

**MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS  
AUGUST 14, 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; Fire Chief Alex Rodriguez

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**11. Resolution No. 9127 – Self Certification of Conformance to Congestion Management Program**

**Recommendation:** That the City Council conduct a public hearing and adopt Resolution No. 9127 certifying that the City is in conformance with the Congestion Management Program.

Mayor Velasco opened the Public Hearing and invited interested parties to come forward to speak on the matter.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez moved to approve Item No. 3. Councilmember Rounds seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**12. CONSENT AGENDA**

**Approval of Minutes**

- A. Adjourned City Council Meeting of July 21, 2008

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

**New Business**

- B. Approval of Maintenance Agreement with Los Angeles County for the Maintenance of Medians on Telegraph Road Between Carmenita Road and Gunn Avenue

**Recommendation:** That the City Council approve the Maintenance Agreement with Los Angeles County for the maintenance of landscaped medians to be installed on Telegraph Road between Carmenita Road and Gunn Avenue and authorize the Mayor to execute the Agreement.

**City Engineer's Report**

- C. Resolution No. 9133 - Parking Restrictions on Street Sweeping Days for Laurel Avenue between Lakeland Road and Florence Avenue

**Recommendation:** That the City Council adopt resolution No. 9133, prohibiting parking on Tuesdays between 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. for street sweeping purposes.

- D. Resolution No. 9134 – Request for Parking Restriction on Laurel Avenue

**Recommendation:** That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 9134, which would prohibit the parking of vehicles weighing over 6,000 pounds on the east side of Laurel Avenue, and implement a tow-away zone for vehicles that violate the restriction.

Councilmember Putnam moved to approve the Consent Agenda, including Item Nos. 13-A, 13-B, 13-C and 13-D. Councilmember Rounds seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

14. Clarification on City's Policy on Fees for Use of City Buildings

**Recommendation:** That the City Council approve the recommendations as outlined in the staff report.

15. Reconsideration of Alcohol Sales Conditional Use Permit Case No. 39

**Recommendation:** That the City Council approve Reconsideration of Alcohol Sales Conditional Use Permit Case No. 39 subject to the conditions of approval.

16. Adoption of Resolutions Nos. 9128, 9129, 9130 and 9131 and the Approval of Four Contracts with the State Department of Education Child Development Division for Fiscal year 2008-09

**Recommendation:** That the City Council approve Resolutions Nos. 9128, 9129, 9130, and 9131 authorizing the City to renew contracts with the State Department of Education Child Development Division for Fiscal Year 2008/2009 for the purpose of providing child care and development services for children ages birth through 12.

17. Adoption of Resolution No. 9132 - Designating Revised Survey Area for Redevelopment Study Purposes for the Consolidated Redevelopment Project Area

**Recommendation:** Adopt Resolution No. 9132 designating a revised survey area for redevelopment study purposes for the Consolidated Redevelopment Project Area and directing the Planning Commission to select project boundaries.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez moved to approve item Nos. 14, 15, 16 and 17.  
Councilmember Serrano seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

13. Amendment of Water Rates and Related Charges for FY 2008 – 2009

**Recommendation:** That the City Council direct staff to initiate proceedings in accordance with Proposition 218 to consider implementing a 9.0% increase in water rates and service charges as of November 1, 2008.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez opened discussion on the topic. He inquired as to whether an 8% rate hike was put into effect at the beginning of the year.

Don Jensen, Director of Public Works, confirmed that there had been an 8% increase in February.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that he would like the City to be less dependent on water revenue and stop filtering it into the General Fund. He stated it is not fair to the business community to bear the brunt of these hikes.

Upon completion of the discussion, City Attorney Skolnik framed the motion as follows: That Council authorize initiation of the Prop 218 process; that staff bring a proposed rate to Council; at that time, Council will determine the rate increase, which may be lower, but certainly not higher than 9%.

