

CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS

**MINUTES OF THE ADJOURNED MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND REGULAR
MEETINGS OF THE PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY
AND WATER UTILITY AUTHORITY**

FEBRUARY 23, 2012

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rounds called the meetings to order at 5:10 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Directors/Councilmembers González, Serrano, Trujillo, Vice-Chair/Mayor Pro Tem Moore, and Chair/Mayor Rounds

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

CITY COUNCIL

NEW BUSINESS

3. Presentation by Department of Toxic Substance Control

The City Attorney stated that information had been distributed in the community that this was a Public Hearing. That is not correct. Procedurally, this is not a Public Hearing. The Brown Act requires that the Council allow a public speaking opportunity before Council takes any action, but there is no action before the Council on this item tonight. Tonight's presentation is a permit process update to the City Council by the Department of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC) and an opportunity for the Council to ask questions of the DTSC. This matter will only come before the City Council for action if it is approved by the DTSC. The City Attorney advised the Council to hold the opportunity for public comment under Oral Communications at 7:00 p.m.

The presentation by DTSC was given and questions were asked by the Council.

The DTSC will hold additional public meetings for community input.

Mayor Rounds opened Oral Communications at 6:20 p.m.

The following people spoke:

Margarita Montelongo, Whittier, CA
Rose Delgado, Whittier, CA

Jaime Sanchez, Los Nietos, CA
David Thaete (Phibro-Tech), Santa Fe Springs, CA
Laurie Lanham (Phibro-Tech), Santa Fe Springs, CA
Alonso Alatorre (Phibro-Tech), Santa Fe Springs, CA
Martha Meyers (Phibro-Tech), Santa Fe Springs, CA

Mayor Rounds closed Oral Communication at 6:38 p.m.

Additional comments were made by the Council.

Mayor Rounds recessed the meetings at 6:45 p.m.

Mayor Rounds reconvened the meetings at 7:20 p.m.

The Deputy City Clerk announced that members of the City Council receive \$150 for attendance at each of the Public Financing Authority and Water Utility Authority meetings.

PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Minutes

- A. Minutes of the January 26, 2012 Regular Public Financing Authority Meeting

Recommendation: That the Public Financing Authority approve the minutes as submitted.

Monthly Report

- B. Status of Debt Instruments Issued through the City of Santa Fe Springs Public Financing Authority (PFA)

Recommendation: That the Public Financing Authority receive and file the report.

Director Serrano moved the approval of Items 4A and B; Director González seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

WATER UTILITY AUTHORITY

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Minutes

- A. Minutes of the January 26, 2012 Regular Water Utility Authority Meeting

Recommendation: That the Water Utility Authority approve the minutes as submitted.

Monthly Report

B. Update on the Status of Water-Related Capital Improvement Projects

Recommendation: That the Water Utility Authority receive and file the report. Director González moved the approval of Items 5A and B; Director Trujillo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

6. Drilling and Construction of Water Well No. 12 (13939 Borate Street) – Authorization to Advertise for Construction Bids

Recommendation: That the Water Utility Authority: (1) Approve the Plans and Specifications; and (2) Authorize the City Engineer to advertise for construction bids.

Vice-Chair Moore moved the approval of Item 6; Director Serrano seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

SUCCESSOR AGENCY

7. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval Minutes

A. Minutes of the January 26, 2012 Regular Community Development Commission Meeting

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

8. Mayor's Appointments to Successor Agency Oversight Board

Recommendation: Staff recommends the Mayor appoint two members to the Oversight Board, so that the City's interests and perspective will be represented at meetings of the Oversight Board.

The City Attorney stated that this is a Council item, not a Successor Agency item. Mayor Rounds appointed Councilmember González and Associate Planner Cuong Nguyen to be the City's representatives on the Oversight Board. Mayor Rounds appointed Mayor Pro Tem Moore as an alternate, if, in fact, the law allows for an alternate to be appointed.

9. Approval of Draft Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule

Recommendation: That the City Council acting as the Successor Agency approve the Draft Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule.

Councilmember González moved the approval of Item 9; Councilmember Serrano seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

CITY COUNCIL

10. **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

No report.

11. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval Minutes

A. Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of January 26, 2012

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

Mayor Pro Tem Moore moved the approval of Item 11A; Councilmember González seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

12. Analysis Report of Water Utility Fund's Direct and Indirect Costs

Recommendation: That the City Council receive and file the Analysis Report of the Water Utility Fund's Direct and Indirect Cost prepared by Matrix Consulting.

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

PUBLIC HEARING

13. Resolution No. 9360 – Amendment of Water Rates and Related Charges for Fiscal Year 2011-2012

Recommendation: That the City Council: (1) Acknowledge all written protests that have been received and verify that they do not exceed 50% of all City water customers; (2) Conduct a Public Hearing on the proposed water rate increase; (3) Eliminate the City Facilities Rate, which provides a 50% discount of domestic and reclaimed water usage to City owned facilities; and (4) Adopt Resolution No. 9360 to amend water rates and service charges by 9.0% effective March 1, 2012.

