



APPROVED: 05/02/2023

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

April 4, 2023

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Martin called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Members present: Councilmembers/Directors: Rodriguez, Rounds, Zamora, Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chair Sarno and Mayor/Chair Martin.

Members absent: None.

3. **INVOCATION**

Invocation was led by Cindy Jarvis.

4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Lee Squire led the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. **INTRODUCTIONS**

Mayor Martin introduced Santa Fe Springs Chamber of Commerce members: Raman Venkat, CEO/CFO from LeFiell Manufacturing Company.

She also introduced the Youth Leadership Committee members.

HOUSING SUCCESSOR

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 Housing Successor.

Minutes of the March 7, 2023 Housing Successor Meetings (City Clerk)

Recommendation:

- Approve the minutes as submitted.

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

Ayes: Rodríguez, Rounds, Zamora, Sarno and Martin.

Nayes: None

Absent: None

SUCCESSOR AGENCY

7. **CONSENT AGENDA**

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vote. Any item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately by the Successor Agency.

Minutes of the March 7, 2023 Successor Agency Meetings (City Clerk)

Recommendation:

- Approve the minutes as submitted.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Sarno, seconded by Council Member Zamora, to approve the minutes as submitted, by the following vote:

Ayes: Rodríguez, Rounds, Zamora, Sarno and Martin.

Nayes: None

Absent: None

CITY COUNCIL

8. CONSENT AGENDA

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- a. Minutes of the March 7, 2023 Special and Regular City Council Meetings (City Clerk)

Recommendation:

- Approve the minutes as submitted.

- b. Authorize the Disposal of Surplus Vehicles and Equipment by Way of Public Auction (Finance)

Recommendation:

- Authorize the disposal of surplus vehicles and obsolete equipment at public auction.

- c. On-Call Professional Engineering Services for the Design of Residential Alley Improvements Project – Approval of Task Order No. 4 (Public Works)

Recommendation:

- Accept the NV5 Inc. Design of Residential Alleys Proposal;
- Approve Task Order No. 4 to NV5 Inc. for the Design of Residential Alleys in the amount of \$135,500;
- Authorize the Interim Director of Public Works to execute a Task Order for On-Call Professional Engineering Services with NV5, Inc.; and
- Rename the Residential Alley Improvements (Terradell Street to Bartley Avenue) project to the Residential Alley Improvements project.

It was moved by Council Member Rounds, seconded by Council Member Rodriguez, to approve the consent calendar, by the following vote:

Ayes: Rodríguez, Rounds, Zamora, Sarno and Martin.

Nayes: None

Absent: None

OLD BUSINESS

9. Traffic Study – Orr and Day Road at Whiteland Street (Public Works)

Recommendation:

- Consider the installation of Stop signs with flashing LEDs and advance flashing yellow beacons at the intersection of Orr and Day Road and Whiteland Street;
- Add the Orr and Day Road at Whiteland Street improvement project to the Capital Improvement Plan;
- Appropriate \$150,000 from the Utility Users Tax (UUT) Capital Improvement Fund to fund the Orr and Day Road at Whiteland Street improvement project

Interim Director of Public Works, Yvette Kirrin stated that the item was brought forward as requested by council two meetings ago. The item was requested to be brought back with options and pricing. She continued with a brief power point presentation.

Council Member Rounds requested clarification on the yellow blinking side walk.

Director Kirrin noted that if the city would allow the flashing crosswalk to continue, it would break the flow of traffic per vehicle code. She noted there would not be a flash light

Council Member Rounds inquired whether there will be four (4) cross walks.

Director Kirrin noted that she would need to come back with the information. She noted she will need to look further into how the corners look.

Mayor Martin recessed the meeting at 6:14 p.m.

Mayor Martin reconvened the meeting at 6:16 pm

City Attorney stated that Council Member Zamora will need to recuse himself from voting on this item due to the proximity of the property to his residence.

It was moved by Councilmember Rounds, seconded by Council Member Rodriguez, to approve staff's recommendation, by the following vote:

Ayes: Rodríguez, Rounds, Zamora, Sarno and Martin.

Nayes: None

Absent: None

Recused: Zamora

10. PRESENTATIONS

- Proclaiming the Month of April 2023 as "Donate Life Month" (City Manager)
- Proclaiming the week of April 16-22, 2023 as "National Volunteer Week" in Santa Fe Springs (Community Services)

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following members of the public were present to make a comment: Lee Squire, Bruce Crow and Francis Carbajal.

