

**MINUTES
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS
APRIL 9, 2008**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Velasco, at 6:05 p.m., called the City Council meeting to order.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Councilmembers Gonzalez, Rounds, Serrano, Mayor Velasco

Excused: Councilmember Putnam

Also present: Thaddeus McCormack, Acting City Manager; Adria Jimenez, Deputy 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

12. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Minutes

- A. City Council Meeting of March 27, 2008

New Business

- B. Approval of Out-of-State Travel

Recommendation: That the City Council approve hotel and mileage costs for out-of-state travel to Las Vegas, Nevada for Ed Andrade to attend specialty mechanic training sessions in April 2008.

City Engineer's Report

- C. Councilmember Requested Item – Agreement for Street Sweeping and Graffiti Removal Services

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the contract Agreement for Street Sweeping and Graffiti Removal services with American Sweeping Services Incorporated; and authorize the Mayor to execute the Agreement.

D. **Conference and Meeting Reports**

No reports were submitted.

Councilmember Serrano moved to approve the Consent Agenda, Item Nos. 12A–12D. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez seconded the motion, which carried by the the following roll call vote:

AYES: Gonzalez, Rounds, Serrano, Mayor Velasco

NOES:

ABSENT: Putnam

ABSTAIN:

ORDINANCE FOR PASSAGE

13. Ordinance No. 990 – An Ordinance of the City of Santa Fe Springs Replacing Chapter 97 in its Entirety with a New Chapter 97 Regarding Environmental Protection

Recommendation: That the City Council waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 990 replacing Chapter 97 with a new Chapter 97 regarding environmental protection.

City Attorney Skolnik read Ordinance No. 990 by title as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS
REPLACING CHAPTER 97 IN ITS ENTIRETY WITH A NEW CHAPTER 97
REGARDING ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Councilmember Serrano moved to waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 990. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez seconded the motion, which carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Gonzalez, Rounds, Serrano, Mayor Velasco

NOES:

ABSENT: Putnam

ABSTAIN:

NEW BUSINESS

14. Resolution No. 9096 – Approving a Letter of Agreement Between the City of Santa Fe Springs and the City of Hawaiian Gardens Regarding the Exchange of Community Development Block Grant Funds (CDBG) for Fiscal Year 2008-2009

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 9096; and authorize the City Manager to execute any and all documents necessary to complete the exchange of funds on behalf of the City.

Councilmember Rounds moved to adopt Resolution No. 9096. Councilmember Serrano seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

SUBSEQUENT NEED ITEM – CLOSED SESSION

Update on Existing Spicy's Litigation (Foxz vs. City of Santa Fe Springs)

City Attorney Skolnik advised that a Subsequent Need Item was before the Commission. He explained that in order for an item to qualify for placement on the agenda as a subsequent need item, it must meet two criteria: 1) that staff became aware of the item after the preparation of the agenda; and 2) that the matter could not wait for the next meeting to be acted on. He further stated that this item met both criteria.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez moved to place the item on the agenda. Councilmember Serrano seconded the motion, which carried with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Gonzalez, Rounds, Serrano, Mayor Velasco

NOES:

ABSENT: Putnam

ABSTAIN:

RECESS

Mayor Velasco, at 6:15 p.m., recessed the City Council Meeting to go into Closed Session.

RECONVENE

Mayor Velasco, at 7:05 p.m., reconvened the City Council meeting with all Councilmembers present.

3. **INVOCATION**

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez 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 representatives who were present came forward and introduced themselves.

6. Representatives from the Chamber of Commerce

Kathie Fink, Chamber CEO, was present representing the Chamber.

Mayor Velasco announced that Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez is celebrating his birthday on April 10. Mayor Velasco invited everyone present to stand and sing Happy Birthday to Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez. A birthday cake was brought out.

PRESENTATIONS

8. Proclaiming the Week of April 14 through April 19, 2008 as "Week of the Young Child" in Santa Fe Springs

Mayor Velasco requested Deputy City Clerk Adria Jimenez to read the proclamation. Families and staff members of the City's Child Care Facilities came forward to accept the proclamation. Pictures with Council followed.

At 7:10 p.m., Councilmember Serrano left the Council Meeting.

9. Proclaiming the Week of April 13 through April 19, 2008 as "National Library Week" in Santa Fe Springs

Mayor Velasco requested Deputy City Clerk Adria Jimenez to read the proclamation. Members from Friends of the Library and Library staff came forward to accept the proclamation. Pictures with Council followed.

10. Proclaiming April 23, 2008 as "Denim Day"

Mayor Velasco requested Deputy City Clerk Adria Jimenez to read the proclamation. Fernando Tarin, Director of Police Services, and staff members came forward to accept the proclamation. Pictures with Council followed.

11. 2008 Student Diversity Summit

Rick Brown, Program Coordinator, gave a presentation on this year's Student Diversity Summit.

Kevin Jamero, Assistant Principal of Santa Fe High School, thanked the Council for their support of this year's summit and on-going support of Santa Fe High School. Mr. Jamero stated that it was a pleasure working with the Family & Youth Intervention staff.

Ms. Mercado, Los Nietos Middle School Teacher, thanked the Council for their support of the Diversity Program. Ms. Mercado further stated that students have responded positively to the program and formed a Rachel's Challenge Club to assist with items such as welcoming new students.

Mr. Brown reminded the Council of the Cesar E. Chavez Luncheon on April 18 at the Clarke Estate.

7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

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

No appointments were made.

16. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

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

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

17. **EXECUTIVE TEAM REPORTS**

Ana Alvarez, Director of Community Services, reminded the City Council of National Children's Week and invited everyone to participate in the Child Care Facilities Open Houses.

Ms. Alvarez also invited the City Council to the 20th Anniversary of Children's Day at Heritage Park on Saturday.

18. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Velasco, at 7:48 p.m., adjourned the City Council meeting in the memory of Raul Canales, long-time Santa Fe Springs resident.

Gustavo R. Velasco
Mayor

ATTEST:

Adria M. Jimenez
Deputy City Clerk