



APPROVED: 03/15/2022

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

February 15, 2022

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 6:03 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 Trujillo led the invocation.

4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Aaron Doss from the Youth Leadership Committee led the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The following persons spoke during Public Comments: Irma Huitron 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 January 18, 2022 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 Sarno, 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 January 18, 2022 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 Mayor Pro Tem Zamora, seconded by Councilmember Mora, to approve Item Nos. 7A through 7C, by the following vote:

Ayes: Mora, Sarno, Trujillo, Zamora, Rodriguez

Nayes: None

Absent: None

NEW BUSINESS

8. Water Well No. 2 Assessment – Contract Change Order No. 1 (Public Works)

Recommendation:

- Approve Contract Change Order No. 1 with General Pump Company, in the amount of \$21,969.00; and
- Authorize the Mayor to Execute Contract Change Order No. 1.

Director of Public Works, Noe Negrete introduced Water Utility Services Manager, Jesse Sira to provide a presentation on Item No. 8

Councilmember Mora asked if other wells are being treated for arsenic and if the method to treat it is effective in the long run. Director Negrete responded that currently the City has no operable wells and no treatment at any well, and that in the future there might be a treatment for arsenic considered should the wells begin to operate correctly. Manager Sira provided additional information on water treatment options, including the price to treat the water and promoted the potential savings in doing so.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Zamora, seconded by Councilmember Trujillo, to approve Contract Change Order No. 1 with General Pump Company, in the amount of \$21,969.00, and authorize the Mayor to Execute Contract Change Order No. 1, by the following vote:

Ayes: Mora, Sarno, Trujillo, Zamora, Rodriguez
Nayes: None
Absent: None

HOUSING SUCCESSOR

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 Housing Successor.

Minutes of the January 18, 2022 Housing Successor Meetings (City Clerk)

Recommendation:

- Approve the minutes as submitted.

It was moved by Councilmember Sarno, seconded by Councilmember Mora, to approve the minutes as submitted, by the following vote:

Ayes: Mora, Sarno, Trujillo, Zamora, Rodriguez
Nayes: None
Absent: None

SUCCESSOR AGENCY

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 Successor Agency.

Minutes of the January 18, 2022 Successor Agency Meetings (City Clerk)

Recommendation:

- Approve the minutes as submitted.

It was moved by Councilmember Mora, seconded by Councilmember Sarno, to approve the minutes as submitted, by the following vote:

Ayes: Mora, Sarno, Trujillo, Zamora, Rodriguez
Nayes: None
Absent: None

CITY COUNCIL

11. **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 January 18, 2022 Regular and Special 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. 9761:
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. 9762:
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. Heritage Park Train Exhibit Improvements (Paint and Refurbish Box Car) Award of Contract (Public Works)

Recommendation:

- Appropriate additional \$120,000 from the Art in Public Places Fund to the Heritage Park Train Exhibit Improvements (PW 200101);
- Accept the bids; and
- Award a contract to Color New Co. of Woodland Hills, California, in the amount of \$137,000.00.

e. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 1121 (Planning)

Recommendation:

- Read title only, waive further reading, and adopt Ordinance No. 1121:
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS APPROVING ZONE CHANGE CASE NO. 140 TO CHANGE THE ZONING OF AN EXISTING PARCEL (APN: 8008-017-014) FROM PF, PUBLIC FACILITIES, TO R-3, MULTIPLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL, ZONE

f. Quarterly Treasurer's Report of Investments for the Quarter Ended December 31, 2021 (Finance)

Recommendation:

- Receive and file the report.

It was moved by Councilmember Mora, seconded by Councilmember Trujillo, to approve Item Nos. 10A through 10F, by the following vote:

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

PUBLIC HEARING

12. Annual Weed Abatement Program (City Clerk)

Recommendation:

- Open the Public Hearing;
- Receive any comments from the public wishing to speak on this matter and thereafter close the Public Hearing; and
- Direct the Los Angeles County Agricultural Commissioner/Weights & Measures to abate the nuisance by having weeds, rubbish, and refuse removed.

City Clerk, Janet Martinez provided a brief presentation on Item No. 12.

Mayor Rodriguez opened the public hearing at 6:27 p.m.

There was no one wishing to speak.

Mayor Rodriguez closed the public hearing at 6:27 p.m.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Zamora, seconded by Councilmember Sarno, to direct the Los Angeles County Agricultural Commissioner/Weights & Measures to abate the nuisance by having weeds, rubbish, and refuse removed, by the following vote:

Ayes: Mora, Sarno, Trujillo, Zamora, Rodriguez
Nayes: None
Absent: None

PUBLIC HEARING

13. State of California Citizens' Option for Public Safety (COPS) Grant Program (Police Services)

Recommendation:

- Open the Public Hearing;
- Receive any comments from the public wishing to speak on this matter and thereafter close the Public Hearing; and
- Approve the expenditure of the State of California Citizens' Option for Public Safety (COPS) grant funds as outlined in the plan contained herein.

