



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

June 21, 2022

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL**

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

Members absent: None

3. **INVOCATION**

Councilmember Mora led the invocation.

4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Members from the Youth Leadership Advisory Committee led the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The following individuals spoke during public comment:
Jenny Cristales-Cevallos from LA Metro provided a brief presentation.

Mayor Rodriguez moved Item Nos. 17A and 17B towards the beginning of the agenda.

17. **PRESENTATIONS**

- a. Milestone Recognition (City Manager)
- b. Proclaiming July 2022 as "Park and Recreation Month" in the City of Santa Fe Springs (Community Services)

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 May 17, 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 Mayor Pro Tem Zamora, seconded by Councilmember Mora, to approve Item Nos. 7A and 7B, by the following vote:

Ayes: Martin, Mora, Sarno, 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 May 17, 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 Councilmember Mora, seconded by Councilmember Martin, to approve Item Nos. 7A through 7C, by the following vote:

Ayes: Martin, Mora, Sarno, 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 May 17, 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: Martin, Mora, Sarno, 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.

Minutes of the May 17, 2022 Successor Agency Meetings (City Clerk)

Recommendation:

- Approve the minutes as submitted.

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

Ayes: Martin, Mora, Sarno, Zamora, Rodriguez

Nayes: 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 May 17, 2022 Special and 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. 9801:
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. 9802:
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. Resolution No. 9798 – Adopt Residential Streets Improvements South Florence Avenue Project for Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 Funds (Fiscal Year 2022/23) (Public Works)

Recommendation:

- Adopt Resolution No. 9798 approving the Residential Streets Improvements South Florence Avenue Project to be partially funded by the Road Repair and Accountability Act (RMRA); and
 - Authorize the Director of Public Works to submit an application to the California Transportation Commission for the allocation of RMRA funds to the Residential Streets Improvements South Florence Avenue Project.
- e. Clarke Estate Carpet Replacement and Betty Wilson Center Vinyl Flooring Replacement & Interior Painting – Final Payment (Public Works)
Recommendation:
- Approve the Final Payment to GDL Best Contractors, Inc. of Whittier, California in the amount of \$8,014.04 (Less 5% Retention) for the subject project.
- f. Resolution No. 9794 – Adoption of Annual Appropriation (GANN) Limit for Fiscal Year 2022-23 (Finance)
Recommendation:
- Adopt Resolution No. 9794 setting the appropriation limit for Fiscal Year 2022-23.
- g. Quarterly Treasurer’s Report of Investments for the Quarter Ended March 31, 2022 (Finance)
Recommendation:
- Receive and file the report.
- h. Adoption of the City’s Fiscal Year 2022-23 Investment Policy (Finance)
Recommendation:
- Adopt the Investment Policy for Fiscal Year 2022-23.

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

Ayes: Martin, Mora, Sarno, Zamora, Rodriguez

Nays: None

Absent: None

PUBLIC HEARING

11. Resolution No. 9799 – Levy Annual Assessments for Heritage Springs Assessment District No. 2001-1 (Hawkins Street and Palm Drive) FY 2022/23 (Public Works)

Recommendation:

- Open the Public Hearing;
- Receive any comments from the public wishing to speak on this matter and thereafter close the Public Hearing;
- Adopt Resolution No. 9799 confirming the diagram and assessment, and providing for annual assessment levy; and
- Authorize the Director of Finance to execute all documents necessary with the County of Los Angeles in order to process the collection of assessments related to Heritage Springs Assessment District No. 2001-1 (Hawkins Street and Palm Drive) for FY 2022/23.

Mayor Rodriguez opened the public hearing at 6:50 p.m.

There was no one wishing to speak on Item No. 11.

Mayor Rodriguez closed the public hearing at 6:50 p.m.

