



APPROVED: 09/05/2023

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

August 1, 2023

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

2. **ROLL CALL**

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

Members absent: Councilmember Zamora

3. **INVOCATION**

Invocation was led by City Manager, René Bobadilla.

4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Kerry Cobos led the pledge of allegiance.

5. **INTRODUCTIONS**

Kathie Fink, Chamber of Commerce CEO was introduced.

6. **PRESENTATIONS - NONE**

7. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The following citizens spoke during public comments: Lee Squire and Bruce Crow.

8. **STAFF COMMUNICATIONS ON ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST**

City Manager called on the following staff:

Director of Community Services, Maricela Balderas provided information on the "Back to School Backpack Program". She also spoke on the mariachi concert scheduled for Friday at Heritage Park.

Director of Police Services, Dino Torres provided information on the upcoming National Night Out this Saturday, August 5, 2023.

Municipal Services Manager, Kevin Periman provided a Capital Improvements Project Update and promote the upcoming Relay for Life Fundraiser Carnival.

Mayor Martin spoke on the Whittier Police Officer that was shot yesterday and asked to keep him in everyone's prayers.

HOUSING SUCCESSOR

There were no items discussed under the Housing Successor agenda.

SUCCESSOR AGENCY

There were no items discussed under the Successor Agency agenda.

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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 City Council.

a. Fire Station Headquarters Roof Replacement – Award of Contract

Recommendation:

- Accept the bids; and
- Award a contract to Rite-Way Roof Corporation of Fontana, California, in the amount of \$608,392.00.

b. City Clerk's Office Renovation – Award of Contract

Recommendation:

- Appropriate additional funds in the amount of \$355,000 from the Utility Users Tax Capital Improvement Fund to the City Clerk's Office Renovation (PW 220020)
- Accept the bids; and
- Award a contract CTG Construction, Inc., of Wilmington, California, in the amount of \$225,000.00.

c. Purchase of a C30XB Trenching Machine and S3CA Trailer from Ditch Witch West by Piggybacking off of Sourcewell Cooperative Contract #110421-CMW

Recommendation:

- Award an order for a trenching machine and trailer to Ditch Witch West by piggybacking off of Sourcewell cooperative contract #110421-CMW; and
- Authorize the Director of Purchasing Services to issue a Purchase Order in the amount of \$27,007.49 for this purchase.

d. Appropriate Funding and Authorize Essential Emergency Worker Pay for Eligible Santa Fe Springs Firefighter Suppression Staff, Who Worked During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Recommendation:

- Approve Essential Emergency Worker Pay for eligible fire suppression staff, who worked during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Appropriate \$436,000 from the General Fund unappropriated reserves for the payment of the Essential Emergency Workers Pay.

e. Approval of Side Letter #2 (MOU Contract Extension) to the 2021-2024 Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Santa Fe Springs and the Santa Fe Springs Employees Association (SFSEA)

Recommendation:

- Approve side letter #2 (MOU Contract Extension) to the 2021-2024 Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Santa Fe Springs and the Santa Fe Springs Employees Association (SFSEA).

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

Ayes: Rodríguez, Rounds, Sarno and Martin

Nayes: None

Absent: Zamora

Recused: None

PUBLIC HEARING

10. Alcohol Sales Conditional Use Permit (CUP) Case No. 82

Request for approval of Alcohol Sales Conditional Use Permit Case No. 82 to allow an alcohol beverage sales use for on-site consumption in association with an existing Japanese restaurant operating under the name of Crazy Tokyo located at 11532 Telegraph Road, within the Community Commercial-Planned Development (C-4-PD), Zone and within the Consolidated Redevelopment Project Area, and the Telegraph Corridor. (Alina Chung Rhie for Crazy Tokyo)

Recommendation:

- Open the Public Hearing; and
- Receive any comments from the public wishing to speak on this matter, and thereafter close the Public Hearing; and
- Find that the applicant's ASCUP request meets the criteria set forth in §155.628 and §155.716 of the City's Zoning Ordinance, for the granting of a Conditional Use Permit; and
- Approve Alcohol Sales Conditional Use Permit Case No. 82, subject to the conditions of approval as contained within Resolution No. 9877; and
- Adopt Resolution No. 9877, which incorporates the City Council's findings and actions regarding this matter.

Mayor Martin opened the public hearing at: 6:12 p.m.

Bruce Crow spoke during public comment.

