

**MINUTES**

**JOINT MEETINGS OF THE  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
CITY COUNCIL**

**CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS  
JULY 9, 2009**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson/Mayor Gonzalez, at 6:07 p.m., called the Community Development Commission and City Council meetings to order.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Present: 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; Fernando Tarin, Director of Police Services; Carole Joseph sitting in for Ana Alvarez, Director of Community Services; Jose Gomez, Director of Finance & Administrative Services; Alex Rodriguez, Fire Chief

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

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

No reports were given.

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

**Minutes**

- A. Minutes of the Community Development Commission Meeting of June 25, 2009

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

**Appropriation of Funds**

- B. Sorensen Avenue Sidewalk Improvements

**Recommendation:** That the Commission appropriate \$180,000 from the Washington Boulevard Redevelopment Fund for the installation of sidewalk improvements on Sorensen Avenue between Slauson Avenue and Washington Boulevard.

Commissioner Serrano moved to approve the Consent Agenda, including Item Nos. 4-A and 4-B. Vice-Chairperson Putnam seconded the motion, which carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Putnam, Rounds, Serrano, Velasco, Gonzalez

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

### **NEW BUSINESS**

5. Resolution No. 236-2009 – Request for Advance to the Community Development Commission for Purposes of the Washington Boulevard Project Area

**Recommendation:** That the Commission adopt Resolution No. 236-2009 requesting an advance and authorize the Chairperson to execute a promissory note in the amount of \$200,000.

13. Resolution No. 9200 – A Resolution Authorizing an Advance from the City of Santa Fe Springs for Purposes of the Washington Boulevard Redevelopment Project Area

**Recommendation:** That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 9200 authorizing an advance in the amount of \$200,000 to assist in funding the capital needs of the Washington Boulevard Redevelopment Project Area.

Vice-Chairperson Putnam moved to approve companion Item Nos. 5 and 13. Commissioner Rounds seconded the motion, which carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Putnam, Rounds, Serrano, Velasco, Gonzalez

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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

### **JOINT PUBLIC HEARING**

7. Joint Public Hearing to Consider Proposed Amendment No. 3 to a Disposition and Development Agreement with the Villages at Heritage Springs, LLC Including Adopting City Council Resolution No. 9199 and Community Development Commission Resolution No. 235-2009

**Recommendation:** That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 9199 approving the proposed Amendment No. 3 to the Disposition and Development Agreement; and that the Commission adopt Resolution No. 235-2009 approving the proposed Amendment No. 3 to the Disposition and Development Agreement.

Vice-Chairperson/Mayor Gonzalez opened the Joint Public Hearing and invited interested parties to come forward to address the Commission/Council.

Having no one come forward, Vice-Chairperson/Mayor Gonzalez closed the Public Hearing.

Commissioner/Councilmember Serrano moved to adopt Council Resolution No. 9199 and Commission Resolution No. 235-2009. Commissioner/Councilmember Rounds seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

## **CITY COUNCIL**

### **9. CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **Minutes**

- A. Minutes of the City Council Meeting of June 25, 2009

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

#### **Award of Contract**

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

**Recommendation:** That the City Council accept the bids for the Miscellaneous Street Repairs (FY 2008/09 Program) and award a contract to Hardy & Harper, Inc. of Santa Ana, California, in the amount of \$122,724.50.

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

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

10. Resolution No. 9201 – Heritage Springs Assessment District No. 2001-1 (Hawkins Street and Palm Drive) Update for Fiscal year 2009/10

**Recommendation:** That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 9201 approving the Engineer's Report, confirming the assessment, ordering the work and acquisitions, and directing actions with respect thereto.

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

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

Councilmember Serrano moved to adopt Resolution No. 9201. Mayor Pro Tem Putnam seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**ORDINANCE FOR PASSAGE**

**11. Ordinance No. 1002 (Urgency) – Amending City Code Chapter 74, Section 1 and Revising Certain Prima Facie Speed Limits**

**Recommendation:** That the City Council adopt Ordinance No. 1002 as an Urgency Ordinance setting speed limits on certain streets.