12. CITY MANAGER'S AND EXECUTIVE TEAM REPORTS

- Interim City Manager, Tom Hatcher spoke about the Brown Act training that

was held on March 29th. He also expressed the importance it is for council to seek for grant opportunities. He noted that last week staff forwarded a grant application to Linda Sanchez for 6.6 million dollars and hope that the city will receive good news in 6-8 months for a part of Slauson Avenue Street improvement project to be funded. He recognized Maribel Garcia, Jack Wong and Robert Garcia for working together on this grant application.

- Director of Community Services, Maricela Balderas spoke about the following events: Chalk it Out, Community Garden Cleanup; Easter Eggstravaganza; Spring Fling Dance; Food & Film, SFS City Library Comics and Anime Festival.
- Finance Manager, Lana Dich spoke about March the Human Resources Department hosted a Summer Hiring expo. She also spoke about City manager and Human Resources staff attended the Santa Fe High School Career Fair.
- Fire Chief, Chad Van Meeteren spoke about the OES Preposition Deployment Returns; Urban Search & Rescue Preposition Deployment Returns; and noted Fire Rescue staff assisted citizens on their day off. Lastly, he spoke about Fire Rescue being awarded a 2 grants, first for \$46,285 and the second grant for \$389,575.
- Director of Police Services, Dino Torres provided a brief update on the Whittier Police Department and also spoke about the Active Shooter Seminar that was held on March 3, 2023.
- Assistant Director of Planning, Cuong Nguyen spoke about attending a Career, job and Resource Fair at Pioneer High School.
- Interim Director of Public Works, Yvette Kirrin provided a brief update on the CIP projects which included seven ongoing construction projects: Street Lighting Improvements; Facility Improvement at Municipal Service Yard Roof Replacement; Facility Improvement at Betty Wilson Center Roof Replacement; Street Improvements; Park Improvement at Los Nietos – Parking Lot Expansion; Park Improvement at Lakeview Park –Playground Improvements and Regional Project at Rosecrans and Marquardt. She also provided a Water Utility Update; this included replacing all water services line at shoemaker south of Los Nietos Road.

13. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS

No appointments were done.

14. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Rodriguez thanked all the veterans for attending the POW flag event. She also spoke about the Community Garden, recognized that this event is positive for the community. Thanked staff for the Chalk It Out event. Thanked Director Kirrin for today's meeting and requested to check on Houghton Avenue and Pioneer Boulevard since they are having problems requesting a stop sign. She also thanked staff, Tom, Dino, Michelle and Priscilla for touring LA Cada to see all the services the organization provides.

Council Member Rounds recognized the POW Flag ceremony, thanked veterans for their service and for attending today's event. He acknowledged public safety for their help. He also recognized Ruth Covington. Also, recognized all volunteers present at the meeting. He also recognized the Chalk It Up participants, acknowledged their work. Lastly, he reminded everyone to attend the Eater event that will take place at the Heritage Park.

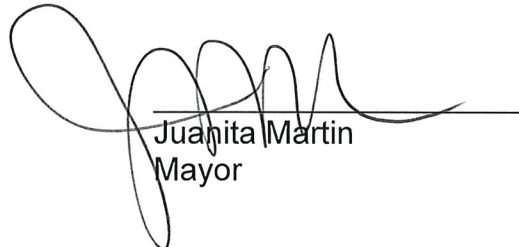
Council Member Zamora recognized the event that took place today to raise the POW flag. He recognized all the veterans and also described how it can also be difficult for veterans to move on to a normal life after serving in the war. He shared a personal story of a family member that was a veteran and what he went through. He also recognized firefighters for their service to the community. He spoke about a firefighter vehicle that can potentially be donated to Navojoa. Last, he reminded everyone about the Easter Event that was moved to Heritage Park.

Mayor Pro Tem Sarno spoke about PTSD and family members that are veterans and suffer of this. He thanked all staff for all their work. He also spoke about yesterday's Chamber of Commerce event, thanked Chamber CEO Kathie Fink. He also stated that there were a few vendors that attended yesterday's event and hope to have a few of them come to Santa Fe springs to place the city on the map. Last, spoke about the weeds that have grown on the side of the freeway.

Mayor Martin spoke about yesterday's chamber of commerce golf tournament event. Also thanked staff for renovating the parks. She also spoke about the Chalk It Out event, recognized the attendance. Also, recognized Manuel Cantu for the Community Garden. Last, she spoke about helping the Sister City Navojoa.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Martin adjourned the meeting at 7:07 p.m.in memory of John Cowan.



Juanita Martin
Mayor

ATTEST:



Janet Martinez
City Clerk

5/2/23
Date