

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

**February 12, 2015
6:00 p.m.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Trujillo called the meetings to order at 6:08 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

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

SUCCESSOR AGENCY

NEW BUSINESS

- 3. Resolution SA-2015-003 – Approving the Successor Agency's Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS 15-16A) for the Period July 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015**

Recommendation: That the Successor Agency adopt Resolution No. SA-2015-003.

Councilmember Sarno moved the approval of Item 3A; Mayor Pro Tem Rios seconded the motion which passed by the following vote: In favor: Moore, Rounds, Rios, Sarno, Trujillo; Opposed: None.

CITY COUNCIL

4. CITY MANAGER REPORT

The City Manager reported on the recent shootings around Los Nietos Park. A notice was distributed to residents in the area to update them on the incidents and the City's actions. See notice. The Whittier Police Dept. has identified a suspect and has increased patrols in the area significantly. The City intends to pursue federal gun violation charges in an effort to deter activities. A follow up notice will go out to the entire community with information on how to report crimes and what to watch for. The City Manager commended Chief Piper and Captain Bar for their proactivity.

Mayor Trujillo reported that Captain Bar accompanied her at Meet the Mayor the previous night. Two residents attended. Mayor Trujillo reported that the City will continue to address this issue.

5. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval of Minutes

A. Minutes of the January 8, 2015 Regular City Council Meeting

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

6. Resolution No. 9463 – Authorizing the Publication of Notice of Sale of Franchise to ExxonMobil Oil Corporation for Maintenance and Operation of Pipelines in City Streets

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 9463 and set the date of March 12, 2015, for the Public Hearing to grant a franchise to ExxonMobil Oil Corporation and establish the Franchise Fee as mandated by the Public Utilities Commission.

Councilmember Moore moved the approval of Item 6; Councilmember Rounds seconded the motion which passed by the following vote: In favor: Moore, Rounds, Rios, Sarno, Trujillo; Opposed: None.

Councilmember Moore stated that the staff report indicated that ExxonMobil would perform integrity assessments if a leak was suspected but, Page 2 of the contract stated that integrity assessments would be performed if a leak had occurred. Councilmember Moore asked which was correct. The City Manager asked the City Attorney if the resolution could be changed at this point. The City Attorney asked if the language came from a template or if it was specifically negotiated. Noe Negrete replied that it came from a template. The City Attorney stated that the language of the resolution should be changed to, "ExxonMobil would perform integrity assessments if a leak is suspected." The City Attorney stated that the motion should be retracted and asked Mayor Pro Tem Moore and Councilmember Rounds if they agreed to retract their motion and second and agreed to the amended language. Both Mayor Pro Tem Moore and Councilmember Rounds agreed. Councilmember Sarno asked how the franchise fee is calculated. Mr. Negrete stated that it is an annual fee set by the Public Utilities Commission and is based on linear feet. Councilmember Sarno asked if the fee could increase. Mr. Negrete stated that it would change if the length of pipe changed, up or down. Mayor Trujillo asked if there were any objections to the amended motion, hearing none, the motion passed.

7. Resolution No. 9464 – Weed Abatement

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 9464 declaring weeds a public nuisance, declaring its intention to remove them, and setting Thursday, February 26, 2015, as the date for the Public Hearing.

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

8. Request for Out-of-State Travel for Human Resources Manager to Attend IPMA-HR Training

Recommendation: That the City Council approve out-of-state travel for the Human Resources Manager to attend IPMA-HR Training.

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

9. Street Light Construction at 13833 Freeway Drive, Marquardt Avenue and Mica Street (Freeway Springs, LLC) – Final Payment

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the Final Payment (less 5% Retention) to California Professional Engineering, Inc. of La Puente, California in the amount of \$43,825.53 for the subject project.

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

10. Abandonment of the Carmenita Underpass Underground Storage Tank – Final Payment

Recommendation: That the City Council: 1). Appropriate an additional \$5,200.00 for the cost of removing the Norwalk underground storage tanks; and 2). Approve the Final Payment (less 5% Retention) to Petro Builders, Inc. of Santa Fe Springs, California in the amount of \$32,433.04 for the subject project.

This item was pulled from the agenda.

11. Soaring Dreams Plaza Restoration Project – Final Payment

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the Final Payment (less 5% Retention) to Incotechnic Inc. of Buena Park, California in the amount of \$6,042.00 for the subject project.

Councilmember Rounds moved the approval of Items 11 & 12; Councilmember Sarno seconded the motion which passed by the following vote: In favor: Moore, Rounds, Rios, Sarno, Trujillo; Opposed: None.

12. Valley View Avenue Grade Separation Project – Final Payment

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the Final Payment (less 5% Retention) to Griffith Company, of Santa Fe Springs, California in the amount of \$343,430.00 for the construction of the Valley View Avenue Grade Separation Project.

See Item 11.

