

MINUTES
JOINT ADJOURNED MEETINGS
OF THE
PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS
MAY 26, 2009

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson/Mayor Gonzalez, at 5:00 p.m., called the Public Financing Authority, Community Development Commission and City Council meetings to order.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Directors/Commissioners/Councilmembers Putnam, Rounds, Serrano, Velasco, Chairperson/Mayor Gonzalez

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; Dino Torres sitting in for Fernando Tarin, Director of Police Services; Ana Alvarez, Director of Community Services; Jose Gomez, Director of Finance & Administrative Services; Chris Crispo sitting in for Alex Rodriguez, Fire Chief

CLOSED SESSION

3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – INITIATION OF LITIGATION

Cases: 1

PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Public Financing Authority Meeting of April 23, 2009

Recommendation: That the Authority approve the Minutes as submitted.

Vice-Chairperson Putnam moved to approve the Minutes. Director Serrano seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

5. Monthly Report on the Status of Debt Instruments Issued through the City of Santa Fe Springs Public Financing Authority (PFA)

Recommendation: That the Authority receive and file the report.

Director Serrano moved to receive and file. Director Rounds seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

6. REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Paul Ashworth, Executive Director, reported that 47 HARP applications had been handed out to residents; the application period will end on Thursday at 5:00 p.m.; there has been lower participation in the program than expected.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes

Minutes of the Adjourned Community Development Commission Meeting of May 7, 2009

Recommendation: That the Commission approve the Minutes as submitted.

Commissioner Rounds moved to approve the Minutes. Commissioner Velasco seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

8. Approval of an Agreement for Professional Services, State of California, Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA)

Recommendation: That the Community Development Commission approve an agreement between the State of California, Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, and the CDC; and authorize the Executive Director to sign all necessary documents on behalf of the Commission.

9. Authorization to Reimburse Neville Chemical Company for Engineering and Design Costs to Relocate the Ground Water Treatment System at 12800 Imperial Highway, Santa Fe Springs

Recommendation: That the City Council authorize the Executive Director to execute a Letter of Agreement to reimburse Neville Chemical Company an amount not to exceed \$90,000 for costs associated with the engineering and design work required to relocate the Ground Water Treatment System (GWTS) located at 12800 Imperial Highway, Santa Fe Springs.

Commissioner Velasco moved to approve Item Nos. 8 and 9. Commissioner Serrano seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

10. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

Case: Bueno vs. City of Santa Fe Springs

Cases: 1

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR

Property: Villages at Heritage Springs – bounded by Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Avenue, Clark Street and Norwalk Boulevard

Negotiating Parties: Staff and Property Owner

Under Negotiation: Terms of Agreement

City Attorney Skolnik advised that Item No. 10 was discussed in the 5:00 hour and there was nothing to report out.

CITY COUNCIL

11. CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes

- A. Minutes of the Adjourned City Council Meeting of May 7, 2009

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

Treasurer's Report

- B. Treasurer's Report for the Month of April 2009

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

Conference and Meeting Report

- C. Councilmember Serrano's Attendance at the California Contract Cities Association 50th Annual Municipal Seminar

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

Award of Bid

- D. Award Bid to JTB Supply Company for Light Emitting Diode (LED) Traffic Signal Indicators

Recommendation: That the City Council award a bid to JTB Supply Company and allow the Director of Purchasing Services to issue a purchase order to process the transaction.

Termination of Contract

- E. Miscellaneous Street Repairs (FY 2008/09 Program)

Recommendation: That the City Council terminate a contract with D&L Paving of Yucaipa, California, in the amount of \$110,610.00; and authorize the City Engineer to re-advertise for construction bids for the Miscellaneous Street Repairs (FY 2008/09) Program.

New Business

- F. Resolution No. 9180 – Approval of a Letter of Agreement between the City of Santa Fe Springs and the City of La Mirada Regarding the Exchange of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds for Fiscal year 2009-2010

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 9180; and authorize the City Manager to execute any and all documents necessary to complete the exchange of funds on behalf of the City.

