

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

**NOVEMBER 10, 2011**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Serrano called the Regular Community Development Commission and City Council meetings to order at 6:05 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; Noe Negrete, Assistant Director of Public Works; Dino Torres, Director of Police Services; Maricela Balderas, Director of Family & Human Services; Jose Gomez, Director of Finance & Administrative Services; Ryan Williams, Fire Division Chief; Anita Jimenez, Deputy City Clerk

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

**3. REPORTS OF THE CITY MANAGER AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Thaddeus McCormack reported that the State Supreme Court began hearing the lawsuit regarding the ban on Redevelopment Agencies. The Court should make a decision regarding development agencies by January 15, 2012.

Paul Ashworth reported that 72 of the 96 Comstock homes in the Villages have sold and 5 more are in escrow. Comstock plans to initiate additional construction in the spring. Of the Far West homes, 12 have sold and 2 are in escrow. Currently, half of the 60 planned Far West homes have been built. The remaining homes should be completed by September 2012. Building Permit activity is right on track with FY 2011-12 projections.

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

**Approval of Minutes**

A. October 13, 2011 Regular Community Development Commission Meeting

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

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

## CITY COUNCIL

### 5. CONSENT AGENDA

#### **Approval Minutes**

- A. October 13, 2011 Regular City Council Meeting

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

- B. Councilmember Trujillo's Attendance at the 2011 California Joint Powers Insurance Authority Conference

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

Mayor Pro Tem Rounds moved the approval of Items 5A and B; Councilmember Moore seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

6. Resolution No. 9351 – PERS Contract Amendment

**Recommendation:** That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 9351 that gives notice of its intention to amend the CalPERS contract.

Councilmember Moore moved the approval of Item 6; Councilmember Trujillo seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

7. Amendment No. 1 to Utility Agreement No. 7UA-11565 with the State Department of Transportation for the Interstate 5 Widening and Carmenita Road Overpass

**Recommendation:** That the City Council: (1) Approve Amendment No. 1 to Utility Agreement No. 7UA-11565 with the State Department of Transportation to Modify the Contract Amount; and (2) Authorize the Director of Public Works to execute Amendment No. 1 to the Contract.

Mayor Pro Tem Rounds moved the approval of Item 7; Councilmember Moore seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

8. Reimbursement of Costs Incurred by Chevron U.S.A. Inc. in Conjunction with the Valley View Avenue Grade Separation Project

**Recommendation:** That the City Council authorize payment to Chevron U.S.A. in the amount of \$99,242.21 for work completed pursuant to the approved Utility Agreement in conjunction with the Valley View Avenue Grade Separation Project.

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

**9. CLOSED SESSION**  
**CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS**

**Property:** Assessor's Parcel Nos. 8157-026-900

**Agency Negotiators:** City Manager, Executive Director, CDC Attorney

**Negotiating Parties:** Agency Negotiators and Property Owner

**Under Negotiation:** Price

Mayor Serrano recessed the meetings at 6:09 p.m. for the Closed Session.

The City Manager announced to the audience that there would be a brief ceremony at the Veteran's Fountain just prior to the 7:00 p.m. session.

Mayor Serrano reconvened the meetings at 7:11 p.m.

**10. INVOCATION**

The Invocation was given by Councilmember Moore.

**11. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

VFW Post 9148 presented the colors. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by members of the Youth Leadership Committee.

**INTRODUCTIONS**

**12.** Members from the Youth Leadership Committee introduced themselves.

**13.** Mayor Serrano introduced Chamber Representatives Dan Stepanian of CR&R Waste and Recycling, and Wendy Meador of Tangram Interiors.

Mayor Serrano announced that Councilmember Trujillo's birthday was November 6. The audience sang *Happy Birthday* and cake was served in honor of the occasion.

**14. NEW BUSINESS**

**Administration of Oath of Office to Re-Appointed City Councilmembers**

The Deputy City Clerk reviewed the events leading up to the re-appointment of the Councilmembers after which Mayor Pro Tem Rounds took the Oath of Office. Mayor Pro Tem Rounds thanked his supporters who helped elect him to office initially and for their continued support. He thanked former Councilmember Betty Putnam for encouraging him to run for office and expressed his appreciation for having had the pleasure of working with both Betty and former Councilmember Gus Velasco. He also thanked his wife, Jennifer, and his family for their support and presented them with bouquets.