13. Approval of Agreement with Henry Hernandez to Operate the City Batting Cages Facility – Amendment No. 1

Recommendation: That the City Council: 1). Approve Amendment No. 1 of the Batting Cages Concessionaire Agreement with Henry Hernandez; 2). Appropriate \$5,000.00 from the CIP Fund for the purchase and installation of LED lighting at the City's batting cages facility; and, 3). Authorize the City Manager to execute Amendment No. 1.

Councilmember Rounds moved the approval of Item 13; Councilmember Moore seconded the motion which passed by the following vote: In favor: Moore, Rounds, Rios, Sarno, Trujillo; Opposed: None.

Councilmember Moore thanked Councilmember Sarno for making this project happen. Councilmember Rounds reported that Mr. Hernandez came to the previous Park & Recreation Committee meeting and was well received by the members. Next month's meeting will be held at Little Lake Park and the committee would then proceed to the Diamond for a tour. Councilmember Rounds invited Councilmember Sarno to attend the meeting. Councilmember Sarno agreed.

CLOSED SESSION

14. 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

Mayor Trujillo adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Mayor Trujillo reconvened the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

15. INVOCATION

Pastor Ray Loo of Santa Fe Springs Calvary Church gave the Invocation.

16. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Youth Leadership Committee led the Pledge of Allegiance.

17. COUNCIL REORGANIZATION

Installation of Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem

Mayor Laurie Rios was pinned by her daughter Rosemarie Fortes and her granddaughter Laurie Jean Fortes. Mayor Rios introduced her family and expressed her appreciation of the great honor of being selected to serve as Mayor by her peers.

The City Manager stated that he thinks very highly of Mayor Rios. He introduced Little Lake City School District Board Members Lynn Berg and Hilda Zamora and Traffic Commissioners Pauline Moore and A.J. Hayes.

Councilmembers conveyed their support and appreciation to Mayor Rios. Santa Fe Springs City Employees Association President Javier Loya and members Mary Tavera and Cuong Nguyen expressed appreciation to former Mayor Juanita Trujillo and congratulated current Mayor Laurie Rios.

Mayor Pro Tem Richard Moore was pinned by his wife Pauline. He introduced his guests and thanked the Council for their support.

Councilmembers conveyed their support and appreciation to Mayor Pro Tem Moore.

INTRODUCTIONS

18. Representatives from the Chamber of Commerce
Larry Clanton of Cosby Oil and Lisa Boyajian of Ansa Insurance Services

19. Representatives from the Youth Leadership Committee
Members introduced themselves.

20. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Youth Leadership Committee members made the Community Announcements.

PROCLAMATIONS

21. Proclaiming Support for the Earned Income Tax Credit and Volunteer Tax Assistance (VITA) Program

Community Services Supervisor Ed Ramirez gave an overview of the program. The Mayor presented the proclamation.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS

22. Committee Appointments
Councilmember Rounds appointed Jenissa Casillas to the Youth Leadership Committee. Councilmember Sarno appointed Anissa Rodriguez to the Youth Leadership Committee.

23. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayor opened Oral Communications at 7:47 p.m.

On behalf of the Little Lake City School Board, Lynn Berg thanked Mayor Rios for her support of school programs and facilities.

Oral Communications were closed at 7:48 p.m.

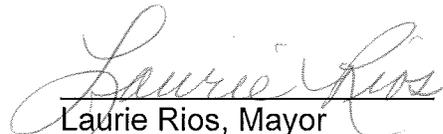
24. EXECUTIVE TEAM REPORTS

- Wayne Morrell reported that Jack in the Box was closed due to sewer repairs and should re-open in one week.
- Noe Negrete thanked the Council for their support during the Valley View Grade Separation Project. The I-5 Expansion Florence Avenue segment has begun. The City is trying to work with Caltrans to get information so that residents can be kept informed. Next week, Florence Avenue will be down to one lane in each direction from 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. for 3 days. More information can be found at the Caltrans website. Mr. Negrete congratulated Mayor Rios on behalf of the Executive Team.
- Dino Torres reported that Police Services staff will be monitoring traffic on Florence to prepare for future closures.

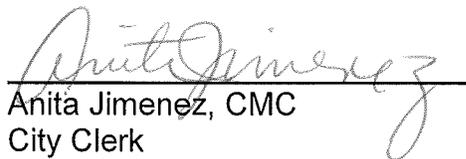
- Mike Crook reported that the Fire-Rescue Department will host 20 firefighters from Navojoa, Mexico and instruct them on firefighting techniques.
- Jose Gomez stated that the halfway point in the fiscal year had passed and he should have an update on the City's budget at the next meeting.
- Maricela Balderas reported that the Family & Human Services Division has been working with the Boys & Girls Club to bring additional services to Santa Fe Springs.
- Mayor Pro Tem Moore commended the Public Safety staff, particularly Dino Torres, Whittier Police Chief Piper and Captain Bar, for the recent efforts to combat crime remarking that they are dedicated to residents.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:58, Mayor Rios adjourned the meetings in memory of Vera Price, Elena Lemus, Donna Wagner, Paul Escamilla, and Sara Mendez.


Laurie Rios, Mayor

ATTEST:


Anita Jimenez, CMC
City Clerk

3-18-15
Date