

**CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS
MINUTES FOR THE ADJOURNED MEETINGS OF THE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
AND CITY COUNCIL**

MAY 11, 2011

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Serrano called the Community Development Commission and City Council meetings to order at 6:09pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners/Councilmembers González, Moore, Trujillo, Vice Chairperson/Mayor Pro Tem Rounds, and Chairperson/Mayor Serrano

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; Hilary Keith, Director of Library & Cultural Services; Jose Gomez, Director of Finance & Administrative Services; Alex Rodriguez, Fire Chief

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

3. REPORTS OF THE CITY MANAGER AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Thaddeus McCormack reported that the City of Whittier approved the Law Enforcement Contract with the City of Santa Fe Springs. A prayer vigil will be held in honor of Vincent Perez at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 15 at Lake Center Athletic Park.

Paul Ashworth reported on sales at the Villages: 36 of the 96 Comstock units have been sold, 8 Far West units have been sold and 12 units are in credit check process. Building of Phase 5 will begin soon.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Minutes

- A. Minutes of the Regular Community Development Commission Meeting of April 14, 2011

Recommendation: That the Community Development Commission approve the minutes as submitted.

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

4A

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

Request for Assistance by and Agreement with Tom's Truck Center, Inc., dba Carmenita Truck Center Regarding Construction and Use of Electronic Readerboard Sign

Consideration of a request for financial assistance involving the construction and use of a new electronic readerboard sign and adoption of Resolution No. 261-2011 making findings relative to the use of Community Development Commission funds for this assistance.

Recommendation: That the Community Development Commission take the following actions: 1) Approve Resolution No. 261-2011 which makes findings relative to providing financial assistance to Tom's Truck Center, Inc., dba Carmenita Truck Center for the construction and use of a new electronic readerboard sign at 13443 Freeway Drive; 2) Approve the use of CDC funds to assist in the cost to construct and install the proposed electronic readerboard sign and approve an appropriation from Community Development Commission funds in an amount not to exceed 75% of the total cost or \$320,000, whichever is less; and 3) Authorize the Executive Director to effectuate the provisions of Resolution No. 261-2011 and execute the attached Agreement.

Commissioner Moore asked if the agreement required Tom's Truck to operate the sign. The City Attorney stated that it did not, but a default clause could be added to the agreement requiring the operation of the sign. Commissioner Moore moved the approval of Item 5 with the inclusion of a default clause in the agreement requiring Tom's Truck to operate the sign. Mayor Pro Tem Rounds seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

CITY COUNCIL

6. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval Minutes

A. Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of April 14, 2011

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

Mayor Pro Tem Rounds moved the approval of Item 6A. Councilmember González seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

7. Request for Approval to Renew an Agreement with the City of Downey Establishing Access to a Library Automation System

Recommendation: That the City Council approve a one-year agreement with the City of Downey for the continuance of a Consortium for Automated Library Management and to provide access to an Integrated Library System.

Councilmember González moved the approval of Item 7; Commissioner Moore seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

8. Resolution No. 9315 – Appointment of City’s Assistant City Treasurer

Recommendations: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 9315 appointing Travis Hickey, Assistant Director of Finance and Administrative Services, to the position of Assistant City Treasurer for the City, Community Development Commission, Public Finance Authority, Water Utility Authority, and any other related City entity.

Councilmember Trujillo moved the approval of Item 8; Councilmember González seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

The Mayor asked Jose Gomez to introduce the new Assistant Director of Finance and Administration. Mr. Gomez introduced Travis Hickey to the Council and the audience.

9. Resolution No. 9316 - Approval of Cooperative Agreement with the County of Los Angeles for the Roadway Improvements on Imperial Highway from Shoemaker Ave to Duffield Ave

Recommendation: That that the City Council take the following actions: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 9316 consenting to the establishment of Imperial Highway from 1,500 feet westerly of Shoemaker Avenue to Duffield Avenue as part of the system of highways of the County of Los Angeles for the duration of the project; and, 2) Approve the Cooperative Agreement with the County of Los Angeles for the Roadway Improvements on Imperial Highway from Shoemaker Avenue to Duffield Avenue.

