



## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

January 18, 2022

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 6:46 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL**

**Members present:** Councilmembers/Directors: Mora, Sarno, Trujillo, Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chair Zamora and Mayor/Chair Rodriguez.

**Members absent:** None

3. **INVOCATION**

Councilmember Mora led the invocation.

4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilmember Mora lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The following persons spoke during Public Comments: Irma Huitron, Mo Minasian, and Stephane Wandel via Zoom.

### **PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY**

6. **CONSENT AGENDA**

*Consent Agenda items are considered routine matters which may be enacted by one motion and vote. Any item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately by the Public Financing Authority.*

- a. Minutes of the December 7, 2021 Public Financing Authority Meetings (City Clerk)

**Recommendation:**

- Approve the minutes as submitted.

- b. Monthly Report on the Status of Debt Instruments Issued through the City of Santa Fe Springs Public Financing Authority (PFA) (Finance)

**Recommendation:**

- Receive and file the report.

It was moved by Councilmember Trujillo, seconded by Councilmember Mora, to approve Item Nos. 6A and 6B, by the following vote:

**Ayes:** Mora, Sarno, Trujillo, Zamora, Rodriguez

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** None

**WATER UTILITY AUTHORITY**

**7. CONSENT AGENDA**

*Consent Agenda items are considered routine matters which may be enacted by one motion and vote. Any item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately by the Water Utility Authority.*

- a. Minutes of the December 7, 2021 Water Utility Authority Meetings (City Clerk)  
**Recommendation:**
  - Approve the minutes as submitted.
  
- b. Monthly Report on the Status of Debt Instruments Issued through the City of Santa Fe Springs Water Utility Authority (WUA) (Finance)  
**Recommendation:**
  - Receive and file the report.
  
- c. Status Update of Water-Related Capital Improvement Projects (Public Works)  
**Recommendation:**
  - Receive and file the report.

It was moved by Councilmember Mora, seconded by Councilmember Mora, to approve Item Nos. 7A through 7C, by the following vote:

**Ayes:** Mora, Sarno, Trujillo, Zamora, Rodriguez

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** None

**HOUSING SUCCESSOR**

**8. CONSENT AGENDA**

*Consent Agenda items are considered routine matters which may be enacted by one motion and vote. Any item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately by the Housing Successor.*

Minutes of the December 7, 2021 Housing Successor Meetings (City Clerk)

**Recommendation:**

- Approve the minutes as submitted.

It was moved by Councilmember Sarno, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Zamora, to approve Item No. 8, by the following vote:

**Ayes:** Mora, Sarno, Trujillo, Zamora, Rodriguez

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** None

**SUCCESSOR AGENCY**

**9. CONSENT AGENDA**

*Consent Agenda items are considered routine matters which may be enacted by one motion and vote. Any item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately by the Successor Agency.*

- a. Minutes of the December 7, 2021 Successor Agency Meetings (City Clerk)

**Recommendation:**

- Approve the minutes as submitted.

- b. Adopt Resolution SA-2022-001 – Approving the Successor Agency’s Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS 22-23) and Administrative Budget for the Period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 (Finance)

**Recommendation:**

- Adopt Resolution No. SA-2022-001.

It was moved by Councilmember Mora, seconded by Councilmember Sarno, to approve Item Nos. 8A and 8B, by the following vote:

**Ayes:** Mora, Sarno, Trujillo, Zamora, Rodriguez

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** None

**CITY COUNCIL**

**10. CONSENT AGENDA**

*Consent Agenda items are considered routine matters which may be enacted by one motion and vote. Any item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately by the City Council.*

- a. Minutes of the December 7, 2021 Regular City Council Meetings (City Clerk)

**Recommendation:**

- Approve the minutes as submitted.

- b. A Resolution of the City Council Reaffirming the Existence of a Local Emergency Due to Threat of COVID-19 (pursuant to Government Code section 8630) (City Attorney)

**Recommendation:**

- Adopt Resolution No. 9752:  
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, REAFFIRMING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY DUE TO THE THREAT OF COVID-19.

