

**MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY  
AND  
JOINT MEETINGS OF THE  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
CITY COUNCIL**

**CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS  
JUNE 11, 2009**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson/Mayor Gonzalez, at 6:20 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; Tom Lopez sitting in for Don Jensen, Director of Public Works; Dino Torres sitting in for Fernando Tarin, Director of Police Services; Hilary Keith sitting in for Ana Alvarez, Director of Community Services; Jose Gomez, Director of Finance & Administrative Services; Alex Rodriguez, Fire Chief

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Consideration of PFA Resolution No. 01-2009 Approving the First Amendment to the 2003 Installment Sale Agreement and the First Amendment to the 2005 Installment Sale Agreement and Authorizing Certain other Actions

City Attorney Skolnik advised the Authority that in considering Resolution No. 01-2009 before them, there were also companion items on the City Council and Commission Agendas, Item Nos. 20 and 8, respectively. He further advised that the City's Consultant, Andy Lazzaretto, as well as Don Hunt, Special Counsel, were present to answer any questions the Authority might have.

Chairperson Gonzalez opened the public hearing and invited interested parties to address the Authority.

Having no one come forward, Chairperson Gonzalez closed the public hearing.

Director Serrano moved to approve Resolution No. 01-2009 along with item Nos. 20 and 8. Director Rounds seconded the motion, which carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Putnam, Rounds, Serrano, Velasco, Gonzalez

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairperson Gonzalez, at 6:23 p.m., adjourned the Public Financing Authority Meeting.

## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

### **3. REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

City Manager Latham advised that Finance staff will be passing out to Council the Proposed Preliminary 2009-10 Budget, and he acknowledged the work that Jose Gomez and his staff had done. He requested that Council review the narrative section of the document, which will be the focus of the June 16 Budget Study Session.

### **4. CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **Minutes**

- A. Minutes of the Adjourned Community Development Commission Meeting of May 26, 2009

**Recommendation:** That the Commission approve the Minutes as submitted.

#### **Award of Contract**

- B. Villages Fountain (Southwest Corner of Telegraph Road and Bloomfield Avenue)

**Recommendation:** That the Commission accept the bids for the Villages fountain and award the contract to the lowest, responsible bidder, if acceptable.

#### **City Engineer's Report**

- C. Little Lake Park Restroom Renovation – Final Progress Payment (Less 5% Retention)

**Recommendation:** That the Commission approve the final progress payment (less 5% retention) to Titanium Construction Group, Inc. of Norwalk, CA in the amount of \$15,071.08 for the subject project.

Noting that Item No. 4-B will be deferred to a future meeting, Vice-Chairperson

Putnam moved to approve the Consent Agenda, including Item Nos. 4-A and 4-C. Commissioner Serrano seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

5. Development Plan Approval Case No. 859

Request for approval to construct and maintain a new, freestanding sign on the approximately 6.76-acre site known as the Springs Commerce Center property located at 11540-11618 Washington Boulevard, in the C-4 and M-1, Community Commercial and Light Manufacturing, Zone.

**Recommendation:** That the Commission find that the construction and maintenance of a new, freestanding sign will not be detrimental to persons or properties in the surrounding area or to the City in general and will be in conformance with the overall purpose and objective of the Zoning Regulations and with the goals, policies and program of the City's General Plan; and approve Development Plan Approval Case No. 859, subject to the conditions of approval.

Commissioner Rounds moved to approve Item No. 5. Commissioner Velasco seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

6. Consideration of DRAFT Reports to the City Council for Amendment No. 4 to the Consolidated Redevelopment Project Area and Amendment No. 2 to the Washington Boulevard Project Area

**Recommendation:** That the Commission accept and file the Section 33352 Report to the City Council for Amendment No. 4 to the Consolidated Redevelopment Project Area; accept and file the Section 33352 Report to the City Council for Amendment No. 2 to the Washington Boulevard Project Area; and authorize the Executive Director to transmit a copy of each report to the City Council prior to the June 25<sup>th</sup> public hearings on the proposed Amendments.

