



APPROVED: 05/03/2022

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

April 5, 2022

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 6:01 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**

Mayor Pro Tem Zamora led the invocation.

4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Joseph Goodwin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The following people spoke during Public Comments: Jeff Hopkins and Francis Carbajal.

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 1, 2022 Housing Successor Meetings (City Clerk)

Recommendation:

- Approve the minutes as submitted.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Zamora, seconded by Councilmember Trujillo, to approve the minutes as submitted, by the following vote:

Ayes: Mora, Sarno, Trujillo, Zamora, Rodríguez

Nays: None

Absent: None

SUCCESSOR AGENCY

7. **CONSENT AGENDA**

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- a. Minutes of the March 1, 2022 Successor Agency Meetings (City Clerk)

Recommendation:

- Approve the minutes as submitted.

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

Ayes: Mora, Sarno, Trujillo, Zamora, Rodríguez

Nayes: None

Absent: None

CITY COUNCIL

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 City Council.

- a. Minutes of the March 1, 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 the Threat of COVID-19 (pursuant to Government Code section 8630) (City Attorney)

Recommendation:

- Adopt Resolution No. 9775:
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. 9776:
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. Town Center Plaza Parking Lot Improvements Project – Final Payment (Public Works)

Recommendation:

- Approve the final payment to Los Angeles Engineering, Inc. of Covina, California, in the amount of \$21,813.90 (Less 5% Retention) for the subject project.

- e. Paratransit User Subsidy Program Management Agreement between the Cities of Santa Fe Springs and Norwalk – Approval of Agreement (Public Works)

Recommendation:

- Approve the Management Agreement between the Cities of Santa Fe Springs and Norwalk; and
- Authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement with the City of Norwalk

for a period of five years.

- f. Authorize the Purchase of a 3-year Support Agreement, Providing Web Security, Email Protection and Archival Services (Finance)

Recommendation:

- Authorize the purchase of a 3-year support agreement from GovConnection, Inc. providing web security, email protection, and archival services by piggybacking off of the Region 4 Education Service Center Contract #R210402.
- Authorize the Director of Purchasing Services to issue a purchase order in the amount of \$43,578.93.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Zamora, seconded by Council Member Trujillo, to approve Item Nos. 8A through 8F, by the following vote:

Ayes: Mora, Sarno, Trujillo, Zamora, Rodriguez

Nayes: None

Absent: None

PUBLIC HEARING

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

Recommendation:

- Consider the information presented in this report, including all of the attachments, which collectively provide the necessary background and context; and
- Open the Public Hearing and receive any comments from the public regarding this appeal matter and, thereafter, close the Public Hearing; and
- Deny the appeal by Supporters Alliance for Environmental Responsibility
- Adopt Resolution No. 9774
 - a. Adopting the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration with Traffic Study (MND) which shows that there is no substantial evidence that the proposed project will have a significant adverse effect on the environment that cannot be mitigated and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP); and
 - b. Approving Development Plan Approval Case No. 980, subject to the conditions of approval as contained within Resolution No.190-2021.

Associate Planner, Vince Velasco provided a brief presentation on Item No. 9.

Mark Blodgett, principal for Environmental planning provided additional information.

Sheri Blossom, legal counsel for applicant provided a brief comment.

Amalia Bowley Fuentes from Lozeau Drury, LLC provided a comment on the item.

Mayor Rodriguez opened the public hearing at 6:23 p.m.

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

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Zamora, seconded by Council Member Trujillo, to deny the appeal by Supporters Alliance for Environmental Responsibility and adopt Resolution No. 9774, by the following vote:

Ayes: Mora, Sarno, Trujillo, Zamora, Rodriguez

Nayes: None

Absent: None

NEW BUSINESS

10. Police Services Center Carpet Replacement Project – Authorize the purchase of Milliken Carpet and Installation/Site Work Services by piggybacking off Omnia Partners Contract Number 2020002150 (Public Works)

Recommendation:

- Authorize the Director of Purchasing to issue a purchase order in the amount of \$61,343.88 for the carpet replacement and installation/site work services utilizing the Omnia Partners Contract Number 2020002150.

Director of Public Works, Noe Negrete and Assistant Director of Police Services, Michelle Norwood provided a presentation on Item No. 10.