It was moved by Councilmember Mora, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Zamora, to adopt resolution No. 9799 confirming the diagram and assessment, and providing the annual assessment levy, and authorize the Director of Finance to execute all documents necessary with the County of Los Angeles in order to process the collection of assessments related to Heritage Springs Assessment District No. 2001-1 (Hawkins Street and Palm Drive) for FY 2022/23, by the following vote:

Ayes: Martin, Mora, Sarno, Zamora, Rodriguez

Nays: None

Absent: None

PUBLIC HEARING

12. Resolution No. 9800 - Levy Annual Assessments for City of Santa Fe Springs Lighting District No. 1 (FY 2022/23) (Public Works)

Recommendation:

- Open the Public Hearing;
- Receive any comments from the public wishing to speak on this matter and thereafter close the Public Hearing;
- Adopt Resolution No. 9800 confirming the diagram and assessment, and providing for annual assessment levy; and
- Authorize the Director of Finance to execute all documents necessary with the County of Los Angeles in order to process the collection of assessments related to Lighting District No. 1 for FY 2022/23.

Mayor Rodriguez opened the public hearing at 6:51 p.m.

There was no one wishing to speak on Item No. 12.

Mayor Rodriguez closed the public hearing at 6:51 p.m.

It was moved by Councilmember Martin, seconded by Councilmember Mora, to adopt Resolution No. 9800 confirming the diagram and assessment, and providing for annual assessment levy, and authorize the Director of Finance to execute all documents necessary with the County of Los Angeles in order to process the collection of assessments related to Lighting District No. 1 for FY 2022/23, by the following vote:

Ayes: Martin, Mora, Sarno, Zamora, Rodriguez

Nays: None

Absent: None

NEW BUSINESS

13. Adopt Resolution No. 9797 Approving the City's Fiscal Year 2022-23 Operating Budget (Finance)

Recommendation:

- Adopt Resolution No. 9797 approving and adopting the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Operating Budget, Fiscal Year 2022-23 Salary Schedule, and authorizing the carryover of certain unspent appropriations.

Senior Budget Analyst, Alvaro Castellon provided a presentation for Item No. 13. He spoke about the Proposed Fiscal Year 2022-23 Budget.

Councilmember Martin asked if the surplus amount would be earmarked for any specific purpose, and inquired about allocating those funds towards Maidstone trees. City Attorney, Ivy M. Tsai stated there is a Maidstone tree item on an upcoming agenda, and recommended that Council approve the budget as is so that Council can appropriate funds in the future. City Manager, Raymond R. Cruz stated that additional money has been allocated to landscape maintenance and can reevaluate that amount after consideration of the Maidstone tree agenda item.

Mayor Rodriguez gave direction to staff to incorporate an amount dedicated to Ring doorbells for residents during future discussions.

It was moved by Councilmember Sarno, seconded by Councilmember Mora, to adopt Resolution No. 9797 approving and adopting the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Operating Budget, Fiscal Year 2022-23 Salary Schedule, and authorize the carryover of certain unspent appropriations, with Council's recommendations, by the following vote:

Ayes: Martin, Mora, Sarno, Zamora, Rodriguez

Nays: None

Absent: None

14. Purchase of One (1) New Aerial Truck from M & M Lifts, Inc. (Finance)

Recommendation:

- Accept the bids;
- Appropriate \$69,700 from the general equipment replacement fund to fully fund this vehicle purchase; and
- Authorize the Director of Purchasing Services to issue a purchase order in the amount of \$189,617.85 to M & M Lifts, Inc.

Director of Purchasing Services, Paul Martinez provided a brief presentation on Item No. 14.

It was moved by Councilmember Martin, seconded by Councilmember Mora, to accept the bids, appropriate \$69,700 from the general equipment replacement fund to fully fund this vehicle purchase, and authorize the Director of Purchasing Services to issue a purchase order in the amount of \$189,617.85 to M & M Lifts, Inc., by the following vote:

Ayes: Martin, Mora, Sarno, Zamora, Rodriguez

Nays: None

Absent: None

15. Approval of Labor Agreements for an Additional 1% COLA, Between the City of Santa Fe Springs and the City of Santa Fe Springs General City Employees Association (SFSCEA), The City of Santa Fe Springs Firemen’s Association (SFSFA), and the City of Santa Fe Springs Executive, Management & Confidential Association (SFSEMCA) (Finance)

Recommendation:

- Approve Labor Agreements with SFSCEA, SFSFA and SFSEMCA for an Additional 1% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA).

