

CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS

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

December 21, 2010

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Serrano called the Regular Water Utility Authority, Public Utility Authority, Community Development Commission, and City Council meetings to order at 6:04 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Also present: Fred Latham, City Manager, Thaddeus McCormack, Assistant 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; Dino Torres, Director of Police Services; Hilary Keith, Director of Library and Cultural Services; Jose Gomez, Director of Finance and Administrative Services; Alex Rodriguez, Fire Chief

PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Minutes

- A. Minutes of the Regular Public Financing Authority Meeting of November 23, 2010

Recommendation: That the Authority approve the minutes as submitted.

New Business

- B. 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.

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

WATER UTILITY AUTHORITY

4. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval of Minutes

- A. Minutes of the Regular Water Utility Authority Meeting of November 23, 2010

Recommendation: That the Authority approve the minutes as submitted.

New Business

- B. Update on the Status of Water-Related Capital Improvement Plan Projects

Recommendation: That the Authority receive and file the report.

Commissioner González moved the approval of Item #4; Vice-Chairperson Rounds seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

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

City Manager Fred Latham had no report.
Executive Director Paul Ashworth had no report.

6. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval of Minutes

- A. Minutes of the Regular Community Development Commission Meeting of November 23, 2010

Recommendation: That the Commission approve the minutes as submitted.

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

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

Neighborhood Center Renovation and Modernization Project Additional Architectural Services

Recommendation: That the Community Development Commission take the following actions: 1) Appropriate \$180,000 from unallocated Community Development Commission Tax-Exempt Bond Funds to Project Account No. 484-R545; and, 2)

Authorize the Director of Public Works to execute a contract amendment with LPA in the amount not to exceed \$180,000 to provide Architectural, Mechanical, and Structural Design and Construction Management Services for the Neighborhood Center Renovation and Modernization Project.

Vice-Chairperson Rounds asked if this was an additional appropriation or if it was for work on which the Council had already been briefed. Don Jensen stated that it was not an additional amount. Steve Skolnik stated that this was the formal approval and authorization to enter into the contract. Noe Negrete stated that the project completion date is now projected to be October/November 2011.

Commissioner Trujillo moved the approval of Item #7; Vice-Chairperson Rounds seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

CITY COUNCIL

8. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval Minutes

A. Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of November 23, 2010

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

Councilmember González moved the approval of Item #8; Mayor Pro Tem Rounds seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

Amendment of Water Rates and Related Charges for FY 2010-2011

Recommendation: That the City Council direct staff to initiate proceedings in accordance with Proposition 218 to consider implementing a 15% increase in water rates and a 12% increase in service charges as of March 1, 2011.

Fred Latham stated that this was the initiation of the Prop 218 process. Mayor Serrano stated that staff was recommending 15%, but that the Council would decide the rate in March 2011. Don Jensen stated that the Public Hearing would be held on February 24, 2011. Don Jensen stated that a 15% increase would equal approximately \$6/month for average residential use.

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

10. Adoption of Policy Regarding Salary and Compensation of Fire Division Chiefs
Recommendation: That the City Council adopt a Policy regarding the salary and compensation package of Fire Division Chiefs.

Fred Latham stated that the policy was consistent with the direction previously given by the City Council.

Councilmember González moved the approval of Item #10; Councilmember Trujillo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

12. Solid Waste Collection Rate Adjustments
Recommendation: 1) That the City Council approve a .5% increase on the commercial/industrial solid waste collection rates, on top of the 3% pass through increase that will go into effect January 1, 2011; 2) Approve the revised Rate Sheet, inclusive of the newly added services referenced in the body of this report; and, 3) That these rate adjustments be effective January 1, 2011.

Mayor Pro Tem Rounds moved the approval of Item #12; Councilmember Trujillo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

11. Consideration of Action to Fill City Council Vacancy
Mayor Serrano called on City Attorney Steve Skolnik who stated that a vacancy had been created on the Council as of December 10, 2010, due to the resignation of Mayor Putnam on December 9, 2010. Mr. Skolnik stated that the Council was required to take one of two actions: 1) Appoint someone to fill the balance of the vacant term, or 2) Call a Special Election which would occur in June 2011. Mr. Skolnik further clarified that if a vote were taken tonight, it would require a majority of the current Council, or 3 votes, to pass.

