

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS
JANUARY 8, 2009**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez, at 6:13 p.m., called the City Council meeting to order.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Gonzalez, Putnam, Rounds, Serrano

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.

Excused: Mayor Velasco

9. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Minutes

- A. City Council Meeting of December 11, 2008

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

- B. City Council Meeting of December 17, 2008

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

Conference and Meeting Reports

- C. (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. 9-A and 9-B. Councilmember Rounds seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

RECESS

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez, at 6:19 p.m., recessed the City Council meeting.

RECONVENE

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez, at 7:05 p.m., reconvened the City Council meeting with all Councilmembers, excluding Mayor Velasco, present.

3. INVOCATION

Councilmember Rounds gave the Invocation.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Serrano led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTIONS

6. Representatives from the Youth Leadership Committee

Those members who were present introduced themselves.

7. Representatives from the Chamber of Commerce

Raman Venkat, LeFiell Manufacturing Company; Kathie Fink, Chamber CEO; and Sylvia Sutherland, Chamber President were present.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

10. APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS

Committee Appointments

No appointments were made.

11. 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.

5. COUNCIL RE-ORGANIZATION

Selection of Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, Liaisons to Various City Committees and Representatives to Governmental Organizations

City Attorney Skolnik announced that yearly the City Council re-organizes itself by selecting a new Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez called for nominations for Mayor.

Councilmember Putnam nominated Luis Gonzalez. Councilmember Rounds seconded the motion.

Hearing no additional nominations, by acclamation Luis Gonzalez was declared Mayor.

City Clerk Barbara Earl placed the Mayoral pin on Mayor Gonzalez and congratulated him on his appointment.

Mayor Gonzalez thanked the Council for their faith in him to lead them through what will undoubtedly be a difficult financial year. He also thanked staff for their ongoing support and leadership. He then thanked and presented flowers to Planning Commissioner Laurie Rios, Traffic Commissioner Arcelia Valenzuela, his aunt, wife and three daughters; pictures followed.

City Attorney Skolnik then announced that the position of Mayor Pro Tem was vacant and called for nominations.

Councilmember Serrano nominated Betty Putnam. Councilmember Rounds seconded the motion. Hearing no additional nominations, by acclamation, Betty Putnam was appointed to the position of Mayor Pro Tem.

Mayor Gonzalez congratulated Mayor Pro Tem Putnam and presented her with a bouquet of flowers; pictures followed.

Mayor Pro Tem Putnam thanked the Council for their support and presented her daughter, Marian, with a bouquet of flowers thanking her for her ongoing support; pictures followed.

Councilmember Serrano congratulated Mayor Gonzalez and Mayor Pro Tem Putnam commenting that they were two very capable individuals who will lead the Council through what undoubtedly will be a tough year.

Councilmember Rounds also congratulated Mayor Gonzalez and Mayor Pro Tem Putnam and stated that he was looking forward to the next year; 2008 had not been an easy year, and it did not appear that 2009 was going to be any better. However, the Council is solid and he is looking forward to the new year.

City Manager Latham invited the audience to come back on January 22 at which time Gus Velasco will be recognized for his contributions to the Council as the outgoing Mayor.

Mayor Gonzalez stated that due to Councilmember Velasco's absence, Council liaison appointments will be deferred to the January 22nd Council meeting. He then invited the audience to the Re-Organization Reception in the City Hall Lobby.

12. EXECUTIVE TEAM REPORTS

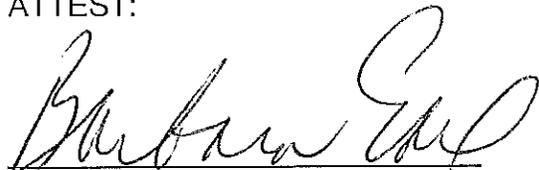
No reports were given.

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Gonzalez, at 7:29 p.m., adjourned the City Council meeting in the memory of Josephine Sandoval, beloved mother-in-law of Councilmember Gustavo R. Velasco.


Luis M. Gonzalez
Mayor

ATTEST:


Barbara Earl, CMC, City Clerk