



APPROVED: 12/06/2022

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

November 15, 2022

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 6:02 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**

Youth Leadership Committee member Aaron Doss led the pledge of allegiance.

5. **PRESENTATIONS**

- a. Milestone Recognition (City Manager)
- b. Introduction of Promoted Santa Fe Springs Department of Fire-Rescue Battalion Chief (Fire)

6. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The following individuals spoke during public comment: Bruce Crow and Stella Bastida.

PUBLIC FINANCING 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 Public Financing Authority.

- a. Minutes of the October 18, 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 Councilmember Sarno, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Zamora, to approve Items 7A and 7B, by the following vote:

Ayes: Martin, Mora, Sarno, Zamora, Rodriguez

Nayes: None

Absent: None

WATER UTILITY AUTHORITY

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 Water Utility Authority.

- a. Minutes of the October 18, 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 Martin, seconded by Councilmember Mora, to approve Items 8A through 8C, by the following vote:

Ayes: Martin, Mora, Sarno, Zamora, Rodriguez

Nayes: None

Absent: None

HOUSING SUCCESSOR

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 Housing Successor.

- Minutes of the October 18, 2022 Housing Successor Meetings (City Clerk)

Recommendation:

- Approve the minutes as submitted.

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

Ayes: Martin, Mora, Sarno, Zamora, Rodriguez

Nayes: None

Absent: None

SUCCESSOR AGENCY

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 Successor Agency.

Minutes of the October 18, 2022 Successor Agency Meetings (City Clerk)

Recommendation:

- Approve the minutes as submitted.

It was moved by Councilmember Mora, seconded by Councilmember Martin, to approve the consent agenda, by the following vote:

Ayes: Martin, Mora, Sarno, Zamora, Rodriguez

Nayes: None

Absent: None

CITY COUNCIL

11. 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 October 18, 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 Threat of COVID-19 (pursuant to Government Code section 8630) (City Attorney)

Recommendation:

- Adopt Resolution No. 9829:
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. 9830:
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. Community Facilities District No. 2004-1 (Bloomfield-Florence) – Annual Special Tax Levy Report for Fiscal Year 2021-22 (Public Works)

Recommendation:

- Receive and file the Special Tax Levy Annual Report for Community Facilities District 2004-1 for Fiscal Year 2021-22.

e. Community Facilities District No. 2002-1 (Bloomfield-Lakeland) – Annual Special Tax Levy Report for Fiscal Year 2021-22 (Public Works)

Recommendation:

- Receive and file the Special Tax Levy Annual Report for Community Facilities District 2002-1 for Fiscal Year 2021-22.

f. Measure R Funding Agreement with Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority – Amendment No. 3 (Public Works)

Recommendation:

- Approve Amendment No. 3 to Funding Agreement MR 315.40 for the Valley View Avenue and Rosecrans Avenue Intersection Improvements; and
- Authorize the City Manager to execute Amendment No. 3.

g. Santa Fe Springs Park – Authorization to Execute Southern California Edison License Agreement (Public Works)

Recommendation:

- Authorize the Mayor to execute a License Agreement, Contract No. 9.5125, with Southern California Edison (SCE).

It was moved by Councilmember Sarno, seconded by Councilmember Mora, to approve Items No. 11A through 11G, by the following vote:

Ayes: Martin, Mora, Sarno, Zamora, Rodriguez

Nayes: None

Absent: None

NEW BUSINESS

12. Home Improvement Grant Program – Award of Contract (City Manager)

Recommendation:

- Accept the proposal from Willdan Engineering (Willdan); and
- Award a Contract to Willdan to implement and manage the City's Home Improvement Grant Program in an amount not to exceed \$30,800; and
- Authorize the Mayor or designee to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Willdan.

Municipal Affairs Manager, Maribel Garcia provided a brief presentation on Item No. 12. Manager Garcia added that applicants must occupy the house that they would like the assistance to apply towards. Willdan Engineering and Yvonne Pedraza-Mendoza from the Community Services Department will oversee the application system which will be processed on a first come, first serve basis.

Councilmember Mora asked why only Willdan Engineering submitted a proposal. Manager Garcia stated that the other companies that typically submit proposals for similar projects are either understaffed or working on other projects.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Zamora, seconded by Councilmember Martin, to accept the proposal from Willdan Engineering (Willdan), award a Contract to Willdan to implement and manage the City's Home Improvement Grant Program

in an amount not to exceed \$30,800, and authorize the Mayor or designee to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Willdan, by the following vote:

Ayes: Martin, Mora, Sarno, Zamora, Rodriguez

Nayes: None

Absent: None

13. Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-22 Preliminary Year-End Review (Finance)

Recommendation:

- Authorize the transfer of \$16.6 million from the FY 2021-22 increase in available General Fund balance to the following reserves and/or funds:
 - \$8.0 million of available balance to the Unfunded Liability Reserve for deposit into the California Employer's Pension Prefunding Trust (CEPPT)
 - \$6.0 million of available balance to the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Fund
 - \$1.0 million of available balance to the Equipment Replacement Fund
 - \$1.6 million of available balance to the Economic Contingency Reserve
- Authorize the transfer of \$2.4 million from the FY 2021-22 increase in available Water Fund balance to the Water CIP Reserve Fund.

