

**CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS
MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
AND CITY COUNCIL**

SEPTEMBER 8, 2011

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Serrano called the Community Development Commission and City Council meetings to order at 6:13 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners/Councilmembers González, Moore, Trujillo, Vice Chairperson/Mayor Pro Tem Rounds, and Chairperson/Mayor Serrano

Also present: Thaddeus McCormack, City Manager; Steve Skolnik, City Attorney; Paul Ashworth, Director of Planning & Community Development; Don Jensen, Director of Public Works; Dino Torres, Director of Police Services; Maricela Balderas, Director of Family & Human Services; Jose Gomez, Director of Finance & Administrative Services; Alex Rodriguez, Fire Chief; Anita Jimenez, Deputy City Clerk

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

3. REPORTS OF THE CITY MANAGER AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

No reports.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Minutes

A. Minutes of the August 11, 2011 Regular Community Development Commission Meeting

Recommendation: That the Community Development Commission approve the minutes as submitted.

Vice Chair Rounds moved the approval of Item 4A. Commissioner Trujillo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

5. Authorization to Issue a Request for Proposals to Provide Project and Construction Management Services for the Interstate 5 Freeway Water Main Relocation for the Carmenita Road Segment

Recommendation: That the Community Development Commission authorize the Director of Public Works to issue a Request for Proposals to provide Project and Construction Management Services for the Interstate 5 Freeway Water Main Relocations at the Carmenita Road segment.

Commissioner González moved the approval of Item 5; Vice Chair Rounds seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

6. **CLOSED SESSION**

Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation

Initiation of Litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9: One potential case

Chairperson Serrano moved Item 6 to the end of the 6:00 p.m. agenda.

CITY COUNCIL

7. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Consent Agenda items are considered routine matters which may be enacted by one motion and roll call vote. Any item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately by the City Council.

Approval Minutes

A. Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of August 11, 2011

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

B. Minutes of the Special City Council Meeting of August 15, 2011

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

C. Conference and Meeting Report – Councilmember González' Attendance at the Chamber of Commerce Workshop

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

Councilmember Trujillo moved the approval of Items 7A, B, and C; Councilmember Moore seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

8. Approval of Agreement for Environmental Legal Services

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the agreement for Environmental Legal Services with PC LAW Group.

Steve Skolnik introduced Pat Chen of PC LAW Group and asked if the Council had any questions. No questions were asked.

Mayor Pro Tem Rounds moved the approval of Item 8; Councilmember Moore seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

9. Agreement with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority for the Valley View Avenue Grade Separation Project

Recommendation: That the City Council: (1) Approve Amendment No. 2 to the Letter of Agreement (LOA P0008092) with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority for the Valley View Avenue Grade Separation Project to extend the expiration of CMAQ grant funds to June 30, 2013; and (2) Authorize the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 2.

Councilmember González moved the approval of Item 9; Mayor Pro Tem Rounds seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

10. Amendment to Agreement for Employment of City Manager

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the Amendment to the Employment Agreement between the City and Thaddeus McCormack.

Councilmember González moved the approval of Item 9; Mayor Pro Tem Rounds seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

COUNCILMEMBER REQUESTED ITEM – Mayor Serrano

11. Agreement between City and Zamora Landscaping

Recommendation: That the City Council take the following actions: (1) Consider a request from Mayor Serrano that the City enter into a three-year contract with Zamora Landscape for certain landscape maintenance services, and (2) Direct the City Attorney and staff to develop a contract agreement for formal approval by the City Council.

Councilmember González moved the approval of Item 11; Mayor Pro Tem Rounds seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Councilmember Moore commented that he was happy to see some the City landscape work go to other contractors. Mayor Pro Tem Rounds added that Mr. Zamora is a Santa Fe Springs resident who gives back to the community.

COUNCILMEMBER REQUESTED ITEM – Councilmember Trujillo

12. Request for Bus Loading Zone on Clarkman Street between Orr & Day Road and Roseton Avenue

Recommendation: That the City Council consider and take appropriate action with respect to the recommendation from the Traffic Commission that the request for a bus loading zone on Clarkman Street 130 feet west of Roseton Avenue be denied.

Mayor Pro Tem Rounds moved to approve the installation of the bus loading zone. Mayor Serrano seconded the motion. Councilmember Moore stated that he objected due to safety concerns of his Traffic Commissioner. Mayor Serrano stated the safety concerns as the reason the item had been tabled at the previous meeting, after which he spoke with staff at Santa Fe High School regarding the concerns. This subsequent conversation convinced him that the bus loading zone should be approved. The motion carried by a vote of 4 to 1.

Mayor Serrano recessed the meetings for the Closed Session at 6:20 p.m.

13. CLOSED SESSION

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Title: City Attorney

Mayor Serrano reconvened the meetings at 7:15 p.m.

