

**MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS  
JUNE 26, 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: 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; Maricela Balderas sitting in for Ana Alvarez, Director of Community Services; Jose Gomez, Director of Finance & Administrative Services; Fire Chief Alex Rodriguez

14. **PUBLIC HEARING - ORDINANCE FOR PASSAGE**

Ordinance No. 992 – An Ordinance of the City of Santa Fe Springs Amending the Santa Fe Springs Municipal Code Regarding Procedures Regulating Graffiti and Graffiti Abatement

**Recommendation:** That the City Council waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 992.

City Attorney Skolnik read Ordinance No. 992 by title as follows: An Ordinance of the City of Santa Fe Springs Amending the Santa Fe Springs Municipal Code Regarding Procedures Regulating Graffiti and Graffiti Abatement.

Mayor Velasco opened the Public Hearing and invited interested parties to come forward to address the Council.

Having no one come forward, Mayor Velasco closed the Public Hearing.

Councilmember Rounds moved to adopt Ordinance No. 992. Councilmember Serrano seconded the motion, which carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

15. **PUBLIC HEARING - ORDINANCE FOR PASSAGE**

Ordinance No. 993 – An Ordinance of the City of Santa Fe Springs Amending Chapter 95 (Nuisances) of the City Code, in its Entirety, as it relates to Property Maintenance (City of Santa Fe Springs)

**Recommendation:** That the City Council waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 993.

City Attorney Skolnik read Ordinance No. 993 by title as follows: An Ordinance of the City of Santa Fe Springs Amending Chapter 95 of the City Code.

Mayor Velasco opened the Public Hearing and invited interested parties to come forward to address the Council.

Having no one come forward, Mayor Velasco closed the Public Hearing.

Councilmember Putnam moved to adopt Ordinance No. 993. Councilmember Rounds seconded the motion, which carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

16. **CONSENT AGENDA**

**Minutes**

A. City Council Meeting of June 12, 2008

**Recommendation:** That the City Council approve as submitted.

**City Engineer's Reports**

B. Resolution No. 9119 – Parking Restrictions on Street Sweeping Days for Alburdis Avenue South of Telegraph Road

**Recommendation:** That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 9119 prohibiting parking on Tuesdays between 5:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. for street sweeping purposes on the east side of Alburdis Avenue between Dunning Street and Telegraph Road.

**Award of Bid**

C. Award Bid to Total Fire Group for Personal Protective Equipment

**Recommendation:** That the City Council award a bid to Total Fire Group and allow the Director of Purchasing Services to issue a purchase order to process the transaction.

**Treasurer's Reports**

D. Treasurer's Reports for the Month of May, 2008

**Recommendation:** That the City Council receive and file the Treasurer's Reports for the month of May, 2008.

E. **Conference and Meeting Reports**

No reports were submitted.

City Manager Latham advised that Item 16-C had been amended. The bid had originally gone out for 12 suits. Staff would like to purchase an additional 12 suits for a total of 24; the additional suits will not affect the original appropriation amount.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez inquired as to the purpose of Item 16-B.

Don Jensen, Director of Public Works, advised that because of resident parking, the street was not getting swept. The adoption of this resolution will ensure that the entire street is maintained.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez moved to approve the Consent Agenda, including Items 16-A, 16-B, 16-C, and 16-D. Councilmember Putnam seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

17. Approval of Proposed Modifications to the FY 2008-09 City Budget

**Recommendation:** That the City Council adopt the modifications to the FY 2008-09 City Budget, and in doing so approve the related documents and actions.

City Manager Latham advised Council of the supplemental report that was also before them.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez inquired as to whether the Revised Budget had the approval of the two employee associations as well as the management team.

City Manager Latham confirmed that all three groups had given their approval as evidenced by Item Nos. 20, 21 and 22 on the Agenda.

Mayor Velasco stated that he would like to defer the Heritage Park ranger budget at this time.

City Manager Latham stated that staff can bring that item back at a later time after Council has had the opportunity to further review it.

City Manager Latham noted that one of the substantial modifications to the ranger budget was a \$60,000 savings by making changes to staffing levels, going from seven days a week to two days a week and holidays and weekends.

