

**MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS
DECEMBER 13, 2007**

Due to the lack of a quorum, City Clerk Barbara Earl announced that the City Council meeting would be adjourned until 7:00 p.m.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Kernes, at 7:10 p.m., called the City Council Meeting to order.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Councilmembers Gonzalez, Serrano, Velasco, Mayor Kernes

Excused: Councilmember Putnam

Councilmember-Elect: William Rounds

Also present: Fred Latham, City Manager; Barbara Earl, City Clerk; Steve Skolnik, City Attorney; Paul Ashworth, Director of Planning and Development; Don Jensen, Director of Public Works; Fernando Tarin, Director of Police Services; Ana Alvarez, Director of Community Services; Jose Gomez, Director of Finance & Administrative Services; Alex Rodriguez, Fire Chief

3. **CLOSED SESSION**

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
City of Santa Fe Springs v. Spicy Gentlemen's Club

No Closed Session took place.

4. **INVOCATION**

The Invocation was given by Councilmember Velasco.

5. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Gonzalez.

ELECTION RESULTS

6. Resolution No. 9084 – Declaring the Final Results of the November 6, 2007 General Municipal Election

City Attorney Skolnik requested that Council make a motion to certify the results of the General Municipal Election and adopt Resolution No. 9084.

Councilmember Gonzalez moved to certify the results and adopt Resolution No. 9084. Councilmember Velasco seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

RETIREMENT PRESENTATIONS TO MAYOR KERNES

City Manager Latham explained that concurrent with the certification of the election results and the swearing in of the new councilmember, Mayor Kernes would be vacating his position on the Council; at this time, staff would like to thank Mayor Kernes for his many years of public service and make some presentations to him. Department Heads Ana Alvarez, Jose Gomez, Alex Rodriguez, Paul Ashworth, Don Jensen and Fernando Tarin delivered congratulatory comments to Mayor Kernes and presented him with specialty T-shirts on behalf of each of their departments; pictures followed each presentation. Councilmembers Gonzalez, Velasco and Serrano also delivered congratulatory remarks to Mayor Kernes.

Mayor Kernes introduced his companion and presented her with a bouquet of flowers; pictures followed. Mayor Kernes gave brief remarks thanking Council and Staff for their support the past 32 years. He also congratulated Councilmember-Elect Rounds on his election and invited him to take his chair on the dais. The audience gave Mayor Kernes a standing ovation, and he left the dais.

7. Administration of the Oath of Office and Presentation of Certificates of Election
Mayor Kernes called upon City Clerk Barbara Earl to administer the oath of office and present certificates to Messrs. Rounds and Serrano. Following the swearing in and presentation of certificates, Councilmembers Rounds and Serrano introduced their family members, presented female family members with bouquets of flowers and delivered brief remarks; pictures with their respective families followed.

MAYOR/MAYOR PRO TEM REORGANIZATION

City Attorney Skolnik declared the office of Mayor vacant and called for nominations from the Council.

Councilmember Gonzalez nominated Councilmember Serrano. Councilmember Rounds seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

City Attorney Skolnik announced that, without objection, Councilmember Serrano will now serve in the capacity of Mayor until January when the Council will re-organize for the 2008 term.

City Attorney Skolnik declared the office of Mayor Pro Tem vacant and called for nominations from the Council.

Councilmember Rounds nominated Councilmember Velasco. Councilmember Gonzalez seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

City Attorney Skolnik announced that, without objection, Councilmember Velasco will now serve in the capacity as Mayor Pro Tem.

Mayor Serrano presided over the remainder of the City Council meeting.

INTRODUCTIONS

- 8. Representatives from the Chamber of Commerce
Bill Billard and Kathie Fink, CEO, were present representing the Chamber.
- 9. Representatives from the Youth Leadership Committee
Those representatives who were present came forward and introduced themselves.

10. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Cherie Blake, Public Relations Technician, updated the Community Events Calendar regarding holiday festivities.

11. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Minutes

- A. November 8, 2007 City Council Minutes
- B. November 20, 2007 Regular Adjourned City Council Minutes
- C. **Conference and Meeting Reports**
(In accordance with State law, Councilmembers shall make a brief written or verbal report on any meeting/event/conference attended at City expense.)

No reports were submitted.

Mayor Pro Tem Velasco moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Gonzalez seconded the motion, which carried. Councilmember Rounds abstained.

12. **APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS**

Mayor Pro Tem Velasco appointed A. J. Hayes to the Beautification Committee. Councilmember Gonzalez appointed A. J. Hayes to the Community Program Committee. He also appointed Janie Aguirre and Humberto Romo to the Sister City Committee.

13. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Mayor Serrano opened Oral Communications and invited interested parties to come forward to address the Council.

Having no one come forward, Mayor Serrano closed Oral Communications.

14. **EXECUTIVE TEAM REPORTS**

No reports were given.

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Serrano, at 8:30 p.m., adjourned the City Council meeting to Thursday, December 20, 2007, 6:00 p.m., Council Chambers, 11710 Telegraph Road, Santa Fe Springs, after inviting everyone to attend the Swearing-In Reception at the Clarke Estate.

Joseph D. Serrano, Sr.
Mayor

ATTEST:

Barbara Earl, CMC
City Clerk