

CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS

**MINUTES
FOR THE REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE:
PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY
WATER UTILITY AUTHORITY
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
AND
CITY COUNCIL**

September 23, 2010

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Putnam called the Regular Water Utility Authority, Public Utility Authority, Community Development Commission, and City Council Meetings to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Directors/Commissioners/Councilmembers Luis M. González, William K. Rounds, and Juanita A. Trujillo, Vice-Chairperson/Mayor Pro Tem Joseph D. Serrano, Sr., and Chairperson/Mayor Betty Putnam

Also present: Fred Latham, City Manager; Anita Jimenez, Deputy City Clerk; Steve Skolnik, City Attorney; Paul Ashworth, Director of Planning and Community Development; Don Jensen, Director of Public Works; Fernando Tarin, Director of Police Services; Carole Joseph, Director of Parks and Recreation Services; Jose Gomez, Director of Finance and Administrative Services; Alex Rodriguez, Fire Chief

Mayor Putnam called on City Attorney Steve Skolnik to address the large audience. Mr. Skolnik stated that there was not an item on the agenda addressing Medical Marijuana Dispensaries, but that the public is welcome to speak on any item not on the agenda during Oral Communications. He further indicated that Oral Communications would take place during the 7:00 p.m. meeting. Mr. Skolnik explained the procedures for addressing the Council.

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PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY

NEW BUSINESS

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

Recommendation: That the Public Financing Authority receive and file the report.

Vice-Chairperson Serrano moved the approval of Item #3; Director Trujillo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

WATER UTILITY AUTHORITY

FINAL PAYMENT

4. Residential Water Main Replacement (Less 10% Retention)

Recommendation: That the Water Utility Authority approve the Final Progress Payment (Less 10% Retention) to Conengr Corporation of Upland, California, in the amount of \$3,308.66 for the subject project.

Director González moved the approval of Item #4; Director Rounds seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

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

City Manager Fred Latham had no report.

Executive Director Paul Ashworth reported that the demolition of the Millergrove home is scheduled to begin on October 4 and be completed by October 8.

6. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval of Minutes

- A. Minutes of the Regular Community Development Commission Meeting of August 12, 2010

Recommendation: That the Commission approve the minutes as submitted.

- B. Minutes of the Regular Community Development Commission Meeting of September 9, 2010

Recommendation: That the Commission approve the minutes as submitted.

Vice-Chairperson Serrano moved the approval of Item #6; Commissioner González seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

7. Resolution No. 251-2010 – Request for Certain Funding Advances to the Community Development Commission from the City’s General Fund for Purposes of the Consolidated Redevelopment Project

RECOMMENDATION: That the Community Development Commission adopt Resolution No. 251-2010 requesting certain funding advances from the City’s General Fund and authorizing the Chairperson to execute two promissory notes in the amount of \$5,152,000 and \$3,494,000.

Commissioner González moved the approval of Item #7; Vice-Chairperson Serrano seconded the motion, which carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Commissioners González, Rounds, and Trujillo, Vice-Chairperson Serrano, and Chairperson Putnam

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABTAIN:

8. Resolution No. 252-2010 – Request for a Funding Advance to the Community Development Commission from the City’s General Fund for Purposes of the Washington Boulevard Project

RECOMMENDATION: That the Community Development Commission adopt Resolution No. 252-2010 requesting a funding advance from the City’s General Fund and authorizing the Chairperson to execute the promissory note in the amount of \$200,000.

Commissioner/Councilmember Rounds moved the approval of Item #8 and companion Item #13; Vice-Chairperson/Mayor Pro Tem Serrano seconded the motion, which carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Commissioners/Councilmembers González, Rounds, and Trujillo, Vice-Chairperson/Mayor Pro Tem Serrano, and Chairperson/Mayor Putnam

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABTAIN:

CITY COUNCIL

9. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval Minutes

- A. Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of August 12, 2010
Recommendation: That the City Council approve the minutes as submitted.

- B. Minutes of the Special City Council Meeting of September 7, 2010
Recommendation: That the City Council approve the minutes as submitted.