Director of Finance, Travis Hickey provided a presentation on Item No. 13.

Councilmember Sarno requested the City remove \$3 million from the \$8 million of the unfunded liability reserve and set it aside for the pool renovation project. Council unanimously agreed with the request by Councilmember Sarno.

It was moved by Councilmember Sarno, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Zamora, to authorize the transfer of \$16.6 million from the FY 2021-22 increase in available General Fund balance to the following reserves and/or funds:

- \$5.0 million of available balance to the Unfunded Liability Reserve for deposit into the California Employer's Pension Prefunding Trust (CEPPT)
- \$3.0 million in a separate fund for the pool renovation project.
- \$6.0 million of available balance to the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Fund
- \$1.0 million of available balance to the Equipment Replacement Fund
- \$1.6 million of available balance to the Economic Contingency Reserve

and authorize the transfer of \$2.4 million from the FY 2021-22 increase in available Water Fund balance to the Water CIP Reserve Fund, by the following vote:

Ayes: Martin, Mora, Sarno, Zamora, Rodriguez

Nayes: None

Absent: None

14. CITY MANAGER'S AND EXECUTIVE TEAM REPORTS

- City Manager, Raymond R. Cruz had nothing to report.
- Water Utility Services Manager, Jesse Sira spoke about the newly implemented I-5

Freeway Ramp Shields on Florence Avenue. He also spoke about the replacement of the New Civic Center Plaza Lights and Wayfinding signs around the Civic Center.

- Mayor Pro Tem Zamora inquired about installing signage on Pioneer Boulevard emphasizing the weight restrictions for large vehicles.
- Director of Planning, Wayne M. Morrell spoke about the grants obtained for the City by JWA Urban Consultants, Inc. Lastly, he called upon Assistant Planner, Jimmy Wong to provide information on the Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Project.
- Director of Police Services, Dino Torres spoke about the Emergency Management Training on November 10th.
- Fire Chief, Brent Hayward spoke about the Fire-Rescue Department's support during Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and also promoted the department's participation in "Mo-vement". Lastly, he spoke about the Rio Hondo College Career Day at Santa Fe High School.
- Director of Finance, Travis Hickey spoke about scheduled Network Upgrades affecting City services from December 2nd until December 4th.
- Director of Community Services, Maricela Balderas provided information on upcoming events such as the Tree Lighting Ceremony on December 3rd, the Santa Float Schedule, and the Neighborly Elf Christmas Basket Program. Lastly, she announced that the Library's First Friday Event will be on December 2nd at 7:00 p.m.

15. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Martin congratulated the Arias family on their wedding anniversary and congratulated the newly promoted Battalion Chief, Chris Shields.

Councilmember Mora also congratulated the Arias family and Battalion Chief Shields. He spoke about attending a ribbon cutting event hosted by the Chamber of Commerce, and also highlighted the "Meet the Mentor" event he attended also hosted by the Chamber. He wished everyone in attendance a Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilmember Sarno also congratulated the Arias family and Battalion Chief Shields. He inquired about obtaining a concession stand at the former Tierra Mia location inside the City Library. Director Balderas responded that there are ongoing plans to house a passport service center at the former Tierra Mia location. He asked about looking into creating a community area where residents can promote their cooking and creative talents, and wished everyone a great week.

Mayor Pro Tem Zamora congratulated the Arias family on their milestone and also congratulated Battalion Chief Shields. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mayor Rodriguez spoke about attending the Los Nietos Middle School STEAM Academy ESports Classroom Grand Opening and also spoke about attending the "Meet the Mentor" event with Councilmember Mora. She congratulated Battalion Chief Shields and thanked Whittier Police Department for their constant updates. She congratulated the Arias family and wished everyone in attendance a Happy Thanksgiving.

CLOSED SESSION (continued from 5:00 p.m. special meeting)

16. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT

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

TITLE: City Manager Evaluation

CLOSED SESSION

17. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

(Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1))

Name of case: City of Santa Fe Springs v. SFS Hospitality, LLC, Case No. 20STCV33264

CLOSED SESSION

18. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

(Pursuant to Government Code section 54957.6)

Agency designated representatives: Raymond R. Cruz, Travis Hickey

Employee organizations: Santa Fe Springs City Employee Association, Santa Fe Springs Firefighters Association, and Santa Fe Springs Executive Management and Confidential Employee Association.

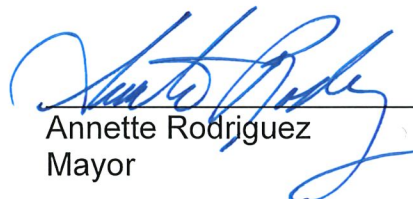
Mayor Rodriguez recessed the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

Mayor Rodriguez convened the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

City Attorney, Ivy M. Tsai provided a closed session report: Direction was given to staff and no reportable action was taken.

19. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Rodriguez adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m.


Annette Rodriguez
Mayor

ATTEST:



Janet Martinez
City Clerk

12/06/2022

Date