

**CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**  
**OF THE**  
**CITY COUNCIL**

**APRIL 12, 2012**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Rounds called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Present: Councilmembers González, Serrano, Trujillo, Mayor Pro Tem Moore, 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; Maricela Balderas, Director of Family & Human Services; Jose Gomez, Director of Finance & Administrative Services; Alex Rodriguez, Fire Division Chief; Vivian De León, Deputy City Clerk

**SUCCESSOR AGENCY**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**3. Resolution SA-2012-003 Amending the Draft Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule**

**Recommendation:** That the Successor Agency Adopt Resolution SA-2012-003.

Mayor Pro Tem Moore moved to approve Item 3; Councilmember Serrano seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**CITY COUNCIL**

**4. CITY MANAGER REPORT**

City Manager Thaddeus McCormack reported that the Successor Agency Oversight Committee is being formed and that an alternate to the Board besides Cuong Nguyen from our agency needs to be appointed. He noted that tonight's agenda includes a report with this recommendation. Mr. McCormack thanked Vivian De León for filling in for Deputy City Clerk Anita Jimenez who is attending a

City Clerks conference. Mr. McCormack noted that the Standing Budget Subcommittees for Events, Services, and Programs, and for the Labor and UUT needed re-appointment for this year's budget and is looking to have Mayor Pro Tem Serrano/Councilmember Serrano and Councilmembers González/Trujillo head these committees respectively. He would like to schedule the first Budget Study Session the first week in May 2012. Mr. McCormack announced that the Relay for Life Subcommittee needs council reappointment as well, which previously consisted of Councilmember Trujillo and Mayor Pro Tem Moore.

**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Approval of Minutes of the March 8, 2012 Special City Council Meeting

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

B. Approval of Minutes of the March 8, 2012 Regular City Council Meeting

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

C. Councilmember Serrano's Attendance at the 2012 SCAG Regional Conference & General Assembly

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

Councilmember Serrano moved the approval of Items 5A, 5B and 5C; Councilmember Trujillo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**6. ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION/PASSAGE**

Ordinance No. 1030 – An Urgency Ordinance Enacting and Adopting Supplement 15 to the Code of Ordinances for the City of Santa Fe Springs and Declaring an Emergency

**Recommendation:** That the City Council waive further reading and introduce and adopt Ordinance No. 1030 which would update the City's Municipal Code by incorporating all Ordinances passed by the Council since the last update.

Mayor Rounds called on City Manager Thaddeus McCormack for a background to this item; Mr. McCormack noted that this item did not include all of the necessary reports and therefore would need to be tabled. There being no objection from the City Council, Mayor Rounds tabled the item.

**NEW BUSINESS**

7. Resolution No. 9367 - Approval of Agreement Between the City of Santa Fe Springs and the City of La Mirada Regarding the Exchange of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds for Fiscal Year 2012–2013

**Recommendation:** That the City Council: (1) Adopt Resolution No. 9367; and (2) Authorize the City Manager to execute any and all documents necessary to complete the exchange of funds on behalf of the City.

Mayor Rounds called on City Manager Thaddeus McCormack; who in turn noted that this CDBG federal grant is used to fund capital projects in the city. Generally, 15% of the fund is used for low to moderate income public service programs with very strict guidelines. As a result the City will sell the remaining funds at .71¢ on the dollar to the City of La Mirada.

Councilmember González moved to approve Item 7 and 8; Councilmember Serrano seconded the motions, which carried unanimously.

8. Resolution 9368 – Establishing a Ticket/Pass Distribution Policy Pursuant to the Fair Political Practices Commission Regulation No. 18944.1 and Establishing a City Policy

**Recommendation:** That the City Council adopt Resolution 9368 establishing a Ticket/Pass Distribution Policy pursuant to the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) Regulation No. 18944.1 and establishing a City Policy.

See item #7

9. Valley View Grade Separation Project – Reimbursement of Costs Incurred by Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Company

**Recommendation:** That the City Council authorize payment to the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Company in the amount of \$399,001.16 for cross over work completed pursuant to the Interagency Underpass Agreement in conjunction with the Valley View Avenue Grade Separation project.