Mayor Serrano took the Oath of Office and thanked his family and friends for their support. He presented flowers to his wife, Virginia, and presents to his four grandchildren.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**15. Assemblymember Tony Mendoza**

Mayor Serrano introduced Assemblymember Tony Mendoza who congratulated the re-appointed Councilmembers and gave an update of recent and pending legislative actions concerning Santa Fe Springs and surrounding areas.

Councilmember González thanked Assemblymember Mendoza for his support of redevelopment agencies. Councilmember González stated that Assemblymember Mendoza was one of only two Democrats who voted against the State abolishing redevelopment agencies, which was an unpopular decision that has had lasting consequences for Assemblymember Mendoza. The City Manager also expressed his appreciation for the Assemblymember's support on this very important issue for cities.

**16. Southern California Edison 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Mayor Serrano introduced Sylvia Southerland of Southern California Edison. Ms. Southerland presented the Council with a proclamation which thanked the City for their continued support of the company.

**17. Introduction of Citizenship Award Winners**

Mayor Serrano introduced Michael Aguilar, Chairperson of the Chamber's Citizen of the Year Award Committee. Mr. Aguilar introduced the Residential Citizens of the Year – Gilbert and Janie Aguirre, and the Industrial Citizen of the Year – Paul Hess of Penta Pacific Properties.

**18. Proclaiming November 15, 2011, as "America Recycles Day in Santa Fe Springs"**

Program Assistant Aimee Espinoza invited residents to participate in the Reusable Bag Exchange scheduled on November 15 at Jax Market. This event, along with others in surrounding cities, is designed to raise awareness about the benefits of recycling and purchasing products made from recycled materials. Mayor Serrano presented the proclamation to the Santa Fe High School Environmental Club.

**19. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Serrano called on Maricela Balderas for community announcements.

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

No appointments were made.

**21. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Mayor Serrano opened Oral Communications at 8:01 p.m. There being no one wishing to speak, Mayor Serrano closed Oral Communications at 8:02 p.m.

**22. EXECUTIVE TEAM REPORTS**

Principal Planner Wayne Morrell gave an update on items relating to the I-5 Freeway expansion. He announced that two new restaurants were locating in the City: Chipotle and Menchie's.

Program Coordinator Rick Brown gave an update on the success of the new parenting classes offered through the Youth Intervention Program.

Jose Gomez reported that the City was faring well in the final stages of its audit.

Maricela Balderas reported that Community Services had done a great job with the Haunted House and Halloween Carnival.

Thaddeus McCormack congratulated the re-appointed Councilmembers.

Councilmember Trujillo congratulated the re-appointed Councilmembers. She also congratulated the Recreation staff for the great job on the Halloween programs and Rick Brown and Paul Brascia for their success with the parenting classes.

Councilmember González congratulated the newly-elected school board members: Lynn Berg, Richard Martinez, and first-time candidate Janet Rock for her election. He also reported that the Council Goal Setting session was very productive. He stated that this Council works very well together and is heading in the right direction. Councilmember González also congratulated the Mayor Serrano and Mayor Pro Tem Rounds on their re-appointments.

Councilmember Moore congratulated the newly re-elected school board members Lynn Berg and Richard Martinez and first-time candidate Janet Rock for her election. He thanked staff for the recent excellent programs: Sugar Skulls at Heritage Park, Red Ribbon Parade, Cesar Chavez Reading Garden Dedication, and the Pow Wow at Heritage Park. He especially commended Supervisor JoAnn Madrid and Program Coordinator Mary Tavera for their work at the Pow Wow.

Mayor Serrano congratulated the newly re-elected school board members and thanked them for their past leadership, citing recent awards won by the schools in Santa Fe Springs. Mayor Serrano acknowledged Whittier City Councilmember Greg Nordbak.

## 27. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:20 p.m., Mayor Serrano adjourned the meeting in memory of Tom Buzzo's daughter-in-law.

Joseph D. Serrano, Sr.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

Anita Jimenez

Anita Jimenez, Deputy City Clerk

December 12, 2011

Date