

**MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS
JANUARY 10, 2008**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

2. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Councilmembers Gonzalez, Rounds, Velasco, Mayor Serrano

Excused: Councilmember Putnam

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

11. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Minutes

- A. December 13, 2007 City Council Minutes

Conference and Meeting Reports

- B. No reports were submitted.

City Engineer's Report

- C. Resolution No. 9086 – Request for Parking Restriction on Alondra Boulevard

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 9086, which would prohibit the parking of vehicles weighing over 6,000 pounds to be implemented along Alondra Boulevard east of Carmenita Road and implement a tow-away zone for vehicles that violate the restriction.

New Business

- D. Request to Increase the Mileage Reimbursement Rate for Personal Vehicles Used for City Purposes

Recommendation: That the City Council, with an effective date of January 1, 2008, increase the City's mileage reimbursement rate to 50.5 cents in conformance with the Internal Revenue Service standard.

ORDINANCE FOR PASSAGE

12. Ordinance No. 986 – Amending City Code Sections 93.22 & 93.23 as They Relate to the City's Fireworks Regulations

Recommendation: That the City Council waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 986, an ordinance amending Sections 93.22 and 93.23 of the City's Municipal Code.

Councilmember Gonzalez inquired as to whether the vendors the City does business with had been informed of the Code amendment.

Thaddeus McCormack, Assistant to the City Manager, stated they had not.

Councilmember Gonzalez moved to table Item No. 12 until the vendors had been informed.

City Attorney Skolnik suggested that a substitute motion be made to bring back Item No. 12 to the next meeting. No objections were made.

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION

13. Ordinance No. 987 – Revising Salaries of City Councilmembers

Recommendation: That the City Council pass the first reading of Ordinance No. 987 revising salaries of City Councilmembers.

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

14. **NEW BUSINESS**

Request by the Whittier Union High School District for Funding Assistance to Install Security and Safety Measures at Santa Fe High School

Recommendation: That the City Council appropriate \$3,150 from the General Fund Contingency Reserve to cover the cost of the proposed project; and authorize the Director of Purchasing Services to issue purchase orders as needed to facilitate the installation of security fencing at Santa Fe High School as recommended by the Director of Police Services.

Councilmember Gonzalez moved to approve Item No. 14. Councilmember Velasco seconded the motion, which carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Gonzalez, Rounds, Velasco, Mayor Serrano

NOES:

ABSENT: Putnam

ABSTAIN:

RECESS

Mayor Serrano, at 6:15 p.m., recessed the City Council meeting to go into Closed Session for the Community Development Commission.

RECONVENE

Mayor Serrano, at 7:32 p.m., reconvened the City Council meeting with all Councilmembers present.

3. **INVOCATION**

Mayor Pro Tem Velasco gave the Invocation.

4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilmember Rounds led the Pledge of Allegiance.

10. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

Anita Jimenez, Sister City Liaison, updated the Council on Sister City-related items.

A news clip was played of Councilmember Gonzalez' Rose Float interview.

Councilmember Rounds thanked Committee members and volunteers for their hard work and dedication to making the Rose Float a success.

Mayor Serrano thanked Councilmember Putnam for her role as a Council Liaison to the entire 50th Anniversary celebration, including the Rose Float.

Councilmember Gonzalez thanked the volunteers and thanked the Council for the opportunity to represent the City in the interview.

COUNCIL RE-ORGANIZATION

5. Selection of Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, Liaisons to Various City Committees and Representatives to Governmental Organizations

City Attorney Skolnik explained that the re-organization process would begin with Mayor Serrano resigning his position as Mayor.

Mr. Serrano resigned his position as Mayor.

Mayor Pro Tem Velasco called for nominations for Mayor.

Mr. Serrano nominated Mr. Velasco. Mr. Rounds seconded the nomination. There were no objections.

Mayor Velasco called for nominations for Mayor Pro Tem. Mr. Rounds nominated Mr. Gonzalez. Mr. Serrano seconded the nomination. There were no objections.

Mayor Velasco thanked Council for the opportunity to represent the City. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez also thanked the Council and stated that he looked forward to working alongside Mayor Velasco for the next year. Messrs. Serrano and Velasco made presentations to their spouses; a presentation of artwork was made to Mr. Serrano as the outgoing Mayor; comments were given by each of the Councilmembers; pictures followed each of the presentations.

City Manager Latham walked Council through liaison appointments to various City committees, organizations and associations, noting that appointments made due to Councilmember Putnam's absence would be done on an interim basis. It was specifically noted that Mayor Velasco would serve as the Director to the Sanitation District, and Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez would serve as the alternate.

No objections were made; Mayor Velasco so ordered the appointments.

INTRODUCTIONS

6. Representatives from the Chamber of Commerce
Kathie Fink, Chamber CEO, and Marc Essensa of McKesson were present representing the Chamber.
7. Representatives from the Youth Leadership Committee
Those who were present came forward and introduced themselves.

PRESENTATIONS

8. Proclamation Declaring January 2008 as "National Blood Donor Month"
Mayor Velasco called upon City Clerk Barbara Earl to read the proclamation. Louis Ramirez, Red Cross representative, was present to accept it. Pictures with Council followed.
9. 2007 Christmas Home Decorating Contest Winners
Mayor Velasco called upon Barbara Earl, Contest Coordinator, to introduce the winners of the contest. Mayor Velasco presented each with a plaque; pictures with Council followed each presentation.

15. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS

Councilmember Rounds appointed Annette Rodriguez to the Community Program Committee; Susan Johnston to the Sister City Committee; Amanda Zamora to the Youth Leadership Committee; and re-appointed Ted Radoumis to the Traffic Commission.

Councilmember Serrano re-appointed Michael Madrigal to the Planning Commission and Sally Gaitan to the Traffic Commission.

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**

Paul Ashworth, Director of Planning and Development, congratulated Councilmember Serrano on his successful term as Mayor and extended congratulations to Mayor Velasco and Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez on their appointments on behalf of the Executive Team and staff.

Mr. Latham thanked the volunteers who worked on the Rose parade float and the entire Department of Community Services for all of their hard work and many well-attended events that they put on during the holiday season.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez thanked the Community Services staff for the quality holiday events that they organized and staffed.

Councilmember Rounds thanked the residents for their involvement and commitment to the City of Santa Fe Springs; thanked staff in all of the departments for their roles in the holiday events; and thanked Councilmember Serrano for his leadership as Mayor the past year.

Councilmember Serrano presented to Council and the audience the City newsletter, which was a culmination of the various 50th events that had taken place during the past year.

18. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Velasco, at 8:50 p.m., adjourned the City Council meeting in the memory of Maria Lou Earl, mother-in-law of City Clerk Barbara Earl.

Gustavo R. Velasco
Mayor

ATTEST:

Barbara Earl, CMC
City Clerk