

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

May 26, 2011

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Serrano called the Regular Water Financing 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 González, Moore, and Trujillo, Vice-Chairperson/Mayor Pro Tem Rounds, and Chairperson/Mayor Serrano

Also present: Thaddeus McCormack, City Manager; Steve Skolnik, City Attorney; Paul Ashworth, Director of Planning & Community Development; Noe Negrete, Assistant Director of Public Works; Dino Torres, Director of Police Services; Carole Joseph, Director of Parks & Recreation Services; Jose Gomez, Director of Finance & Administrative Services; Alex Rodriguez, Fire Chief; and Anita Jimenez, Deputy City Clerk

PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Minutes

- A. Minutes of the Regular Public Financing Authority Meeting of April 28, 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.

Director González moved the approval of Items 3A and B; Director 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 April 28, 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 Items 4A and B; Director Moore seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

5. REPORTS OF THE CITY MANAGER AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Thaddeus McCormack gave an update of the Governor's May Revise which still includes a proposal to eliminate redevelopment agencies statewide. A bill by the California Redevelopment Association is a viable alternative, but the outcome is unknown at this time.

Paul Ashworth reported that 29 HARP Lottery applications were received. The lottery is scheduled for Tuesday, June 14 at 6:00 p.m.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Minutes

- A. Minutes of the Regular Community Development Commission Meeting of April 28, 2011

Recommendation: That the Commission approve the minutes as submitted.

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

CITY COUNCIL

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval Minutes

- A. Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of April 28, 2011

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

B. Conference and Meeting Report – Mayor Serrano’s Attendance at the 2011 SCAG Regional Conference & General Assembly

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

Mayor Pro Tem Rounds moved the approval of Items 7A and B; Commissioner González seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8. Contract between the City of Santa Fe Springs and Complete Landscape Care for Landscape Maintenance Services

Recommendation: That the City Council consider and decide which of the following actions to approve: 1). Direct the City Manager to issue a Notice of Termination to be effective on May 31, 2012; or 2). Approve a continuation of the contract with the following modifications: a). The contract term would be reduced from five to four years and the annual renewal date would be changed from May 31 to June 30; and b). The advance notice required of the City as referenced in the contract termination clause would be changed from one year to six months and the City’s next opportunity to initiate the termination process would be December 31, 2015. c). The monthly contract amount under the base contract would remain \$88,360, but Complete would continue to provide the City with a 5% discount on monthly billings through June 30, 2012. 3). Direct the City Attorney to prepare a contract Amendment that reflects all changes authorized by the City Council and authorize and direct the Mayor to execute such Amendment on behalf of the City; and 4). Ratify the extension for giving notice of termination to June 30, 2011, and authorize and direct the City Manager to give such notice of termination in the event that the parties have not executed the approved Amendment prior to that date.

Mayor Serrano stated that he had an issue with the length of the contract; longer contracts are more attractive to banks in terms of granting business loans. He would like the contract period to remain at five years. Mayor Pro Tem Rounds stated that if the contract were extended for four years, in essence, the contract would be for five years because there is still one year left on the contract. Councilmember Moore stated that he believes that competition between vendors is healthy and that he would like the contract to go out to bid. Councilmember Moore asked why the amount stated in the report differed from the amount shown on warrant list. Tom Murray explained that the report referred to only standard services, but the last invoice included extra services. Councilmember González stated that he preferred no contracts to be longer than three years.

Mayor Pro Tem Rounds moved to approve Items 2A and C, 3, and 4. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

NEW BUSINESS

9. Request to Adopt Resolutions Pertaining to the City's General Municipal Election to be held Tuesday, November 8, 2011

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution Nos. 9317, 9318, and 9319, which pertain to the City's General Municipal Election to be held Tuesday, November 8, 2011.

Councilmember González moved the approval of Item 9; Councilmember Trujillo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

10. Resolution No. 9320 – Ordering the Preparation of the Engineer's Report for FY 2011/12 in Conjunction with the Annual Levy of Assessments for Heritage Springs Assessment District (Hawkins Street and Palm Drive)

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 9320, ordering the preparation of the Engineer's Report for FY 2011/12 in conjunction with the annual levy of assessments for Heritage Springs Assessment District (Hawkins Street and Palm Drive).

Steve Skolnik stated that, according to Prop 218 regulations, an analysis must be done every year and the results go on the tax assessor's role. Noe Negrete stated that this was part of the CUP. Councilmember González asked if the City was receiving any funds. Mr. Negrete confirmed that the City does receive funds from this assessment.

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

Mayor Serrano recessed the meeting at 6:22 p.m. for the Council to go into Closed Session.

Mayor Serrano reconvened the meetings at 7:17 p.m.

14. **INVOCATION**

The Invocation was led by Councilmember Trujillo.

15. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

INTRODUCTIONS

16. Representatives from the Youth Leadership Committee introduced themselves. Mayor Serrano asked Kevin Ramirez, a member of the Committee, to tell the audience about some of his recent accomplishments in Cross Country. Kevin related some of his times in recent races. The Mayor congratulated Kevin.

17. No representatives from the Chamber of Commerce were present.

18. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Carole Joseph gave the community announcements.

PRESENTATIONS

19. Introduction of the 2011 Memorial Scholarship Program Recipients

Wayne Bergeron introduced the families of the Memorial Scholarship Program and the recipients of the scholarships. Recipients were presented with mock checks and photos were taken with Councilmembers.

20. Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA)-Volunteer Recognition

Children's Services Administrator, Judi Smith, introduced the volunteers of the VITA program. Volunteers were presented with Certificates of Appreciation and photos were taken with Councilmembers.

21. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS

No appointments were made.

29. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Serrano opened Oral Communications at 7:40 p.m.