Commissioner Serrano moved to approve Item No. 6. Vice-Chairperson Putnam seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

### **JOINT CITY COUNCIL/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

8. Consideration of Resolution No. 9185, Resolution No. 230-2009, and WUA Resolution No. 01-2009 Authorizing Creation of the Santa Fe Springs Water Utility Authority and Approving Related Agreements and Taking Certain other Actions

**Recommendation:** That the City Council hold a public hearing to consider approval of a joint exercise of powers agency to be designated the "Santa Fe Springs Water Utility Authority" concerning a long-term lease of the City water system; and adopt Resolution No. 9185 authorizing the creation of the Water Utility Authority, approving a lease agreement of the City's water system, and related actions; that the Commission adopt Resolution No. 230-2009 authorizing the creation of the Santa Fe

Springs Water Utility Authority; that the Authority adopt WUA Resolution No. 01-2009 approving and adopting by-laws and authorizing certain other actions; and that the City Council, Commission and Authority authorize their respective officers to sign all necessary documents.

Director Serrano moved to approve Resolution No. 01-2009 along with item Nos. 20 and 8. Director Rounds seconded the motion, which carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Putnam, Rounds, Serrano, Velasco, Gonzalez

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

## CITY COUNCIL

### 9. CONSENT AGENDA

#### **Minutes**

- A. Minutes of the Adjourned City Council Meeting of May 26, 2009

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

#### **City Engineer's Reports**

- B. Approval of Underground Facilities License for Phibro-Tech, Inc.

**Recommendation:** That the City Council approve the Underground Facilities License for Phibro-Tech, Inc. to operate a pressurized sewer line along Burke Street east of Dice Road.

- C. Approval of Parcel Map No. 70811 – Burke Street East of Norwalk Boulevard

**Recommendation:** That the City Council approve Parcel Map No. 70811; find that Parcel Map No. 70811, together with the provisions for its design and improvement, is consistent with the City's General Plan; and authorize the City Engineer and City Clerk to sign Parcel Map No. 70811.

- D. Resolution No. 9190 – Request for Parking Restriction on Bluejay Lane East of Millergrove Avenue

**Recommendation:** That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 9190 prohibiting parking between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., Mondays through Fridays except holidays, on the north side of Bluejay Lane east of Millergrove Avenue.

- E. Resolution No. 9188 – Declaring Intention to Levy Annual

Assessments for Heritage Springs Assessment District No. 2001-01 ( Hawkins Street and Palm Drive)

**Recommendation:** That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 9188 declaring its intention to levy annual assessments and setting the public hearing for the Council meeting of July 9, 2009.

**Conference and Meeting Report**

- F. Councilmember Serrano's Attendance at the League of California Cities 2009 Mayors and Councilmembers Executive Forum

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

**Award of Bid**

- G. Award of Bid to Valverde Construction to Supply and Install Training Props and Associated Equipment

**Recommendation:** That the City Council award a bid to Valverde Construction for \$150,000 and allow the Director of Purchasing Services to issue a purchase order to process the transaction.

Mayor Pro Tem Putnam moved to approve the Consent Agenda, including Item Nos. 9-A, 9-B, 9-C, 9-D, 9-E, 9-F and 9-G. Councilmember Rounds seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

Approval of Contract with the Los Angeles County Probation Department

**Recommendation:** That the City Council approve the contract with the Los Angeles County Probation Department for the Probation Officer position and, in so doing, authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement document.

Councilmember Velasco moved to approve Item No. 10. Mayor Gonzalez seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- 11. Adoption of Resolution No. 9186 Authorizing a Confidentiality Agreement with Holland & Knight and Resolution No. 9187 Granting Access to Confidential Records**

**Recommendation:** That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 9186 authorizing the contract with Holland & Knight as set forth in Exhibit A and Resolution No. 9187 allowing access to confidential records.

Councilmember Serrano moved to approve Item No. 11. Mayor Pro Tem Putnam seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- 12. Resolution No. 9189 – Adoption of Annual Appropriation Limit for Fiscal Year 2009-**

2010

**Recommendation:** That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 9189 adopting the appropriation limit for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 (roll call vote required).

Councilmember Serrano moved to approve Item No. 12. Mayor Pro Tem Putnam seconded the motion, which carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Putnam, Rounds, Serrano, Velasco, Gonzalez

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

**13. Application for Alcohol Sales Conditional Use Permit Case No. 49**

**Recommendation:** That the City Council approve Alcohol Sales Conditional use Permit case No. 49 for a period of one year until May 28, 2010, subject to the conditions of approval.