Councilmember Moore asked what STPL funding was. The City Manager stated that it was State Transportation funding that was allocated to cities annually based on population. Councilmember Moore asked how much was currently in that fund. Don Jensen stated that he would find out that information and provide it to the Council. Councilmember González moved the approval of Item 9; Mayor Pro Tem Rounds seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

10. Approval of Utility Agreement No. 7UA-12080 with the State Department of Transportation for the Alondra Boulevard/Interstate 5 Widening Project

Recommendation: That the City Council approve Utility Agreement No. 7UA-12080 between the State Department of Transportation and City of Santa Fe Springs for the Alondra Boulevard/ Interstate 5 (I-5) Freeway Widening Project and authorize the Director of Public Works to execute the Agreement.

Mayor Pro Tem Rounds asked if the City would be reimbursed for this project. Don Jensen stated that the City would be reimbursed by Caltrans. Councilmember Moore asked how wide the freeway would be. Don Jensen stated that it would be striped for 10 lanes, but it would be wide enough to accommodate 12 lanes in the future, if necessary. Mayor Serrano moved the approval of Item 10; Councilmember González seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

11. Status Report on the Proposed Extension of the Gold Line Light Rail System

Recommendation: That the City Council take the following actions: 1) Receive the presentation from staff; and 2) Appoint a City Council liaison to the Washington Boulevard Coalition.

Thaddeus McCormack stated that this project is in the planning stage and that input from the Council could prove helpful in persuading the MTA to select the Washington Blvd. route for the Gold Line. Al Fuentes and Noe Negrete made a presentation to the Council. Mayor Serrano stated that he had participated in many of the meetings thus far and would like to be on the coalition, if there were no objections. There were no objections; Mayor Serrano appointed himself to the coalition.

Councilmember Moore asked if there were any schools in the area which might lead to children crossing the street near the station and, if so, what safety precautions were being taken. Mr. Negrete stated that there were two schools in the nearby, but the area would be fenced to prevent street crossing in the vicinity of the station. Additionally, Staff recommended adding a second signal at the south end of the station. Councilmember Moore asked if Presbyterian Hospital was concerned about emergency vehicle obstruction. Mr. Negrete was not aware of this concern, but added that the City of Whittier was in favor of the route. Councilmember Moore asked if any businesses would need to be relocated due to the project. Paul Ashworth stated that a restaurant, Big Lots, and the Bank of America would need to be relocated, but the new development included a retail facility.

12. Improvements at Norwalk Boulevard/Los Nietos Road Grade Crossing (Caltrans Division of Rail Section, 130 Grade Improvement Program)

Recommendation: That the City Council take the following actions: 1) Approve Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. 75LX110 which extends the expiration date to September 30, 2011, and authorize the Director of Public Works to execute the Agreement; and, 2) Authorize the City Engineer to advertise for construction bids for the Improvements at Norwalk Boulevard/Los Nietos Road Grade Crossing (Caltrans Division of Rail, Section 130 Grade Improvement Program).

Mayor Pro Tem Rounds moved the approval of Items 12 and 13. Councilmember Moore seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

13. Improvement of Pioneer Boulevard North of Los Nietos Road

Recommendation: That the City Council authorize the City Engineer to advertise for construction bids for the Improvement of Pioneer Boulevard North of Los Nietos Road.

