

**CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS
MINUTES
FOR THE ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL**

November 22, 2011

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Serrano called the Adjourned City Council meeting to order at 4:45 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers González, Moore, and Trujillo, Mayor Pro Tem Rounds, and 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; Paul Martinez, Director of Purchasing Services; Alex Rodriguez, Fire Chief; and Anita Jimenez, Deputy City Clerk

STUDY SESSION

3. Consider the Justification for and Provide Direction with Regard to a Water Rate Increase for FY 2011-2012

Recommendation: That the City Council: (1) Receive the staff presentation and provide direction with regard to a water rate increase for FY 2011-2012; and (2) Direct staff to finalize a recommendation as to the schedule and magnitude of the proposed water rate increase for the City Council to consider on December 8, 2011.

The Director of Public Works gave a presentation to the City Council. Councilmember Moore stated that he would like a cost-for-service analysis by an outside agency to determine if the operating expenses and overhead charges are reflected accurately. The City Attorney stated that in the past, decisions had been made to allocate certain staff time to the Water Fund as opposed to the General Fund. Councilmember Moore asked if the burden should be placed on Water customers. Councilmember González stated that previous staff found creative ways to balance the budget, but that the Council needed to choose their priorities. Councilmember González also stated that he was not familiar with the 50% discount. Mr. Jensen stated that the language has been included in the resolution for years. Councilmember González stated that the City Departments should be paying the full rate. Councilmember Moore stated that the

Water Fund should not be used to balance the General Fund. Councilmember González asked the Council to consider the fact that changes to the Water Fund would result in changes to the General Fund. Mayor Serrano directed staff to hire a consultant to perform a cost-for-service analysis. Councilmember Trujillo asked for an account of administrative pay to be included. Mr. Jensen stated that he has a more detailed analysis that was used as background for his report which he will provide to the Council. Mayor Serrano directed staff to bring this item back on the next agenda in order for the Council to study the issue more thoroughly, but in the meantime to pursue a consultant for the study.

CLOSED SESSION

4. 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 Executive, Management, and Confidential Employees' Association

CLOSED SESSION

5. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – POTENTIAL LITIGATION

NUMBER OF CASES: 1

Mayor Serrano recessed the meeting for the Closed Session items at 5:15 p.m.

Mayor Serrano reconvened and then adjourned the meeting at 6:24 p.m.

Joseph D. Serrano, Sr.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

Anita Jimenez

Anita Jimenez, Deputy City Clerk