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

**14. Agreement with CalPERS to Prefund Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEBs) through the California Employers' Retiree Benefit Trust Fund (CERBT)**

**Recommendation:** That the City Council approve an agreement with the California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS) for trust administration in prefunding "Other Post Employment Benefits" (OPEB) and approve delegation of authority for disbursements from the OPEB trust.

**15. Eastside Transit Corridor Phase 2**

**Recommendation:** That the City Council direct the City Manager to advise MTA of the following: That the MTA should continue consideration of the Washington Boulevard alignment as a viable alternative provided that issues raised by the City can be resolved or mitigated by MTA staff; that the City has no objection to removing the SR-60 alignment from further consideration; and that the City has no preference regarding the Beverly Boulevard and Whittier Boulevard alignments.

**16. Solid Waste Collection Rates**

**Recommendation:** That the City Council maintain the rate structure as approved in June of 2008, inclusive of the subsequent recycling surcharge and tipping fee increases; and allow the haulers to increase the "overweight" charge for roll-off boxes and compactors from \$45 per overweight ton to \$55 per overweight ton.

Councilmember Serrano moved to approve Item Nos. 14, 15, and 16.  
Councilmember Rounds seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**17. Providing Direction to City Staff Regarding Certain Capital Improvement Project**

## Priorities

**Recommendation:** That the City Council provide direction to City staff regarding its timing and funding priorities for the Neighborhood Center Phase II and Activity Center Modernization Capital Improvement Projects, and, if the higher priority is given to the Activity Center Project, authorize the City Manager to offer the incentive fund's donor to the Neighborhood Center Phase II Project the opportunity to have his funds returned, if appropriate, with interest.

Councilmember Serrano moved to approve Item No. 17. Mayor Pro Tem Putnam seconded the motion.

City Manager Latham gave an overview of recent conversations with the benefactor as well as status on the projects.

Councilmember Rounds commented that he would prefer to complete the Activity Center first and the Neighborhood Center second because the Activity Center will benefit a lot more people; also, the Library was being renovated; there is no reason to have two libraries in a City of this size.

Councilmember Serrano stated that the estimated cost for the Activity Center was much higher and the funds were not available. If the Library were done first, it would give staff time to assemble funding for the Activity Center.

City Manager Latham gave an overview of the City's bond funding situation in the present market.

Mayor Gonzalez concurred that the Activity Center will provide service to a greater number of residents and it doesn't make sense to have two senior centers in the City.

Councilmember Velasco suggested that the childcare center be relocated to the Betty Wilson Center, which would save the City a lot of money on the current childcare lease. He further requested that the item be tabled and staff undertake a study to determine usage levels at each of the facilities.

City Attorney Skolnik suggested that the prior motion be taken off the table and Council consider Councilmember Velasco's motion to defer the item and direct staff to undertake a study to determine which facility had a higher usage level.

Councilmember Serrano moved to approve the motion as re-stated. Councilmember Velasco seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

City Manager Latham requested that he be given the authority, should the situation arise, to offer Mr. Gordon his money back.

Mayor Pro Tem Putnam moved to approve returning the money, if necessary. Councilmember Velasco seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

## **18. Appointment of Council Representative to July 17-18 Local Government Summit**

on Governance and Fiscal Reform

**Recommendation:** That the City Council designate a Councilmember to represent the City at the July 17-18 Local Government Summit on governance and Fiscal Reform.

Councilmembers Velasco and Serrano volunteered to attend the Summit. Hearing no objection, Mayor Gonzalez thanked them both for their willingness to represent the City.

**19. Extension of City Manager Employment Agreement to July 9, 2010 – Fourth Amendment**

**Recommendation:** That the City Council approve the Fourth Amendment to the City Council's Employment Agreement with the City Manager, the effect of which would be to extend the Agreement to July 9, 2010.

Councilmember Serrano moved to approve Item No. 19. Councilmember Rounds seconded the motion, which carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Putnam, Rounds, Serrano, Velasco

NOES: Gonzalez

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

**WATER UTILITY AUTHORITY**

**20. WUA Resolution No. 01-2009 Authorizing Creation of the Santa Fe Springs Water Utility Authority and Approving Related Agreements and Taking Certain other Actions**

**Recommendation:** That the Authority adopt WUA Resolution No. 01-2009 approving and adopting by-laws and authorizing certain other actions; and authorize their respective officers to sign all necessary documents.