Mayor Serrano stated that the Council would address the Closed Session items at the end of the agenda and recessed the meetings at 6:52 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

14. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL--EXISTING LITIGATION

(Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9)

Name of Case: 3187 Redhill vs. City

CLOSED SESSION

15. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

Agency Designated Representatives: City Manager, City Attorney, Director of Finance and Administrative Services, Human Resources Manager

Employee Organization: Santa Fe Springs Employees' Association

CLOSED SESSION

16. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

Agency Designated Representatives: City Manager, City Attorney, Director of Finance and Administrative Services, Fire Chief, Human Resources Manager

Employee Organization: Santa Fe Springs Firefighters' Association

Mayor Serrano reconvened the meetings at 7:13pm.

17. **INVOCATION**

Councilmember Moore gave the invocation.

18. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

INTRODUCTIONS

19. Members of the Youth Leadership Committee introduced themselves.

20. Mayor Serrano introduced Chamber CEO Kathie Fink and Lisa Boyajian of Ansa Insurance Services.

21. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Serrano called on Hilary Keith for community announcements.

Jose Gomez reintroduced Travis Hickey to the Council and the audience.

Doris Yarwood of the SFS Soroptimist Club introduced the new Miss SFS and Court.

PRESENTATIONS

22. Introductions of the 2011 Destiny Scholarship Recipients & Powell Grant Recipients

Lisa Boyajian, Chairperson of the Santa Fe Springs Chamber/League Youth Enrichment Fund's Scholarship Committee, presented the scholarship winners.

23. Santa Fe Springs 2011 Youth Citizenship Award Recipients

Management Assistant Wayne Bergeron introduced the scholarship winners. The Mayor presented the recipients with certificates. Photos were taken with family members and Council.

24. Introduction of New Santa Fe Springs Policing Team Members

Capt. Aviv Barr introduced Officer Robert Rodriguez. Chief Jeff Piper introduced Capt. Mike Davis.

25. Every 15 Minutes

Recommendation: The Mayor may wish to call upon the Director of Police Services to talk about *Every 15 Minutes*, show a short video of the program, and recognize the California Highway Patrol, Santa Fe High School, and Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital Staff for their continued support of the program.

Mr. Torres thanked City staff for their assistance in the program. The Mayor presented plaques to Santa Fe High School, Presbyterian Hospital, and the Highway Patrol.

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

Councilmember Moore appointed Yoko and Paul Nakamura and Yoshi Komaki to the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee and Amparo Oblea to the Historical Committee.

27. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Mayor Serrano opened Oral Communications at 7:56pm.

Doris Yarwood, 10821 Jersey Ave, SFS, stated that she was concerned about the safety of pedestrians crossing Florence Avenue and asked the Council to reconsider the placement of a traffic signal on Florence near the entrance to Lake Center Athletic Park.

Mayor Serrano closed Oral Communications at 8:00pm.

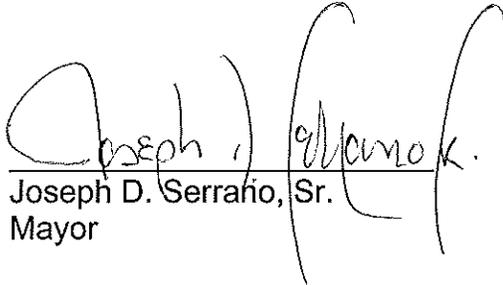
28. **EXECUTIVE TEAM REPORTS**

Chief Rodriguez reminded Council that the Burn Quest Relay would be at Headquarters Fire Station on Saturday at 11:45 a.m.

29. **ADJOURNMENT**

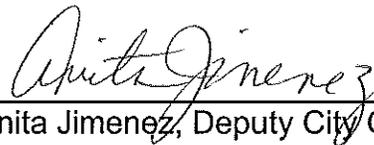
Mayor Serrano announced that the meetings would be adjourned in memory of long-time resident Lucia Garza after the Closed Session. Mayor Serrano recessed the meetings for the Closed Session at 8:02pm.

There were no items to report on following the Closed Session. The meetings were adjourned at 9:05 p.m.



Joseph D. Serrano, Sr.
Mayor

ATTEST:



Anita Jimenez, Deputy City Clerk

6-6-11

Date