- C. Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of September 9, 2010
Recommendation: That the City Council approve the minutes as submitted.

Mayor Pro Tem Serrano moved the approval of Item #9; Councilmember Trujillo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

10. CONFERENCE AND MEETING REPORT

Councilmember Trujillo's Attendance at League of California Cities Annual Conference & Expo in San Diego, California

Recommendation: That the City Council receive and file the report.

Mayor Pro Tem Serrano moved the approval of Item #10; Councilmember González seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

11. Resolution No. 9284 – Updating List of Designated Employees Required to File Conflict of Interest Forms

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 9284 updating the list of designated employees required to file Conflict of Interest forms.

Councilmember Rounds moved the approval of Item #11; Mayor Pro Tem Serrano seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

12. Resolution No. 9285 – A Resolution Authorizing General Fund Advances from the City of Santa Fe Springs to the Community Development Commission (CDC) for Purposes of the Consolidated Redevelopment Project

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 9285 authorizing General Fund advances to the CDC 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.

Councilmember Rounds moved the approval of Item #12; Mayor Pro Tem Serrano seconded the motion, which carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers González, Rounds, and Trujillo, Mayor Pro Tem Serrano, and Mayor Putnam

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABTAIN:

13. Resolution No. 9286 – A Resolution Authorizing a General Fund Advance from the City of Santa Fe Springs to the Community Development Commission (CDC) for Purposes of the Washington Boulevard Redevelopment Project

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 9286 authorizing a General Fund advance to the CDC in the amount of \$200,000 to assist in funding the administrative, operational, and capital needs of the Washington Boulevard Redevelopment Project.

14. Resolution No. 9287 – Endorsing SCAG’s “Business Friendly Principles” as Part of Its Southern California Economic Growth Strategy

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 9287 endorsing the four economic growth principles that will become part of SCAG’s Southern California Economic Growth Strategy.

Councilmember Rounds moved the approval of Item #14 and Item #15; Councilmember Trujillo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

15. Agreement with Arcadia Publishing for Publication of Historical Book, *Images of America: Santa Fe Springs*

Recommendation: That the City Council approve and execute the agreement with Arcadia Publishing.

At 6:09 p.m., Mayor Putnam recessed the meeting until 7:00 p.m.

At 7:00 p.m., Mayor Putnam reconvened the meeting.

16. **INVOCATION**
Councilmember González gave the Invocation.

17. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
Mayor Pro Tem Serrano led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTIONS

18. Representatives from the Youth Leadership Committee – No members from the Committee were in attendance.
19. Representatives from the Chamber of Commerce – Mayor Putnam introduced Executive Director Kathie Fink.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Putnam called on Anthony Hanamaikai, Santa Fe High School Sports Club President, to make a special presentation to the City Council.

Mr. Hanamaikai announced that the Sports Club is selling “Chiefs Think Pink” T-shirts to raise funds for Cancer Research. So far this year, the Club has raised \$650 to be donated to the upcoming Relay for Life. In the future, the Club hopes to establish a scholarship fund.

Mayor Putnam thanked Mr. Hanamaikai for his presentation.

Mayor Putnam called on Carole Joseph, Director of Parks and Recreation Services to update the Community Services Events Calendar.

21. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS

No appointments were made.

22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

At 7:06 p.m., Mayor Putnam opened Oral Communications and called on the City Attorney to review the protocol for addressing the Council. Mr. Skolnik informed the audience that the Council cannot respond to comments under Oral Communications, but may only listen. Mr. Skolnik stated that speakers are limited to three minutes each, but can, under certain circumstances, be allowed additional time. Mr. Skolnik asked that speakers not simply repeat what the previous speaker stated and that a show of hands to concur with the speaker’s comments was appropriate. Mr. Skolnik stated that the City has the legal authority to limit the total amount of time allotted for one subject, but that is not a normal occurrence. Mr. Skolnik asked that only one person speak at a time. Finally, Mr. Skolnik asked each speaker to give their name and address as a matter of record.

Sierra Serhan, 4037 E. 5th Street, Long Beach, a caregiver, stated that banning Medical Marijuana Dispensaries in Santa Fe Springs would not reduce the availability of marijuana to kids, but would make it more difficult for elderly patients to obtain it.