Director of Police Services, Dino Torres provided a brief presentation on Item No. 13.

Councilmember Sarno asked if the funds can help offset the salary of the traffic officer assigned to the City. Director Torres answered yes. Councilmember Trujillo asked if the traffic officer works during the day or at specific times. Director Torres said that the traffic officer has a specific schedule.

Mayor Rodriguez opened the public hearing at 6:31 p.m.

There was no one wishing to speak.

Mayor Rodriguez closed the public hearing at 6:31 p.m.

It was moved by Councilmember Trujillo, seconded by Councilmember Sarno, to approve the expenditure of the State of California Citizens' Option for Public Safety (COPS) grant funds as outlined in the plan contained herein, by the following vote:

Ayes: Mora, Sarno, Trujillo, Zamora, Rodriguez

Nays: None

Absent: None

PUBLIC HEARING

14. Resolution No. 9763 – Approval of Programs/Projects Proposed for Funding During FY 2022/2023 Under the City's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Cooperation Agreement with the County of Los Angeles (City Manager)

Recommendation:

- Open the Public Hearing and hear from anyone wishing to speak on this matter;
- Approve the acceptance of CDBG funds as described in the body of this report;
- Adopt Resolution No. 9763; and
- Authorize Staff to transmit the planning documents to the County of Los Angeles Community Development Commission.

Municipal Affairs Manager, Maribel Garcia provided a presentation on Item No. 14.

Mayor Rodriguez opened the public hearing at 6:36 p.m.

There was no one wishing to speak.

Mayor Rodriguez closed the public hearing at 6:36 p.m.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Zamora, seconded by Councilmember Sarno, to approve the acceptance of CDBG funds as described in the body of the report, adopt Resolution No. 9763, and authorize Staff to transmit the planning documents to the County of Los Angeles Community Development Commission, by the following vote:

Ayes: Mora, Sarno, Trujillo, Zamora, Rodriguez

Nays: None

Absent: None

NEW BUSINESS

15. Approval of 2022 Art Fest Event Professional Services Agreement (Community Services)

Recommendation:

- Authorize the Director of Community Services to execute and administer a Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with Crepes and Grapes Café, LLC. Sandra Hahn, for consulting services for the 2022 Art Fest event, including extending or otherwise modifying the Agreement in response to any COVID-related impacts.

Family & Human Services Manager, Ed Ramirez, provided a presentation on Item No. 15.

Councilmember Sarno recommended that the ArtFest include in the future information regarding non-fungible tokens (NFTs).

It was moved by Councilmember Trujillo, seconded by Councilmember Mora, to authorize the Director of Community Services to execute and administer a Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with Crepes and Grapes Café, LLC. Sandra Hahn, for consulting services for the 2022 Art Fest event, including extending or otherwise modifying the Agreement in response to any COVID-related impacts, by the following vote:

Ayes: Mora, Sarno, Trujillo, Zamora, Rodriguez

Nayes: None

Absent: None

16. Agreement with the City of La Mirada to Provide Traffic Signal and Street Lighting Maintenance Services (Public Works)

Recommendation:

- Approve the agreement with the City of La Mirada to provide Traffic Signal Maintenance Services; and
- Authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement with the City of La Mirada.

Director of Public Works, Noe Negrete provided a brief presentation on Item No. 16.

It was moved by Councilmember Sarno, seconded by Councilmember Trujillo, to approve the agreement with the City of La Mirada to provide Traffic Signal Maintenance Services, and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement with the City of La Mirada, by the following vote:

Ayes: Mora, Sarno, Trujillo, Zamora, Rodriguez

Nayes: None

Absent: None

17. Pioneer Boulevard Street Improvements (Charlesworth Road to Los Nietos Road) – Authorization to Advertise for Construction Bids (Public Works)

Recommendation:

- Approve the Plans and Specifications; and
- Authorize the City Engineer to advertise for construction bids.

Director of Public Works, Noe Negrete provided a brief presentation on Item No. 17.

