

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL**

MARCH 8, 2012

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rounds called the Regular City Council meeting to order at 6:25 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers González, Serrano, Trujillo, Mayor Pro Tem Moore, and Mayor Rounds

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; Carole Joseph, Director of Parks & Recreation Services; Jose Gomez, Director of Finance & Administrative Services; Alex Rodriguez, Fire Chief; Anita Jimenez, Deputy City Clerk

3. CITY MANAGER REPORT

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval Minutes

A. Minutes of the February 4, 2012 Adjourned City Council Meeting

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

B. Minutes of the February 16, 2012 Adjourned City Council Meeting

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

Councilmember Trujillo moved the approval of Items 4A and B; Councilmember Serrano seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

5. Approval of Resolution No. 9362 – Adjusting the Utility Users Tax Rate

Recommendation: (1) That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 9362 to adjust the Utility Users Tax (UUT) rate of five percent (5%) on electricity, gas, and telecommunications as set forth in the City Code and adopted in a Special Municipal Election held on November 2, 2010; (2) That the adjusted UUT rate shall go into effect July 1, 2012, and shall remain in effect unless modified according to law; (3) That the City Council, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012, and ending June 30, 2013, not implement an increase in the annual tax amount for each of covered utilities by a percentage equivalent to any increase in the Consumer Price Index; (4) That any service user exercising the single-pay option for the annual UUT cap amount of \$20,000 for any one utility shall receive a two percent (2%) reduction and pay \$19,600, and said reduction shall go into effect July 1, 2012, and shall remain in effect unless modified by the City Council.

The City Manager announced that a revised report had been distributed to Council amending recommendation number 3 to read: June 30, 2013.

Councilmember Serrano moved the approval of Item 5; Mayor Pro Tem Moore seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

6. Authorize the Purchase of One Fire Grant-Funded Ford F-250 Vehicle from Downtown Ford Sales

Recommendation: That the City Council authorize the Director of Purchasing to purchase one Fire Grant-funded 2012 Ford F-250 vehicle from Downtown Ford Sales (State of CA Contract No. 1-11-23-20) in the amount of \$42,736.

Councilmember Trujillo moved the approval of Item 6; Councilmember González seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

7. Award of Bid to Fisher Scientific for the Purchase of Grant-Funded Fire Department Equipment

Recommendation: That the City Council award a bid to Fisher Scientific for the purchase of grant-funded fire equipment with 2009 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) funds in the amount of \$86,708.75.

Councilmember Serrano moved the approval of Item 7; Councilmember Trujillo seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

8. Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center Renovation and Modernization Project – Authorization to Negotiate Contract Change Order No. 6

Recommendation: That the City Council authorize the Director of Public Works to negotiate and execute Contract Change Order No. 6 for an amount not to exceed \$160,500.

The City Manager stated that item would also include the purchase of a portable generator and the City would invoke Section 34.b9 of the City Code because a negotiated purchase would be in the best interest of the City.

Councilmember González moved the approval of Item 8 as amended; Councilmember Serrano seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

9. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION
(Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9)

Name of Case: City v. PPF Industrial Valley View LP

Mayor Rounds recessed the meeting for the Closed Session at 6:33 p.m.

Mayor Rounds reconvened the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

10. INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Mayor Pro Tem Moore.

11. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Youth Leadership Committee.

INTRODUCTIONS

12. Members from the Youth Leadership Committee introduced themselves.

13. Mayor Rounds introduced Jim Cusick of Shaw Diversified Services.

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Carole Joseph gave the Community Announcements.

PRESENTATIONS

15. Milestone Celebrants

Public Relations Specialist Julie Herrera introduced the residents being recognized:

Yoshi Komaki – 90th Birthday
Robert & Helen Robles – 50th Wedding Anniversary

The Mayor presented the celebrants with certificates.

16. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS

Mayor Pro Tem Moore appointed Sheila Archuleta to the Parks & Recreation Committee.

17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Rounds opened Oral Communications at 7:15 p.m. Derrick Alatorre of the Air Quality Management District (AQMD) reported that the AQMD is looking for qualified projects in the area to be funded. He also stated that the AQMD is required to provide an update on air quality every 5 years. He encouraged stakeholders to participate. Meetings will be held monthly at the office in Diamond Bar. Mayor Rounds closed Oral Communications at 7:17 p.m.

18. EXECUTIVE TEAM REPORTS


Don Jensen reported that he and Councilmember Serrano attended the Joint Legislative Committee Hearing in Sacramento on the need for a Water District Audit. Councilmember Serrano spoke on behalf of the Southeast Water Coalition (SEWC). The audit was authorized and will include the Central Basin Water District and Metropolitan Water District. The audit is scheduled to begin in 3 to 4 months and should be complete in one year. The City Manager stated that rates charged by these districts directly affect the rates in Santa Fe Springs.

Dino Torres introduced Whittier Police Chief Jeff Piper and Whittier Councilmember Greg Nordbak.

Alex Rodriguez thanked Paul Martinez and Jose Gomez for their assistance in obtaining bids and finalizing the purchases with the funds from the Homeland Security grant. Chief Rodriguez stated that the Fire Department is now rated as a Type I Haz-mat Team by the State. The City will be only one of four in the County with this designation. Councilmember González attended a workshop dealing with the dissolution of redevelopment agencies and the implementation of successor agencies. Mayor Pro Tem Moore, Paul Ashworth, and Thaddeus McCormack attended the ceremony at which the City received an award for transforming a contaminated oil field into the Villages Housing development. Mayor Pro Tem Moore stated that it is a shame that the City will no longer have redevelopment money available for projects like this. He added that this project is a crowning achievement for Paul Ashworth and his staff. Mayor Pro Tem Moore and Mayor Rounds attended an event at the Hall of Administration to meet Supervisor Knabe and his staff as well as to network with other elected officials. Mayor Rounds reported that the Council attended the Silver Shields Awards sponsored by the Whittier Chamber of Commerce at which Police Officers are recognized for going beyond the call of duty. Officer Jerry Reyes was awarded the Medal of Valor. The City of Whittier presented a flag to the City of Santa Fe Springs which included the names of all emergency personnel who lost their lives in the 9/11 attacks.


19. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:35 p.m., Mayor Rounds adjourned the meeting to Thursday, March 22, 2012, in memory of Hilary Keith's father, Maxwell S. Keith, and the victims of the tornadoes in Indiana, Kentucky, and Tennessee. He also asked that everyone keep City Employee Cookie Rodriguez in their thoughts and prayers; she is in hospice care at her home.



William K. Rounds
Mayor

ATTEST:



Anita Jimenez, Deputy City Clerk

4-23-12

Date