

**MINUTES  
JOINT REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE  
PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
AND  
CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS  
FEBRUARY 26, 2009**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson/Mayor Gonzalez, at 6:05 p.m., called the Public Financing Authority, Community Development Commission and City Council meetings to order.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Present: Directors/Commissioners/Councilmembers Putnam, Rounds, Serrano, Velasco, Chairperson/Mayor Gonzalez

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; Alex Rodriguez, Fire Chief.

**PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY**

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Public Financing Authority Meeting of January 22, 2009

**Recommendation:** That the Authority approve the Minutes as submitted.

Director Rounds moved to approve the Minutes. Director Serrano seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**4. Monthly Report on the Status of Debt Instruments issued through the City of Santa Fe Springs Public Financing Authority (PFA)**

**Recommendation:** That the Authority receive and file the report.

Director Velasco moved to approve Item No. 4. Director Rounds seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

### 5. **REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

City Manager Latham requested that Item No. 17 be deferred until after the Closed Session.

### 6. **CONSENT AGENDA**

#### A. **Minutes**

Minutes of the Regular Community Development Commission Meeting of February 12, 2009

**Recommendation:** That the Commission approve the Minutes as submitted.

Commissioner Rounds moved to approve the Minutes. Commissioner Putnam seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

### 7. Award of Consultant Contract – For the Preparation of a Request for Qualifications Seeking Affordable Housing Developers for the 3.9-Acre Property at 13231 Lakeland Road

**Recommendation:** That the Community Development Commission direct staff to describe the type of housing development in the Request for Qualifications as affordable rental, unless directed otherwise; accept and award the contract for the preparation of the Request for Qualifications to Beth Stochl Associates in the amount of \$5,000; and authorize the Executive Director to execute the contract.

Commissioner Velasco moved to approve Item No. 7. Vice-Chairperson Putnam seconded the motion, which carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

### 8. Approval of Design Scheme for Citywide Welcome and Directional Signs and Authorization to Award Contracts for Fabrication and Installation

**Recommendation:** That the Community Development Commission approve design scheme "A" for welcome and directional signs as presented in the report; authorize staff to seek bids and award contract for fabrication of 126 signs; authorize staff to seek bids for the installation of the various signs; and give the Director of Public Works the discretion to either award a contract or utilize City staff to install the signs, whichever option is deemed to be most cost efficient.

Commissioner Rounds inquired as to whether the signs are reflective at night.

Thaddeus McCormack, Assistant to the City Manager, stated that they were; however, the pictures that were taken did not show up well.

Chairperson Gonzalez inquired as to whether nicer poles will be used.

Don Jensen, Director of Public Works, explained that the nicer poles are larger in diameter and require a footer, which will increase the project cost.

Mr. McCormack also pointed out that the nicer poles will be more prone to graffiti.

Commissioner Serrano questioned using a powder coating to help with the graffiti problem.

City Manager Latham inquired as to whether it would make sense to use wood poles for the more highly-visible signs.

Mr. Jensen explained that the wood poles will have to be buried down a few feet, which could possibly cause a problem with utilities.

Further discussion ensued.

City Manager Latham suggested that the Commission give staff direction to move forward with fabrication of the signs and explore post options and come back in two weeks with a recommendation.

Hearing no objections from the Commission, Chairperson Gonzalez so ordered the suggestion.

## CITY COUNCIL

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

#### **10. Resolution No. 9160 – Weed Abatement**

**Recommendation:** That the City Council, following the Public Hearing, direct the Agricultural Commissioner to abate the nuisance by having weeds, rubbish and refuse removed.

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

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

Councilmember Velasco moved to approve Item No. 10. Councilmember Rounds seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

## 11. CONSENT AGENDA

### **Minutes**

- A. Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of February 12, 2009

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

### **City Engineer's Report**

- B. Authorization to Remove Trees at 11854 Florence Avenue

**Recommendation:** That the City Council authorize the Director of Public Works to remove three trees at 11854 Florence Avenue.