It was moved by Councilmember Mora, seconded by Councilmember Trujillo, to approve the Plans and Specifications, and authorize the City Engineer to advertise for construction bids, by the following vote:

Ayes: Mora, Sarno, Trujillo, Zamora, Rodriguez

Nayes: None
Absent: None

18. Approval of Parcel Map No.83429 - 12511 & 12521 Los Nietos Road (Public Works)

Recommendation:

- Approve Parcel Map No. 83429;
- Find that Parcel Map No. 83429 together with the provisions for its design and improvement, is consistent with the City's General Plan; and
- Authorize the City Engineer and City Clerk to sign Parcel Map No. 83429.

Director of Public Works, Noe Negrete provided a brief presentation on Item No. 18.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Zamora, seconded by Mayor Rodriguez, to approve Parcel Map No. 83429, find that Parcel Map No. 83429 together with the provisions for its design and improvement, is consistent with the City's General Plan, and authorize the City Engineer and City Clerk to sign Parcel Map No. 83429, by the following vote:

Ayes: Mora, Sarno, Trujillo, Zamora, Rodriguez
Nayes: None
Absent: None

19. CITY MANAGER'S AND EXECUTIVE TEAM REPORTS

- City Manager, Raymond R. Cruz spoke about potential negative developments in regards to the Gold Line Extension, which include Metro designating the project as a non-priority. He stated that a letter is being drafted by the five cities included in the project in opposition to such decisions.
- Director of Public Works, Noe Negrete provided an update on the Heritage Park Train Exhibit Improvements Project. He also thanked Council for the consensus on several projects that will be discussed at the next CIP Study Session scheduled for March 1, 2022.
- Director of Planning, Wayne M. Morrell had nothing to report.
- Director of Police Services, Dino Torres provided information on the upcoming "Every 15 Minutes" Program set to be held on April 6 and 7.
- Battalion Chief, Victor Marin provided a report on COVID-19 cases throughout the City and Los Angeles County. He also provided a progress report on the new Pierce fire engine undergoing it's final inspections prior to delivery.
- Human Resources Manager, Debbie Ford provided an update on the California COVID-19 Paid Sick Leave Extension.
- Director of Community Services, Maricela Balderas spoke about the Virtual Presidents' Day Penny Carnival, and also provided information on the Los Nietos Park Fitness Court Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. She also announced that wireless printing is now available at the City Library, along with providing career learning platforms for library card holders.

Lastly, she provided information on the upcoming Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program.

20. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS

Mayor Pro Tem Zamora appointed AJ Hayes and Hilda Zamora to the Beautification and Historical Advisory Committee. Mayor Rodriguez appointed Gloria Maghame to the Beautification and Historical Advisory Committee.

21. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Mora expressed delight in the dropping cases of COVID-19, and thanked employee Eric Ey for contributing to the City during his employment. He added that being a Councilmember has its challenges, but ultimately decisions are made to benefit the City and its residents.

Councilmember Sarno asked if there was a way to speed up the process to rehabilitate Lakeview Park. He also thanked the Human Resources Department for their work in managing the increases of COVID-19 cases.

Councilmember Trujillo congratulated staff who have been promoted through the ranks. She also looked forward to the upcoming Art Fest as an indicator of dropping COVID-19 cases.

Mayor Pro Tem Zamora thanked staff for providing helpful programs that benefit the community. He also highlighted the need to make impartial decisions and mentioned that talks to improve Lakeview Park are already underway. City Manager, Ray Cruz added that Lakeview Park talks have been initiated by Public Works staff with Little Lake City School District staff and that the project has been set as a priority.

Mayor Rodriguez wished Eric Ey well wishes on his future employment. She also expressed the importance of the "Every 15 Minutes" Program, and thanked first responders for their work. Lastly, she commented on the difficult decisions that Council makes and looked forward to new homes being build.

CLOSED SESSION

22. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT

(Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957(b)(1))
TITLE: City Manager Evaluation

Mayor Rodriguez recessed the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

Mayor Rodriguez reconvened the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

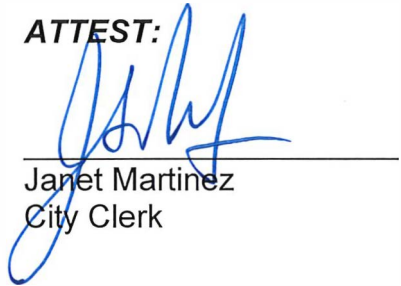
23. CLOSED SESSION REPORT

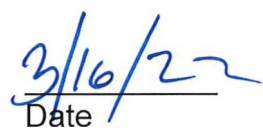
City Attorney, Ivy M. Tsai provided a closed session report: Direction was given to staff and no reportable action was taken.

24. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Rodriguez adjourned the meeting at 7:22 p.m.


Annette Rodriguez
Mayor

ATTEST:

Janet Martinez
City Clerk


Date