

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS
OCTOBER 9, 2008**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez, at 6:20 p.m., called the City Council meeting to order.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Excused: 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; Janet Ortiz sitting in for Fire Chief Alex Rodriguez

PUBLIC HEARING

11. Resolution No. 9143 – Amendment of Water Rates and Related Charges

Recommendation: That the City Council acknowledge all written protests that have been received and verify that they do not exceed 50% of all City water customers; conduct a Public Hearing on the proposed water rate increase; adopt Resolution No. 9143 to amend water rates and service charges effective November 1, 2008.

City Attorney Skolnik noted that only one written protest had been received; therefore, Council could proceed with the Public Hearing.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez opened the Public Hearing and invited interested parties to come forward to address the Council.

Having no one come forward, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez closed the Public Hearing.

Councilmember Rounds moved to adopt Resolution No. 9143 to amend water rates and service charges, effective November 1, 2008. Councilmember Serrano seconded the motion, which carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Putnam, Rounds, Serrano

NOES: Gonzalez

ABSENT: Velasco

ABSTAIN:

12. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Minutes

- A. Regular City Council Meeting of September 25, 2008

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

Conference and Meeting Reports

- B. (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.

New Business

- C. Request Approval to Award Financing of Vehicles and Radio Equipment to SunTrust Corporation

Recommendation: That the City Council award the financing of vehicle and radio equipment to SunTrust Corporation and authorize the Director of Finance & Administration to execute the documents to finalize this transaction.

Councilmember Putnam moved to approve the Consent Agenda, including Item Nos. 12-A and 12-C. Councilmember Rounds seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

13. NEW BUSINESS

Resolution No. 9144 – Supporting the Authorization of Central Basin’s “Shut Your Tap” Water Conservation Program

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 9144 supporting and adopting Central Basin Municipal Water District’s “Shut Your Tap” Water Conservation Program.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez called upon Robert Apodaca, President of the Central Basin Municipal Water District, to make a presentation to Council.

Mr. Apodaca thanked Council for their partnership with the Board and presented the Council with a proclamation for the “Shut Your Tap” Conservation Program.

Councilmember Rounds moved to adopt Resolution No. 9144. Councilmember Putnam seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Councilmember Serrano inquired whether Mr. Apodaca and Central Basin staff would be willing to sit down and discuss the possibility of local companies tapping into the Central Basin reclaimed water system.

Mr. Apodaca responded that he would be willing to have such a discussion with representatives from Central Basin and the City.

14. Resolution No. 9145 – A Resolution Allowing Pre-Tax Payroll Deduction for Service Credit Purchases from the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS)

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 9145 to memorialize the City's practice of allowing employees who have purchased service credit from CalPERS to do so through a pre-tax payroll deduction plan.

15. Resolution No. 9146 – A Resolution Establishing a Deferred Compensation Plan Administered by the ICMA Retirement Corporation

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 9146 authorizing the establishment of a 457 deferred compensation plan with the ICMA Retirement Corporation Deferred Compensation Plan and Trust.

16. Resolution No. 9147 – A Resolution Directing Staff to Consult with Community Organizations Regarding Proposed Amendment No. 2 to the Washington Boulevard Redevelopment Project Area.

Recommendation: That the City Council approve Resolution No. 9147 authorizing and directing the staff to consult with residents and community organizations regarding Amendment No. 2 to the Washington Boulevard Redevelopment Project Area.

17. Resolution No. 9148 – A Resolution Directing Staff to Consult with Community Organizations Regarding Proposed Amendment No. 4 to the Consolidated Redevelopment Project Area.

Recommendation: That the City Council approve Resolution No. 9148 authorizing and directing the staff to consult with residents and community organizations regarding Amendment No. 4 to the Consolidated Redevelopment Project Area.

18. Authorize Write-Off of Certain Invoices Deemed Non-Collectible

Recommendation: That the City Council authorize the Director of Finance and Administrative Services to write-off eight invoices in the amount of \$16,101.66 deemed non-collectible.