Mayor Rounds opened the Public Hearing at 7:26 p.m. The Deputy City Clerk reported that one written protest had been received from Steven & Sylvia Vetrone. The City Attorney stated that this did not meet the necessary 50% majority. Mayor Rounds closed the Public Hearing at 7:27 p.m.

Councilmember González moved the approval of Item 13; Councilmember Serrano seconded the motion which carried unanimously. Councilmember González reported that after he and Mayor Pro Tem Moore met with staff, they were satisfied that the rate increase was necessary. One contributing factor is that the City's water provider was raising its rates by 12% and the City has to pass along some of the cost. Mayor Pro Tem Moore stated that a consultant performed a cost-service analysis which also justified the rate increase.

PUBLIC HEARING

14. Hearing of Protest to Weed Abatement

Recommendation: That the City Council: (1) Conduct a Public Hearing on Weed Abatement; and (2) Direct the Agricultural Commissioner to abate the nuisance by having weeds, rubbish and refuse removed.

Mayor Rounds opened the Public Hearing at 7:30 p.m. There being no one wishing to speak, Mayor Rounds closed the Public Hearing at 7:31 p.m.

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

NEW BUSINESS

15. Resolution No. 9361 – Authorize and Grant Designated Period for CalPERS Two-Years Additional Service Credit Early Retirement Incentive Program

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 9361 authorizing and granting a designated period for the CalPERS Two-Years of Additional Service Credit early retirement incentive program and approve the certification of compliance with Government Code Section 20903.

Councilmember González moved the approval of Item 15; Councilmember Serrano seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

16. Approval of Use of \$150,000 Grant from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for the Clarke Estate Enhancements Project

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the use of the \$150,000 Grant from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District be allocated for the Clarke Estate Enhancements Project.

Councilmember Serrano moved the approval of Item 16; Mayor Pro Tem Moore seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

17. Interstate 5 Freeway Water Main Relocation for the Carmenita Road Segment – Authorization to Advertise for Construction Bids

Recommendation: That the City Council: (1) Approve the Plans and Specifications; and (2) Authorize the City Engineer to advertise for construction bids.

Mayor Rounds stated that there was a supplemental report. Don Jensen reported that the revision included additional information clarifying the costs of the pipeline project that are covered by the City.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Moore asked how much was in the Unallocated City Water Fund which would be used to pay for the City's portion of the pipeline replacement. Jose Gomez answered that the balance is \$521,000. Councilmember González remarked that this project was required as a result of a project being done by the State.

18. Rosecrans Avenue/Marquardt Avenue Grade Crossing – Approval of Amendment No. 3 to Agreement No. 75LX111

Recommendation: That the City Council: (1) Approve Amendment No. 3 to Agreement No. 75LX111 with Caltrans, which extends the expiration date to December 31, 2012; and (2) Authorize the Director of Public Works to execute Amendment No. 3.

Mayor Pro Tem Moore moved the approval of Item 18; Councilmember González seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

19. **INVOCATION**

The Invocation was given by Councilmember Serrano.

20. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Youth Leadership Committee.

INTRODUCTIONS

21. Members from the Youth Leadership Committee introduced themselves.

22. Mayor Rounds introduced Liz Buckingham of Friendly Hills Bank and Wendy Meador of Tangram Interiors, as well as Whittier City Councilmember Greg Nordbak.

23. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Hilary Keith gave the Community Announcements.

PRESENTATIONS

25. Youth Leadership Committee Report on Retreat to Green Valley, CA, January 13-15, 2012

Members of the Youth Leadership Committee gave a presentation to the Council on their retreat. The Committee presented a plaque to John Prohoroff of Serv-Wel Disposal and thanked the company for being the sole sponsor of this event.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS

- 25. Designation of Voting Delegate/Alternate for the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) General Assembly – April 4-5, 2012, Los Angeles

Recommendation: That the City Council appoint a voting delegate and, if desired, an alternate delegate for purposes of representing the City at the Southern California Association of Governments General Assembly in Los Angeles, April 4-5, 2012.

Mayor Rounds appointed Councilmember Serrano as the delegate and Mayor Pro Tem Moore as the Alternate.

- 26. Committee Appointments
Councilmember Serrano appointed Christian Garcia to the Youth Leadership Committee.

- 27. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Mayor Rounds opened Oral Communications at 7:46 p.m. There being no one wishing to speak, Mayor Rounds closed Oral Communications at 7:47 p.m.

- 28. **EXECUTIVE TEAM REPORTS**

Dino Torres reported that the Safe Neighborhood Team meeting held February 21 was very positive and that the next meeting would be held on March 6 at the Activity Center. Councilmember Trujillo reported that she attended the Penny Carnival on February 20 at Lakeview Park and was very impressed with the event. She commended Parks & Recreation Services Director Carole Joseph and her staff. Mayor Pro Tem Moore thanked Whittier Police Captain Aviv Barr for his presentation at the Safe Neighborhood Team meeting.

- 29. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:48 p.m., Mayor Rounds adjourned the meeting.

William K. Rounds
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Mayor

ATTEST:

Anita Jimenez
Anita Jimenez, Deputy City Clerk

3-23-12
Date