Mayor Martin closed the public hearing at: 6:16 p.m.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Sarno, seconded by Council Member Rounds, to approve Alcohol Sales Conditional Use Permit Case No. 82, subject to the conditions of approval as contained within Resolution No. 9877, and adopt Resolution No. 9877, which incorporates the City Council's findings and actions regarding this matter, by the following vote:

Ayes: Rodríguez, Rounds, Sarno and Martin

Nayes: None

Absent: Zamora

Recused: None

PUBLIC HEARING

11. Alcohol Sales Conditional Use Permit (CUP) Case No. 83

Request for approval of Alcohol Sales Conditional Use Permit Case No. 83 to allow the operation and maintenance of an alcoholic beverage use involving the warehousing and distribution of alcoholic beverages at BWS Group, Inc. located at 9526 Ann Street, within the Heavy Manufacturing (M-2). (BWS Group)

Recommendation:

- Open the Public Hearing; and
- Receive any comments from the public wishing to speak on this matter, and thereafter close the Public Hearing; and
- Find that the applicant's ASCUP request meets the criteria set forth in §155.628 and §155.716 of the City's Zoning Ordinance, for the granting of a Conditional Use Permit; and
- Approve Alcohol Sales Conditional Use Permit Case No. 83, subject to the conditions of approval as contained within Resolution No. 9878; and
- Adopt Resolution No. 9878, which incorporates the City Council's findings and actions regarding this matter.

Mayor Martin opened the public hearing at: 6:16 p.m.

There were no public comments.

Mayor Martin closed the public hearing at: 6:17 p.m.

It was moved by Councilmember Rodriguez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Sarno, to approve Alcohol Sales Conditional Use Permit Case No. 83, subject to the conditions of approval as contained within Resolution No. 9878, and adopt Resolution No. 9878, which incorporates the City Council's findings and actions regarding this matter, by the following vote:

Ayes: Rodríguez, Rounds, Sarno and Martin

Nays: None

Absent: Zamora

Recused: None

PUBLIC HEARING

12. Alcohol Sales Conditional Use Permit (CUP) Case No. 84

Request for approval of Alcohol Sales Conditional Use Permit Case No. 84 to allow the operation and maintenance of an alcoholic beverage use involving the warehousing of alcoholic beverages at 21st Century Spirits, LLC, located at 12145 Mora Drive, within the Heavy Manufacturing (M-2). (21st Century Spirits, LLC)

Recommendation:

- Open the Public Hearing; and
- Receive any comments from the public wishing to speak on this matter, and thereafter close the Public Hearing; and
- Find that the applicant's ASCUP request meets the criteria set forth in §155.628 and §155.716 of the City's Zoning Ordinance, for the granting of a Conditional Use Permit; and
- Approve Alcohol Sales Conditional Use Permit Case No. 84, subject to the conditions of approval as contained within Resolution No. 9879; and

- Adopt Resolution No. 9879, which incorporates the City Council's findings and actions regarding this matter.

Mayor Martin opened the public hearing at: 6:17 p.m.

There were no public comments.

Mayor Martin closed the public hearing at: 6:17 p.m.

It was moved by Councilmember Rounds, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Sarno, to approve Alcohol Sales Conditional Use Permit Case No. 84, subject to the conditions of approval as contained within Resolution No. 9879, and adopt Resolution No. 9879, which incorporates the City Council's findings and actions regarding this matter, by the following vote:

Ayes: Rodríguez, Rounds, Sarno and Martin

Nays: None

Absent: Zamora

Recused: None

OLD BUSINESS

13. Approval of 2024 SFS Art Fest Proposed Event Fees Recommended by the Heritage Arts Advisory Committee (HAAC)

Recommendation:

- Provide staff direction on the 2024 SFS Art Fest proposed event fees recommended by the Heritage Arts Advisory Committee (HAAC).

Family and Human Services Manager, Ed Ramirez provided a brief overview presentation on the history of the changes done with the fees and the event changes. He provided the rates that were initially charged. He also went over the discounts and the revenue after each event.

Mayor Pro Tem Sarno expressed that he would like to have both parents, students or performers get in for free as opposed to only one. He would like to have the city only charge \$10 total after fees. He would like staff to consider discounts for seniors.

City Manager, René Bobadilla asked if Council would agree with a 20 percent discount for seniors.

Councilmember Rodriguez expressed she does not like the processing fees is also advocating for a discount. She also inquired about City employees and seniors obtaining discounts.

