

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS
APRIL 24, 2008**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Velasco, at 6:10 p.m., called the City Council meeting to order.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Councilmembers Gonzalez, Putnam, Rounds, Serrano, Mayor Velasco

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; Dino Torres sitting in for Fernando Tarin, Director of Police Services; Ana Alvarez, Director of Community Services; Jose Gomez, Director of Finance & Administrative Services; Alex Rodriguez, Fire Chief

11. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Minutes

A. City Council Meeting of April 9, 2008

Recommendation: That the City Council approve as submitted.

Treasurer's Report

B. Treasurer's Reports for the Month of March 2008

Recommendation: For informational purposes only.

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.

Councilmember Rounds moved to approve the Consent Agenda, including Item Nos. 11-A, 11-B and 11-C. Councilmember Serrano seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Councilmember Putnam abstained from approval of the Minutes.

12. **ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION**

Ordinance No. 991 - Amending Chapter 91 of the City Code Regarding False Alarms and Adoption of Resolution No. 9097 Amending the Service Charge for False Alarms

Recommendation: That the City Council approve Ordinance No. 991, an ordinance amending the City's Municipal Code, Sections 91.07 and 91.08, as they relate to the frequency of a false alarm service charge, and, in doing so, adopt Resolution No. 9097 amending the service charge for each false alarm.

City Attorney Skolnik introduced Ordinance No. 991 by title as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS AMENDING CHAPTER 91 OF THE CITY CODE REGARDING FALSE ALARMS

Councilmember Putnam moved to waive further reading and introduce Ordinance No. 991, thereby adopting Resolution No. 9097. Councilmember Rounds seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

13. Approval of Projects to be Funded with Proposition 1B Funds

Recommendation: That the City Council amend the City's Capital Improvement Program to include Phase 2 of the Residential Street Repair Program and adopt the attached list of projects for potential funding with Proposition 1B bond proceeds; allocate \$400,000 in Proposition 1B funds for Phase 2 of the Residential Street Repair Program; and authorize staff to apply to the State Department of Finance for release of Prop 1B funds for those projects.

14. Reconsideration of Alcohol Sales Conditional Use Permit Case No. 8

Recommendation: That the City Council approve Reconsideration of Alcohol Sales Conditional Use Permit Case No. 8.

15. Reconsideration of Alcohol Sales Conditional Use Permit Case No. 42

Recommendation: That the City Council approve Reconsideration of Alcohol Sales Conditional Use Permit Case No. 42.

16. Community Services Budget Recommendations for 2008 Summer Events

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the recommendations as outlined by staff in the report.

17. Overview of the 2008-2014 Housing Element Update

18. Resolution No. 9098 – Revising Business Operations Tax Certificate (BOTC) Processing Fees

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 9098 revising Business Operations Tax Certificate (BOTC) Processing Fees.

19. Resolution No. 9099 – In Opposition to Proposition 98 on the June Ballot

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 9099 and direct staff to transmit copies to the League of California Cities and our statewide elected officials.

20. Request for an Appropriation of \$5,000 for Contractual Services in the Department of Finance and Administrative Services

Recommendation: That the City Council appropriate \$5,000 to contract with Loss Control and Underwriting services for property appraisal services.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez moved to approve Item Nos. 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20. Councilmember Putnam seconded the motion.

City Manager Latham stated that with regard to Item No. 16, the Fiestas Patrias item, it is staff's intent to fund it at the new level with efforts to reduce it even further with reduction of staff costs.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that he was supportive of Recommendation No. 3 on Item No. 16.

Mayor Velasco stated that he was supportive of moving the Aloha Expo to the Sculpture Garden; however, he would prefer to keep the Pow Wow at Heritage Park where it was better suited to the environment.

Councilmember Serrano agreed that Heritage Park was the more appropriate setting for the Pow Wow, but he pointed out that the repair costs after the event were very high.

City Manager Latham stated that full recovery costs for damages incurred could be assured through a deposit for damages.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez stated that both were great cultural events for the City; however, he felt very strongly that both events should be self-supporting.

City Attorney Skolnik advised that the original motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez and seconded by Councilmember Putnam should be amended to read that the Aloha Expo will be relocated to the Sculpture Garden. He further requested that a roll call vote be taken on the motion, which was recorded as follows:

AYES: Gonzalez, Putnam, Rounds, Serrano, Chairperson Putnam

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Paul Ashworth, Director of Planning and Development, advised Mayor Velasco that his consultant had a presentation for Item No. 17.

City Manager Latham inquired as to whether the presentation was required by law.

Mr. Ashworth stated that the presentation was necessary so that Council could supply policy-related direction on three particular issues.

Mayor Velasco asked Mr. Ashworth to proceed with the presentation.