It was moved by Council Member Sarno, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Zamora, to authorize the Director of Purchasing to issue a purchase order in the amount of \$61,343.88 for the carpet replacement and installation/site work services utilizing the Omnia Partners Contract Number 2020002150, by the following vote:

Ayes: Mora, Sarno, Trujillo, Zamora, Rodriguez

Nayes: None

Absent: None

11. Authorize the Purchase of One (1) Cut-Away Bus by Piggybacking off the California Association for Coordinated Transportation (CALACT) Morongo Basin Transit Authority (MBTA) Vehicle Purchasing Cooperative Contract No. 20-01 AZ (Finance)

Recommendation:

- Authorize the purchase of (1) New Ford E-450 Cut-Away Bus from A-Z Bus Sales by piggybacking off of CALACT/MBTA cooperative contract No. 20-01 AZ
- Authorize the Director of Purchasing to issue a purchase order in the amount of \$97,749.26.

Director of Purchasing, Paul Martinez provided a presentation on Item No. 11.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Zamora, seconded by Councilmember Trujillo, to authorize the purchase of (1) New Ford E-450 Cut-Away Bus from A-Z Bus Sales by piggybacking off of CALACT/MBTA cooperative contract No. 20-01 AZ and authorize the Director of Purchasing to issue a purchase order in the amount of \$97,749.26, by the following vote:

Ayes: Mora, Sarno, Trujillo, Zamora, Rodriguez

Nayes: None

Absent: None

12. Adoption of Resolution No. 9773 Dissolving the Sister City Advisory Committee (Community Services)

Recommendation:

- Adopt Resolution No. 9773 dissolving the Sister City Advisory Committee.

Parks and Recreation Services Manager, Gus Hernandez provided a presentation on Item No. 12.

Council Member Trujillo inquired whether the City of Norwalk responded to the survey on Sister City. She also inquired whether the City's Fire-Rescue Department can continue to donate to Sister City Navajoa,

Mr. Hernandez stated that Norwalk responded, confirming they also align with other City's responses. He added that the City will be able to continue donating items to Navajoa.

Council Member Mora inquired whether there are any ramifications. Mr. Hernandez stated there were not any legal ramifications.

Council Member Sarno asked Sister City Advisory Committee member Francis Carbajal how much time was needed to complete the process of separating the committee from the City.

Ms. Carbajal responded and stated that the committee will require until the end of the year since the committee only meets once a month. She also stated that the time will allow the committee to hire legal counsel, and take care of other pending items.

Council Member Sarno emphasized that by separating the committee from the City, it will provide the committee the flexibility to establish its own by-laws and meet as many times as needed.

Mayor Pro Tem Zamora acknowledged the commitment Ms. Carbajal has to the committee, and stated that the committee will have more time to focus on the committee once the committee separates from the City.

Council Member Trujillo spoke about the time that the City had to step in on behalf of the Committee to provide funds, medical equipment, and assistance to Navajoa since the Sister City Committee did not want to release funds to purchase needed medical equipment. She emphasized that separating the committee from the City will give an opportunity to have the committee stand on its own without fully relying on the City.

Mayor Rodriguez noted that the committee will be able to run the committee without the City. She also stated that the committee members have experience running other non-profit committees and that experience will assist them in moving forward with the process of having the committee stand on its own.

Discussion ensued amongst Council.

Peggy Radoumis, Sister City Committee member also spoke about the committee. She provided further information on the status of the accounts for the Sister City Committee.

City Attorney, Ivy M. Tsai requested for Council to clarify the direction given to the City Manager and amend the recommendation to include the committee to be dissolved in three (3) months rather than immediately.

It was moved by Council Member Sarno, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Zamora, to adopt Resolution No. 9773 dissolving the Sister City Advisory Committee in three (3) months and direct staff to be available to assist advisory committee members on any inquiries they might still have during the transition, by the following vote:

Ayes: Mora, Sarno, Trujillo, Zamora, Rodriguez

Nayes: None

Absent: None

13. PRESENTATIONS

- a. Proclamation – Proclaiming April as Donate Life Month
- b. Recognition of 5K Fun Run Sponsors