- c. A Resolution of the City Council Affirming Authorization of Remote Teleconference Meetings (City Attorney)

**Recommendation:**

- Adopt Resolution No. 9753:  
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS AFFIRMING THE LEGALLY REQUIRED FINDINGS TO AUTHORIZE THE CONDUCT OF REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS DURING A STATE OF EMERGENCY.

- d. General Motion to Waive Full Reading and Read Ordinance by Title Only Pursuant to California Government Code Section 36934 (City Clerk)

**Recommendation:**

- Approve a general motion to waive full reading and read Ordinance titles only, pursuant to California Government Code Section 36934.

- e. Authorize Multifunction Device Leases from Ricoh USA, Inc. Utilizing the Omnia Partners Public Sector Cooperative Contract No. 4400003732 (Finance)

**Recommendation:**

- Authorize the Director of Purchasing Services to lease multifunction devices from Ricoh USA, Inc. through a cooperative purchasing program from Omnia Partners Public Sector Contract No. 4400003732

- f. Santa Fe Springs Park Recreation Building New Cabinets – Final Payment (Public Works)

**Recommendation:**

- Approve the Final Payment to Corral Construction & Development Inc. of Commerce, California in the amount of \$16,000.00.

- g. Resolution Authorizing Joint Application to and Participation in the Homekey Program with TWC Housing LLC for the Lakeland/Laurel Affordable Housing Project (Planning/City Attorney)

**Recommendation:**

- Adopt Resolution No. 9754 – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Santa Fe Springs Authorizing Joint Application To and Participation in the Homekey Program and Authorize the City Manager to execute the application and all program documents related to the co-application with TWC Housing LLC for the Lakeland/Laurel Affordable Housing Project.

It was moved by Councilmember Trujillo, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Zamora, to approve Item Nos. 10A through 10G, by the following vote:

**Ayes:** Mora, Sarno, Trujillo, Zamora, Rodriguez

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** None

**PUBLIC HEARING**

11. Consideration of an appeal of Development Plan Approval Case No. 980 and related Environmental Documents (Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration) (Planning)

**Recommendation:**

- Continue the appeal hearing to the March 1, 2022 City Council Meeting.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Zamora, seconded by Councilmember Sarno, to continue the appeal hearing to the March 1, 2022 City Council Meeting, by the following vote:

**Ayes:** Mora, Sarno, Trujillo, Zamora, Rodriguez

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** None

**ORDINANCE FOR PASSAGE**

12. Ordinance No. 1120 (Urgency) Amending City Code Chapter 74, Section 1 and Revising Certain Prima Facie Speed Limits (Public Works)

**Recommendation:**

- Adopt Ordinance No. 1120 as an urgency ordinance setting speed limits

on certain streets.

Director of Public Works, Noe Negrete provided a presentation on Item No. 12. Councilmember Trujillo asked why certain streets are receiving a speed increase when speeding already occurs on those streets. Director of Police Services, Dino Torres and Tom Lopez, Traffic Engineer provided a response. City Manager, Ray Cruz stated that while it seems unintuitive, it is the only way to be able to enforce speed limits. Councilmember Mora asked if the City could keep a close eye on a particular stretch of Pioneer Blvd with regards to potential hazards prior to considering another change in 2024.

It was moved by Councilmember Trujillo, seconded by Councilmember Sarno, to adopt Ordinance No. 1120 as an urgency ordinance setting speed limits on certain streets, by the following vote:

**Ayes:** Mora, Sarno, Trujillo, Zamora, Rodriguez  
**Nays:** None  
**Absent:** None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**13. Appointments to Council Committees (City Clerk)**

**Recommendation:**

- Appoint Council liaisons to each Advisory Committee; and
- Appoint Council representatives to Council Sub-Committees and External Council Committees.

City Clerk, Janet Martinez provided a brief presentation on Item No. 13.