City Attorney Skolnik read Ordinance No. 1002 by title as follows: An Urgency Ordinance of the City of Santa Fe Springs Amending City Code Chapter 74, Section I and Revising Certain Prima Facie Speed Limits.

Mayor Pro Tem Putnam moved to waive further reading and adopt Urgency Ordinance No. 1002. Councilmember Rounds seconded the motion, which carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Putnam, Rounds, Serrano, Velasco, Gonzalez

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Mayor Gonzalez inquired whether residents will be informed of the changes in the speed limits.

Don Jensen, Director of Public Works, explained that the speed limit signs will be changed out and a grace period of 30 days will be given.

Mayor Gonzalez clarified that the changes were made for safety reasons and not to increase City revenue.

Tom Lopez, Assistant Director of Public Works, stated the speed limit was normally based on the critical speed or 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed determined by measuring the speed of 100 vehicles on each street segment and reviewing the field conditions and accident history for that segment. If staff found the accident rate to be higher than normal or there existed any conditions in the field that were not readily apparent to the driver, the City is allowed to lower the speed limit below the critical speed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**12. Review and Approval of Committee By-Laws for Council-Appointed Committees**

**Recommendation:** That the City Council approve the By-Laws for each of the Council-Appointed Committees.

Councilmember Velasco moved to approve the Committee By-Laws en masse. Councilmember Rounds seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

14. Adopt Resolution No. 9202 Approving Responses to the Objections Submitted by the County of Los Angeles to the Adoption of the Proposed Development Plan for Amendment No. 4 to the Consolidated Redevelopment Project Area, Adopt Resolution No. 9195 Authorizing the Use of Housing Set-Aside Funds Outside the Project Area, and Introduce Ordinance no. 1000

**Recommendation:** That the City Council approve Resolution No. 9202 responding to the written objections from the County of Los Angeles, adopt Resolution No. 9195 pertaining to Housing Set-Aside Funds, and introduce Ordinance No. 1000 adopting Amendment No. 4 to the CRPA.

15. Adopt Resolution No. 9203 Approving Responses to the Objections Submitted by the County of Los Angeles to the Adoption of the Proposed Development Plan for Amendment No. 2 to the Washington Boulevard Project Area, Adopt Resolution No. 9197 Authorizing the Use of Housing Set-Aside Funds Outside the Project Area, and Introduce Ordinance No. 1001

**Recommendation:** That the City Council approve Resolution No. 9203 responding to the written objections from the County of Los Angeles, adopt Resolution No. 9197 pertaining to Housing Set-Aside Funds, and introduce Ordinance No. 1001 adopting Amendment No. 4 to the WBPA.

Paul Ashworth, Director of Planning, gave a joint presentation on Item Nos. 14 and 15.

Following the presentation, discussion ensued.

City Attorney Skolnik summarized staff's suggested recommendations to move forward with the proposed amendments of reduced project areas, including the amended maps; adopt the related resolutions; and waive further reading and introduce Ordinance Nos. 1000 and 1001.

Further discussion ensued relative to the project areas and litigation strategy.

City Attorney Skolnik read Ordinance No. 1000 by title as follows: An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Santa Fe Springs Adopting the Redevelopment Plan for and Approving Amendment No. 4 to the Amended Consolidated Redevelopment Project Area.

City Attorney Skolnik also read Ordinance No. 1001 by title as follows: An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Santa Fe Springs Adopting the Redevelopment Plan for and Approving Amendment No. 2 to the Washington Boulevard Redevelopment Project Area.

