

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS
MAY 8, 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, Putnam, Rounds, Serrano, Mayor Velasco

Also present: Thaddeus McCormack sitting in for 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; Paul Martinez sitting in for Jose Gomez, Director of Finance & Administrative Services; Alex Rodriguez, Fire Chief

11. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Minutes

- A. City Council Meeting of April 24, 2008

Recommendation: That the City Council approve as submitted.

City Engineer's Report

- B. Resolution Nos. 9100 and 9101 - Lighting District No. 1

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 9100 approving the Engineer's Report for annual levy of assessment for Santa Fe Springs Lighting District No. 1; and adopt Resolution No. 9101 declaring its intention to provide for an annual levy and collection of assessments for Lighting District No. 1 and setting the Public Hearing for the Council meeting of June 12, 2008.

Award of Bid

- C. Award Bid to Wondries Fleet Division for a Dump Body Super Crew Cab Truck

Recommendation: That the City Council award a bid to Wondries Fleet Division and allow the Director of Purchasing Services to issue a purchase order to process the transaction.

Conference and Meeting Reports

- D. Mayor Velasco's and Councilmember Serrano's Attendance at the Annual Gonsalves Client Cities Legislative Appreciation Dinner

Recommendation: That the City Council receive and file the report.

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

12. **ORDINANCE FOR PASSAGE**

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 waive further reading and adopt 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 read 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

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez moved to waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 991. Councilmember Rounds seconded the motion, which carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Gonzalez, Putnam, Rounds, Serrano, Mayor Velasco

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

NEW BUSINESS

13. Approval of Closure of the Police Services Center on Saturdays

Recommendation: That the City Council approve staff's recommendation to close the Police Services Center on Saturdays; authorize the Director of Police Services to enter into an agreement for alarm monitoring services with Santa Fe Alarm; approve staff's recommendation to reduce the amount of Whittier Police Department non-sworn staff members by one.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez moved to approve Item No. 13. Councilmember Rounds seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

14. Approval of Agreement with the City of Norwalk for the Shoemaker Avenue North of Alondra Boulevard Emergency Water Interconnect

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the Agreement with the City of Norwalk to construct, operate and maintain an emergency water connection between the cities of Norwalk and Santa Fe Springs Water Systems on Shoemaker Avenue north of Alondra Boulevard; and authorize the Mayor to execute said Agreement.

15. Resolution No. 9103 – Request for Parking Restriction on McCann Drive and Jordan Circle

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 9103, which would prohibit the parking of vehicles weighing over 6,000 pounds to be implemented along the north side of McCann Drive west of Jordan Circle and the west side of Jordan Circle north of McCann Drive and implement a tow-away zone for vehicles that violate the restriction.

16. Resolution No. 9104 – Approval of the Agreement with California Department of Transportation for Section 190 Funds for the Valley View Avenue Grade Separation Project

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 9104 approving the Agreement with the California Department of Transportation for the allocation of \$5,000,000 from the State Grade Separation Program (Section 190) for the construction of the Valley View Avenue Grade Separation; and authorize the Mayor to execute the Agreement.

17. Resolution No. 9105 - Authorizing Participation in the Los Angeles County Single-Use Bag Reduction and Recycling Program

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 9105 approving participation in the Los Angeles County Single-Use Bag Reduction and Recycling Program; and authorize the City Manager to take appropriate actions necessary to implement the Program.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez moved to approve Item Nos. 14, 15, 16 and 17. Councilmember Putnam seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

RECESS

Mayor Velasco, at 6:10 p.m., recessed the City Council meeting to go into Closed Session.

RECONVENE

Mayor Velasco, at 7:08 p.m., reconvened the City Council meeting with all Councilmembers present.

3. **INVOCATION**

Councilmember Putnam gave the Invocation.

4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Youth Leadership Committee led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTIONS

5. Representatives from the Youth Leadership Committee

The members introduced themselves.

6. Representatives from the Chamber of Commerce

Lisa Boyajian was present representing the Chamber.

Fernando Tarin, Director of Police Services, entered the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

PRESENTATIONS

8. Santa Fe Springs 41st Annual Youth Citizenship Award Recipients

Julie Herrera, Public Relations Specialist, introduced the recipients as follows: \$250 Recipients: Evelin Alas, Megan O'Connell, Cassandra Rodriguez, Amanda Zamora; \$500 Recipients: Richard Cardenas, Jr., Paulina Flores, Cynthia Munoz; \$750 Recipients: Teresa Alvarez, Patricia Arteaga, Christopher Felix. Each recipient was presented with a check and a binder; pictures with Council followed.

9. Presentation to Richard Cardenas, Jr. Upon Achievement of His Eagle Scout Award

Thaddeus McCormack, Assistant to the City Manager, introduced Richard Cardenas. Mayor Velasco presented him with a certificate; pictures with Councilmembers and family members followed.

10. Proclaiming the Week of May 18-24, 2008 as "National Public Works Week"

Mayor Velasco called upon City Clerk Barbara Earl to read the proclamation, which was presented to the Public Works Management Team. Pictures with Council followed.

Don Jensen, Director of Public Works, gave Council a status report on the Valley View Avenue/Railroad tragedy and commended Public Works staff on their efforts to complete the necessary repairs to the area and restore traffic flow.

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

No appointments were made.

19. Leave of Absence – Winnie Shaack

Councilmember Putnam approved Item No. 19. Councilmember Serrano seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

20. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

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

Having no one come forward, Oral Communications were declared closed.

21. **EXECUTIVE TEAM REPORTS**

Fernando Tarin, Director of Police Services, advised Council that the Click-It or Ticket campaign would run from May 12-June 1st in the Whittier and Santa Fe Springs areas and that crosswalk enforcement would be taking place during the next two weeks.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez wished all of the mothers in the audience a Happy Mother's Day.

22. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Velasco, at 7:45 p.m., adjourned the City Council meeting in the memories of Warren Jannak, husband of former City Clerk Marilyn Jannak; Aurora Mitra Schtakleff, mother of Human Resources Manager Andrea Cutler; and Mary Lou Lopez and Aletha Perez, both long-time Santa Fe Springs residents.

Gustavo R. Velasco
Mayor

ATTEST:

Barbara Earl, CMC
City Clerk