### **Award of Contract**

- C. Water Feature Maintenance Services

**Recommendation:** That the City Council accept the bids for the Water Feature Maintenance Services; and award a contract to Payless Pool Service of Santa Fe Springs, California in the amount of \$5,875.00, monthly.

### **Treasurer's Reports**

- D. Consideration of Treasurer's Reports of Investment Transactions for the City of Santa Fe Springs and the Community Development Commission for the Month of January, 2009

**Recommendation:** That the City Council receive and file the Treasurer's Reports for the month of January, 2009.

### **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 Rounds moved to approve the Consent Agenda, including Item Nos. 11-A, 11-B, 11-C and 11-D.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

12. Resolution No. 9165 – Agreement with Caltrans Division of Rail for Improvements at Norwalk Boulevard/Los Nietos Road Grade Crossing

**Recommendation:** That the City Council approve the Agreement with Caltrans Division of Rail for Section 130 Grade Crossing Improvement Program funding; and authorize the Director of Public Works to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City.

13. Authorize Approval of Commercial Advertisement at City Athletic Facilities by FlexMedia in Support of the Santa Fe Springs Baseball Athletic Association

**Recommendation:** That the City Council authorize limited use of sponsorship banners by the Santa Fe Springs Baseball Athletic Association at designated City athletic facilities for the purpose of generating revenue to support their operations.

14. Application for Entertainment Conditional Use Permit Case No. 14

**Recommendation:** That the City Council approve Entertainment Conditional Use Permit Case No. 14 for an initial one-year period until February 26, 2010, subject to the listed conditions of approval.

15. Reconsideration of Alcohol Sales Conditional Use Permit Case No. 17

**Recommendation:** That the City Council approve Alcohol Sales Conditional Use Permit Case No. 17 for a three-year period until February 26, 2012, subject to the listed conditions of approval.

16. Application for Alcohol Sales Conditional Use Permit Case No. 47

**Recommendation:** That the City Council approve Alcohol Sales Conditional Use Permit Case No. 47 for a period of one year until February 26, 2010, subject to the listed conditions of approval.

Councilmember Serrano moved to approve Item Nos. 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16.  
Mayor Pro Tem Putnam seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Councilmember Rounds inquired as to the actual name of the organization in Item No. 13.

Carole Joseph, Director of Parks & Recreation, confirmed the Association's use of its nonprofit name, Santa Fe Springs Baseball Athletic Association.

## **RECESS**

Mayor Gonzalez, at 6:30 p.m., recessed the meeting to go into Closed Session.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

### **9. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR**

Agency Negotiator: City Manager

Employee Organizations: Santa Fe Springs Firemen's Association  
Santa Fe Springs Employees' Association

## **RECONVENE**

Mayor Gonzalez, at 7:15 p.m., reconvened the meeting with all Councilmembers present.

### **18. INVOCATION**

The Invocation was given by Councilmember Serrano.

### **19. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Boy Scout Pack 54 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **INTRODUCTIONS**

### **20. Representatives from the Youth Leadership Committee**

No representatives were present.

### **21. Representatives from the Chamber of Commerce**

Lisa Boyajian, Ansa Insurance Services, was present.

### **22. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

### **23. PRESENTATIONS**

#### 2008 Neighborly Elf Christmas Program – Recognition of Donors and Volunteers

Ana Alvarez, Director of Community Services, along with Maricela Balderas, Director of Family & Human Services, orchestrated a presentation to Albert Lopez, dedicated volunteer of the Neighborhood Center. Jerry Edwards, Literacy Specialist, read the book that was written in honor of Mr. Lopez. Pictures with Council and staff followed the reading. Eddie Ramirez, Family & Human Services Supervisor, introduced significant volunteers and donors of the Christmas Program. Mayor Gonzalez presented each with a certificate; pictures with Council followed.

### **17. Fiscal Year 2008-09 Midyear Budget Review and Modifications**

**Recommendation:** That the City Council approve a comprehensive list of recommended actions titled "Mid-Year 2008-09 City Budget Adjustments."

