

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

**April 9, 2015
6:00 p.m.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rios called the meetings to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

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; Travis Hickey, Assistant Director of Finance; Mike Crook, Fire Chief; Anita Jimenez, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL

3. CITY MANAGER REPORT

The City Manager reported on water conservation and the Governor's mandated reductions. The water board is looking at how this will affect cities. Santa Fe Springs has been directed to reduce water usage by 20 percent. So far, we have reduced by 8.9 percent, so more reductions are necessary. Councilmember Rounds asked if the City's Ordinance would be reviewed for necessary changes. The City Attorney stated that the last action that the Council took was to implement Phase I of the City's Water Conservation Plan, and added the Plan must be brought back to the Council in order to implement a more stringent phase. The City Manager asked the Planning Director if the Ordinance pertaining to residential landscaping would be brought back to Council. Director Wayne Morrell stated that he sent draft language to the City Attorney, but revisions were necessary. The Plan will be brought to Council soon. Councilmember Rounds stated that the City of Los Angeles gives rebates to residents who install synthetic grass and added that he has been approached by residents asking if the City plans to do the same. Director Morrell stated that the Municipal Water District has a similar rebate program. The City Manager suggested that this could be considered by the City Council. Mayor Pro Tem Moore stated that there has been discussion by other entities regarding a tiered rate structure based on usage. The City Manager stated that there is a court case pending to determine the legality of charging based on usage. The City Attorney stated that if the courts decide that it is not legal, the legislature may amend the law to address the issue. Councilmember Rounds asked if the City might be eligible for a rebate for the current project at the Clarke Estate. The City Manager stated that staff would look into this. The City Manager encouraged everyone to attend the first Mayor's Prayer Breakfast on April 16 at 6:30 a.m. at Town Center.

4. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval of Minutes

A. Minutes of the March 12, 2015 Regular City Council Meeting

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

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

ORDINANCE FOR PASSAGE

5. **ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT – Parking for Industrial Zoned Properties**

Ordinance No. 1063, an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Santa Fe Springs, amending Sections 155.480 (restrict tandem parking), 155.481 (revise parking ratio), 155.487 (require truck parking), and 155.491 (establish maneuvering space) of Title 15, Chapter 155 of the City Code regarding parking within industrial zoned properties.

Recommendation: That the City Council waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 1063.

The City Attorney read the Ordinance by title.

Councilmember Rounds moved to waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 1063; Mayor Pro Tem Moore seconded the motion which passed by the following roll call vote: In favor: Rounds, Sarno, Trujillo, Moore, Rios; Opposed: None.

Mayor Rios adjourned the meeting at 6:12 p.m.

Mayor Rios reconvened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

6. **INVOCATION**

Mayor Pro Tem Moore gave the Invocation.

7. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Youth Leadership Committee led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTIONS

8. Representatives from the Chamber of Commerce

Lisa Boyajian of Ansa Insurance Services

9. Representatives from the Youth Leadership Committee

Members introduced themselves.

10. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Youth Leadership Committee members made the Community Announcements.

PRESENTATIONS

11. Proclaiming April 2015 as Donate Life Month in Santa Fe Springs

Donate Life Ambassador Ruth Covington spoke about the organization and their upcoming event. The Mayor presented Ms. Covington with the proclamation.

12. Proclaiming the Week of April 12 - April 18, 2015, as "National Library Week" in Santa Fe Springs

Library Services Division Director Joyce Ryan highlighted some of the activities planned for the week. The Mayor presented the proclamation to the Friends of the Library.

13. Proclaiming the Week of April 12 - April 18, 2015, as "National Volunteer Week" in Santa Fe Springs

Community Services Supervisor Eddie Ramirez discussed some of the volunteer groups within the City. The Mayor presented the proclamation to the volunteers.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS

14. Committee Appointments

Mayor Rios appointed Mayor Pro Tem Moore and Councilmember Sarno to the Successor Agency Subcommittee.

15. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

The Mayor opened Oral Communications at 7:28 p.m. There being no one wishing to speak, Oral Communications were closed.

16. **EXECUTIVE TEAM REPORTS**

Wayne Morrell reported on development activity at the Gateway Plaza at Telegraph and Carmenita; the CVS building will be demolished and a Panera Bread and Raising Cane restaurants are planned to be built by Jan 2016. Councilmember Sarno asked about the status of the Salt and Pepper Restaurant. Director Morrell stated that the designs should be completed next week. He added that the property owner will clean up the landscape. Mayor Pro Tem Moore asked about the status of the Express Pizza. Director Morrell stated that they have gotten a business license, but no location has been selected. Director Morrell stated that the Dickey's BBQ in plan check.

Noe Negrete reported that the Clarke Estate reception area 95 % complete and should be right on schedule for completion. As part of the I-5 widening, a traffic signal will be installed at Roseton and should be complete by April 24. Once the signal is operational, Orr & Day Road will be closed south of Florence Ave. A notice will be sent to residents.

Dino Torres reported on the success of the Every 15 Minutes. Speaker Jason Barber discussed the dangers of drinking and driving to students. Local students participated in a Cesar Chavez Day of Service in Tehachapi today.

Mike Crook reported on a residential fire last Tuesday on Harvest Ave which involved a detached garage. The homeowner was given a \$100 gift card by the SAVE program. The Fire Department will provide basic hazardous waste training for small businesses who will then be eligible for reduced CUPA fees.

Travis Hickey stated that the City is in the 2nd year of a two-year budget and Finance is planning to prepare a new five-year outlook. It is a goal of the Finance Dept. that in years that a budget is not being adopted, the five-year plan will be revised.

Maricela Balderas thanked Council for their attendance at the Easter Egg Hunt. Approximately 650 participants also attended. The Family & Human Services staff secured a donation from Melrose Baking Company to provide bread on a daily basis for the senior program.

Mayor Pro Tem Moore stated that he was very impressed by the cooperation between the City of Downey's Fire Dept. and Santa Fe Springs.

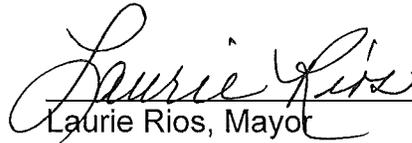
Councilmember Rounds also expressed his admiration of the cooperation between the two Fire Departments. He commended the Police Services staff for the Every 15 Minutes program and agreed that the Easter Egg Hunt was a great event for residents.

Councilmember Trujillo thanked the volunteers for their support of the City.

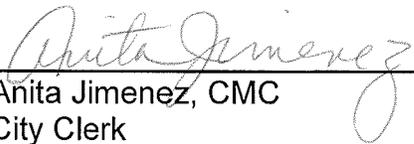
Mayor Rios commended Dino Torres for the Every 15 Minutes program.

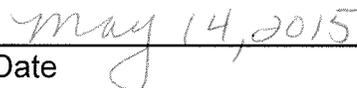
ADJOURNMENT

At 7:46, Mayor Rios adjourned the meetings in memory of Thomas Leo McCormack, uncle of City Manager Thaddeus McCormack and Carmen Puga, grandmother of Maritza Sosa-Nieves.


Laurie Rios, Mayor

ATTEST:


Anita Jimenez, CMC
City Clerk


Date