Steve Skolnik reported that there was no report from the Closed Session, except that the Closed Session would resume after Item 26.

The City Attorney recommended that the Council revisit Item 10, Amendment to Agreement for Employment of City Manager, and replace the references to Section 2924 of the Labor Code with the language 'applicable California law'. Councilmember González moved to amend his motion to approve Item 10 as recommended by the City Attorney. Councilmember Trujillo seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

14. CLOSED SESSION

LABOR NEGOTIATIONS – Direction to City Labor Negotiators

Agency Negotiator: City Manager, City Attorney, Director of Finance and Administrative Services, and Human Resources Manager

Employee Organizations: Management Team Members

The City Council gave the City Manager direction to evaluate certain cost cutting measures and to bring back to the Council a report on the feasibility of implementing specific reductions in employee benefits for unrepresented employees.

NEW BUSINESS

15. Approval of Agreement for Employment of City Attorney

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the Agreement of Employment between the City and Steve Skolnik.

The City Attorney stated that the Agreement for Employment of City Attorney should be revised to replace the references to Section 2924 of the Labor Code with the language 'applicable California law'. The motion should be to approve Item 15 with the revision. Councilmember Moore moved the approval of Item 15 with the revision; Councilmember Trujillo seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

16. INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Councilmember González.

17. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember González.

INTRODUCTIONS

18. No members from the Youth Leadership Committee were present.

19. Mayor Serrano introduced Chamber Representative Randall Courtney of Digital Data Works.

20. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Serrano announced that Mayor Pro Tem Rounds would celebrate his birthday on September 16. The audience sang Happy Birthday to Mayor Pro Tem Rounds and cake was served.

Mayor Serrano called on Maricela Balderas for community announcements.

PRESENTATIONS

21. Proclamation Declaring September 16, 2011, as the City of Santa Fe Springs 2011 Fiestas Patrias Cultural Celebration

Mayor Serrano called on Family & Human Services Supervisor Eddie Ramirez who gave a brief history of the town of Guanajuato, Mexico. Mayor Serrano read and presented a proclamation to Chairperson of the Family & Human Services Advisory Committee Laurie Rios. Members of the Committee joined the Council for photos.

22. Proclamation Declaring the Month of September as "National Senior Center Month" in the City of Santa Fe Springs

Mayor Serrano called on Family & Human Services Supervisor Eddie Ramirez who gave a presentation on some of the programs available to Senior Citizens at the Neighborhood Center. Mayor Serrano read and presented a proclamation to Chairperson of the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee Gloria Duran. Members of the Committee joined the Council for photos.

Ms. Duran thanked the Council and the Neighborhood Center staff for the outstanding classes that are offered to seniors. Council Liaison to the Committee Richard Moore thanked Maricela Balderas and Eddie Ramirez for their work and Gloria Duran for leading the Committee.

23. Proclaiming September 11, 2011, as "A National Day of Service and Remembrance in Santa Fe Springs"

Mayor Serrano called on the Deputy City Clerk to read the proclamation which he presented to Fire Chief Alex Rodriguez.

24. **APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS**
Councilmember González appointed Victoria Molina and Dominique Walker to the Youth Leadership Committee.

25. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**
Mayor Serrano opened Oral Communications at 7:47 p.m.

A. Puellonakis, 11431 Buell Street, SFS, addressed the Council with concerns regarding the proposed freeway pedestrian bridge.

Mayor Serrano closed Oral Communications at 7:49 p.m.

26. **EXECUTIVE TEAM REPORTS**
Jose Gomez gave a preview of the City's new website.

Maricela Balderas encouraged everyone to come to the Fiestas Patrias.

Thaddeus McCormack reported that former Councilmember Gus Velasco was ill and asked that the community keep him in their thoughts. He also reported that former employee Hope Orozco had suffered a stroke.

Mayor Pro Tem Rounds encouraged the community to support the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life at Lake Center Athletic Park - Sept. 23-24.

Councilmember Moore stated that it seemed like the City's website was down quite frequently and asked if new equipment was needed. Jose Gomez stated that the City was looking into contracting with a new service provider. The City's current provider is Verizon.

Mayor Serrano recessed the meetings for the Closed Session at 7:55 p.m.

27. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 10:37 p.m., Mayor Serrano adjourned the meeting in memory of:
Irene Paiz, former resident and Sister City Committee member,
Josefina Bracamontes, grandmother of Julie Herrera,
Michael Ontiveros, father of Chamber of Commerce employee Laura Guidera,
Matilda Rodriguez, aunt of Mayor Serrano, and
All those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001.

Joseph D. Serrano, Sr.
Mayor

ATTEST:

Anita Jimenez
Deputy City Clerk

October 13, 2011
Date