

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

OCTOBER 13, 2011

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Serrano called the Special Community Development Commission and City Council meetings to order at 5:15 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; Jose Gomez, Director of Finance & Administrative Services; Alex Rodriguez, Fire Chief; Anita Jimenez, Deputy City Clerk

3. INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Mayor Pro Tem Rounds.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Pro Tem Rounds.

INTRODUCTIONS

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

6. Mayor Serrano introduced Chamber Representatives Liz Buckingham of Friendly Hills Bank and Michael Becher of Miller Giangrande.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

7. REPORTS OF THE CITY MANAGER AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Thaddeus McCormack reported that he and Mayor Serrano attended a CRA briefing at which it was reported that the State Supreme Court should make a decision regarding development agencies by January 15, 2012.

Paul Ashworth also attend a CRA briefing and stated that after the State Supreme Court makes a decision, he fears that there will be a renewed attack on Redevelopment Agencies.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda items are considered routine matters which may be enacted by one motion and roll call vote. Any item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately by the City Council.

Approval of Minutes

- A. September 8, 2011 Regular Community Development Commission Meeting

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

Commissioner Moore moved the approval of Item 8A; Commissioner González seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

CITY COUNCIL

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Approval Minutes

- A. September 8, 2011 Regular City Council Meeting

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

- B. September 19, 2011 Special City Council Meeting

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

- C. Conference and Meeting Report – Mayor Serrano’s, Councilmember Moore’s and Councilmember Trujillo’s Attendance at the 2011 League of California Cities Conference

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

Councilmember Trujillo moved the approval of Items 9A, B, and C; Mayor Pro Tem Rounds seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

10. Appropriation of Funds from the City’s Art in Public Places Fund and Authorization to Distribute Monies as Recommended by the Heritage Arts Advisory Committee to Fund the City’s Art Education Grant Program

Recommendation: That the City Council: (1) Approve the appropriation of funds from the City's Art in Public Places Fund, Activity 6350-6100: and (2) Authorize the distribution of monies as recommended by the Heritage Arts Advisory Committee to fund the City's Art Education Grant Program.

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

11. Alcohol Sales Conditional Use Permit Case No. 11-4

A request to allow the continued operation and maintenance of an alcohol beverage sales use for off-site customer consumption at Springlake Liquors, formerly known as Norlake Liquors, located at 10945 Norwalk Boulevard.

(Doungdara So, Springlake Liquors)

Recommendation: That the City Council approve Alcohol Sales Conditional Use Permit Case No. 11-4, subject to the conditions of approval as stated in this staff report. Said Permit shall be subject to a compliance review in five years, prior to November 10, 2016, to ensure the alcohol sales activity is still operating in strict compliance with the original conditions of approval.

Councilmember González moved the approval of Item 11; Councilmember Moore seconded the motion. Councilmember Moore asked the length of the CUP renewal and the cost. Staff responded it was for 5 years and cost about \$800 which is 25% of the initial application fee. The motion carried unanimously.

12. Approval of Utility Agreements for City Water, City Sanitary Sewer, and City Storm Drain with City of Santa Fe Springs ("Owner") for the Valley View Avenue Grade Separation Project

Recommendation: That the City Council: (1) Approve the Utility Agreements for City Water, City Sanitary Sewer and City Storm Drain with the City of Santa Fe Springs ("Owner") for the Valley View Avenue Grade Separation Project; and (2) Authorize the City Manager to execute the Utility Agreements on behalf of the City of Santa Fe Springs ("Lead

Agency") for the Valley View Avenue Grade Separation Project; and, (3) Authorize the Director of Public Works to execute the Utility Agreements on behalf of the City of Santa Fe Springs ("Owner") for the Valley View Avenue Grade Separation Project.

Councilmember González moved the approval of Item 12; Councilmember Moore seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

13. Settlement for Disposal of Waste at the Marine Shale Processors Disposal Site

Recommendation: That the City Council: (1) Approve the Settlement Offer and authorize the City Manager to execute the Settlement Agreement; and (2) Appropriate \$8,000 from undesignated General Fund reserves to cover the City share of cleanup costs.

Councilmember González moved the approval of Item 13; Councilmember Moore seconded the motion. Councilmember Moore asked why the money for this item was coming from the

General Fund. Jose Gomez stated that no other funds were eligible to be used on the item. Steve Skolnik added that the City had been named in the suit so no funds from any other entity would qualify. The motion carried unanimously.