The Mayor asked for nominations from the Council. Councilmember González nominated Mike Madrigal; Mayor Serrano seconded the nomination. The nomination failed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmember González, Mayor Serrano
Noes: Councilmember Trujillo, Mayor Pro Tem Rounds
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Mayor Serrano asked if there were any other nominations from the Council. Mayor Pro Tem Rounds nominated Richard Moore; Councilmember Trujillo seconded. The nomination carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers González and Trujillo, Mayor Pro Tem Rounds
Noes: Mayor Serrano
Abstain: None
Absent: None

The City Attorney stated that Councilmember Moore's appointment would be effective upon his swearing in.

Mayor Serrano recessed the meeting at 6:16 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Serrano reconvened the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

13. **INVOCATION**

Councilmember Trujillo gave the Invocation.

14. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Youth Leadership Committee.

INTRODUCTIONS

15. Representatives from the Youth Leadership Committee introduced themselves.

16. Representatives from the Chamber of Commerce – Mayor Serrano introduced Chamber CEO Kathie Fink.

17. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Pro Tem Serrano called on Carole Joseph for a special announcement. Carole Joseph introduced the Masters of Harmony who entertained the audience with Christmas carols. The members thanked the City Council for providing them with a place to practice. Following the performance, Santa paid a visit to the City Council and offered candy and good tidings to all.

The Mayor called on Paul Ashworth to announce that Steve Masura, Redevelopment Manager, had accepted a job with Temple City as Director of Community Development.

Steve Masura thanked the Council for the opportunity to work in Santa Fe Springs and highlighted some the projects on which he was most proud to have worked, including the Villages, and the City's receipt of the Most Business Friendly City Award.

The Mayor called on Don Jensen who announced the promotion of Principal Civil Engineer Noe Negrete to Assistant Director of Public Works. Don Jensen stated that he was pleased to have been able to promote from within, but was faced with a hard choice of highly qualified candidates.

The Mayor called on Hilary Keith for the Community Services announcements.

PRESENTATIONS

18. Introduction of New Santa Fe Springs Policing Team Member

The Mayor called on Dino Torres, who in turn called on Capt. Aviv Barr to introduce Gonzalo Ponce, a returning officer to the Santa Fe Springs Policing Team.

19. Introduction of New Santa Fe Springs Policing Team Member

Interim Police Chief Jeff Piper was unable to attend tonight's meeting and will be introduced at a later date.

20. **APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS**

No appointments were made.

21. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Mayor Serrano opened Oral Communication at 7:37 p.m. There being no one wishing to speak Mayor Serrano closed Oral Communications at 7:37 p.m.

22. **EXECUTIVE TEAM REPORTS**

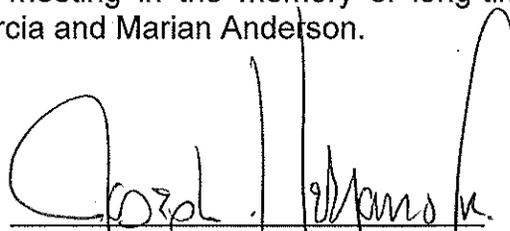
Paul Ashworth reported that the HARP home on Danby was finished and tours could be arranged if the Council wishes. Don Jensen reported that the rain was creating a variety of problems, but that Public Works was staying on top of things. Jose Gomez reported that the Council would be receiving City Financial Reports for the January 13, 2011 City Council meeting. Alex Rodriguez reported that on December 23, at 2:00 p.m., the Fire Department would be hosting a toy giveaway at the Four Winds Apartments. The event will benefit 115 children and the Council is invited to participate. Fred Latham thanked Chief Rodriguez and Robert Mora of the Fire Department for making this event happen. Fred Latham also thanked all City employees, but particularly Community Services, for their support of all the City's Christmas events.

Mayor Pro Tem Rounds stated that this was a difficult year, but the City is moving ahead and can celebrate the re-opening of the new Library and the upcoming re-opening of the Neighborhood Center. Councilmember González stated that upon his request, Public Works had begun a routine cleaning of the culverts which seemed to be paying off considering the current rain storms and congratulated Public Works on their good work.

Councilmember Trujillo thanked all the City employees for all the work they do to make the City look good. Mayor Serrano thanked the residents for their involvement in the City because by working together, the City is made stronger.

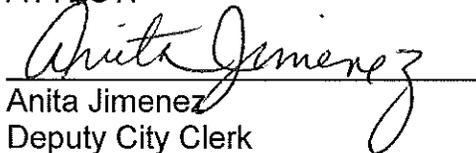
23. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:50 p.m., Mayor Serrano adjourned the meeting in the memory of long-time residents and community volunteers Maria Garcia and Marian Anderson.



Joseph D. Serrano, Sr.
Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:



Anita Jimenez
Deputy City Clerk