Councilmember Serrano moved to approve Item No. 17. Councilmember Putnam seconded the motion, which carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

18. Resolution No. 9120 Approving and Authorizing the California Integrated Waste Management Board 2008/2009 14<sup>th</sup> Cycle Used Oil Block Grant Application

**Recommendation:** That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 9120 approving participation through the California Integrated Waste Management Board for the 2008/2009 14<sup>th</sup> Cycle Used Oil Recycling Block Grant and designate the City Manager to execute all necessary applications, contracts, payment requests, agreements, and amendments for the Grant.

19. Resolution No. 9121 – Establishing the City’s Contribution to the Public Employees’ Retirement System for Safety and General Employees

**Recommendation:** That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 9121, which establishes the City’s share of contributions to the Public Employees’ Retirement System for safety and general employees.

20. Approval of Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Santa Fe Springs and the Santa Fe Springs Employees’ Association, Inc.

**Recommendation:** That the City Council approve the Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Santa Fe Springs (SFS) Employees’ Association, Inc. and authorize the City Manager to execute said Amendment.

21. Approval of Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Santa Fe Springs and the Santa Fe Springs Firefighters' Association, Inc.

**Recommendation:** That the City Council approve the Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Santa Fe Springs (SFS) Firefighters' Association, Inc., and authorize the City Manager to execute said Amendment.

22. Approval of Management Team Compensation Package for Fiscal Year 2008/09

**Recommendation:** That the City Council extend the compensation package authorized for the Santa Fe Springs Employees' Association to the City Management Team and Confidential employees, and authorize the City Manager to implement the modification of the compensation package.

23. Reconsideration of Alcohol Sales Conditional Use Permit Case No. 16  
Request for approval to allow the continued sales of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption at a restaurant known as El Unico, located in the M-2, Heavy Manufacturing, Zone at 14060 Gannet Street, Suite 101. (Rodrigo Pina Ramos, Owner)

**Recommendation:** That the City Council approve Reconsideration of Alcohol Sales Conditional Use Permit Case No. 16 subject to the conditions of approval as contained in the staff report.

24. Request for Approval of a Recyclable Material Dealer Permit for California Waste Services, Inc. (Gardena, CA)

**Recommendation:** That the City Council approve the issuance of Recyclable Material Dealer Permit No. 10 to California Waste Services, Inc. for a period of one year, subject to the conditions of approval as contained within the staff report.

25. Authorization to Purchase Digital Dictation Equipment for the Santa Fe Springs Policing Team

**Recommendation:** That the City Council approve utilizing existing funds in the Fiscal Year 2007/08 budget allocation for digital dictation equipment in the amount of \$39,342.27; and authorize the Director of Purchasing Services to issue purchase orders as needed to facilitate the purchase of dictation equipment from Nuance Dictaphone.

Councilmember Serrano moved to approve Item Nos. 18-25. Councilmember Putnam seconded the motion, which carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

26. Request for Approval to Enter into a Contract Agreement with Scott Fazekas & Associates for Building Plan Review Services

**Recommendation:** That the City Council approve entering into an agreement with Scott Fazekas & Associates for the purpose of providing building plan check services on an as-needed basis; and authorize the Director of Planning and Development to execute the Consultant Contract Agreement.

Councilmember Serrano requested that Item No. 26 be deferred.

Discussion ensued regarding the reasons behind the decision to enter into an outside contract. Upon completion of the discussion, it was decided that Council required additional information and the item would be deferred to the next Council meeting.

City Attorney Skolnik suggested that Council designate two Councilmembers to meet with staff to address issues and give input in order to prevent any Brown act violations.

Upon unanimous consent by the Council, Councilmembers Serrano and Rounds were so designated.

**SUBSEQUENT NEED ITEM**

Approval of Project Baseline Agreement to Secure TCIF Funding for the Valley View Avenue Grade Separation Project

**Recommendation:** That the City Council approve the Project Baseline Agreement for the ACE Gateway – Valley View Grade Separation Project and authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement.

City Manager Latham advised that two Subsequent Need Items were also before the Council. 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.

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

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

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Councilmember Serrano moved the recommendation. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**SUBSEQUENT NEED ITEM**

Authorization to Conduct a Mariachi Festival Concert to Benefit the Family and Human Services Fund

**Recommendation:** That the City Council authorize staff to conduct a Mariachi Festival, a fundraising activity to benefit the Family & Human Services Fund, on Friday, August 15, 2008 as an extension of the City's Stargaze Concert Series; that the City Council authorize an appropriation of \$42,030 from the General Fund Contingency Reserve to offset upfront operation costs associated with the Mariachi Festival; and that the City Council authorize a deposit of all revenues generated from this event to the Family & Human Services Fund after reimbursing the City's General Fund Contingency Reserve for all start-up costs.