Councilmember González moved to approve Item 9; Mayor Pro Tem Moore seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

10. Award of Contract – Interstate 5 Water Main Relocation for the Carmenita Road Segment

**Recommendation:** That the City Council: (1) Approve the installation of 12-inch diameter ductile iron pipe in Freeway Drive from Spring Avenue to Radius Place; (2) De-appropriate \$150,000 from 16-inch Transmission Main – Phase 1 (453-B009) and appropriate \$150,000 to the Interstate 5 Water Main Relocation for the Carmenita Road Segment (484-R539) to construct a water main in Freeway Drive from Spring Avenue to Radius Place; (3) Accept the bids; and (4) Award a contract to Vido Artukovich & Sons, Inc./Vidmar, Inc., a Joint Venture of South El Monte, California, in the amount of \$4,114,930.

Mayor Pro Tem Moore moved to approve Item 10 with amended changes noted on revised report; Councilmember Serrano seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

11. Lease of Water Pumping Allocation Rights to the City of Whittier – Approval of Agreement

**Recommendation:** That the City Council take the following actions: (1) Approve the Agreement for Lease of Water Pumping Allocation Rights with the City of Whittier; and (2) Authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement.

Councilmember Serrano moved to approve Item 11; Councilmember Trujillo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

12. Request for Out-of-State Travel for Fire Rescue Mechanics to Attend Training for the Maintenance of Fire Apparatus in Las Vegas, NV

**Recommendation:** That the City Council approve out-of-state travel for Fire Mechanics Dana Beile and Ed Andrade to attend training for the maintenance of fire apparatus at the Pierce Manufacturing Facility on April 18 and 19, 2012.

Councilmember González moved to approve Item 12; Councilmember Trujillo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

13. Review and Approve Recommended 2012 Summer Aquatics Program

**Recommendation:** That the City Council approve the Parks and Recreation Division's revised 2012 Summer Aquatics Program with recommended fee increases and programmatic changes to provide summer swim lessons.

City Manager Thaddeus McCormack informed Council that Staff explored options to keep the pool open and that through a combination of increase in fees, cutting staff salaries including employee layoffs, and reducing lesson times to create revenue the City was able to save \$70,000.

Councilmember González inquired if it was possible to make lap swimming affordable. Mr. McCormack advised Councilmember González that lap swimming operation is cost prohibited – as it requires additional lifeguard staff.

Councilmember Serrano inquired on the schedule for use of the swimming pool. Carole Joseph, Director of Parks and Recreation Services advised Councilmember Serrano that the pool is available from the last two weeks in June to mid-September. Mr. McCormack also noted that in previous years the pool was open from March to October, but due to budget challenges the hours have been scaled back.

Councilmember Trujillo moved to approve Item 13; Councilmember Serrano seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**14. Authorize the Purchase of Grant Funded Portable Radios from Motorola Inc.**

**Recommendation:** That the City Council authorize the Director of Purchasing to purchase Motorola radios utilizing County of Los Angeles' Contract No. MA-IS-43070 and authorize issuing a purchase order in the amount of \$11,615.94.

Mayor Pro Tem Moore moved to approved Item 14, Councilmember Serrano seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**RECESS**

Mayor Rounds at 6:22 p.m. recessed the Council Meeting to go into Closed Session for Items 15 through 18.

**CLOSED SESSION**

**15. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS**

**Agency Designated Representatives:** City Manager, City Attorney, Labor Attorney, Director of Finance and Administrative Services, Human Resources Manager

**Employee Organization:** Santa Fe Springs City Employees' Association

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**17. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS**

**Agency Designated Representatives:** City Manager, City Attorney, Labor Attorney

**Employee Organization:** Santa Fe Springs Executive, Management, and Confidential Employees' Association

**18. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL--EXISTING LITIGATION**

(Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9)

**Names of Cases:** City v. PPF Industrial Valley View LP; Valley View Santa Fe Springs, LLC.

**RECONVENE**

Mayor Rounds at 7:11 p.m. reconvened the Council Meeting with all Councilmembers present.

There was no report from the Closed Session.

**19. INVOCATION**

Councilmember Trujillo gave the invocation

**20. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Rounds called on Wayne Morrell, Principal Planne, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**INTRODUCTIONS**

**21.** No members of the Youth Leadership Committee were present.

**22.** Mayor Rounds introduced Debbie Baker of Simpson Advertising, Inc.

**23. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Rounds announced that Councilmember González celebrated his birthday earlier in the week. The audience sang Happy Birthday to Councilmember González and cake was served.