14. Approval of Amendment No. 4 to the Intercity Rail Passenger Facility Contract for the Valley View Avenue Grade Separation Project

Recommendation: That the City Council: (1) Approve Amendment No. 4 to the Intercity Rail Passenger Facility Contract to modify the contract amount; and (2) Authorize the Director of Public Works to execute the Amendment to the Contract.

Mayor Pro Tem Rounds moved the approval of Item 14; Councilmember González seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

15. Authorization to Execute a Professional Consulting Services Agreement for a Comprehensive Citywide User Fees and Charges Study

Recommendation: That the City Council: (1) Authorize the Director of Finance and Administrative Services to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Matrix Consulting Group in an amount not to exceed \$31,980 to perform a Comprehensive Citywide User Fees and Charges Study; and (2) Appropriate \$31,980 in undesignated General Fund reserves to fund the study.

Councilmember Moore moved the approval of Item 15; Councilmember Trujillo seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

16. Authorization to Issue a Limited Notice to Proceed to the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Company for the Installation of a Cross Over in Conjunction with the Valley View Avenue Grade Separation Project

Recommendation: That the City Council authorize the Director of Public Works to issue a Limited Notice to Proceed to the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Company for the Installation of a Cross-Over in Conjunction with the Valley View Avenue Grade Separation Project.

Mayor Pro Tem Rounds moved the approval of Item 16; Councilmember González seconded the motion. Councilmember Moore asked why the amounts differed in Items 14 and 16. Don Jensen stated that \$2.9 million is the railroads share of the project, but the total project cost will be \$6.8 million and that the City would be reimbursed from various agencies. The motion carried unanimously.

17. FY 2010-11 Year-End Preliminary Review - Operating Budget Expenditures

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

Mayor Pro Tem Rounds moved the approval of Item 17; Councilmember González seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

The City Manager thanked Jose Gomez and the Finance Staff for their hard work. Councilmember Moore remarked that all departments had stayed within their budgets.

18. Resolution 9348 – Industrial Disability Retirement Determination - Jose Tovar

Recommendation: That the City Council approve Resolution No. 9348 making a finding as to the industrial disability of Jose Tovar.

Councilmember González moved the approval of Item 18; Councilmember Trujillo seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

19. Resolution 9349 – Industrial Disability Retirement Determination - Narvil James Lowe

Recommendation: That the City Council approve Resolution No. 9349 making a finding as to the industrial disability of Narvil James Lowe.

Councilmember González moved the approval of Item 18; Councilmember Trujillo seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

20. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Serrano called on Carole Joseph for community announcements.

PRESENTATIONS

21. Proclamation Declaring October 2011 as “National Breast Cancer Awareness Month” in Santa Fe Springs

Mayor Serrano called on Monique Barraza from the Abigail Barraza Foundation and Ivonne Munoz, Director of the Patricia L. Scheifly Breast Health Center at Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital to accept the proclamations.

22. Proclaiming October 24 - 28, 2011 “Red Ribbon Week”

Mayor Serrano called on Program Coordinator Rick Brown to make a few remarks about the program. Rick Brown introduced Los Nietos School District Superintendent John Vasquez, Little Lake City School District School Board Members Lynn Berg and Richard Martinez, Santa Fe High School Principal Kevin Jamero, Whittier Union High School District Superintendent Sandy Thorstenson, and WUHSD Board Member Leighton Anderson. Each school district received a proclamation.

Leighton Anderson expressed the Board’s appreciation of the good relationship with the City and expressed condolences to the City and the Velasco family. He stated that the last school board meeting was adjourned in memory of former Councilman Gus Velasco.

23. Recognition of the City Employees’ Team Championship Title for the SCMAF Southeast 2011 Dan Ablott Memorial Coed Softball Tournament

This item was rescheduled for the October 27 meeting.

24. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS

Upon the resignation of Aracelia Valenzuela, Councilmember González appointed Ruben Madrid to the Traffic Commission. Mayor Pro Tem Rounds appointed A.J. Hayes to the Heritage Arts Committee.

25. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Serrano opened Oral Communications at 5:40 p.m. There being no one wishing to speak, Mayor Serrano closed Oral Communications at 5:41 p.m.

26. EXECUTIVE TEAM REPORTS

No reports.

27. ADJOURNMENT

At 5:43 p.m., Mayor Serrano adjourned the meeting in memory of former Councilman Gustavo R. Velasco.

Joseph D. Serrano, Sr.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

Anita Jimenez

Anita Jimenez, Deputy City Clerk

November 14, 2011

Date