The following Council Sub-Committee appointments were made:

| <b>2022 Council Sub-Committees</b> |                 |                   |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| <b>NAME</b>                        | <b>TYPE</b>     | <b>MEMBERS</b>    |
| Audit/Finance Committee            | <b>Standing</b> | Trujillo<br>Mora  |
| Billboards                         | <b>Ad Hoc</b>   | Sarno<br>Trujillo |
| Budget<br>Events and Programs      | <b>Ad Hoc</b>   | Zamora<br>Mora    |
| Budget<br>Revenue and Fees         | <b>Ad Hoc</b>   | Sarno<br>Trujillo |
| Capital Improvements Projects      | <b>Standing</b> | Rodriguez<br>Mora |
| Economic Development Strategy      | <b>Ad Hoc</b>   | Rodriguez         |

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|                        |               |                     |
|------------------------|---------------|---------------------|
|                        |               | Zamora              |
| General Plan           | <b>Ad Hoc</b> | Zamora<br>Sarno     |
| Long-Term Housing Plan | <b>Ad Hoc</b> | Mora<br>Sarno       |
| Whittier PD Contract   | <b>Ad Hoc</b> | Rodriguez<br>Zamora |

The following External Committee Appointments were made:

**2022 External Organizations**

| <b>Organization</b>   | <b>Council Liaison</b>           |
|---|----------------------------------|
| <b>California Contract Cities Association</b>                         | Trujillo                         |
| <b>Chamber Youth Enrichment Fund Board</b>                            | Rodriguez                        |
| <b>City Selection Committee (League of Cal Cities) (Mayor is Rep)</b> | <b>Rodriguez</b><br>Vacant - Alt |
| <b>Gateway Cities Council of Governments</b>                          | Zamora<br>Alt-Trujillo           |
| <b>91/605/405 Committee (Subcommittee of COG)</b>                     | Trujillo                         |

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| <b>Hispanic Outreach Taskforce</b>   | Trujillo                       |
| <b>I-5 Consortium Policy Board</b>   | Mora Alt-Zamora                |
| <b>Joint Powers Insurance Authority</b>  | Mora                           |
| <b>LA CADA</b>   | Rodriguez                      |
| <b>League of California Cities</b>   | Trujillo Alt-Sarno             |
| <b>Metropolitan Little League</b>  | Rodriguez                      |
| <b>Sanitation District (Mayor is Rep)</b>  | <b>Rodriguez</b><br>Alt-Zamora |
| <b>SFHS Education Foundation</b>   | Rodriguez                      |
| <b>SFS/South Whittier Education Center Advisory Committee - President's Advisory Committee</b> | Trujillo<br>Alt - Rodriguez    |

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| <b>SASSFA</b>  | Mora<br>Alt-<br>Rodriguez       |
|  |                                 |
| <b>SEAACA</b>  | Zamora<br>Alt- Trujillo         |
|  |                                 |
| <b>Southeast Water Coalition Board</b>                       | Mora<br>Alternate-<br>Rodriguez |
|  |                                 |
| <b>Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)</b> | Trujillo<br>Alternate -         |
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| <b>Vector Control Appt can be for 2 or 4 yrs.</b>            | Zamora                          |
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| <b>Washington Blvd Coalition to the Gold Line Extension</b>  | Mora                            |

The following organization appointments were made:

| <b>Organization</b>                    | <b>Council Liaison</b> |
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| <b>Holiday Home Decorating Contest</b> | Sarno                  |
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| <b>Friends of the Library Board of Directors</b> | Zamora   |
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| <b>READI Committee SAFE Neighborhood</b>         | Rodriguez<br>Alt-Trujillo                          |
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| <b>Scholarship Interview Panels</b>              | Mora: Mora<br>Sandoval: Zamora<br>Sharp: Rodriguez |

**14. Authorize the Purchase of Microsoft Office Software Licenses from GovConnection Inc. (Finance)**

**Recommendation:**

- Authorize the Director of Purchasing Services to acquire 145 software licenses for Microsoft Office from GovConnection, Inc.

Director of Finance, Travis Hickey provided a presentation on Item No. 14.

It was moved by Councilmember Mora, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Zamora, to authorize the Director of Purchasing Services to acquire 145 software license for Microsoft Office from GovConnection, Inc., by the following vote:

**Ayes:** Mora, Sarno, Trujillo, Zamora, Rodriguez  
**Nays:** None  
**Absent:** None

**15. Adopt Resolution No. 9751 Approving Changes to the Salary Schedule Effective January 3, 2022 (Finance)**

**Recommendation:**

- Adopt Resolution No. 9751 approving changes to the City’s Fiscal Year 2021-22 Salary Schedule effective January 3, 2022.

