

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

JANUARY 12, 2012

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Serrano called the Special City Council meeting to order at 5:12 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers González, Moore, 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; Maricela Balderas, Director of Family & Human Services; Jose Gomez, Director of Finance & Administrative Services; Alex Rodriguez, Fire Chief; Anita Jimenez, Deputy City Clerk

3. BUDGET STUDY SESSION

The City Manager stated that the State Supreme Court upheld legislation that eliminated redevelopment agencies, so the City needs to proceed without redevelopment funds.

The City Attorney reviewed the steps necessary to dissolve the City's redevelopment agency. First, a successor agency needs to be named. The City Attorney provided the Council with a revised version of Resolution No. 9354, which would declare the City's election to retain the Housing assets and functions previously held and performed by the Community Development Commission of the City of Santa Fe Springs and to be the successor agency to the CDC for all purposes. The City Attorney reviewed the benefits of the City becoming the successor agency. Councilmember Moore asked if there would be a cost to the City if it became the successor agency. The City Attorney stated that there would be a cost, but that the State will provide the successor agency with an administration budget to perform the necessary functions involved with dissolving the CDC, but not for programming activities. Councilmember González asked if the City would be able to do any housing projects if it retained or received any amount of housing set-aside funds. The City Attorney stated that the City would be able to continue low-income housing projects with any remaining funds. The City Attorney also pointed out that the City would retain ownership of any property previously owned by the CDC. Councilmember González stressed that the City's focus should be on proceeding with projects that benefit residents.

The City Attorney stated that all successor agencies will have an oversight board for the next 4 to 4½ years. The board will approve the budget and all projects of the successor agencies. The Mayor is allowed to name two members of the seven-member oversight board. Other appointments are made by the Board of Supervisors, School District Boards, etc. One mayoral appointment could be either a Councilmember or the City Manager. The

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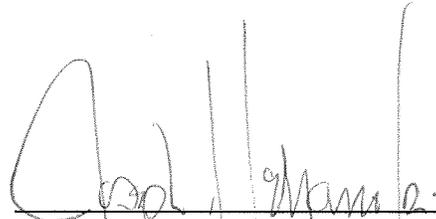
other mayoral appointment should be a qualified City employee. Staff will provide a list of qualified employees for Council consideration. Boardmembers will not be compensated. In 4½ years, all oversight boards will be replaced by a single board.

The City Manager stated that redevelopment would not be coming back and that the City needs to adapt to meet the needs of the community with a new focus.

The City Attorney stated that staff was recommending that the Council designate two Councilmembers to serve on an Ad Hoc committee. Councilmember Moore nominated Mayor Pro Tem Rounds and Councilmember González to serve on the committee. Mayor Serrano appointed the nominated Councilmembers.

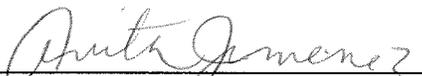
4. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Serrano adjourned the meeting at 6:08 p.m.



Joseph D. Serrano, Sr.
Mayor

ATTEST:



Anita Jimenez, Deputy City Clerk

Date 2-23-12