Jose Gomez, Director of Finance, gave a presentation detailing the specific budget report and related spreadsheets, noting that staff had made \$700,000 in changes/reductions to the proposed 2008-09 Budget.

Councilmember Velasco inquired as to the increases in the Senior Citizen and Youth in Industry Employment Programs.

Ms. Alvarez indicated that due to the closure of senior programs in neighboring cities, more seniors were patronizing the Neighborhood Center; she assured Council the increase was not related to staffing or reimbursement back to employers.

Councilmember Velasco requested that the FORCE Program be kept at the same funding level, if at all possible; he further suggested that perhaps staff could look for private funding.

Councilmember Serrano agreed the program should be kept at the same funding level noting the positive difference it had made in the lives of the participants.

Councilmember Rounds also commented that it was a quality program and he would like to see it funded.

Mayor Gonzalez directed staff to look for outside funding for the program; otherwise, the City will continue to fund.

Councilmember Velasco stated he would also like the City to continue the Jr. Golf Program. As of late, there has been a large influx of youth from the Fourwinds Apartments who benefit from the structure and discipline of the program.

Councilmembers Rounds and Serrano agreed that the program had positive benefits on the youth and should be funded.

Mayor Gonzalez noted support from three Councilmembers and directed staff to find funding for the Jr. Golf Program.

City Manager Latham committed that staff would raise as much as possible and the rest will come from the General Fund.

Councilmember Rounds inquired as to staffing for Lakeview Park.

City Manager Latham explained that staff was at a minimum due to the proposed construction project. Now that the project has been cancelled, staffing levels would be re-instated to a minimum level.

Mayor Gonzalez requested Council input regarding the Summer Music Festival, noting he was in agreement with suspending the summer concert, but that he would like for staff to pursue the possibility of having another fundraiser concert to benefit the Department of Family & Human Services' Support Fund.

City Attorney Skolnik requested a motion and roll call vote pertaining to Mayor Gonzalez' proposal.

Councilmember Serrano moved to approve the motion as framed by Mayor Gonzalez. Councilmember Rounds seconded the motion, which carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Mayor Gonzalez inquired as to Item No. 8 and what was meant by "non-essential summer part-time personnel."

City Manager Latham explained that every year, regardless of need, a recruitment is conducted for summer part-time personnel. Staff is seeking authorization from Council to not do a recruitment for part-time staff and instead, if necessary, increase the hours of current part-time staff.

Mayor Gonzalez stated that he would not support elimination of Fiestas Patrias; he will support keeping it to a one-day event. He further commented that the Youth in Industry Employment Program got off to a late start last year; he would like for staff to begin the process of placing youth earlier this year.

City Attorney Skolnik called for one motion, as amended by Council's supplemental comments, and roll call vote.

Councilmember Putnam moved to approve the recommendations outlined in Item No. 17. Councilmember Velasco seconded the motion, which carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Mayor Gonzalez noted that with regard to Item No. 2 on the recommendations, he and Councilmember Serrano were currently serving as liaisons working with staff on budget development. Unless there were objections, they would continue in the same capacity.

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

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

##### **24. Committee Appointments**

No appointments were made.

**25. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Mayor Gonzalez opened Oral Communications and invited interested parties to address the Authority/Commission/Council.

Michael Carcamo, 12025 Maidstone Avenue, Norwalk, introduced himself and his start-up company, a shopping cart sanitization business. He requested a letter of support from the City endorsing his service that he could present to retailers in the area.

Mayor Gonzalez requested that he leave his information and assured him that staff will be in contact to discuss the matter further.

**26. EXECUTIVE TEAM REPORTS**

No reports were given.

**27. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairperson/Mayor Gonzalez, at 8:40 p.m., adjourned the Public Financing Authority, Community Development Commission and City Council meetings.

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Luis M. Gonzalez  
Chairperson/Mayor

ATTEST:

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Barbara Earl, CMC, City Clerk