

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Serrano, at 6:08 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

12. **CONSENT AGENDA**

**Minutes**

A. Adjourned City Council Meeting of December 20, 2007

B. City Council Meeting of January 10, 2008

**Conference and Meeting Reports**

C. Report Submitted by Councilmember Rounds

**Award of Bid**

D. Award Bid to Fisher Scientific for Scott Compressed Air Cylinders

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

**City Engineer's Report**

E. Street Rehabilitation Program (FY 2006/07) Final Progress Payment (Less 5% Retention Payable)

**Recommendation:** That the City Council approve the final progress payment (less 5% retention payable) to R.J. Noble Company, 15505 E. Lincoln, P.O. Box 620, Orange, CA, 92865-1015 in the amount of \$193,454.60 for the subject project, Activity No. 450-397-C317-4800.

**New Business**

- F. Award Order to 911 Vehicle for Communications Equipment and Installation

**Recommendation:** That the City Council award an order to 911 Vehicle and allow the Director of Purchasing Services to issue a purchase order to process the transaction.

- G. Award of Order to Reynolds Buick GMC

**Recommendation:** That the City Council authorize the Director of Purchasing Services to piggyback on Agreement Number 631143 between the City of Los Angeles and Reynolds Buick GMC for the purchase of a "Pothole Patch" truck.

- H. Resolution No. 9089 – Re-Appointment of City’s Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer

**Recommendation:** That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 9089 re-appointing the city Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer to their respective offices for the city, Community Development Commission and any other related City entity.

- I. Annual Statement of Investment Policy and Investment Consultant Review

**Recommendation:** That the City Council receive and file the City of Santa Fe Springs Investment Policy for calendar year 2008 and authorize the Director of Finance and Administrative Services to enter into an agreement with an investment consultant for an amount not to exceed \$12,000.

**Treasurer’s Reports**

- J. Treasurer’s Reports for the Month of December 2007

**Recommendation:** That the City Council receive and file the reports.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez moved to approve the Consent Agenda, Items A–J. Councilmember Serrano seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Councilmember Rounds gave a brief overview of his recent conference in Sacramento for new Councilmembers.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez questioned the expenditure for the pothole patch truck, Item G, and stated that he would like items such as these to be carefully reviewed and discussed in light of the budget crunch.

Further discussion ensued surrounding the budget and the process of reviewing items on a case-by-case basis.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

13. Resolution No. 9087 – Amendment of Water Rates and Related Charges

**Recommendation:** That the City Council acknowledge all written protests that have been received and verify that they do not exceed 50% of all City water customers; conduct a public hearing on the proposed water rate increase; adopt Resolution No. 9087 to amend water rates and service charges, effective February 1, 2008.

City Attorney Skolnik inquired as to whether any written protests had been received.

City Clerk Barbara Earl stated that none had been received.

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 Serrano moved to adopt Resolution No. 9087. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

14. **PUBLIC HEARING**

Approval of Programs/Projects Proposed for Funding during FY 2008-2009 under the City's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Cooperation Agreement with the County of Los Angeles

**Recommendation:** That the City Council conduct the Public Hearing; approve the appropriation of CDBG funds as described in the report; and authorize staff to transmit the planning documents to the County.

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

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

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez moved to approve the recommendations for Item No. 14. Councilmember Rounds seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**ORDINANCE FOR PASSAGE**

15. 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.

City Manager Latham inquired as to whether the vending companies had received copies of the ordinance.

Thaddeus McCormack, Assistant to the City Manager, stated they had received copies.

**ORDINANCE FOR PASSAGE**

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

**Recommendation:** That the City Council waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 987 revising salaries of City Councilmembers.

City Attorney Skolnik read Ordinance Nos. 986 and 987 by title.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez moved to waive further reading and adopt Ordinance Nos. 986 and 987. Councilmember Serrano seconded the motion, which carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Gonzalez, Rounds, Serrano, Mayor Velasco

NOES:

ABSENT: Putnam

ABSTAIN:

**NEW BUSINESS**

17. Consideration of a Proposal to Disband the General Plan and Community Development Advisory Committee

**Recommendation:** That the City Council disband the General Plan and Community Development Advisory Committee.

18. Request an Appropriation of \$58,000 for Contractual Services in the Department of Finance and Administrative Services

**Recommendation:** That the City Council appropriate \$58,000 to offset the percentage contingent costs associated with MBIA MuniServices’ contract to recover sales and use tax revenues for the City.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez moved to approve Item Nos. 17 and 18. Councilmember Serrano seconded the motion, which carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Gonzalez, Rounds, Serrano, Mayor Velasco

NOES:

ABSENT: Putnam

ABSTAIN:

### **RECESS**

Mayor Velasco, at 6:35 p.m., recessed the City Council meeting to go into Closed Session for the Community Development Commission.

### **RECONVENE**

Mayor Velasco, at 7:23 p.m., reconvened the City Council meeting with all Councilmembers present.

### 3. **INVOCATION**

The Invocation was given by Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez.

### 4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Rounds.

### **INTRODUCTIONS**

#### 5. Representatives from the Chamber of Commerce

Leighton Anderson was present representing the Chamber.

#### 6. Representatives from the Youth Leadership Committee

Those representatives who were present came forward and introduced themselves.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

#### 7. Presentation to Ron Carlson Upon His Retirement

Don Jensen, Director of Public Works, gave a brief overview of Ron's history with the City and thanked him for his service to the City. Mayor Velasco presented Ron with a jacket and a crystal clock. Pictures with Council and family members followed.

#### 8. Presentation of the 2007 Wal-Mart Store Grant to the Santa Fe Springs City Council Deferred to a future meeting.

#### 9. Presentation to the St. Paul High School Football Team

Mr. McCormack congratulated the players and coaches on being named the 2007 Western Division Champions and introduced Pete Gonzalez, Head Coach, who introduced the rest of the coaching staff, the players, Principal Frank Laurenzello and Athletic Director Mark Hernandez. Mayor Velasco presented a team photo to the coach and certificates to each of the players as well as a \$2,500 check to help pay for their championship rings.

10. 2007 Christmas Basket Program – Recognition of Donors  
Eddie Ramirez, Family and Human Services Supervisor, showed a short DVD on the basket assembly as well as the families picking up their baskets and toys and taking pictures with Santa. Mr. Ramirez introduced companies and individuals who donated to the program. Mayor Velasco presented them with plaques. Pictures with Council followed.

19. **APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS**  
Councilmember Rounds appointed Luigi Trujillo to the Parks & Recreation Committee.

Mayor Velasco appointed Margaret Bustos to the Senior Citizen Advisory Committee.

11. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
Wayne Bergeron, Management Assistant, updated the Community Events Calendar.

20. **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.

21. **EXECUTIVE TEAM REPORTS**  
Chief Rodriguez gave a status report on the three-alarm fire that took place in the City the week before and showed pictures of the scene. He concluded by stating the fire was determined to be accidental.

Jose Gomez, Director of Finance, advised that as a result of the fire, the City Hall experienced an electrical surge which affected the e-mail server. He gave kudos to the IT staff for working around the clock for several days to restore the system.

22. **ADJOURNMENT**  
Mayor Velasco, at 8:18 p.m., adjourned the City Council meeting to Tuesday, February 12, 2008, 6:00 p.m., Council Chambers, 11710 Telegraph Road, Santa Fe Springs.

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Gustavo R. Velasco  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Barbara Earl, CMC  
City Clerk