Councilmember Rounds moved the motion as stated. Councilmember Serrano seconded the motion, which carried by the following roll call vote:

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

**RECESS**

Mayor Velasco, at 6:34 p.m., recessed the City Council meeting to go into Closed Session.

**RECONVENE**

Mayor Velasco, at 7:12 p.m., reconvened the City Council meeting with all Councilmembers present.

**3. INVOCATION**

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez gave the Invocation.

**4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Youth Leadership Committee members led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**INTRODUCTIONS**

**5. Representatives from the Youth Leadership Committee**

Those members who were present introduced themselves.

**6. Representatives from the Chamber of Commerce**

Tom Raycraft was present representing the Chamber.

**7. Introduction of New City Employee**

Jose Gomez, Director of Finance, introduced Ann Alva, Account Clerk II. Mayor Velasco welcomed her to the City. Ann thanked Council for the opportunity.

**8. Introduction of New Santa Fe Springs Policing Team Member**

Captain Petropulos introduced Nancy Ogle. Mayor Velasco welcomed her to the City. Officer Ogle thanked Council for the opportunity and said she looked forward to getting to know the Council and residents.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Lois Maldonado, Director of Alumni Relations, introduced Lori Barr, the new principal of St. Paul High School. Ms. Barr thanked Council for partnering with St. Paul and stated she looked forward to continuing the long-established relationship. Ms. Barr then introduced St. Paul's new Director of Facilities, Matt Elliott.

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

Mr. Latham added that Opening Day for the Norwalk Saints Football League will be on Saturday, September 16.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**9. Presentation to the City Council from Family Foundations Board of Directors**

Brenda Wiewel, Executive Director of LA CADA, and resident Pamela Bunn, thanked Council for their ongoing support of the program; pictures followed.

**10. Presentations to the 2008 Beautification Award Program Recipients**

Jeannie Madrid, Program Coordinator, introduced the Beautification Committee who then recognized the residential and business Beautification Award Recipients. Mayor Velasco presented each recipient with a plaque; pictures with Council followed.

## **APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS**

### **18. Committee Appointments**

Councilmember Serrano confirmed his 2008 re-appointments.

Councilmember Rounds appointed Annette Ledesma to the Beautification Committee and Janie Aguirre to the Family & Human Services Committee.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez appointed Annette Ledesma to the Community Program Committee.

### **19. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Betty Elizalde, 11248 Roxabel, read a lengthy statement in which she expressed her disagreement with the City's policy of charging non-residents \$3.00 to attend dances and trips sponsored by the City.

### **20. EXECUTIVE TEAM REPORTS**

Fernando Tarin, Director of Police Services, advised Council that in the coming weeks PSC staff will be meeting with the school principals to discuss programs offered by the PSC, including intervention-type programs and traffic programs.

Ana Alvarez, Director of Community Services, reported that Univision's Primera Edicion was at the Neighborhood Center at 5:00 a.m. doing a live remote in which they interviewed staff and promoted the Mariachi Concert. She further reported that recent numbers for the Mariachi Concert showed that staff had surpassed their goal coming in at \$54,000 and still counting.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez thanked Ms. Alvarez for her leadership and stated that he was very proud of Community Services staff for pulling off such a worthwhile event in less than two months.

Mr. Latham advised Council that Tom Lopez had attended the Gateway Cities COG meeting hosting the president of the Union Pacific Railroad which Grace Napolitano was also present at representing issues of the City. He further reported that Congresswoman Napolitano was very supportive of Councils' efforts on behalf of the Transportation Center.

Fire Chief Rodriguez reported that all crews and equipment were back home; the site where the helicopter crash took place was in clean-up mode.

**21. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Velasco adjourned the meeting to August 18, 2008, 4:30 p.m., at the Clarke Estate, in the memories of Aniceto Casillas and Brisia Gutierrez, long-time patrons of the Neighborhood Center; John Chavez, a youth who participated in Santa Fe Springs programs; and Michael Schnabel, son of former Fire Chief, Nobby Schnabel.

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Gustavo R. Velasco  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Barbara Earl, CMC, City Clerk