Councilmember Serrano moved the recommendations as stated by City Attorney Skolnik. Councilmember Velasco seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**RECESS**

Chairperson/Mayor Gonzalez, at 6:40 p.m., recessed the Community Development Commission and City Council meetings to go into Closed Session.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

**CLOSED SESSIONS**

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

**Case:** Community Development Commission vs. Bueno

**Number of 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 COUNCIL**

**CLOSED SESSIONS**

8. **CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR**

**Property:** 13939 Borate Street

**Negotiating Parties:** Staff and Property Owner

**Under Negotiation:** Just Compensation for Acquisition of Portion of Property

**CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR**

**Agency Negotiator:** City Manager

**Employee Organizations:** Santa Fe Springs Firemen’s Association  
Santa Fe Springs Employees’ Association

**RECONVENE**

Chairperson/Mayor Gonzalez, at 7:12 p.m., reconvened the Community Development Commission and City Council meetings with all Commissioners/Councilmembers present.

City Attorney Skolnik reported out from the Closed Session that Mayor Gonzalez moved, Councilmember Serrano seconded, and it was unanimously approved to accept the appraisal for 13939 Borate Street prepared by R.P. Laurain & Associates and authorize staff to pursue acquisition of the land.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairperson Gonzalez, at 7:14 p.m., adjourned the Community Development Commission meeting.

**16. INVOCATION**

Councilmember Serrano gave the Invocation.

**17. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilmember Velasco led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**INTRODUCTIONS**

**18. Representatives from the Youth Leadership Committee**

No representatives were present.

**19. Representatives from the Chamber of Commerce**

Liz Buckingham, Friendly Hills Bank, and Susan Crowell, HealthFirst Medical Group, were present.

**20. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**PRESENTATIONS**

**21. To Hope Orozco upon Her Retirement**

Fernando Tarin, Director of Police Services, gave a brief history of Hope's employment with the City and thanked her for her years of service. Mayor Gonzalez presented her with a jacket and a crystal clock; pictures with Council and family members were taken.

**22. To Mario (Richard) Morga upon His Retirement**

Paul Ashworth, Director of Planning, gave a brief history of Richard's employment with the City and thanked him for his years of services. Mayor Gonzalez presented him with a jacket and a crystal clock; pictures with Council and family members were taken.

**23. To Ismael (Miles) Portillo upon His Retirement**

Mr. Ashworth gave a brief history of Miles' employment with the City and thanked him for his years of services. Mayor Gonzalez presented him with a jacket and a crystal clock; pictures with Council and family members were taken.

**24. To Felix Garcia upon His Retirement**

Deferred to a future meeting.

**25. Proclaiming the Month of July as "Parks and Recreation Month"**

Carole Joseph, Director of Recreation Services, invited Juanita Trujillo, Chairperson of the Parks & Recreation Committee, to receive the proclamation. Mayor Gonzalez called upon City Clerk Barbara Earl to read the proclamation; pictures with Council were taken.

**26. Community Oriented Policing (COPPS) and Geographical Deployment**

Fernando Tarin, Director of Police Services, called upon Police Chief Singer, Captain Bar and Assistant Director Dino Torres to make the presentation involving enhancements to the Community Oriented Policing Program and implementation of geographical deployment of existing Whittier Police Department and Department of Police Services' resources.

**APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS**

**27. Committee Re-Appointments**

Councilmember Rounds re-appointed all of his committee appointments except for Francis Carbajal on the Parks & Recreation Committee, whom he replaced with Mark Scoggins.

Councilmember Velasco re-appointed all of his committee appointments.

Mayor Pro Tem Putnam re-appointed all of her committee appointments.

Mayor Gonzalez re-appointed all of his committee appointments.

Councilmember Serrano deferred his re-appointments to a future meeting.

**28. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

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

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

**29. EXECUTIVE TEAM REPORTS**

City Manager Latham announced that Councilmember Velasco had just become a great grandfather; his granddaughter, Nicole McCarthy, had recently been appointed as Head Coach of the girls' baseball team at La Mirada High School; and congratulated Carole Joseph and her staff for the well-attended 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration at Los Nietos Park.

Fernando Tarin, Director of Police Services, announced the annual rabies vaccination clinic will be held on Wednesday, July 15.

**30. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Gonzalez, at 8:20 p.m., adjourned the City Council meeting to July 15, 2009 at 4:30 p.m., 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