Director of Finance, Travis Hickey provided a brief presentation on Item No. 15.

It was moved by Councilmember Trujillo, seconded by Councilmember Mora, to adopt Resolution No. 9751 approving changes to the City’s Fiscal Year 2021-22 Salary Schedule effective January 3, 2022, by the following vote:

**Ayes:** Mora, Sarno, Trujillo, Zamora, Rodriguez  
**Nays:** None  
**Absent:** None

**16. PRESENTATIONS**

Planning Department 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Planning Month Photo Contest Winners (Planning)

**17. CITY MANAGER'S AND EXECUTIVE TEAM REPORTS**

- City Manager, Raymond R. Cruz appreciated the public comments made during the Study Session regarding the General Plan. He also spoke about the current COVID-19 cases within the City, and stated that measures are being taken to reduce infection transmission.
- Director of Police Services, Dino Torres spoke about the Cookies and Photos with Santa Event held at the Police Services Center.
- Fire Chief, Brent Hayward provided a report of COVID-19 cases within the City. He also reported the opening of a City of Norwalk sponsored COVID Testing Mega-Site at 12800 Imperial Highway. Lastly, he spoke about fallen LA County firefighter Jonathan Flagler.
- Director of Finance, Travis Hickey spoke about the number of positive COVID-19 cases with City employees.
- Director of Community Services, Maricela Balderas spoke about holiday events such as the Home Decorating Contest, the Special Day Camp Grinchmas, the Neighborly Elf Christmas Basket Program, and the Santa Float Program. She spoke about the reopening of City facilities throughout the year and commended the community on their resilience. Lastly, she announced changes to certain programs due to ongoing COVID precautions.

**18. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Mora thanked the General Plan consultants for their work and also for the public speakers who voice their concerns. He spoke about mitigating the crime that occurs within the City, and provided direction along with the rest of the City Council to the City Manager to look into possibly prosecuting City misdemeanors with City attorneys as opposed to relying on the District Attorney's office. Lastly, he thanked City staff for their work and encouraged everyone to stay safe.

Councilmember Sarno thanked the Human Resources department for coordinating COVID-19 responses. He also expressed the need to unify a response towards finalizing the General Plan.

Councilmember Trujillo thanked first responders for working together to accomplish City goals and extended her support to the Whittier PD Contract Subcommittee. She wished Mayor Pro Tem Zamora good luck on his appointment to SEAACA Subcommittee and highlighted the great work staff provides amidst rising COVID-19 cases.

Mayor Pro Tem Zamora thanked staff and the business community for working towards an agreement for the General Plan. He also thanked staff and the community for their efforts amongst rising COVID-19 cases. Lastly, he provided information on the number of COVID-19 tests being administered at the testing site located at 12800 Imperial Hwy.

Mayor Rodriguez also thanked the Human Resources department for their work assisting City employees, and commented on the free COVID-19 tests available from the Federal Government. Lastly, she thanked staff for the Council Reorganization event on January 4<sup>th</sup> and also expressed that Council should work together to move the City forward.

**CLOSED SESSION**

**19. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS**

(Pursuant to Government Code section 54957.6)

Agency designated representatives: Raymond R. Cruz, Travis Hickey

Employee organizations: Santa Fe Springs City Employee Association, Santa Fe Springs Firefighters Association, and Santa Fe Springs Executive Management and Confidential Employee Association.

**CLOSED SESSION**

**20. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(2):  
One case

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*Mayor Rodriguez recessed the meeting at 8:19 p.m.*

*Mayor Rodriguez reconvened the meeting at 9:03 p.m.*

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**21. CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

City Attorney, Ivy M. Tsai provided a closed session report: Direction was given to staff and no reportable action was taken. Item No. 20 was not considered.

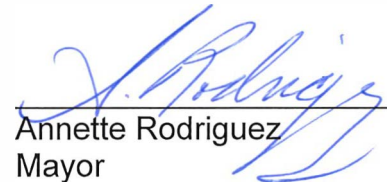
**22. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Rodriguez adjourned the meeting at 9:03 p.m.

**ATTEST:**



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Janet Martinez  
City Clerk



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Annette Rodriguez  
Mayor

*2/16/22*

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Date