



APPROVED: 08/02/2022

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

July 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: Martin, Mora, Sarno, Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chair Zamora and Mayor/Chair Rodriguez.

**Members absent:** None

3. **INVOCATION**

Councilmember Sarno led the invocation.

4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilmember Sarno led the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There was no one wishing to speak during Public Comments.

### 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 June 7, 2022 Housing Successor Meetings (City Clerk)

**Recommendation:**

- Approve the minutes as submitted.

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

**Ayes:** Martin, Mora, Sarno, Zamora, Rodríguez

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** None

### SUCCESSOR AGENCY

7. **CONSENT AGENDA**

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- a. Minutes of the June 7, 2022 Successor Agency Meetings (City Clerk)

**Recommendation:**

- Approve the minutes as submitted.

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

**Ayes:** Martin, Mora, Sarno, Zamora, Rodríguez

**Nays:** 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 June 7, 2022 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 the Threat of COVID-19 (pursuant to Government Code section 8630) (City Attorney)

**Recommendation:**

- Adopt Resolution No. 9804:  
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. 9805:  
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. Minutes of the April 26, 2022 Capital Improvement Plan Sub-Committee Meeting (Public Works)

**Recommendation:**

- Receive and file the report.

- e. Rosecrans/ Marquardt Avenue Grade Separation – Approval of Amendment #1 (Public Works)

**Recommendation:**

- Authorize the Mayor to execute Amendment #1 to the agreement for Section 190 funding for the Rosecrans/Marquardt Avenue Grade Separation Project.

- f. A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing the City to Join with Other Public Agencies as a Participant of the California Asset Management Trust and to Invest in Shares of the Trust and in Individual Portfolios (Finance)

**Recommendation:**

- Adopt Resolution No. 9803.

It was moved by Councilmember Martin, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Zamora, to approve the consent agenda, by the following vote:

**Ayes:** Martin, Mora, Sarno, Zamora, Rodríguez

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

9. Maidstone Avenue Parkway Pine Trees – Approval of Amendment No. 1 (Public Works)

**Recommendation:**

- Appropriate \$20,000.00 from the General Fund Reserve to Activity 10432002-542050 (Street Maintenance / Tree Maintenance);
- Approve Amendment No. 1 to West Coast Arborists, Inc. in the amount of \$44,140.00 to remove parkway pine trees on Maidstone Avenue; and
- Authorize the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 1.

Director of Public Works, Noe Negrete stated that this item was continued from the June 7, 2022 Council Meeting. The item was brought forward because the change order to remove the trees would exceed the current contract amount with West Coast Arborists.

Councilmember Sarno stated that at the last meeting he understood there was a cost that was going to be obtained to remove the trees. He asked why Council should take action on this item if the total cost for removal would not be finalized until Public Works obtained more information.

City Manager, Raymond R. Cruz noted that a discussion was held regarding the time it would take for Public Works to obtain additional information related to costs.

Councilmember Sarno asked for the cost for removal. Director Negrete stated that the street is currently under design and upon design completion, which includes sidewalk removal and replacement, driveway removal and replacement, curb and gutter replacement, and parkway reconstruction, final costs will be available.

Councilmember Sarno asked why the City is moving forward with the tree removal if the design has yet to be completed. Councilmember Mora inquired whether \$20,000.00 for tree removal includes removal of all parts of the tree. Director Negrete answered the \$20,000 appropriation is for removal of tree and stump only.

Councilmember Martin inquired if there was an idea of how much the City would have to pay in addition to the \$20,000.00. Director Negrete answered that the final amount would be included in the street improvement project design and estimated that the final design from the consultant would be completed in one or two months. Council may decide to move forward with the tree removal now or later when the street improvements have been completed.

