

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE  
SANTA FE SPRINGS HOUSING SUCCESSOR,  
SUCCESSOR AGENCY, AND CITY COUNCIL**

**January 8, 2015  
6:00 p.m.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Trujillo called the meetings to order at 6:06 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Present: Councilmembers Rounds, Sarno, Mayor Pro Tem Rios, Mayor Trujillo

Absent: Councilmember Moore

Also present: Thaddeus McCormack, City Manager; Steve Skolnik, City Attorney; Wayne Morrell, Director of Planning; Noe Negrete, Director of Public Works; Dino Torres, Director of Police Services; Maricela Balderas, Director of Community Services; Jose Gomez, Assistant City Manager/Director of Finance; Mike Crook, Fire Chief; Anita Jimenez, City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL**

**CLOSED SESSION**

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

Subdivision (d)(1) of Section 54956.9

VIDO ARTUKOVICH & SON, INC./VIDMAR INC., v. City of Santa Fe Springs

Case No. BC525040

The meetings were recessed at 6:07 p.m.

The Mayor reconvened the meetings at 6:10 p.m.

**3. CITY MANAGER REPORT**

The City Manager reported that at a recent Leadership Team meeting he informed the group that the Council's strategic plan would be reintroduced. The City Manager suggested that the Mayor appoint a Council Subcommittee to review the plan in its current state and come back to the Council with recommendations. Mayor Trujillo appointed herself and Councilmember Sarno to the Subcommittee.

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

**Approval of Minutes**

**A. Minutes of the December 4, 2014 Adjourned City Council Meeting**

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

Councilmember Sarno moved the approval of Item 4A; Mayor Pro Tem Rios seconded the motion which passed by the following vote: In favor: Rounds, Rios, Sarno, Trujillo; Opposed: None.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

5. Resolution No. 9461 – Reappointment of City's Treasurer and Assistant City Treasurer

**Recommendation:** That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 9461 reappointing the City Treasurer and Assistant City Treasurer to their respective offices for the City, Public Financing Authority, Successor Agency, Housing Successor, Water Utility Authority, and any other related City entity.

Councilmember Rounds moved the approval of Item 5; Mayor Pro Tem Rios seconded the motion which passed by the following vote: In favor: Rounds, Rios, Sarno, Trujillo; Opposed: None.

6. Acceptance of a 2013 State Homeland Security Grant (SHSGP) Award from the Los Angeles Area Fire Chiefs Association for the Purpose of Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) and Hazardous Materials Training

**Recommendation:** That the City Council accept \$85,000 from the Los Angeles Area Fire Chiefs Association (LAAFCA) for the purpose of hosting regional Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) and Hazardous Material training classes at the Santa Fe Springs Regional Homeland Security Training Center.

Mayor Pro Tem Rios moved the approval of Item 6; Councilmember Sarno seconded the motion which passed by the following vote: In favor: Rounds, Rios, Sarno, Trujillo; Opposed: None. Mayor Pro Tem Rios commended the Fire Department for being one of the finest in the State. Councilmember Rounds asked who secured the grant. Chief Crook stated that Division Chief Brent Hayward was responsible for this and other grants for the department. Councilmember Rounds suggested recognizing him at an upcoming meeting.

7. Agreement with Henry Hernandez to Operate the City's Batting Cages Facility

**Recommendation:** That the City Council: 1). Enter into an agreement with Mr. Henry Hernandez to operate the batting cages facility located at Little Lake Park; and 2). Appropriate \$22,680 from the CIP fund for the purchase of a canopy tent and the installation of a monitoring device on the Southern California Edison meter to determine the usage of electricity for billing purposes.

Councilmember Rounds asked if the vendor would be selling any merchandise. The City Manager stated that he would sell baseball equipment and food. Councilmember Rounds asked if there would be any limitations on the items he would be allowed to sell. The City Manager stated that there were no limitations in the agreement, but staff would work with Mr. Hernandez to agree upon a list of items for sale. Councilmember Rounds asked if Mr. Hernandez would come to a Park & Recreation Committee meeting to introduce himself and let the committee know a little about his plan. Mr. Hernandez introduced himself and stated that he was excited about getting facility up and running and that he would be happy to attend a committee meeting. Mr. Sarno stated that City teams will receive discount pricing.

Thaddeus McCormack thanked Mr. Hernandez. He also thanked Wayne Bergeron, Management Assistant, for heading up the project.

Councilmember Sarno moved the approval of Item 7; Councilmember Rounds seconded the motion which passed by the following vote: In favor: Rounds, Rios, Sarno, Trujillo; Opposed: None.