Rachel Estrada, 11413 La Docena Lane, Santa Fe Springs, a caregiver, stated that banning Medical Marijuana Dispensaries in Santa Fe Springs would make it very inconvenient for patients.

Benjamin Llamas, 10140 Gard Avenue, Santa Fe Springs, stated that he opposes the ban because he would be forced to turn to the streets to obtain his medicine.

Marisa Garcia, 10140 Gard Avenue, Santa Fe Springs, stated that she is concerned that the banning of legally operating dispensaries puts patients in danger. She stated that she had delivered written material to the Council offices earlier in the day and hoped that they would review the information.

Eric Vanzini, 6306 Palm Avenue, Whittier, stated that he had a broken back needs this medication to be able to endure the pain of his injuries. Banning dispensaries in Santa Fe Springs would be dangerous to him and others, requiring him to drive further to obtain the marijuana.

Jason Nom, representing the East Group, 12150 Bloomfield Avenue, Unit B, Santa Fe Springs, stated that chemotherapy patients need to medicate prior to treatment to ease their nausea. He stated that he was against the ban because it would make it harder for patients to obtain their medication.

Kevin Alleva, 12513 Shoemaker, Santa Fe Springs, stated that he has knowledge on the operations of dispensaries and offered to speak with anyone from the City who may have questions. He suggested allowing highly-regulated medical marijuana dispensaries and requiring high-quality security.

Brom Kashishian, 11721 Whittier Blvd, Whittier, stated that he is a terminal patient with many medical issues. He has access to a variety of legally prescribed medication, but marijuana is the only one that helps him that he can tolerate.

Catherine Kurvink, 11371 Lantern Lane, La Mirada, stated that she has rheumatoid arthritis and fibromyalgia and that she is in constant pain. She has accessed marijuana from Santa Fe Springs dispensaries for the past two years. Since that time, her life has been greatly changed.

Chris Ariaza, Whittier, stated that he and other patients have become comfortable with the dispensaries in Santa Fe Springs. He stated that it would be inconvenient for patients to have to find new locations.

Dennis Vaughn, 13647 Allegan, Whittier, stated that the City can benefit from the approval of medical marijuana dispensaries; that the City needs to look forward and do the right thing.

Craig Cole, 12145 Slauson, Santa Fe Springs, stated that patients have rights; a municipality may not restrict the use of compassionate marijuana; this conflicts with California law.

Carl Kemp, Compassionate Health Care, 13128 Telegraph Road, Unit C, Santa Fe Springs, thanked the previous speakers and asked the audience, by show of hands, who opposed the ban on medical marijuana dispensaries. Approximately 75 audience members raised their hands. Mr. Kemp stated that the ban would have negative unintentional results. He requested that the City Council reconsider the ban and re-

open the discussion. Mr. Kemp suggested that the dispensaries should be allowed provided they had the highest security standards, required training and background checks of all employees, and coordination with the local Police Department.

Mayor Putnam closed Oral Communications at 7:37 p.m.

23. EXECUTIVE TEAM REPORTS

Director of Police Services Fernando Tarin encouraged audience members to attend the Relay for Life at Lake Center Athletic Park beginning at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, September 24 and concluding at 12 noon on Saturday, September 25.

Councilmember González requested that Council receive the following information: the amount of money that will be spent to cash-out unused leave upon Fred Latham's retirement; if the amount is budgeted; and if so, the account in which it is budgeted.

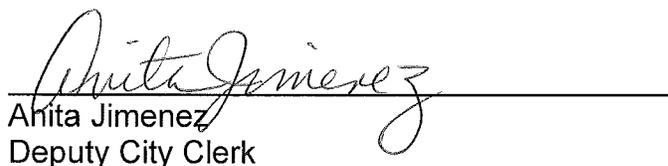
24. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Putnam, at 7:40 p.m., adjourned the meeting in the memory of Carlos Martin, Sr., father of Traffic Commissioner Arcelia Valenzuela.



Betty Putnam
Mayor

ATTEST:



Anita Jimenez
Deputy City Clerk