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Zamora, seconded by Councilmember Martin, to approve Labor Agreements with SFSCEA, SFSFA and SFSEMCA for an Additional 1% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA), by the following vote:

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

16. Approval of Compensation Levels for Hourly, Non-Represented, Non-Benefitted Employees (Finance)

Recommendation:

- Approve a 4% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for Hourly, Non-Represented, Non-Benefitted Employees.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Zamora, seconded by Councilmember Martin, to approve a 4% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for Hourly, Non-Represented, Non-Benefitted Employees, by the following vote:

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

17. **PRESENTATIONS**

Item No. 17 was considered at the beginning of the agenda.

18. **CITY MANAGER’S AND EXECUTIVE TEAM REPORTS**

- City Manager, Raymond R. Cruz spoke about having a future meeting to discuss the findings of the proposed business license tax measure and targeted the date of July 12, 2022 for a special meeting to discuss input from the business community and receive additional input from Council.
- Municipal Services Manager, Kevin Periman spoke about commencing safety training for Public Works staff regarding certain projects and equipment usage.
- Director of Planning, Wayne M. Morrell spoke about the City’s newsletter and highlighted the “business spotlight” section, spotlighting “La Islitas” restaurant on Telegraph Rd. He also spoke about several workshops that will be held on accessory dwelling units for the public to be informed. There will be two separate workshops on June 23rd and July 6th at City Hall and Town Center Hall, respectively.
- Director of Police Services, Dino Torres spoke about the 1st Community Block Party, Saturday June 26th at Los Nietos Park to discuss safety concerns.
- Fire Chief, Brent Hayward spoke about the upcoming 4th of July holiday and noted that

the Fire-Rescue Department receives an increase of calls over the holiday weekend. The department will also conduct a walkthrough after the fireworks event at Los Nietos Park.

- Senior Budget Analyst, Alvaro Castellon spoke about residents being able to pay utility bills online starting later this week.
- Council requested for SFS app and QR code to be added to pay bill.
- Director of Community Services, Maricela Balderas spoke about the upcoming Independence Day event on Sunday, July 3, 2022 at Los Nietos Park. She also spoke of the upcoming summer events: 2022 Summer Series; Red, White & Blue Dance; and the Curbing Hunger Canned Food Drive.

19. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS

No appointments were made.

20. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Martin she spoke about recognizing the residents on their Milestone events. She also spoke about attending the services for Whittier Police Officer Whitfield that passed away. Lastly, she recognized the budget surplus and recognized staff for their efforts.

Councilmember Mora recognized Ms. Romero on her 94th birthday. He also spoke about the Miss Santa Fe Springs Pageant and expressed condolences to the Whitfield and Goins families. He thanked the Finance Department for their work on the budget and wished everyone a Happy 4th of July.

Councilmember Sarno thanked the Finance Department for their work on the budget and wished everyone in attendance a Happy 4th of July.


Mayor Pro Tem Zamora congratulated Ms. Romero on her birthday and also expressed condolences to the Whitfield and Goins families. He thanked police officers for their work and wished everyone a Happy 4th of July.

Mayor Rodriguez congratulated Ms. Romero and thanked Finance Department staff for constructing the budget. Condolences to the Whittier police officer's family. She also reported being the keynote speaker to the Soroptimist's "Live Your Dreams" Scholarship Program and also spoke about the Miss Santa Fe Springs Scholarship Program. Lastly, she spoke about looking forward for the Community Block Party and 4th of July event.

21. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Rodriguez adjourned the meeting at 7:33 p.m. in memory of Patricia Ann Goins.


Annette Rodriguez
Mayor

ATTEST:

Janet Martinez
City Clerk

8/16/2022
Date