Councilmember Rounds moved to approve Item Nos. 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18. Councilmember Serrano seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE ABSENCE

City Manager Latham advised Council that Virginia Serrano had requested to be excused from Sister City Committee meetings due to health reasons.

Hearing no objections, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez approved the request.

RECESS

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez, at 6:35 p.m., recessed the City Council meeting to go into Closed Session for the Community Development Commission.

RECONVENE

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez, at 7:08 p.m., reconvened the City Council meeting with all Councilmembers present.

3. INVOCATION

Councilmember Serrano gave the Invocation.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Boy Scout Troop 328 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

Marc Essensa and Wendy Meador were present representing the Chamber of Commerce.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brenda Wiewel, Executive Director of LA CADA, along with founder, Dr. Allen, thanked Council and City staff for their partnership and support and made a special presentation to Tangram Interiors for their contributions to LA CADA's building expansion and improvement project.

Wayne Bergeron, Management Assistant, gave updates to the Community Calendar.

Janet Ortiz, Director of Environmental Services, invited the Council and audience to the Fire Department Open House on October 11 in honor of the Department's 50th Anniversary; and presented the Department's new anniversary patch, which will be worn by all Fire personnel.

PRESENTATIONS

8. To Sylvia Guerrero upon Her Retirement

Fernando Tarin, Director of Police Services, congratulated Mrs. Guerrero on her retirement and gave a brief history of her employment with the City, noting particular accomplishments. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez thanked Mrs. Guerrero for her service to the City and presented her with a crystal clock and a Santa Fe Springs jacket. Mrs. Guerrero concluded with her comments of appreciation to the Council and staff. Pictures with family, Council, and staff were taken.

9. Diploma Presentations to City Employees

Mr. Latham introduced Steve Avalos, Administrative Intern, and advised that he had received a Masters in Public Administration Degree from the University of La Verne. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez congratulated Mr. Avalos on his accomplishment and presented him with his framed diploma; pictures with Council followed.

Mr. Latham introduced Adria Jimenez, Secretary to the City Manager/Deputy City Clerk, and advised that she had received a Bachelor in Public Administration Degree from the University of La Verne. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez congratulated Mrs. Jimenez and presented her with her framed diploma; pictures with family members and Council followed.

10. Proclamation Declaring October 2008 as "National Breast Cancer Awareness Month"

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez called upon members of the Barazza family and Carla Nystrom, representative of the Patricia L. Scheifly Breast Health Center, to accept the proclamation. Following the reading of the proclamation by City Clerk Barbara Earl, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presented the proclamation to each of the parties.

APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS

19. Committee Appointments

Councilmember Putnam appointed Manuel Zevallos to the Traffic Commission.

20. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez opened Oral Communications and invited interested parties to come forward to address the Council.

Having no one come forward, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez closed Oral Communications.

21. EXECUTIVE TEAM REPORTS

Don Jensen, Director of Public Works, advised that major street construction will begin next week on Washington Boulevard and Norwalk; crews will be working at night to minimize inconvenience. It is anticipated that the project will last approximately four weeks. Affected businesses and residents have been notified. The project came in \$50,000 less than the projected cost.

Fernando Tarin, Director of Police Services, announced a Block Party from 10:00-2:00 with food and educational information, including the Neighborhood Watch Program.

City Attorney Skolnik advised that with the completion of the Council Agenda, the meeting could be adjourned.

22. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez, at 8:00 p.m., adjourned the City Council meeting in the memories of Ed Shannon, Santa Fe Springs' businessman and regional philanthropist; and Bob Ward, Santa Fe Springs' businessman, who was involved with the Boy Scouts, Rio Hondo Red Cross and the Chamber of Commerce.

Luis M. Gonzalez
Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

Barbara Earl, CMC, City Clerk