

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

AUGUST 11, 2011

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Serrano called the Community Development Commission and City Council meetings to order at 6:08 p.m.

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; 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; Jose Gomez, Director of Finance & Administrative Services; Alex Rodriguez, Fire Chief; Anita Jimenez, Deputy City Clerk

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

3. REPORTS OF THE CITY MANAGER AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Thaddeus McCormack reported on the lawsuit filed with the Supreme Court by the California Redevelopment Agency and League of California Cities which requested that the Court declare AB 1X 26 and AB 1X 27 unconstitutional and also requested a stay until the Court decides the issue. Today, by a 6-1 vote, the Supreme Court granted the stay which freezes everything in place and set a briefing schedule for parties to present arguments. The Court should make a decision by January 15, 2012. The good news is that the Court felt the lawsuit has enough of a chance of prevailing to have taken this action. The freeze applies to the City as well.

Paul Ashworth reported that there was no change in sales at the Villages to report, but the developer for Far West has 13 homes in escrow and has submitted plans to complete the final portion of the project. Recently published housing values in Santa Fe Springs reflect an increase of 9 percent.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Minutes

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

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

Commissioner Moore moved the approval of Item 4A. Commissioner Trujillo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

5. Interstate 5 Water Main Relocation Design at the Carmenita Road and Alondra Boulevard Segments

Recommendation: That the Community Development Commission endorse staff's recommendation to incorporate the installation of a new water main pipeline crossing under the Interstate 5 Freeway into the project.

Commissioner González moved the approval of Item 5; Vice Chair Rounds seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

CITY COUNCIL

6. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval Minutes

- A. Minutes of the Adjourned City Council Meeting of July 7, 2011

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

- B. Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of July 14, 2011

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

Councilmember Trujillo moved the approval of Items 6A and B; Mayor Pro Tem Rounds seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

7. **PUBLIC HEARING**

2011 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG)

Recommendation: That the City Council: (1) Open the Public Hearing for those wishing to speak on this matter; and (2) Approve the expenditure of Federal funds (Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant) as outlined in the plan contained herein.

Mayor Serrano opened the Public Hearing at 6:15 p.m. There being no one wishing to speak on this item, Mayor Serrano closed the Public Hearing at 6:16 p.m.

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

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION

8. Ordinance 1026 - Determining Compliance with the Voluntary Alternative Redevelopment Program Pursuant to Part 1.9 of Division 24 of the California Health and Safety Code in Order to Permit the Continued Existence and Operation of the Community Development Commission of the City of Santa Fe Springs

Recommendation: That the City Council waive further reading and introduce Ordinance No. 1026, an ordinance determining compliance with the Voluntary Alternative Redevelopment Program pursuant to Part 1.9 of Division 24 of the California Health and Safety Code in order to permit the continued existence and operation of the Community Development Commission of the City of Santa Fe Springs.

The City Attorney read the Ordinance by title.

The City Manager pointed out that there was a typo in the body of the report; the figure of \$300,000 should be \$3,000,000.

Mayor Pro Tem Rounds moved the approval of Item 8 as corrected; Councilmember Moore seconded the motion. Councilmember González asked if the City had agreed to pay \$9.2 million to the State. The City Manager stated that the Supreme Court issued the stay and committed to decide the matter prior to the date which the payment would be due. If the City is required to make the payment, it is anticipated that \$6.5 million would be paid out of Housing Set Aside Funds and the balance from the CDC General Fund. Councilmember Moore asked if the payment is made to the State or the County. The City Manager answered that the payment would go to the State and would be used to backfill at the local level. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

9. Authorization to Renew Café Libro Concession Agreement with Tierra Mia Coffee Company

Recommendation: That the City Council authorize the Director of Finance and Administrative Services to execute a two-year Agreement with Tierra Mia Coffee Company to provide concession services in the Café Libro area of the City Library.

Councilmember Trujillo moved the approval of Item 9; Councilmember González seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Rounds asked if the contract would be backdated to August 1, 2011. The City Manager stated that it would. He added that the first year of the contract allowed the concessionaire to operate rent-free, but that a rental fee would apply in the second year. Mayor Serrano asked if the City concessionaire had purchased equipment from the City, and if so, at what cost? The City Manager will provide this information to the Council. The motion carried unanimously.

10. Lease of City-Owned Land

Recommendation: That the City Council authorize the Director of Planning and Development to execute the License Agreement and other related documents to effectuate the temporary lease subject to the terms and conditions contained therein.

Councilmember Trujillo moved the approval of Item 10; Councilmember González seconded the motion. Paul Ashworth stated that this is the third year that the County has leased this property for the purpose of staging delivery trucks used during the November election. Mayor Pro Tem Rounds asked if the project planned on this site was still moving forward. Paul Ashworth stated that it was. Councilmember Moore asked how many units would be built on the site. Paul Ashworth stated that in total 54 units would be built. The motion carried unanimously.

11. Approval to Initiate a Constructability Review of the Valley View Avenue Grade Separation Project

Recommendation: That the City Council: (1) Accept the Cost Proposal from AECOM in the amount of \$87,124 to conduct a Constructability Review; and (2) Authorize the Director of Public Works to execute a Letter of Intent and issue a Task Order to AECOM.

