

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

**May 14, 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; Jose Gomez, Assistant City Manager/Director of Finance; Mike Crook, Fire Chief; Anita Jimenez, City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL**

**3. CITY MANAGER REPORT**

The City Manager reported that the Governor's May Revised Budget has been released and contains a Redevelopment Dissolution Trailer Bill. The City Manager will participate in a webinar on the subject tomorrow and will report back to the Council. He stated that water conservation is a high priority for the City. Staff is working with Golden Springs on a water conservation demonstration project. This will require a sizeable investment on the part of the owner for smart watering technology. Staff hopes to learn more about what type of equipment is available, what costs are involved, and what rebates are offered. Tomorrow, City flags will be flown at half-staff in recognition of Peace Officer Memorial Day.

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

**Approval of Minutes**

- A. Minutes of the April 9, 2015 Regular City Council Meeting

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

**Conference and Meeting Reports**

- B. Councilmember Rounds' Attendance at the League of California Cities Legislative Action Day

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

- C. Councilmember Trujillo's Attendance at the League of California Cities Legislative Action Day

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

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

### **NEW BUSINESS**

5. Request for Out-of-State Travel for Director of Planning Wayne Morrell

**Recommendation:** That the City Council approve out-of-state travel for Director of Planning Wayne Morrell to attend the ICSC RECon Exhibition and Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada, from May 17-20, 2015.

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

6. Purchase of Forty (40) Sets of Firefighter Turnouts, Helmets, and Related Safety Equipment for the Members of the Department of Fire-Rescue

**Recommendation:** That the City Council approve the purchase of forty sets of firefighter turnouts, helmets, and related safety equipment from Municipal Emergency Services, INC. in the amount of \$114,330.11.

Councilmember Trujillo asked what is done with the old turnouts. Chief Crook replied that they are either used by volunteers or donated to our Sister City, Navojoa.

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

7. Resolution No. 9467 – Request for Parking Restriction on Pontlavoy Avenue North of Rosecrans Avenue

**Recommendation:** That the City Council adopt Resolution No.9467, which would prohibit parking of vehicles weighing over 6,000 pounds on the east side of Pontlavoy Avenue from a point 100 feet north of Rosecrans Avenue to a point 200 feet north of Rosecrans Avenue and implement a tow-away zone within the same limits for vehicles that violate the restriction.

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

8. Request Approval for Artwork Proposal by Artist Candace Galvan for Traffic Signal Cabinet Art Program

**Recommendation:** That the City Council approve the art concept by artist Candace Galvan and authorize staff to enter into an agreement with Hartzog & Crabill, Inc. as part of a Traffic Signal Cabinet Art Project.

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

Mayor Rios adjourned the meeting at 6:08 p.m.

Mayor Rios reconvened the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

**9. INVOCATION**

Councilmember Sarno gave the Invocation.

**10. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Youth Leadership Committee led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**INTRODUCTIONS**

- 11. Representatives from the Chamber of Commerce**  
None.

Doris Yarwood of the Santa Fe Springs Soroptimist introduced Miss Santa Fe Springs, Camille Orozco, and her Court.

- 12. Representatives from the Youth Leadership Committee**  
Members introduced themselves.

**13. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Youth Leadership Committee members made the Community Announcements.

**PRESENTATIONS**

- 14. Recognition of City Birthday**  
The City Manager announced that May 15 is the City's 58 birthday.

- 15. Introduction of the 2015 Teachers of the Year**  
Mayor Rios introduced Little Lake City School Board Members Lynn Berg and Richard Martinez. Publicity Specialist Julie Herrera introduced the teachers of the year: from Whittier Union High School District – Kathleen Bailey, Whittier High School; from the Los Nietos School District – Christina Fontenot, Aeolian Elementary School; from Little Lake City School District - Veronica Camello, Jersey Elementary School; from St. Paul High School – Emily Parrelli.

- 16. Chamber of Commerce Youth Enrichment Fund Poster Contest Winners**  
Executive Director Kathie Fink gave an overview of the program and introduced the contest winners: 1<sup>st</sup> Place - Kaylene Martinez, Lake Center Middle School; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Jule Chavez, Lake Center Middle School; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Nestor Corral, Lake Center Middle School; 4<sup>th</sup> Place – Taylor Livingston, Santa Fe Springs Christian School.

- 17. Introduction of the 2015 Memorial Scholarship Recipients**  
Management Assistant Wayne Bergeron introduced members of the Mora Family and

the Mora Scholarship Winners – Hong-Tran Nguyen, Ricardo Uribe and Billy Villa; members of the Sandoval family and Sandoval Scholarship Winners – Hong-Tran Nguyen and Ricardo Uribe; members of the Sharp family and Sharp Scholarship Winners – Hong-Tran Nguyen and Ricardo Uribe.

