

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

February 24, 2011

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 6:05 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Also present: Thaddeus McCormack, City Manager; Anita Jimenez, Deputy City Clerk; Steve Skolnik, City Attorney; Paul Ashworth, Director of Planning & Community Development; Don Jensen, Director of Public Works; Dino Torres, Director of Police Services; Carole Joseph, Director of Parks & Recreation Services; Paul Martinez, Deputy Purchasing Officer; Alex Rodriguez, Fire Chief

PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Minutes

- A. Minutes of the Regular Public Financing Authority Meeting of January 27, 2011

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; Director Trujillo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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WATER UTILITY AUTHORITY

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Minutes

- A. Minutes of the Regular Water Utility Authority Meeting of January 27, 2011

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.

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

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

5. REPORTS OF THE CITY MANAGER AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

City Manager Thaddeus McCormack reported that on behalf of the Governor, the Dept. of Finance released a statement of the status of Redevelopment Agencies. The report is available to City Council.

Executive Director Paul Ashworth reported on the number of residents who had purchased homes in the Villages: 2 out of 52 homes were sold to Santa Fe Springs residents.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Minutes

- A. Minutes of the Regular Community Development Commission Meeting of January 27, 2011

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.

CITY COUNCIL

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval Minutes

A. Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of January 27, 2011

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

Councilmember González moved the approval of Item #7; Councilmember Trujillo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

8. PUBLIC HEARING - RESOLUTION NO. 9303

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

Recommendations: That the City Council take the following actions: 1) Acknowledge all written protests that have been received and verify that they do not exceed 50% of all City water customers; 2) Conduct a Public Hearing on the proposed water rate increase; 3) Adopt Resolution No. 9303 to amend water rates and service charges effective March 1, 2011; and, 4) Authorize the budget for Activity 9120 (Water Purchases) to be reduced from \$4,514,000 to \$4,388,000.

Mayor Serrano asked if any written protests were received. The City Clerk responded that she had received two written protests and one call from a person requesting the fax number to send a protest, but it was not received. Steve Skolnik stated that the number of protests did not exceed 50% of all City water customers.

Mayor Serrano opened the Public Hearing at 6:10 p.m. and asked if anyone wished to speak on the subject.

1. Willie Garcia, 9222 Danby, Santa Fe Springs, stated that he sent a letter of protest and reiterated his opinion that this is a bad economic time to be raising rates, the rates were raised just a year ago, and the Council recently implemented a 3.5% Utility User's Tax.
2. Jeanne Teran, 10613 Gridley, Santa Fe Springs, stated that she had indeed faxed a letter of protest and read it to the Council. She stated that she was a single mother raising two boys and that it was already very difficult to make ends meet in the current economic climate. She stated that the Council should reconsider the areas in which they chose to spend money and in the ways they chose to implement fees on residents.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Mayor Serrano closed the Public Hearing at 6:35 p.m.

Don Jensen gave a presentation on the proposed water rate amendments.

Mayor Serrano asked when the water rates were last amended. Don Jensen responded that the rates were amended in February 2010. Mayor Serrano asked if this was the minimum rate increase that the City needed to operate. Don Jensen stated that it was.

Steve Skolnik stated that the City must purchase much of the water it provides to residents from other sources. He further stated that Prop. 218 regulations make it necessary for the City to anticipate future costs and to increase City rates before the Municipal Water District (MWD) sets their rates in May.

Mayor Serrano asked if there is a discount program available to low-income residents. Don Jensen stated that there was a program available to low-income qualified seniors that apply for the program. Mayor Serrano requested that the discount be available to all residents based on income. Steve Skolnik stated that the Prop. 218 rules must be checked to see if that is allowable. Councilmember Trujillo asked how many residents are currently behind in their water bill payments. Paul Martinez will research this information and report back to the Council. Councilmember Moore stated that he had asked Don Jensen to provide him with additional information to convince him that the increases were necessary and the data provided did indeed show that the City currently ran a deficit and rate increases are anticipated by the MWD in May. Councilmember Moore stated that the Council shares the pain of the residents, but believes it is necessary to raise the rates.

Councilmember González moved the approval of Item #8; Mayor Pro Tem Rounds seconded the motion, which carried by the following roll call vote:

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

9. PUBLIC HEARING – WEED ABATEMENT

Recommendation: That the City Council: 1) Conduct a Public Hearing on Weed Abatement; and, 2) Direct the Agricultural Commissioner to abate the nuisance by having weeds, rubbish, and refuse removed.

Mayor Serrano opened the Public Hearing at 6:40 p.m. and asked if anyone wished to speak on the subject. There being no one wishing to speak, Mayor Serrano closed the Public Hearing at 6:41 p.m.

Councilmember González moved the approval of Item #9; Councilmember Moore seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

10. Extension of Contract – Additional Engineering Services for the Valley View Avenue Grade Separation Project

Recommendation: That the City Council take the following actions: 1) Approve an extension of the contract with Hanson Wilson, Inc. in the amount of \$97,752 to cover the cost of additional engineering services for the Valley View Avenue Grade Separation Project; and, 2) Authorize the Director of Public Works to execute the work order to incorporate these additional services into the contract.

