

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

MAY 8, 2012

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rounds called the Adjourned City Council meeting to order at 4:47 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers González, Serrano, and Trujillo; Mayor Pro Tem Moore; and Mayor Rounds

Also present: Thaddeus McCormack, City Manager; 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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Wayne Morrell

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Rounds opened Oral Communications at 4:50 p.m.

There being no one wishing to speak, Mayor Rounds closed Oral Communications at 4:51 p.m.

4. CITY BUDGET STUDY SESSION

City Budget Study Session: Programmatic Review

Principal Planner Wayne Morrell presented the programmatic budget review for the Planning Department. The City's Housing Element needs to be updated due to the elimination of the Redevelopment Agency. It was recommended that an Economic Development Strategy Study be performed.

Mayor Pro Tem Moore stated that the Council's main concern is that services are performed in a timely manner.

Director of Finance & Administrative Services Jose Gomez presented the programmatic budget review for the Finance Department.

Director of Public Works Don Jensen presented the programmatic budget review for the Public Works Department.

Councilmember González asked if the City is reimbursed for all costs related to the freeway projects. Mr. Jensen replied that some of the costs are reimbursed, but not all.

Mr. Jensen reported that water usage was up slightly this year which brings in more revenue, and that the outside agencies from which the City purchases water may not increase prices as much as previously proposed.

Mayor Rounds remarked that the number of water main breaks seemed to have dropped compared to previous years. Mr. Jensen stated that the reduction was probably due to the fact that \$800,000 had been spent to replace old pipes.

Councilmember Trujillo asked if other cities were requesting that we take on their signal maintenance. Mr. Jensen stated that there had been some requests, but that the City needed to find a City that was of a size that could be accommodated by our staff and equipment. Councilmember González asked if this was an opportunity for the City to hire or keep more staff. The City Manager stated that perhaps hiring part-time staff was an option, however if full-time staff were hired and the contract ended, we might be forced to lay-off those employees. Mayor Pro Tem Moore suggested that the subject should be discussed further. Councilmember Trujillo agreed that it made sense to look for opportunities to bring work to the City if possible.

Director of Parks & Recreation Services Carole Joseph presented the programmatic budget review for the Parks & Recreation Division

Councilmember Serrano suggested that the Department enlist the help of Council when asking for support from businesses for City programs. The City Manager stated that staff would update the Council on the status of donations for program support.

Councilmember Serrano suggested that staff look to see if it is possible for the Aquatic Center to stay open longer for Recreational Swim. The City Manager stated that this could be addressed in one of the Council Subcommittee meetings.

Mayor Pro Tem Moore asked staff to look for ways to increase revenues.

Councilmember González stated that residents are taxed and charged enough already and would not like to see fees raised to achieve greater revenues.

Mayor Rounds cautioned that raising fees could decrease usage resulting in less revenue.

Mayor Pro Tem Moore asked if the area north of Santa Fe Springs Park was being utilized. The City Manager stated that this is one site that was being considered for a possible Dog Park.

Director of Family & Human Services Maricela Balderas presented the programmatic budget review for the Family & Human Services Division.

Councilmember González asked how much is paid by the City to subsidize the Child Care program. The City Manager stated that \$180,000 of General Fund money was used to pay

for the program annually which equates to approximately \$900 per child per year. That figure does not include the cost of the Family Center lease (\$150,000).

Councilmember González commended Maricela Balderas, Judi Smith, and the Child Care staff for the excellent programs that they run. The City Manager stated that Judi Smith was working with the Superintendent of Little Lake City School District to find ways to continue the School-Aged Child Care Programs. Mayor Pro Tem Moore stated that the Case Management Services at the Neighborhood Center were excellent and commended Eddie Ramirez for his work with the seniors. The City Manager suggested that a Community Health Assessment be performed. He also commended Maricela Balderas for her success in bringing in outside agencies to assist residents through the Neighborhood Center.

Librarian Joyce Ryan presented the programmatic budget review for the Library & Cultural Services Division.

Councilmember González asked how much money the City spent on Public Art. No General Fund money is spent on Public Art. All construction and maintenance fees are paid for through developer fees. Councilmember Trujillo asked if there were any rented art pieces in the Library. There are no longer any rented art pieces in the Library. Mayor Pro Tem Moore stated that the Heritage Arts Committee is trying to bring in exhibits by local artists. He also stated that Library staff has done an excellent job utilizing volunteers. He would like all departments to look at expanding in this area.

Director of Police Services Dino Torres presented the programmatic budget review for the Police Services Department.

Mayor Pro Tem Moore asked if it would be possible to utilize cadets from Rio Hondo College to assist in the department. Mr. Torres stated that he was looking into that now. Lead Public Safety Officer Cee Del Toro stated that she is currently working on training volunteers to assist her. Mayor Rounds asked if calls to the Police Center were answered when the facility was not open. Mr. Torres stated that calls are answered at the Police Services Center from 6:00 a.m.-2:00 a.m., and transferred to Whittier dispatch from 2:00 a.m.-6:00 a.m.

Program Coordinator Rick Brown stated that by moving the Family & Youth Intervention program he felt staff was better able to interact with students at Lake Center and Santa Fe High School. He felt their presence deterred violence, graffiti, and negative activity on the facility.

Mayor Pro Tem Moore asked if the City received any money from the school for our participation on SART. The City Manager stated that we did not. Councilmember González added that it was difficult to put a cost-savings amount on the deterrence of the negative activities as a result of SART. Mayor Pro Tem Moore stated that the President of the Hispanic Outreach Taskforce (HOT) was very impressed with the presentation given by Rick Brown about the Family & Youth Intervention Programs. Councilmember González stated that the long-term affects of these programs are very powerful on the community. Councilmember Trujillo praised Mr. Brown for his dedication to the Community. Mayor Pro Tem Moore asked if the staffing level of sworn officers would be affected. With the exception of the elimination of the School Resource Officer, the staffing level of sworn

officers would remain the same. Councilmember González requested an organizational chart for the Whittier Police staff.

Fire Chief Alex Rodriguez presented the programmatic budget review for the Department of Fire-Rescue.

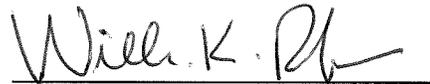
Councilmember González thanked the department for the excellent job they do. He praised the Fire Chief for the amount of grant money secured by the department, and for him taking on the responsibilities of several key positions that have been eliminated. Mayor Rounds also thanked the department for their involvement in the community.

Councilmember González stated that Mayor Rounds was doing a great job during these difficult times.

The City Manager stated that the next step in the Budget process would be to bring a Preliminary Proposed Budget to the Council. It is anticipated that this will occur in the next 2-3 weeks. Then, the Council Subcommittees would meet to discuss the budget.

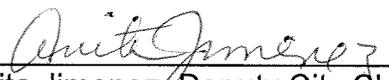
5. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Rounds adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.



William K. Rounds
Mayor

ATTEST:


Anita Jimenez, Deputy City Clerk

6-14-12
Date