14. CITY MANAGER’S AND EXECUTIVE TEAM REPORTS

- City Manager, Raymond R. Cruz spoke in regards the City Council Goal Workshop. He stated that the five strategic goals included: invest in upgrade Wi-Fi at all cities and underserved neighborhoods; make improvements to city hall building and parking lot; provide a kiosk at city hall for bill payments and citizen; prepare economic attraction plan; consider truck/bay parking tax for 2022 election; establish alternative and more reliable water resource services for potential cost savings.
- Director of Public Works, Noe Negrete provided a brief update on the Clark Estate carpet replacement project. He also spoke about the fruit tree giveaway.
- Director of Planning, Wayne Morrell did not have a report.
- Director of Police Services, Dino Torres provided a brief presentation on Autism Awareness Month. He noted that the Police Services Department is supporting this cause by wearing the autism badges. He also reminded everyone on the Every 15 Minutes Simulated Crash Scene and the Mock Funeral Assembly that is scheduled for the first week of April.
- Fire Chief, Brent Hayward spoke in regards to the Fire Department assisting Ukraine.
- Senior Budget Analyst, Alvaro Castellon provided a brief update on the deferred compensation. He noted that the city is no partnered with Mission Square former ICMA. Last, he spoke about having the first Summer Hiring expo last Saturday, which was promoted for several weeks. Human Resources (HR) staff attended Santa Fe springs high school. He noted there were 62 that were interviewed and HR made an offer to 34 candidates.
- Parks and Recreation Services Manager, Gus Hernandez spoke about the “Chalk it Out” event that took place on Saturday, April 2, 2022.

15. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS

Mayor Pro Tem Zamora appointed Jimmy Mendoza to Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee.

16. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Mora acknowledged the work that was accomplished by the Finance department. He also expressed that the City will continue to support the Sister City Committee even after it is its own entity. He also spoke about the "Chalk it Out" event. Last, he spoke about Planning Commission Ken Arnold's passing.

Councilmember Sarno requested the status on Lakeview Park, since complaints are being received about the park being closed. He also requested to receive a status on the playgrounds at the next council meeting. He spoke about yesterday's Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament and the "Chalk it Out" event. He acknowledged the talent that the staff and kids have today. Lastly, he spoke about Ken Arnold and expressed how he has been one of the model residents in the City and noted that the City lost a great person.

Councilmember Trujillo spoke about the Sister City Committee and noted that these are the times that Council needs to make tough decisions, but they need to be done. She also spoke about the Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament and was happy to see everyone together after COVID. She noted that Ken Arnold will be missed as he was very involved and was a person that people looked up to in the City. She also spoke about attending this weekend's ICMA conference and noted that each one she attended discussed different cities and somehow they share very similar issues.

Mayor Pro Tem Zamora spoke about attending the ICMA conference; he noted that he also heard about homeless individuals receiving monetary assistance. He stated that many speakers were part of the group of homeless people that lived in the streets of San Francisco, he noted how these individuals were able to provide their perspective. He also acknowledged Ruth Covington for recognizing Donate Life and Dino Torres for talking about the Autism event. He also spoke about the "Chalk it Out" event, acknowledged staff. Lastly, he expressed his condolences for the passing of Ken Arnold.

Mayor Rodriguez attended the ICMA conference and spoke about the educational courses that were presented to the elected officials. She also spoke about attending the Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament. She acknowledged the Fire-Rescue Department for helping Ukraine. She thanked staff for their hard work and spoke about Sister City Committee, she stated that the City will continue to support the committee. Lastly, she expressed her condolences for the passing of Ken Arnold.

17. CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

(Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.8)

Property: APN No. 8009-007-930 (southwest of Telegraph Road and Norwalk Blvd.)

Agency negotiator: City Manager, Planning Director

Negotiating parties: Westland Real Estate Group

Under negotiation: Price and terms

18. CLOSED SESSION

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT

(Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957(b)(1))

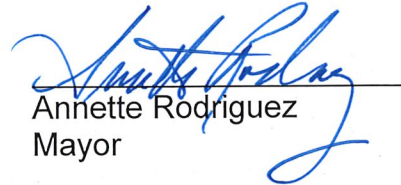
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19. CLOSED SESSION REPORT

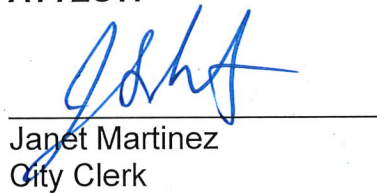
City Attorney, Ivy M. Tsai informed that no reportable action was taken.

20. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Rodriguez adjourned the meeting at 9:20 p.m. in memory of Ken Arnold.


Annette Rodriguez
Mayor

ATTEST:


Janet Martinez
City Clerk

5-3-22
Date