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

11. Authorize the Purchase of Portable Radios from Motorola Inc.

Recommendation: That the City Council authorize the Director of Purchasing to purchase Motorola radios utilizing County of Los Angeles' Contract No. 43070 and authorize the Director of Purchasing Services to issue a purchase order to process the transaction.

Councilmember González moved the approval of Items 11-14; Councilmember Trujillo seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

12. Authorize the Purchase of Drills, Breakers, Saws, and Metal Detectors from Hilti Inc.

Recommendation: That the City Council authorize the Director of Purchasing to purchase Hilti equipment utilizing City of Los Angeles' Contract No. 584437 and authorize the Director of Purchasing Services to issue a purchase order to process the transaction.

13. Award a Bid to Con-Space Communications for Confined Space Rescue Equipment

Recommendation: That the City Council award a bid to Con-space communications for the purchase of confined space communication rescue equipment and authorize the Director of Purchasing Services to issue a purchase order to process the transaction.

14. Request for Out-of-State Travel for Fire Rescue Mechanic to Attend Training for the Maintenance of Fire Apparatus in Las Vegas, NV

Recommendation: That the City Council approve out-of-state travel for Fire Mechanic Dana Beile to attend training for the maintenance of fire apparatus at the Pierce Manufacturing Facility on April 11 - 12, 2011.

Steve Skolnik pointed out that an error had been made in the report and the name of the Fire Mechanic should be changed to Ed Andrade.

15. Resolution No. 9305 – Opposition to Implementation of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Proposed Levee Vegetation Policy

Recommendation: That the City Council take the following actions: 1) Authorize its members and City staff to communicate its opposition to the proposed policy to the USACE; and, 2) Adopt Resolution No. 9305 formally opposing the USACE proposed levee vegetation policy.

Councilmember González moved the approval of Item #15; Mayor Pro Tem Rounds seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

16. **COUNCILMEMBER REQUESTED ITEM**
Resolution 9304 – Making Amendments to Previously Approved Resolution 8068

Possible Action: That the City Council approve Resolution 9304 which amends previously approved Resolution 8063.

Councilmember González moved the approval of Item #16; Mayor Pro Tem Rounds seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Mayor Serrano recessed the meeting at 6:42 p.m.

Mayor Serrano reconvened the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

17. **INVOCATION**

The Invocation was led by Councilmember Moore.

18. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

INTRODUCTIONS

19 Representatives from the Youth Leadership Committee introduced themselves.

20. Representatives from the Chamber of Commerce – Mayor Serrano introduced Chamber Member Patricia Coates.

21. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Pro Tem Serrano called on Chief Rodriguez who introduced four new candidates for Firefighter: Jerrod Lee, Mike Garcia, Takashi Hamada, and Jacob Bennett-Snow.

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

Councilmember Moore appointed Janet Rock to the Parks & Recreation Committee and James Berkshire to the Historical Committee. Mayor Pro Tem Rounds appointed Siboney Ordaz to the Youth Leadership Committee and granted a six-month leave of absence for Lorena Huitron from the Senior Citizens' Advisory Committee.

23. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Mayor Serrano opened Oral Communication at 7:28 p.m. There being no one wishing to speak Mayor Serrano closed Oral Communications at 7:29 p.m.

24. **EXECUTIVE TEAM REPORTS**

Chief Rodriguez stated that two Santa Fe Springs Fire vehicles would participate in the funeral procession in Los Angeles for fallen Firefighter Glenn Allen.

Thaddeus McCormack reported that former Councilmember Betty Putnam was being recognized tonight in Cerritos by Assemblymember Tony Mendoza as "Woman of the Year" in the category of Government and that Management Assistant Wayne Bergeron was presenting her with a certificate from the Santa Fe Springs City Council at the event.

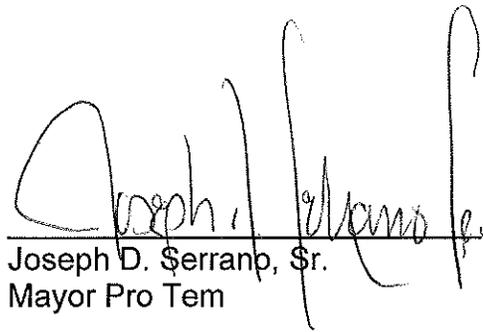
Councilmember González reported that his daughter, Marissa, had undergone back surgery to correct her scoliosis and that she was doing very well.

Councilmember Trujillo reported that her daughter has been accepted to a nursing program in Honolulu.

Councilmember Moore thanked Thaddeus McCormack and Don Jensen for providing him with all the additional information he requested and stated that it was a pleasure to work with the staff in Santa Fe Springs.

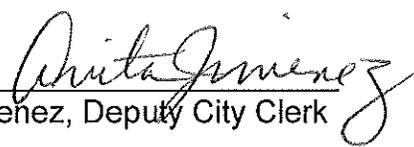
25. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:33 p.m., Mayor Serrano adjourned the meetings in the memory of longtime resident Linda Martinez and fallen Firefighter Glenn Allen.



Joseph D. Serrano, Sr.
Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:



Anita Jimenez, Deputy City Clerk