Councilmember Moore moved the approval of Item 11; Councilmember Trujillo seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

12. Supplemental Right-of-Way Acquisition Support Services for the Valley View Avenue Grade Separation Project

Recommendation: That the City Council: (1) Approve an extension of the contract with Epic Land Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$175,936 to cover supplemental right-of-way acquisition support services for the Valley View Avenue Grade Separation Project; and (2) Authorize the Director of Public Works to execute the work order in order to incorporate these supplemental services into the contract.

The City Manager stated that staff recommended that this item be continued to the August 25 Council meeting in order for staff to provide additional information to the Council.

Mayor Serrano ordered that the item be continued to August 25.

13. Consideration of Budget Preparation Process

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt the proposed Budget Preparation Process as outlined in the body of this report.

Mayor Pro Tem Rounds asked if June was too late for the Subcommittee to meet. The City Manager stated that the budget would be presented in May so that the Subcommittee could meet as early as May, but there would be opportunities for input to the budget prior to that. Mayor Pro Tem Rounds moved the approval of Item 13; Councilmember Trujillo seconded the motion which carried unanimously. Councilmember Moore stated that he thought the proposed process was excellent.

Mayor Serrano recessed the meetings at 6:38 p.m.

Mayor Serrano reconvened the meetings at 7:10 p.m.

14. INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Councilmember Moore.

15. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Boy Scout Joseph Alvaro who is working on a Communication Merit Badge.

INTRODUCTIONS

16. No members from the Youth Leadership Committee were present.

17. Mayor Serrano introduced Chamber Representative Dan Stepanian of CR&R Waste & Recycling.

18. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Serrano called on Carole Joseph for community announcements.

PRESENTATIONS

19. Introduction of Carlos Domene, Featured in ABC 7 "Cool Kids" Segment

Mayor Serrano called upon Parks & Recreation Director Carole Joseph to assist with the presentation. Carole Joseph introduced Carlos Domene and spoke about his volunteerism in the Teen Program. The Mayor presented Carlos with a certificate.

20. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS

Mayor Serrano appointed Marisa González to the Youth Leadership Committee.

21. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Serrano opened Oral Communications at 7:24 p.m.

Kevin Alleva, 12513 Shoemaker Ave, SFS, asked the Council to reconsider closing the medical marijuana collectives in the City.

Allen McNicholas, 14308 Coolbank, La Mirada, asked the Council to reconsider closing the medical marijuana collectives in the City.

Jeremy Wollum, 21793 Camino Real, Shingletown, asked the Council to reconsider closing the medical marijuana collectives in the City

Brian Moralez 11414 ½ Fidel Ave, Whittier, asked the Council to reconsider closing the medical marijuana collectives in the City.

Victor Munoz, 14720 Raretin, Whittier, asked the Council to reconsider closing the medical marijuana collectives in the City.

Mayor Serrano closed Oral Communications at 7:39 p.m.

22. EXECUTIVE TEAM REPORTS

Don Jensen gave an update on the proposed Caltrans Public Meeting of August 22 and will provide the Council with packets prior to the meeting.

Thaddeus McCormack stated that a Special Meeting of the City Council, the Planning Commission, and the Traffic Commission is planned for September to provide a tour of the Caltrans project area.

Councilmember González asked how many lanes were planned for the I-5 expansion. Don Jensen stated there would be 10 lanes with a carpool lane in each direction.

Alex Rodriguez stated that the Fire Department's training facility has been certified by California Emergency Management as a Homeland Security Training Facility and added that the improvements were paid for by grant monies.

Thaddeus McCormack reported that a Commemoration of the 10th Anniversary of 9/11 would be held in the Town Center Plaza at 6:00 a.m. on September 11.

Mayor Pro Tem Rounds commended staff for the great Concert in the Park and stated that it was a true community event.

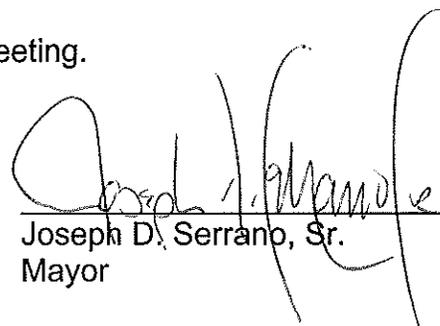
Councilmember Trujillo announced that she would be taking her daughter to college in Hawaii next week.

Councilmember Moore asked what became of the space previously occupied by the Family & Youth Intervention Program. The City Manager reported that it was vacant at this time. Councilmember Moore asked if the City of Norwalk had canceled one of its bus routes. The City Manager stated that they had changed Route 3 which eliminated some portions of it. Transportation staff is working with affected residents to accommodate their needs.

Mayor Serrano thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

23. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:50 p.m., Mayor Serrano adjourned the meeting.


Joseph D. Serrano, Sr.
Mayor

ATTEST:


Anita Jimenez, Deputy City Clerk

9-9-11
Date