Mr. Ashworth introduced Karen Warner, the City's Housing Element Consultant, who gave a presentation on the Housing Element Update, specifically noting three issues that require policy direction from the Council. These issues involve satisfying the affordable rental housing component of the Regional Housing Needs Allocation, acknowledging four identified sites to be included in the required Affordable Housing Land Inventory, and confirming the designation of the ML, Limited Manufacturing, Zone as appropriate for the siting of homeless and emergency shelters.

Following a question-and-answer period, City Attorney Skolnik inquired if a formal motion was needed from Council.

Mr. Ashworth stated that it was not. He then thanked Council for supplying the feedback that was required to allow staff to proceed.

RECESS

Mayor Velasco, at 6:45 p.m., recessed the City Council Meeting.

RECONVENE

Mayor Velasco, at 7:10 p.m., reconvened the City Council meeting with all Councilmembers present.

3. **INVOCATION**
Councilmember Rounds gave the Invocation.

4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
Youth Leadership Committee members led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTIONS

5. Representatives from the Youth Leadership Committee
Those who were present introduced themselves.

6. Representatives from the Chamber of Commerce
Kathie Fink, Chamber CEO, and Paul Fleck, Board Member, were present.

7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
Cherie Blake, Public Relations Technician, updated the Community Events Calendar.

Mayor Velasco announced that Councilmember Serrano will be celebrating his birthday on April 26. A birthday cake was brought out, and the audience joined Council in singing Happy Birthday.

Consultant Leslie Elwood gave a progress report on the Founders Plaza Project.

Amanda Miller, Miss Santa Fe Springs, addressed the Council and thanked them for their support and the opportunity to represent the City in their 50th Anniversary year.

Alex Espinoza, Youth Leadership Committee Chairperson, gave an overview of the Committee's recent retreat along with a DVD presentation.

Mayor Velasco welcomed back Councilmember Putnam; the audience gave her a standing ovation.

Councilmember Putnam thanked everyone for their various forms of support to her and her family over the last several months. She gave special thanks to all of those who organized and attended the prayer vigil which was held for her.

PRESENTATIONS

8. Proclamation Declaring May 1, 2008 as the "Santa Fe Springs Department of Fire-Rescue's 50th Anniversary Celebration"

Mayor Velasco called upon City Clerk Barbara Earl to read the Proclamation. Mayor Velasco then presented it to the Fire Chief along with Fire Department personnel; pictures with Council followed.

9. Diploma Presentation to City Employee
Mayor Velasco called upon Mr. Ashworth who introduced Cuong Nguyen, advising Council that Mr. Nguyen had completed his Master's Degree in Public Administration from Cal State Long Beach in December 2007. Mr. Nguyen introduced his wife, Lauren, and thanked the Council for their support of staff in their pursuits of higher education. Mayor Velasco presented Mr. Nguyen with his framed diploma; pictures with Council followed.

10. Proclaiming May 4 through May 10, 2008 as "Municipal Clerks Week"
Mayor Velasco called upon Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez to read the Proclamation. He then presented it to Ms. Earl and thanked her for her efforts in support of the Council; pictures with Council followed.

21. **APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS**
Councilmember Putnam appointed Annette Rodriguez to the Beautification Committee; Margaret Bustos to the Family & Human Services Committee; Jimmy Mendoza to the Parks & Recreation Committee; and Larry Oblea to the Planning Commission.

Mayor Velasco noted if there were no objections, the appointments will stand. He then congratulated Mr. Oblea on his appointment to the Planning Commission, noting that it was a very important position.

22. Appointment of Angel Munoz to the Personnel Advisory Board

Recommendation: That the City Council appoint Angel Munoz to the Personnel Advisory Board.

City Attorney Skolnik noted that the appointment of Richard Moore to the Planning Commission had created a vacancy on the Personnel Advisory Board.

Councilmember Serrano stated that Mr. Munoz is a local businessman and will be a good addition to the Board.

City Manager Latham noted that staff wholeheartedly concurs with the appointment.

Councilmember Serrano moved to approve the appointment. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

23. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**
Ron Kernes, retired Councilmember, welcomed back Councilmember Putnam and thanked the Council for their support of her during her rehabilitation.

24. **EXECUTIVE TEAM REPORTS**

Don Jensen, Director of Public Works, on behalf of the Executive Team, welcomed back Councilmember Putnam and stated that it was good to have her back.

Mayor Velasco reported that he had gotten some calls from residents who were very complimentary of Public Works staff and their work in the Florence/Roseton area.

25. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Velasco, at 7:48 p.m., adjourned the City Council meeting in the memories of William H. Longenecker, father of Linda Latham; Raymond Knabe, father of Supervisor Don Knabe; Charles Macaluso, father of Heritage Park employee Dino Macaluso; and Tom Novikoff, long-time Santa Fe Springs resident and businessman.

Gustavo R. Velasco
Mayor

ATTEST:

Barbara Earl, CMC
City Clerk