8. Clarke Estate Reception Area Improvement Project - Authorization to Advertise for Construction Bids

**Recommendation:** That the City Council: 1). Approve adding the Clarke Estate Reception Area Improvement Project to the Capital Improvement Plan; 2). Appropriate \$220,000 from the Capital Projects Fund to the Clarke Estate Reception Area Improvement Project (Activity No. 454-C363); 3). Authorize the City Engineer to solicit informal construction bids for the Clarke Estate Reception Area Improvement Project, including: Concrete Work, Landscaping, Synthetic Turf, Lighting-Electrical; and, 4). Authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with the lowest responsive and responsible bidders.

Noe Negrete stated that the plan was developed in conjunction with the CIP Subcommittee (Rounds, Sarno) and was broken down into four projects: landscape, lighting, construction, and synthetic turf.

Associate Civil Engineer Robert Garcia described the project.

Mayor Trujillo asked if any weddings were affected by the project. Maricela Balderas stated that Supervisor JoAnn Madrid worked with five parties to relocate their events to Heritage Park.

The City Manager complimented Community Services and Public Works staff for their work on the facility. Mayor Pro Tem Rios thanked Public Works staff for meeting with her to explain the project. Councilmember Rounds asked about the status of damaged wall. Noe Negrete stated that he received repair recommendations and costs from the insurance company and would present them at an upcoming meeting.

Councilmember Sarno moved the approval of Item 8; Mayor Pro Tem Rios seconded the motion which passed by the following vote: In favor: Rounds, Rios, Sarno, Trujillo; Opposed: None.

9. Farmers Market Service Agreement for 2015

**Recommendation:** That the City Council approve the Farmers Market Service Agreement between the City of Santa Fe Springs and contractor Rick Palas (dba Palas Creations) for the operation of the Farmers Market located at the Town Center Plaza from January 2015 to December 2016.

Councilmember Rounds moved the approval of Item 9; Mayor Pro Tem Rios seconded the motion which passed by the following vote: In favor: Moore, Rounds, Rios, Trujillo; Opposed: None.

11. **INVOCATION**

Councilmember Rounds gave the Invocation.

**12. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Wayne Morrell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**INTRODUCTIONS**

**13. Representatives from the Chamber of Commerce**  
Debbie Baker, Simpson Advertising

**14. Representatives from the Youth Leadership Committee**  
None.

**15. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Maricela Balderas gave the Community Announcements.

**APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS**

**16. Committee Appointments**  
None.

**17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

The Mayor opened Oral Communications at 6:29 p.m. There being no one wishing to speak, Oral Communications were closed.

**18. EXECUTIVE TEAM REPORTS**

Wayne Morrell reported on new laws that went into effect on Jan. 1, 2015; bullet train groundbreaking; apartment complex renovations at Washington and Norwalk Boulevards. Noe Negrete reported that Exxon/Mobil will begin work on an existing pipe at Norwalk and Telegraph on Jan. 12; light pole and Edison pole repairs due to an accident on Dec. 22; Caltrans hired a public relations firm for the I-5 project.

Dino Torres reported that that there were no major incidents in the City over the holidays; the Silver Shield banquet will be held on Feb. 20.

Chief Crook reported that the Los Angeles City Fire Department will hold a training event on Jan. 10 at which the Santa Fe Springs Firefighters will be the lead agency.

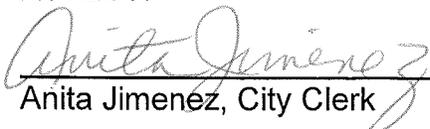
Jose Gomez stated that Finance is working on getting out the W-2 forms.

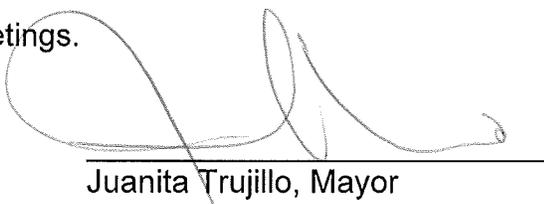
Maricela Balderas reported that the Youth Leadership Committee will go on a retreat Jan. 16-19 in Green Valley to set goals and plan the upcoming year; the VITA program will begin Jan. 19 for residents and Jan. 26 for nonresidents. The Library and Recreation Divisions have started a new program called "Santa Fe Springs Grows" through which seeds are available for check out with the goal of the grower harvesting new seeds and returning them to the Library. A workshop is planned in the Community Gardens on Jan. 24.

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:38, Mayor Trujillo adjourned the meetings.

ATTEST:

  
Anita Jimenez, City Clerk

  
Juanita Trujillo, Mayor

2-17-15  
Date