Director Serrano moved to approve Resolution No. 01-2009 along with item Nos. 20 and 8. Director Rounds seconded the motion, which carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Putnam, Rounds, Serrano, Velasco, Gonzalez

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

**21. INVOCATION**

Councilmember Velasco gave the Invocation.

**22. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**



Youth Leadership members led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **INTRODUCTIONS**

23. Representatives from the Youth Leadership Committee  
Those who were present came forward and introduced themselves.
24. Representatives from the Chamber of Commerce  
Shannan Smith, AXA Advisors, was present.
25. Introduction of New Santa Fe Springs Policing Team Members  
Captain Aviv Bar introduced new policing team members Officer Jose Tinajero, Officer Jesse Benavente, and Sergeant Jim Uhl. Each of them thanked Council for the opportunity to serve the residents of the City of Santa Fe Springs.

### **26. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

City Manager Latham shared the news of the recent ordination of Dave Klunk, a former City employee, and also that the sales office was officially opened on Saturday at the Villages Housing Development.

Mr. Quimby, teacher at Lakeview Middle School, gave an overview of the recent trip to Washington, DC, and thanked Council for their continued support of the program. He invited the students to present Council with a token of their appreciation and also to share their scrapbooks.

Thaddeus McCormack, Assistant to the City Manager, introduced Sal Garcia, wrestling coach at Santa Fe High School, and announced that the team had won the CIF Division 3 Championship. Mr. Garcia thanked the Council for their support and introduced the team members. Mayor Gonzalez presented each member with a Certificate of Recognition; pictures with Council were taken.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

27. Introduction of the Pete Vallejo Memorial Scholarship Recipient  
Mayor Gonzalez called upon Robert Mora, representing the Firefighters' Association, to give an overview of the scholarship criteria and announce the recipient, Brian Castellanos. Pictures with Council and Brian's family were taken.

### **SUBSEQUENT NEED ITEM**

Resolution No. 9192 – Opposing Central Basin Municipal Water District's Proposed Rate Increases for Fiscal year 2009/2010

**Recommendation:** That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 9192 and authorize the Mayor to submit a letter to Central Basin Municipal Water District formally opposing the rate increase.

### **SUBSEQUENT NEED ITEM**

Potential Funding for Norwalk Boulevard/Los Nietos Road Grade Separations

**Recommendation:** That the City Council direct the City Manager to send a letter to Caltrans Division of Rail indicating the City's support for Caltrans efforts to obtain stimulus funding for the Norwalk Boulevard/Los Nietos Road grade separations.

City Attorney Skolnik 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 both of these items met the criteria.

Councilmember Velasco moved to add both Subsequent Need Items to the Agenda. Councilmember Serrano seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Councilmember Rounds moved to approve the recommendations for both items. Councilmember Serrano seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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

No appointments were made.

**29. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Mayor/Chairperson Gonzalez opened Oral Communications and invited interested parties to come forward to address the Council/Commission.

Having no one come forward, Mayor/Chairperson Gonzalez closed Oral Communications.

**30. EXECUTIVE TEAM REPORTS**

Mayor Gonzalez commented that the San Gabriel Valley News had recently run a story about the City cutting back on personnel, which is inaccurate. He encouraged Council and staff not to purchase or place ads in their newspapers.

Mayor Pro Tem Putnam clarified that she was not of the same opinion.

Fire Chief Rodriguez wished Council and Staff a Happy Father's Day.

**RECESS**

Mayor Gonzalez, at 8:02 p.m., recessed the meetings to go into Closed Session.

**CLOSED SESSION**

**7. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION**

**Case:** Bueno vs. City of Santa Fe Springs

**Cases:** 1

**31. RECONVENE/ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Gonzalez, at 8:30 p.m., reconvened the Community Development Commission and City Council meetings and immediately adjourned them in the memories of Celia Alva, long-time resident and patron of the Neighborhood Center, Josefa Peraza, grandmother of City employee Monica Rincon; and Sheldon Singer, father of Police Chief David Singer, to Tuesday, June 16, 2009 at 6:00 p.m., for a Joint Adjourned Meeting of the Council and the Commission to be held in Council Chambers, 11710 Telegraph Road, Santa Fe Springs.

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Luis M. Gonzalez  
Chairperson/Mayor

ATTEST:

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Barbara Earl, CMC, City Clerk