Janie Aguirre, 11420 Clarkman St., SFS, stated that she felt that Murray's Landscaping has had a contract with the City for too long. She would like the City to see if they can find another contract for less. Ms. Aguirre also spoke regarding medical marijuana dispensaries. She believes that the number of dispensaries in the City is increasing. She stated that the local schools work very hard on the *Say No to Drugs* campaign and the City needs to say, "No," too.

Thaddeus McCormack stated that this is a concern of the Council and they plan to take action soon.

Gilbert Aguirre, 11420 Clarkman St., SFS, spoke regarding absenteeism on City committees. He stated that the bylaws allow for only three absences before a person is removed from a committee, yet there are members with more absences that remain on committees. He stated that without the required members, the committee is unable to get work done. He stated that the people who show up want to work and that those who don't should be removed.

Manuel Zevallos, 10121 Gard Ave., SFS, stated that some members who work on these committees, himself included, work very hard, but others don't show up and still accept thanks for their work.

Ed Nunez, 31392 La Matanza St., San Juan Capistrano, stated that he has coordinated the Sejat Spirit Powwow at Heritage Park for the last 12 years and that he is concerned about this year's budget. Previously, the City assisted with funding the event, but he understands that is not possible in this economic environment. However, he feels the fees imposed this year are too high and their ability to put on the powwow is in question. He stated that the rental fees for the park this year went up by \$2,500 over last year for a total of \$7,500. He stated that he appreciates the in-kind support the City provides and understands the City's financial position. He stated that they will work hard to get sponsors for the powwow, but he hopes that the City can work with him to lower the fees.

Jacque Nunez, 31392 La Matanza St., San Juan Capistrano, Native American storyteller at Heritage Park, stated that thousands of students have come to the park to learn about the Native American culture and she thanked the City for re-creating the Native American village. She stated that she and her husband donated half a year of their time and \$5,000 of their own money to put on last year's powwow, but that they are not able to do that again this year. She asked that the Council consider reducing the fees for the rental of the park so that they can continue to provide education about their diverse culture.

Michael Aviles, 12327 Viarna St., Cerritos, stated that the San Gabriel Band of Tongva Indians asked him to represent their tribe. He stated that it is important to share their culture with the both the native and non-native community. He asked that the Council reconsider the fee structure.

Craig Stone, 3449 Lees Ave., Long Beach, professor at CSULB who teaches Native American Studies and Public Art. He stated that he uses the Sejat Spirit Powwow as a resource for his teachings. He stated that very few powwows are held at indigenous locations, like Heritage Park. He stated that he is amazed at the quality of the powwow in Santa Fe Springs considering the limited resources with which it is put on.

Patricia Lopez, 5531 Greenleaf Ave., Whittier, stated that she is a Pueblo woman and has a long history with the City of Santa Fe Springs. She stated that people from all over the country come to Santa Fe Springs for this powwow and asked the Council to consider the importance of the powwow on the community. She stated that Native Americans are an economically poor community and asked the Council to reconsider the fees so that the powwow can go on.

Mayor Serrano closed Oral Communications at 8:10 p.m.

30. EXECUTIVE TEAM REPORTS

Noe Negrete reported that Lakeland Road between Bloomfield and Shoemaker would be closed until Tuesday due to work by BNSF railroad. Alex Rodriguez reported that the Fire Dept has completed 24 hours per person of Haz Mat Response training all paid through grant funding.

Councilmember Moore thanked Paula Minnehan, Janie and Gilbert Aguirre, May Sharp, and Eleanor Connelly for their active participation on City committees and told them not to be discouraged. He also thanked the City for sending him to the ICSC Conference in Las Vegas and Paul Ashworth for providing him with the presentation material.

Councilmember González stated that it was sometimes difficult for the Council to recruit people who are willing to serve on committees and asked the audience to refer anyone that might be interested in serving on a committee to City Hall.

Councilmember Trujillo stated that the Whittier Police Memorial dedication was a very touching event.

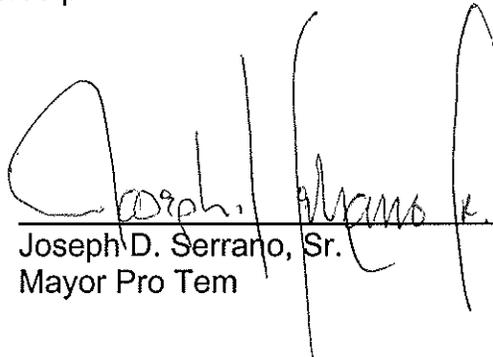
Mayor Serrano thanked the Native American members for trying to continue teaching the community about their culture. He stated that the City Manager will meet with tribe members to see what can be done about the fees.

Councilmember González stated that his daughters, Carina and Marissa, were graduating this week from St. Paul and St. Pius, respectively. He congratulated Councilmember Trujillo for the scholarship her daughter received to attend college in Hawaii.

31. ADJOURNMENT

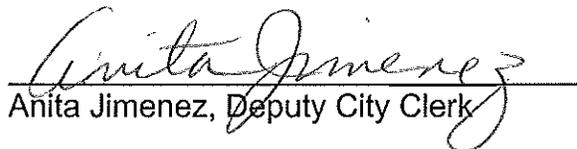
Mayor Serrano stated that following the Closed Session, the meetings would be adjourned in memory of all those who lost their lives while serving in the United States military and in memory of those who have suffered from the disasters in the mid-west. Mayor Serrano recessed the meetings at 8:20 p.m. for the Council to continue the Closed Session.

There were no items to report on following the Closed Session. At 10:01 p.m., the meetings were adjourned. The Community Development Commission and City Council meetings were adjourned to June 6, 2011, at 6:00 p.m.



Joseph D. Serrano, Sr.
Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:



Anita Jimenez, Deputy City Clerk