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

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

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez moved the recommendation. Councilmember Rounds seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**RECESS**

Mayor Velasco, at 6:40 p.m., recessed the Council meeting to go into Closed Session.

3. **CLOSED SESSION**

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9

Number of cases: 1

## **RECONVENE**

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

### 4. **INVOCATION**

Councilmember Rounds gave the Invocation.

### 5. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Youth Leadership Committee members led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **INTRODUCTIONS**

### 6. Representatives from the Youth Leadership Committee

Those members who were present came forward and introduced themselves.

### 7. Representatives from the Chamber of Commerce

Wendy Meador, Tangram Interiors, was present.

### 8. Introduction of New Santa Fe Springs Policing Team Member

Captain Petropulos introduced Whittier Police Officer Carl Martin. Mayor Velasco welcomed Office Martin to the City.

### 9. Introduction of New City Employees

Wayne Bergeron, Management Assistant, introduced Instructor Lifeguard Samantha Quintanar and explained that the other employees were currently working and could not attend the Council meeting. Mayor Velasco welcomed Ms. Quintanar to the City.

### 10. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

City Manager Latham announced that Audio/Visual Specialist James Villanueva had secured a full-time job in Monterey Park. He invited Council to attend a going-away reception on Monday, June 30 at 2:30 p.m.

Mayor Velasco announced that Councilmember Putnam will be celebrating her birthday on July 4. A cake was brought out. Mayor Velasco led the audience in singing Happy Birthday to her.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### 11. Teacher of the Year Award Presentations to the Teachers from the Los Nietos and Whittier Union High School Districts

Julie Herrera, Public Relations Specialist, introduced Michelle Thomason, Los Nietos School District, and Dan Esquerra, Whittier Union High School District. Mayor Velasco presented each with a crystal apple and certificates from



Congresswoman Grace Napolitano; pictures with Council and family members followed.

12. Presentation to Greg Hernandez, Operations Manager for Valvoline  
Kim Sawyer, Public Safety Education Officer, introduced Greg Hernandez and congratulated him on completing the 12-hour Business Emergency Preparedness Network core training classes. Mayor Velasco presented him with a certificate; pictures with Council followed.

13. Proclaiming the Month of July as "Parks and Recreation Month"  
Mayor Velasco called upon City Clerk Barbara Earl to read the proclamation. He then presented it to members of the Parks and Recreation Committee; pictures with Council followed.

27. **APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS**  
No appointments were made.

28. Leave of Absence  
City Manager Latham advised that Councilmember Serrano had requested to defer this item to the next Council meeting, at which time he will ask Council to establish a policy on committee-related absences.

29. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**  
Janie Aguirre, 11420 Clarkman Street, thanked the Police Service Center for the signs they had posted in front of the high school as well as for responding to a call in her neighborhood.

Steve Masura, Redevelopment Manager, gave an overview of the Bike to Work Day events and congratulated each of the 23 riders who participated.

Eddie Ramirez, Family & Human Services Supervisor, gave a report on the Santa Fe Springs/Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital Joint Oversight Committee.

30. **EXECUTIVE TEAM REPORTS**  
Paul Ashworth, Director of Planning, wished everyone a Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Alex Rodriguez, Fire Chief, advised that two crews were dispatched to Chico and would probably be there until Tuesday, at which time two more crews will be sent out.

Councilmember Rounds inquired whether signs will be set out warning against using illegal fireworks and also whether patrols would be out for enforcement purposes.

Fernando Tarin, Director of Police Services, confirmed that signs will be put out and patrol units will be on the streets looking for illegal fireworks.

City Manager Latham thanked Council for their guidance and support during the budget process.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez commended staff and also Mayor Velasco and Councilmember Serrano for the roles they played in bringing the clinic to Santa Fe Springs; he stated that he would like to receive a yearly status report.

**RECESS**

Mayor Velasco, at 8:05 p.m., recessed the Council meeting to go into Closed Session.

31. **RECONVENE/ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Velasco, at 10:30 p.m., reconvened the City Council meeting and immediately adjourned it to Tuesday, July 8, 2008, 6:00 p.m.

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Gustavo R. Velasco  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Barbara Earl, CMC  
City Clerk