Councilmember Martin asked if Council can wait to have a final amount as opposed to doing it in phases. Director Negrete that the cost would be less if West Coast Arborists were to remove the trees ahead of time as opposed to waiting for them to be removed during the street improvement project. He also added that this item was brought forward now due to a sense of urgency, but Council can direct to remove the trees prior to the beginning of the street improvements project which is slated to begin in November 2022.

Council agreed to bring back the item in November when all the information has been gathered.

City Attorney, Ivy M. Tsai clarified that it is up to Council if they would like to approve this item now and schedule the work at a later time, or if they would like to direct staff to bring this item back at a subsequent meeting.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Zamora, seconded by Councilmember Sarno, to bring back the item at a subsequent meeting once all details have been finalized, by the following vote:

<b>Ayes:</b>	Martin, Mora, Sarno, Zamora, Rodríguez
<b>Nayes:</b>	None
<b>Absent:</b>	None

#### **10. CITY MANAGER'S AND EXECUTIVE TEAM REPORTS**

- City Manager, Raymond R. Cruz provided an update on a Department director, and also highlighted the great work done by the Community Services Department on the Independence Day event at Los Nietos Park.
- Director of Public Works, Noe Negrete had nothing to report.
- Director of Planning, Wayne Morrell spoke about having the first Accessory Dwelling Unit Workshop on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. The second workshop will take place on July 6<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. He also spoke about the Zoning Ordinance revision meetings that will take place in July.
- Director of Police Services, Dino Torres spoke about the Community Block Party that took place on June 25<sup>th</sup>. He provided a power point on the different activities that were demonstrated during the event. He also spoke about the Low-Cost Pet Vaccination Clinic event that will take place at the Soaring Dreams Plaza.
- Fire Chief, Brent Hayward reported the City for not having even one fire incident on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. He also spoke about the 2022 Relay for Life that is scheduled for September 24, 2022 at 12pm.
- Director of Finance, Travis Hickey provided a COVID-19 update as of June 1<sup>st</sup> along with a number of confirmed cases in the City.
- Director of Community Services, Maricela Balderas spoke about the Independence Day event and provided details on the activities that were provided during the event. She thanked staff for their hard work on putting together the event. Lastly, she spoke about the Back to School Backpack Program on August 10<sup>th</sup>.

#### **11. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS**

There were no appointments.

#### **12. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Mora spoke about the Independence Day event and acknowledged

Public Safety as their presence made the community feel safe. He also spoke about SASSFA, and as the chair he noted that they provide hot meals, a job search center and also assist the homeless.

Councilmember Martin acknowledged the City Manager's Office Intern for her social media coverage on the Independence Day event. She also recognized staff for putting together a great event for all ages. Lastly, she acknowledged the Community Block Party.

Councilmember Sarno spoke about the Independence Day event and highlighted that the staff and citizens that attend make the event great in comparison to other communities.

Mayor Pro Tem Zamora acknowledged the Independence Day event, and also recognized staff and Public Safety. He expressed the importance of having visibility of Public Safety. Lastly, he thanked Dino Torres for organizing the Community Block Party event.

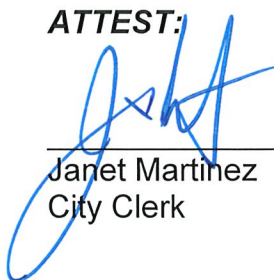
Mayor Rodriguez spoke about the Independence Day event and acknowledged staff for putting together a great event. She also noted that seniors have expressed their content for having events/programs back to normal. She acknowledged Parks and Recreation Manager Gustavo Hernandez for his great work; she stated she received a letter on her desk acknowledging Gus' work. Lastly, she expressed her interest for continuing the Meet the Mayor events.

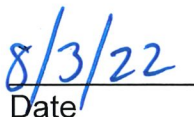
**13. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Rodriguez adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m. in memory of Frank Tripepi, El Monte Corporal Michael Paredes and Officer Joseph Santana.

  
Annette Rodriguez  
Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
Janet Martinez  
City Clerk

  
Date