Councilmember Velasco moved to approve Item No. 11, including Item Nos. 11-A, 11-B, 11-C, 11-D, 11-E and 11-F. Mayor Pro Tem Putnam seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

12. Recommendation on Budget Alternatives for the 2009 Fiestas Patrias Community Event

Recommendation: That the City Council approve staff's recommendation as identified in Option III to modify the 2009 Fiestas Patrias community event to realize a savings of \$8,900 for the FY 2009-10 Budget appropriation.

Councilmember Velasco moved to approve item No. 12. Councilmember Rounds seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

13. Request to Adopt Resolutions Pertaining to the City's General Municipal Election to be Held Tuesday, November 3, 2009

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution Nos. 9081, 9082 and 9083, which pertain to the City's General Municipal Election to be held Tuesday, November 3, 2009.

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

14. Request for Approval of a Recyclable Materials Dealer Permit for Tomra Pacific, Inc. (Brian Jackson, Representative)

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the issuance of Recyclable Materials Dealer Permit No. 16 to Tomra Pacific, Inc. for a period of one year until June 30, 2010, subject to the conditions of approval.

Councilmember Velasco moved to approve Item No. 14. Councilmember Rounds seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Councilmember Rounds inquired as to the location of the recycling center.

Anita Jimenez, Project Coordinator, stated it was in the shopping center at 1541 Carmenita Road.

City Manager Latham advised that staff would determine the exact location within the shopping center and he would put the information in the Council Briefs.

Councilmember Velasco commented that this type of center is typically not well maintained and the employees tend to not be neat in their appearance. He suggested that employees should be required to wear uniforms.

City Manager Latham stated that staff would look at the City's ability to regulate the appearance of the location and its employees through a CUP condition.

15. Acceptance of State Homeland Security Grant Program Funds for Purchase of Breathing Apparatus

Recommendation: It is the Fire Chief's recommendation that the City Council accept the grant funds and authorize the purchase of 52 breathing apparatus with the associated equipment.

Mayor Pro Tem Putnam moved to approve Item No. 15. Councilmember Velasco seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

16. Appointment of Alternate Director to the Board of Directors of the Gateway COG 91/605/405 Committee

Recommendation: That the City Council appoint an Alternate Director to the Board of Directors of the Gateway COG 91/605/405 Committee.

Following discussion by Council, Mayor Gonzalez moved to appoint himself as Alternate Director and also to designate Councilmembers Putnam, Rounds and Velasco as Alternates to ensure that the City was well represented and able to vote at all future meetings of the Committee. Hearing no objection, Mayor Gonzalez ordered the motion.

17. Resolution No. 9184 – Setting and Revising Certain Fees

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 9184 setting and revising certain fees.

Councilmember Rounds moved to approve Item No. 17. Councilmember Velasco seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Councilmember Serrano inquired as to whether the revised fees would affect residents.

City Manager Latham stated that the new fees were primarily related to development.

Councilmember Serrano inquired as to the percentage of the rate adjustments.

City Manager Latham stated that the adjustment was generally 4%, some rates higher and some lower.

SUBSEQUENT NEED ITEM

City Opposition to the Governor's Proposal to Use Local Government Funds to Solve the State's Budget Woes

Recommendation: That the City Council declare its opposition to the Governor's proposal to "borrow" local government funds in order to help close the State's budget gap; and authorize the Mayor and/or City Manager to send a letter or other appropriate form of opposition to the Governor's proposal to the appropriate State officials.

City Attorney Skolnik advised that a Subsequent Need Item was 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 Putnam seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Councilmember Serrano moved the recommendation. Councilmember Rounds seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

RECESS

Mayor Gonzalez, at 6:20 p.m., recessed the meeting.

RECONVENE

Mayor Gonzalez, at 7:05 p.m., reconvened the meeting with all Directors/Commissioners/Councilmembers present.

18. INVOCATION

Councilmember Serrano gave the Invocation.

19. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Youth Leadership Committee members led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTIONS

20. Representatives from the Youth Leadership Committee

Those Committee members who were present introduced themselves.

21. Representatives from the Chamber of Commerce

Susan Crowell, Healthfirst Medical Group; Wendy Meador, Tangram Interiors; and Kathie Fink, Chamber CEO, were present.