Heritage Arts Advisory Committee Member, Gabriel Jimenez provided feedback.

Mayor Martin agreed with a \$10.00 flat fee and suggested employees attend for free. Parents 2 tickets, 20% discount for seniors (55 and over). No processing fee. Councilmember Rounds recommended 50 free tickets for the Chamber of Commerce.

Councilmember Rounds stated that the fees are for the City to recuperate some of the costs for Art Fest. He expressed his gratitude to the Heritage Arts Committee.

Direction was given to charge a \$10.00 flat fee, free admission for City employees, one free ticket per parent (limit 2) for each participating student or performers, and a 20 percent discount for seniors and no processing fee to be charged.

It was moved by Councilmember Rodriguez, seconded by Councilmember Rounds, to charge a \$10.00 flat fee, free admission for City employees, one free ticket per parent (limit 2) for each participating student or performer, and a 20 percent discount for seniors and no processing fee to be charged, by the following vote:

Ayes: Rodríguez, Rounds, Sarno and Martin

Nayes: None

Absent: Zamora

Recused: None

NEW BUSINESS

14. Request to Appoint two (2) Council Members to Serve on an Ad-Hoc Subcommittee to Discuss traffic concerns with the Little Lake School District

Recommendation:

- Appoint two (2) Council Members to serve on an ad-hoc subcommittee to discuss traffic concerns at Little Lake School District schools.

City Clerk, Janet Martinez provided a brief summary on how the item was brought forward to this meeting.

Mayor Martin appointed the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem to serve on an ad-hoc subcommittee to address the traffic concerns surrounding Little Lake City School District Schools. The subcommittee will provide information once they have met with the school district.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Sarno, seconded by Councilmember Rounds, to appoint the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem to serve on an ad-hoc subcommittee to discuss traffic concerns at Little Lake School District Schools, by the following vote:

Ayes: Rodríguez, Rounds, Sarno and Martin

Nayes: None

Absent: Zamora

Recused: None

15. Request Direction on Excused Absences from Advisory Committee Members and Commissioners

Recommendation:

- Receive direction from Council on how to proceed with future requests on excused absences from Advisory Committee Members and Commissioners.

City Clerk, Janet Martinez provided a brief presentation on Item No. 15.

There was as council consensus to leave the by-laws as-is and not make any changes to the by-laws.

16. Appropriation of funds from City's Art in Public Places fund for City's Art Education Grant Program for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Recommendation:

- Approve the appropriation of funds from the City's Art in Public Places Fund (Activity 10511001-593000)
- Authorize the distribution of monies as recommended by the Heritage Arts Advisory Committee to fund the City's Art Education Grant Program for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

Family & Human Services Manager, Ed Ramirez provided a brief presentation on Item No. 16.

Mayor Pro Tem Sarno requested to revisit the guidelines and bring them back next year for review. Councilmember Rodriguez expressed her gratitude for all the work that staff has put together and also commended the Heritage Arts Advisory Committee. Councilmember Rounds commended the committee on their diligent work and provided insight on the cost increase.

It was moved by Councilmember Rounds, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez, to approve the appropriation of funds from the City's Art in Public Places Fund (Activity 10511001-593000), and authorize the distribution of monies as recommended by the Heritage Arts Advisory Committee to fund the City's Art Education Grant Program for Fiscal Year 2023-2024, by the following vote:

Ayes: Rodríguez, Rounds, Sarno and Martin

Nayes: None

Absent: Zamora

Recused: None

17. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Rodriguez appointed Isabel Cervantes to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee and also spoke on the "Grandparent and Me" event that took place last week. She thanked State Senator Bob Archuleta for the generous donation towards the renovation of the Aquatic Center and also highlighted her wedding anniversary.


Mayor Martin spoke about attending the ICA conference.

Mayor Pro Tem Sarno wished a speedy recovery to the injured Whittier Police Department officer and welcomed the new City Manager, René Bobadilla.

Council Member Rounds congratulated Councilmember Rodriguez on her anniversary and also asked to keep the injured officer in their prayers.

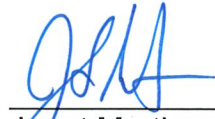
18. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Martin adjourned the meeting at 6:48 p.m. in memory of Eduardo Espinoza and Mike Hagen.

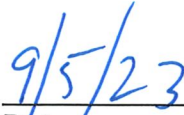


Juanita Martin
Mayor

ATTEST:



Janet Martinez
City Clerk



Date