Mayor Rounds called on Maricela Balderas for community announcements.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**24.** Proclaiming April 27, 2012 as "National Arbor Day"

Mayor Rounds called on Vivian De León - Deputy City Clerk to read the proclamation, he then presented Noe Negrete, Assistant Director of Public Works and May Sharp from the Beautification Committee with the proclamation. The Beautification Committee will be contacted once a date is set for the tree planting at Lakeview Elementary School.

**APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS**

**25.** Mayor's Appointment to Successor Agency Oversight Board

**Recommendation:** That the Mayor appoint an alternate to the employee organization representative on the Oversight Board, so that the City's interests and perspective will be represented at meetings of the Oversight Board.

Mayor Rounds appointed Jose Barrios as the alternate to the Board.

**26.** Committee Appointments

Mayor Rounds appointed Mayor Pro Tem Moore and Councilmember Serrano to the Budget Subcommittee - Events, Services and Programs; and for the Budget Subcommittee - Labor and UUT he appointed Councilmember González and Councilmember Trujillo.

Mayor Rounds appointed Mayor Pro Tem Moore and Councilmember Trujillo to the Relay for Life Subcommittee.

**27. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Mayor Rounds opened Oral Communications at 7:20 pm.

City Attorney Steve Skolnik informed the speakers that they would be allowed three minutes each; and specified that Council cannot take any action on items not on the agenda.

There were a total of eight cards received from the following persons, who spoke on the importance of keeping the City’s Family & Human Services Daycare Program available to the residents and business community and urged council to consider other options before closing the facilities.

Lilia Rodriguez-Paniagua	10355 Slusher Drive	Santa Fe Springs, CA
90670		
Susan Lopez	11302 Darcy Street	Santa Fe Springs, CA
90670		
Elise Esparza	10717 Shire Place, #6	Whittier, CA 90601
Enided Castillo	10905 Pioneer Blvd. Apt. #6	Santa Fe Springs, CA
90670		
Luz Doss	11559 Claymore Street	Santa Fe Springs, CA
90670		
Diana Rodriguez	11510 Promenade Circle	Santa Fe Springs, CA
90670		
Ada A. Serrano	11226 Garetal Street	Santa Fe Springs, CA
90670		
Dora Sandoval	12144 Harvest Avenue	Norwalk, CA 90650

City Manager McCormack indicated that the State of California is responsible for taking \$32 million from the City which has resulted in employee layoffs and the closing of some childcare services which is unfortunate, but necessary.

Having no one else come forward, Mayor Rounds closed Oral Communications at 7:40 p.m.

**28. EXECUTIVE TEAM REPORTS**

Mayor Rounds reiterated that the State’s take away impacted the Home Repair Program, Home Rebate Program, Bus Shuttle Service, and Police Services. This makes for a difficult time to do Council’s job.

Councilmember González indicated that it was the worst thing to have happen to the City in the past 15 years. He attended the annual Easter Egg Hunt and indicated that he had a great time.

Councilmember Trujillo expressed thanks to the Family & Human Services Center, Parks and Recreation, and Public Works staff for their hard work in putting on such a wonderful Easter Egg Hunt event, despite budget cuts.

Mayor Pro Tem Moore informed Council that he along with Mayor Rounds attended a meeting sponsored by BreitBurn in Long Beach to view a model of seismic testing equipment used for oil drilling. This process is being viewed as a way to generate funds for the City. Once implemented in the City, residents will receive information notices via mail. He noted that due to State taking away funds at the end of January, tough decisions had to be made in order to balance the city's budget.

**29. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Rounds, at 7:47 p.m. adjourned the City Council meeting in memory of William Blake, father of employee Cherie Blake; long time city residents and community volunteers Ruth Gray, Raymond Gibson; and the Mayor's long time neighbor a retired Downey Police officer Matt Skobel. Mayor Rounds also acknowledged the passing of Whittier Councilmember Greg Nordbak's mother.

  
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William K. Rounds  
Mayor

ATTEST:  
  
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Vivian De Léon, Deputy City Clerk

  
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