22. Introduction of the 2009 Memorial Scholarship Program Recipients

Wayne Bergeron, Management Assistant, introduced the Mora Scholarship recipients: Aimee Arvidson, Sarah Llanes, Grace Olguin; Sandoval Scholarship recipients: Natalie Aguirre and Alan J. Esparza; and the Sharp Scholarship recipients: Jessica Andara and Hongphat Nguyen. Mayor Gonzalez presented each with a Certificate of Recognition and a check. Pictures with Council, family members and school officials were taken.

23. Introductions of the 2009 Destiny Scholarship Recipients & Powell Grant Recipient
Susan Crowell, Youth Enrichment Fund Board Member, introduced Bernadette Gomez, Destiny Scholarship recipient; and Grace Olguin, Powell Grant recipient. She noted that the recipients would receive their checks at the Destiny Fund Dinner, which will be held on June 19 at 7:00 p.m. at the Hacienda Golf Club.

24. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Wayne Bergeron, Management Assistant, updated the Community Events Calendar.

PRESENTATIONS

25. Presentation to Dr. Monica Oviedo and Harry Yessian Upon Their Re-Assignment to Pioneer High School

Mayor Gonzalez called upon Sandy Thorstenson, WUHSD Superintendent, to make the presentations. Ms. Thorstenson introduced School Board Members Leighton Anderson and Tim Snyder, gave an overview of the re-organization of staff that would be taking place within the District ; thanked Dr. Oviedo and Mr. Yessian for their service to the students of Santa Fe High School and for their willingness to accept their new assignments; and introduced Kevin Jamero as Santa Fe's new principal. Mayor Gonzalez presented Dr. Oviedo and Mr. Yessian with tokens of appreciation from the Council; pictures with Council, School Administration, and Board Members were taken.

26. "Every 15 Minutes" Program

The presentation was deferred to a future Council meeting.

27. Presentation to Participants Who Successfully Completed the Business Emergency Preparedness Network Core Training Classes

Darryl Pedigo, Public Safety Officer, gave an overview of the program and introduced those business representatives who successfully completed the training. Mayor Gonzalez presented each with a Certificate of Recognition; pictures with Council were taken.

APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS

28. Committee Appointments

Councilmember Velasco appointed Margaret Bustos to the Beautification Committee and Madalin Marquez to the Youth Leadership Committee.

29. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Jessica Andara, Sharp Memorial Scholarship recipient, thanked Mayor Gonzalez and Councilmember Rounds for their participation in the selection process.

Mayor Gonzalez and Councilmember Rounds thanked Jessica for participating in the process and congratulated her on being a recipient.

John Gonzalez, 10018 Jersey Avenue, addressed Council regarding a trash problem, including crack pipes, behind Jax Market, which was causing a cockroach problem for him and his neighbors. He also brought to their attention that semi-trucks were parking in front of homes and knocking down trees; because of this, he presently did not have a tree in front of his home and he would like to have one. He produced pictures documenting his complaints.

Mayor Gonzalez thanked Mr. Gonzalez for bringing the matters to Councils' attention and assured him that staff would follow up with him after investigating the issues.

30. EXECUTIVE TEAM REPORTS

Paul Ashworth, Director of Planning, called upon Steve Masura, Redevelopment Manager, to give a presentation on the Bike to Work Program. Mr. Masura was pleased to advise that participation was up from last year with 27 employees participating. He also presented pictures of participants and provided various statistics, including gas savings and miles logged.

Don Jensen, Director of Public Works, advised Council of the delivery of eight modular units which will take place on May 27, the first phase in the process of creating a temporary library during the library renovation.

Jose Gomez, Director of Finance, advised Council that independent auditors will be at City Hall beginning on June 1 for three weeks.

City Manager Latham advised Council that he and Mr. Gomez had met with a reporter from the Whittier Daily News to discuss past, current and future actions of the Council regarding the City budget as well as State actions, which he expected to appear in a future newspaper article.

31. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Gonzalez, at 8:30 p.m., adjourned the meetings in the memories of Noemi Salinas and Bill Meraz, long-time residents, and Estela Wright, City employee.

Luis M. Gonzalez
Chairperson/Mayor

ATTEST:

Barbara Earl, CMC, City Clerk