinance Enacting and Adopting Supplement 12 to the Code of Ordinances for the City of Santa Fe Springs.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez moved to waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 994. Councilmember Serrano seconded the motion, which carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

12. Request for Approval to Enter into a Consultant Contract Agreement with Scott Fazekas & Associates for Building Plan Review Services

**Recommendation:** That the City Council approve entering into an agreement with Scott Fazekas & Associates for the purpose of providing building plan check services on an as-needed basis; and authorize the Director of Planning and Development to execute the Consultant Contract Agreement.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez moved to approve Item No. 12. Councilmember Serrano seconded the motion.

Councilmember Serrano initiated discussion on the item. Following discussion, Councilmember Serrano suggested a new motion to hire both Fazekas & Associates and AAE and have both companies agree to a 10-day turnaround on plan check.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez seconded the motion as stated by Councilmember Serrano.

City Attorney Skolnik noted that Councilmember Serrano’s motion will replace the first motion.

Further discussion ensued on the issue.

Upon conclusion of the discussion, City Attorney Skolnik framed the motion as follows: That Council give authority to staff to hire AAE and Fazekas & Associates under the terms of industry standards and have both companies agree to the guarantees and fee schedules; and to allow staff to enter into contract agreements with both companies.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Gonzalez, Putnam, Rounds, Serrano

NOES: Mayor Velasco

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

13. Approval of Proposed Modifications to the FY 2008-2009 City Budget – Modifications to the City’s Heritage Park Ranger Program Hours of Operation

**Recommendation:** That the City Council authorize an appropriation of \$14,000 from the General Fund Contingency Reserve to support additional hours of operation for the Heritage Park Ranger Program.

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

14. Committee Re-Appointments

**Recommendation:** That Councilmember Serrano confirm re-appointment of his selected committee members.

Councilmember Serrano declined to re-appointment his committee members.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

15. Appointment of Alternate Delegate to the 91/605/405 Corridor Cities Committee

**Recommendation:** That the City Council appoint an alternate delegate to the 91/605/405 Corridor Cities Committee.

Councilmember Rounds volunteered to serve as the City’s alternate delegate. Mayor Velasco confirmed the appointment with no objections.

16. Request to Create a Council Liaison Position to the Metropolitan Little League

**Recommendation:** That the City Council appoint Councilmember Rounds as liaison to the Metropolitan Little League.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez moved to approve Item No. 16. Councilmember Putnam seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

17. Revision to City Photography Policy

**Recommendation:** That the City Council approve the revisions to the City Photography Policy outlined in the staff report; and authorize staff to engage Kruissink Design & Photography and Simpson Advertising for photography services on an as-needed basis.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez moved to approve Item No. 17. Councilmember Serrano seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez inquired as to whether the item went to bid.

Thaddeus McCormack, Assistant to the City Manager, advised that the informal bid process was utilized whereby three bids were solicited and consultation was done with surrounding cities; he assured Council the selection was based on qualifications and recommendations.

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

Councilmember Rounds appointed Mark Scoggins to the Community Program and Historical Committees.

**PRESENTATION**

8. To George A. Ray of LeFiell Manufacturing Company for the ESOP Association's Life Service Award

City Manager Latham introduced Mr. Ray, Chairman of LeFiell Manufacturing, and gave an overview of the award. Mayor Velasco presented him with a plaque; pictures with his wife and Council followed.

**RECESS**

Mayor Velasco, at 6:58 p.m., recessed the City Council meeting.

**RECONVENE**

Mayor Velasco, at 7:13 p.m., reconvened the City Council meeting with all Councilmembers present.

3. **INVOCATION**

Councilmember Rounds gave the Invocation.

4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Velasco led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**INTRODUCTIONS**

5. Representatives from the Youth Leadership Committee

No committee members were present.

6. Representatives from the Chamber of Commerce  
Kathie Fink, Chamber CEO and Wendy Meador, Tangram Interiors, were present.

7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

Mayor Velasco introduced Sandy Lopez, out-going president of Metro-Pioneer Little League, and thanked her for her past 12 years of service on the Board.

Ms. Lopez thanked the Council for their partnership with the League and for supporting the youth of the City. She then introduced Peter Gonzalez, manager for the Boys' 10 and 11 year old All Star Team. Mr. Gonzalez introduced his team and announced that they had won their second consecutive District 29 Championship Title. Mayor Velasco presented the team with a plaque; pictures with Council were taken.

Ms. Lopez then introduced the managing and coaching staff for the Girls' 11 and 12 year old team who won District 29 and Section 5 Championships. The team members were introduced. Mayor Velasco presented the team with a plaque; pictures with Council were taken.

19. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

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

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

20. **EXECUTIVE TEAM REPORTS**

Division Chief Scott Goodwin updated the Council on the southland fires.

21. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Velasco, at 7:38 p.m., adjourned the Council meeting in the memories of Al Castillo, long-time resident and former City appointee to the Vector Control District Board, and Dallas Hensley, long-time resident.

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Gustavo R. Velasco  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Barbara Earl, CMC, City Clerk