**18. Proclaiming May 27, 2015 as “National Senior Health & Fitness Day” in Santa Fe Springs**

Management Assistant Maritza Sosa-Nieves spoke about the programs at the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center that promote healthy living. She introduced Leslie Martinez of PIH and program participant Uvaldo Sierra who also spoke about the benefits of the programs. Mayor Rios presented the proclamation to Ms. Martinez and Mr. Sierra.

**19. Proclaiming “Law Enforcement Week 2015” in Santa Fe Springs**

Dino Torres explained the significance of Law Enforcement Week. Mayor Rios presented the proclamation to Dino Torres, Whittier Police Chief Jeff Piper, and Whittier Captain Aviv Bar.

**20. Proclaiming May 17 - 23, 2015 as “National Public Works Week” in Santa Fe Springs**

Noe Negrete announced that Joe Rodriguez had been selected as the new Municipal Services Manager. Mr. Negrete highlighted some of the events planned for Public Works Week. Mayor Rios presented the proclamation to Municipal Services Manager Joe Rodriguez and Utility Services Manager Frank Beach.

**APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS**

**21. Committee Appointments**

Councilmember Rounds appointed Dominique Velasco to the Sister City Committee. Mayor Rios appointed Councilmembers Sarno and Trujillo to the Whittier Police Council Subcommittee.

**22. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

The Mayor opened Oral Communications at 8:43 p.m. There being no one wishing to speak, Oral Communications were closed.

**23. EXECUTIVE TEAM REPORTS**

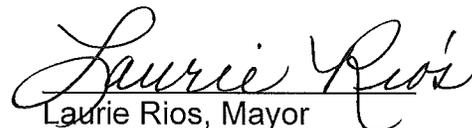
- Councilmember Sarno commended Community Services Supervisor Ed Ramirez for his success spearheading the recent Art Fest.
- Mayor Pro Tem Moore stated that this year’s attendance at the Art Fest doubled from last year. He added that everyone enjoyed the atmosphere and appreciated the art. He also thanked the Heritage Arts Committee. At the last I-5 Committee meeting, it was stated that trees will be made available to member cities’ residents, schools, and parks to help replace the trees that were removed due to the construction. Fruit trees will also be available.
- Councilmember Trujillo agreed that the Art Fest was great and stated that Supervisor Ramirez showed great leadership. She also thanked the Heritage Arts Committee. She congratulated Joe Rodriguez on his position. She stated that she, Mayor Pro Tem

Moore, and Councilmember Rounds were going to the RECon convention next week in an attempt to attract more businesses to Santa Fe Springs. She wished a Happy Birthday to Maricela Balderas. She stated that Santa Fe High School had advanced to the 2<sup>nd</sup> round in CIF volleyball.

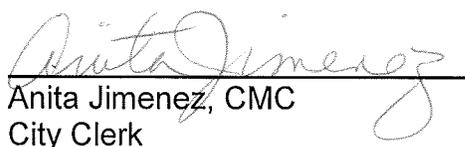
- Councilmember Rounds commented that the Art Fest was awesome. He also attended the Cesar Chavez dinner at the Clarke Estate and received many compliments on the renovation. He stated that before a decision is made on the type of flooring that will be installed at the Activity Center, an evaluation of all programs should be conducted.
- Noe Negrete reported on a fallen tree at Los Nietos Park during the storm – no damage to property or persons; two street lights were knocked down due to auto accidents over the weekend. A National Public Works Week event will be held on May 27, at Rancho Santa Gertrudes Elementary School; the Tree Planting will be held on same day.
- Wayne Morrell reported that the Apartments at the Villages, Miro, will open next week. All landscaping has drip irrigation and complies with the City's water conservation policies.
- Dino Torres reported that Safe Driving Tips posters will be displayed in City facilities. Peace Officers Memorial Day is tomorrow; residents can have "Coffee with a Cop" at Starbucks.
- Mike Crook reported that the Firemen's fundraiser for Muscular Dystrophy, "Fill the Boot," began this week. They have set a goal of \$40,000. Truck 811 should be back in service next week.
- Mayor Rios wished Chief Crook a Happy Birthday.
- Jose Gomez reported that the fiber optic cable that has been run in facilities provides better service and is less expensive.
- Maricela Balderas showed a few Art Fest photos and will have many more at the next meeting when sponsors will be recognized. The Volunteer Income Tax Program ended on April 14. With the assistance of volunteers, \$725,000 in Federal returns and \$47,000 in State returns were filed. The error rate achieved was superb. The Kitchen at HP, El Tepayac, will have a soft opening on Monday.
- Mayor Rios commended the staff that worked on the Art Fest. She thanked the Public Works staff for the vision and management of the Clarke Estate renovation.

#### ADJOURNMENT

At 8:55 p.m., Mayor Rios adjourned the meetings in recognition of Armed Forces Day, Saturday, May 16, and all the men and women who serve and who have served in the United States Armed Forces.

  
Laurie Rios, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Anita Jimenez, CMC  
City Clerk

  
Date