

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS
OCTOBER 23, 2008**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez, at 6:07 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; Fire Chief Alex Rodriguez

PUBLIC HEARING

12. Ordinance for Introduction – Ordinance No. 995

Requesting approval of a Change of Zone from M-1 (Light Manufacturing), M-2 (Heavy Manufacturing) and BP (Buffer Parking) to M-2-PD (Heavy Manufacturing - Planned Development Overlay) Zone on the 3.18-acre property located at 11401 Shoemaker Avenue (APN: 8026-018-027). (Rio Hondo College)

Recommendation: That the City Council conduct the Public Hearing and receive public comment regarding Zone Change Case No. 130; find that Zone Change Case No. 130 satisfies the City Code with regard to proposed Changes of Zone; find that Zone Change Case No. 130 is consistent with the Land Use Map of the City's General Plan, as amended; find that the subject 3.18-acre property is suitable for the requested Change of Zone; and waive further reading and introduce Ordinance No. 995.

City Attorney Skolnik introduced Ordinance No. 995 and read it by title: An Ordinance of the City of Santa Fe Springs Amending Title 15 of the Code of Ordinances of the City, "The Zoning Ordinance," by Placing Certain Properties within the City into the M-2-PD, "Heavy Manufacturing-Planned Development Overlay" Zone.

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 waive further reading and introduce Ordinance No. 995. Councilmember Serrano seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

13. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Minutes

- A. Regular City Council Meeting of October 9, 2008

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

Award of Bid

- B. Award Bid to Wondries Fleet Division for a New Crew Cab Truck

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

New Business

- C. Acceptance of the UASI Grant to Purchase New Hazardous Materials Equipment and Radios

Recommendation: That the City Council approve of the Fire Chief's recommendation to accept the grant funds and authorize the purchase of hazardous materials equipment and radios.

- D. Request for Out-of-State Travel for Children's Services Administrator Judi Smith and Head Teachers Kristen Zearbaugh and Terry Camacho to Attend the National Association for the Education of Young Children Conference November 5-8, 2008

Recommendation: That the City Council approve out-of-state travel requests for Children's Services Administrator Judi Smith and Head Teachers Kristen Zearbaugh and Terry Camacho to attend the National Association for the Education of Young Children Conference in Dallas, TX November 5-8, 2008.

City Engineer's Report

- E. Legal Services Agreement for the Valley View Avenue Grade Separation Project

Recommendation: That the City Council authorize the City Manager to execute a professional services contract in an amount not exceeding \$100,000 for legal services to assist with land acquisition for the Valley View Avenue Grade Separation Project.

Treasurer's Reports

- F. Treasurer's Reports for the Month of September 2008

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

Conference and Meeting Reports

- G. (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. 13-A, 13-B, 13-C, 13-D, 13-E and 13-F. Councilmember Rounds seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Councilmember Serrano inquired as to whether the new crew cab truck referred to in item B would be a hybrid model.

Paul Martinez, Director of Purchasing, stated that it would be more fuel efficient in that it would not be a diesel; oversized vehicles do not come in hybrid models.

14. NEW BUSINESS

Approval on Selection of a Consultant to Amend the City's Heritage Artwork in Public Places Program Ordinance No.909; Authorize the Director of Community Services to Sign the Contractual Agreement

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the Heritage Arts Advisory Committee's recommendation to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Gail M. Goldman Associates to evaluate the existing public art policy and develop a revised ordinance to deal with specific public art issues; and authorize the Director of Community Services to sign the Professional Services Agreement.

Councilmember Serrano moved to approve Item No. 14. Councilmember Putnam seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

15. Request for an Appropriation to Acquire a Computer-Based Telephone Reassurance Program for the Police Services Center

Recommendation: That the City Council authorize the Director of Purchasing Services to issue purchase orders to facilitate the replacement and installation of a computer-based Telephone Reassurance Program for the Police Services Center; and appropriate \$6,500 from the General Fund Contingency Reserve for this program.

Councilmember Rounds moved to approve Item No. 15. Councilmember Putnam seconded the motion, which carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Putnam, Rounds, Serrano, Gonzalez

NOES:

ABSENT: Velasco

ABSTAIN:

16. Application for Alcohol Sales Conditional Use Permit Case No. 44

Recommendation: That the City Council approve Alcohol Sales Conditional Use Permit Case No. 44 subject to the conditions of approval contained in the staff report; and approve ASCUP Case No. 44 for five years until October 23, 2013, subject to the listed conditions of approval.

17. Resolution No. 9149 – A Resolution Authorizing Staff to Submit a Grant Application under Proposition 84 to Improve a Portion of Santa Fe Springs Park

Recommendation: That the City Council approve Resolution No. 9149 authorizing staff to complete and submit a grant application for funds to improve the southernmost portion of Santa Fe Springs Park.

18. Resolution No. 9150 – A Resolution Authorizing Advances from the City of Santa Fe Springs for Purposes of the Washington Boulevard Redevelopment Project

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 9150 authorizing an advance in the amount of \$250,000 to assist in funding the capital needs of the Washington Boulevard Redevelopment Project Area.

19. Resolution No. 9151 – Approving the Use of Community Development Commission Funds for the Washington Boulevard and Norwalk Boulevard Resurfacing Projects

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 9151 finding that the Washington Boulevard and Norwalk Boulevard Resurfacing Projects benefit the Washington Boulevard Redevelopment Project Area and that no other reasonable means to complete the financing of these projects are available within the community.

