

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS
SEPTEMBER 25, 2008**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Velasco, at 6:08 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

10. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Minutes

- A. Adjourned City Council Meeting of September 11, 2008

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

City Engineer's Report

- B. Agreement with Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) to Exchange Federal Surface Transportation Program Local Funds for Flexible LACMTA STP-L Local Transportation Funds

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the exchange of \$327,289 in Federal Surface Transportation Program Local Funds for \$320,743 of flexible LACMTA STP-L Local Transportation Funds; and authorize the mayor to execute the Agreement with LACMTA authorizing the exchange of funds.

Award of Bid

- C. Award Bid to Altec Industries, Inc. for a Thirty-Seven Foot Aerial Truck

Recommendation: That the City Council award a bid to Altec Industries, Inc. and allow the Director of Purchasing Services to issue a purchase order to process the transaction.

Treasurer's Reports

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

Recommendation: Receive and file the Treasurer's Reports for the month of August 2008.

Conference and Meeting Reports

- E. (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.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez opened discussions on Item No. 10-B.

Don Jensen, Director of Public Works, explained the exchange process and the guideline and reporting requirements.

11. NEW BUSINESS

Authorization to Purchase Replacement Desktop PCs

Recommendation: That the City Council allow the Director of Purchasing Services to issue a purchase order for the procurement of 12 computers.

12. Acceptance of a Fire Act Grant to Purchase New Personal Protective Equipment, Fire Hoses and Nozzles

Recommendation: That the City Council authorize the Fire Chief to accept the grant funds, make the required appropriation of the matching funds and authorize the purchase of personal protective equipment, fire hoses and nozzles.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez moved to approve Item Nos. 11 and 12. Councilmember Rounds seconded the motion, which carried by the following roll call vote:

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

13. Resolution No. 9141 – 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. 9141 authorizing advances in the amount of \$5,152,000 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.

14. Resolution No. 9142 – A Resolution Authorizing an Advance from the City of Santa Fe Springs for Purposes of the Washington Boulevard Redevelopment Project

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 9142 authorizing an advance in the amount of \$100,000 to assist in funding the administrative operational and capital needs of the Washington Boulevard Redevelopment Project.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez moved to approve Item Nos. 13 and 14. Councilmember Serrano seconded the motion, which carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

15. Authorization to Purchase a Replacement 22-Passenger Cut-Away- Style Van for Transportation Services

Recommendation: That the City Council authorize staff to purchase a replacement 22-passenger gasoline cut-away vehicle using funds previously appropriated specifically for fleet vehicle replacement purposes.

Councilmember Rounds moved to approve Item No. 15. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

16. Provide Direction to City's Sister City Committee Regarding Future Relationships with Existing Sister Cities

Recommendation: That the City Council direct staff to work with the Sister City Committee to create two subcommittees consisting of no fewer than 5 members, one each dedicated to the respective sister cities of Navojoa, Mexico and Tirschenreuth, Germany, and amend its standing rules, if so required.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez inquired why Item No. 16 was brought to Council.

Thaddeus McCormack, Assistant to the City Manager, explained that challenges which arose during the summer exchange prompted the request for Council direction. He further explained that it was staff's feeling the restructuring would serve to enhance the program.

Councilmember Rounds inquired if the changes would require a modification of the Committee By-Laws.

Mr. McCormack explained that there would be no need to modify the By-Laws, only the standing rules.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez thanked Mr. McCormack and Anita Jimenez, Program Coordinator, for their work with the Sister City Committee and the exchange program.

Councilmember Rounds moved to approve Item No. 16. Councilmember Serrano seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

RECESS

Mayor Velasco, at 6:28 p.m., recessed the City Council meeting to conduct the Closed Session of the Community Development Commission.

RECONVENE

Mayor Velasco, at 7:02 p.m., reconvened the City Council meeting; Councilmember Putnam was not present.

3. INVOCATION

Councilmember Rounds gave the Invocation.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Youth Leadership Committee member Alyssa Trujillo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTIONS

5. Representatives from the Youth Leadership Committee

Alyssa Trujillo was present representing the Youth Leadership Committee.

6. Representatives from the Chamber of Commerce

Cheryl Romero of Preferred Bank was present representing the Chamber.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PRESENTATIONS

- 8. Proclamation Declaring October 5-11, 2008 as "Fire Prevention Week"
Mayor Velasco called upon Fire Marshal Bil Murphy and Sparky the Dog to accept the proclamation read by City Clerk Barbara Earl; pictures with Council followed.
- 9. Proclamation Declaring October 27-31, 2008 as "Red Ribbon Week"
Kim Sawyer, Public Safety Educator, called upon members of the School Board, School Districts and the Safe Neighborhood Team to accept the proclamation read by City Clerk Barbara Earl; pictures with Council followed.

APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS

- 17. Committee Appointments
Councilmember Serrano appointed Juanita Trujillo to the Sister City Committee.

Mayor Velasco appointed Julia Butler to the Senior Citizen Advisory Committee.

18. 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.

19. EXECUTIVE TEAM REPORTS

Don Jensen, Director of Public Works, advised Council that the blood drive on Wednesday to benefit John Rodriguez resulted in the collection of 79 pints of blood, the most to be given at any location in Santa Fe Springs. He thanked Department Heads for encouraging their staffs to support John.

Fernando Tarin, Director of Public Works, reminded the audience and Council of Relay for Life, beginning at 12:00 on Friday afternoon and continuing to 12:00 on Saturday afternoon.

20. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Velasco, at 7:20 p.m., adjourned the City Council meeting in the memory of Fidencio "Frank" Martinez, long-time Santa Fe Springs resident.

Gustavo R. Velasco
Mayor

ATTEST:

Barbara Earl, CMC, City Clerk