20. Authorization to Expend Funds and Enter into Contractual Agreements in Response to the Dumping of Hazardous Materials on City Property

Recommendation: That the City Council authorize the City Manager or his designee to continue expending funds and entering into contractual agreements, as necessary, to fully mitigate the hazardous conditions surrounding the illegal dumping of harmful materials on Greenstone Avenue.

Councilmember Rounds moved to approve Item Nos. 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20.
Councilmember Serrano seconded the motion, which carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Putnam, Rounds, Serrano, Gonzalez

NOES:

ABSENT: Velasco

ABSTAIN:

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez, with regard to Item No. 20, inquired as to whether the City was conducting an aggressive investigation into the parties responsible for the illegal dumping.

City Manager Latham stated that the Police Services Center, in cooperation with the CUPA Division, were aggressively investigating the matter.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez suggested placing an article in the City newsletter asking residents to be on the alert for such activity. He further suggested giving a reward for identifying people involved in illegal dumping.

City Manager Latham suggested that staff bring a policy to the next Council meeting for the Council to review.

COUNCILMEMBER-REQUESTED ITEM

21. Request by Councilmember Rounds for Modification of the Sidewalk on Telegraph Road West of Pioneer Boulevard

Recommendation: That the City Council provide direction to staff regarding the modification of the sidewalk on the south side of Telegraph Road west of Pioneer Boulevard.

City Manager Latham explained that this item was on the Council agenda for the purpose of Council making policy on the subject; if the matter is approved, it will come back on the Community Development Commission agenda. He further advised that a meandering sidewalk is consistent with current guidelines.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez inquired as to whether it was consistent with CDC funding.

City Attorney Skolnik stated that the sidewalk in question is within the project area.

Councilmember Rounds made a motion to modify the sidewalk on Telegraph Road west of Pioneer Boulevard to a meandering sidewalk. Councilmember Serrano seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

RECESS

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez, at 6:23 p.m., recessed the City Council meeting to go into Closed Session for the Community Development Commission.

RECONVENE

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez, at 7:07 p.m., reconvened the City Council meeting with all Councilmembers present.

3. INVOCATION

Councilmember Serrano gave the Invocation.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez 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

Gregory Hernandez of Valvoline Company was present.

9. Red Ribbon Contest Winners

Kim Sawyer, Public Safety Educator, introduced the winners of the poster contest from grades kindergarten through third grade and announced that each child will be receiving an all-expense-paid trip to Adventure City. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presented each child with a certificate; pictures with Council followed.

7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

Ana Alvarez, Director of Community Services, announced that the City had been awarded the Southern California Municipal Athletic Federation Award for its involvement in adult and youth athletics; the ceremony to be held on November 7 at 7:00 p.m. at the Cerritos Sheraton.

Thaddeus McCormack, introduced the one-minute video created for showing at the upcoming LAEDC Award Ceremony for the most business-friendly city in which Santa Fe Springs is a finalist.

PRESENTATIONS

8. To Martin Wells Upon His Retirement

Chief Rodriguez gave a brief history of Mr. Wells' retirement and congratulated him on his retirement. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez thanked him for his service to the City and presented him with a crystal clock and a Santa Fe Springs jacket. Mr. Wells gave a few remarks; pictures were taken with Council, family members and Fire Department personnel.

10. Fire Department Promotions

Chief Rodriguez announced that Vic Marin had been promoted to Captain and Eddie Nilo had been promoted to Engineer. The Chief invited their spouses to place their new badges on them; pictures with Council, family members and Fire Department personnel followed.

11. Presentation of the 2008 Fiestas Patrias Celebration/Hispanic Heritage Student Academy Report and Recognition of Volunteers

Co-Chairs of the Fiestas, Judi Smith and Eddie Ramirez, gave a brief overview of the Fiestas, including a PowerPoint presentation. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez presented Certificates of Recognition to volunteers who played a significant role in the celebration; pictures with Council followed.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez thanked the volunteers and staff for the wonderful job they did on the Fiestas and especially the educational component that was added for the school-age children. He commented that he would like for staff to expand on that component next year.

APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS

22. Committee Appointments
No appointments were made.

23. 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.

Councilmember Serrano reminded everyone to vote on Tuesday, November 4.

24. EXECUTIVE TEAM REPORTS

Don Jensen, Director of Public Works, gave a status report on the recent materials hazards spill and advised that night work will be starting tonight on Washington Boulevard and will go through Monday night.

City Manager Latham gave kudos to Don Jensen, Jose Gomez and Ted Spaseff for their handling of the spill.

Ana Alvarez, Director of Community Services, announced that the Parks and Recreation Services Division has again this year received the Municipal Athletic Federation's, SCMAF, highest honor, the Golden Shield Award. The Award is an acknowledgement of the City's youth and adult sports programs. The awards ceremony will take place on Friday, November 7 at 7:00 p.m. at the Cerritos Sheraton.

Alex Rodriguez, Fire Chief, invited the Council and audience to the annual Fire Prevention Week Open House and also to have cake and punch with Marty Wells and his family immediately following the Council meeting at Station No. 4.

25. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez, at 8:10 p.m., adjourned the City Council meeting in the memories of Josephina Ramirez, long-time Santa Fe Springs resident who died as a result of injuries she suffered in a recent auto accident; Betty Buzo, long-time resident; and Catalina Lara, grandmother of Adria Jimenez to Monday, November 10, 2008, 4:30 p.m. at the Clarke Estate.

Luis M. Gonzalez
Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

Barbara Earl, CMC, City Clerk