



APPROVED: 3/26/2020

MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

February 27, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rounds called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Members present: Councilmembers/Directors: Rodriguez, Trujillo, Zamora, Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chair Mora and Mayor/Chair Rounds.

Members absent: None

Fernando N. Muñoz, City Clerk Technician announced that members of the Public Financing Authority and Water Utility Authority receive \$150 for their attendance at meetings.

PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY

3. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes of the January 23, 2020 Public Financing Authority (City Clerk)

Recommendation:

- Approve the minutes as submitted.

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

Recommendation:

- Receive and file the report.

It was moved by Councilmember Trujillo, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez, to approve Item Nos. 3A and 3B, by the following vote:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Trujillo, Zamora, Mora, Rounds

Nays: None

Absent: None

WATER UTILITY AUTHORITY

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes of the January 23, 2020 Water Utility Authority (City Clerk)

Recommendation:

- Approve the minutes as submitted.

- b. Monthly Report on the Status of Debt Instruments Issued through the City of Santa Fe Springs Water Utility Authority (WUA) (Finance)

Recommendation:

- Receive and file the report.

- c. Status Update of Water-Related Capital Improvement Projects (Public Works)

Recommendation:

- Receive and file the report.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Mora, seconded by Councilmember Trujillo, to approve Item Nos. 4A, 4B, and 4C, by the following vote:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Trujillo, Zamora, Mora, Rounds

Nayes: None

Absent: None

HOUSING SUCCESSOR

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of the January 23, 2020 Housing Successor (City Clerk)

Recommendation:

- Approve the minutes as submitted.

It was moved by Councilmember Rodriguez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mora, to approve the minutes as submitted, by the following vote:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Trujillo, Zamora, Mora, Rounds

Nayes: None

Absent: None

SUCCESSOR AGENCY

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of the January 23, 2020 Successor Agency (City Clerk)

Recommendation:

- Approve the minutes as submitted.

It was moved by Councilmember Zamora, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez, to approve the minutes as submitted, by the following vote:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Trujillo, Zamora, Mora, Rounds

Nayes: None

Absent: None

CITY COUNCIL

7. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes of the January 23, 2020 Special and Regular City Council Meetings (City Clerk)

Recommendation:

- Approve the minutes as submitted.
- b. Resolution No. 9662 – Acknowledge Receipt of a Fire-Rescue Report Regarding the Annual Inspection of Certain Properties (Fire)

Recommendation:

- Acknowledge Receipt of Department of Fire-Rescue Report Regarding the Annual Inspection of Certain Properties.
- c. Marquardt Avenue 16" Water Main Relocation – Final Payment (Public Works)

Recommendation:

- Approve the Final Payment (less 5% Retention) to J.A. Salazar Construction & Supply Corp., of La Habra, California, in the amount of \$92,845.90 for the subject project.

It was moved by Councilmember Trujillo, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez, to approve Items Nos. 7A, 7B, and 7C, by the following vote:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Trujillo, Zamora, Mora, Rounds

Nays: None

Absent: None

PUBLIC HEARING

8. Annual Weed Abatement Program (City Clerk)

Recommendation:

- Conduct a Public Hearing on Weed Abatement and direct the Agricultural Commissioner to abate the nuisance by having weeds, rubbish, and refuse removed.

Mayor Rounds opened the Public Hearing at 6:03 p.m.

There was no one present wishing to speak.

Mayor Rounds closed the Public Hearing at 6:03 p.m.

It was moved by Councilmember Zamora, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez, to conduct a Public Hearing on Weed Abatement and direct the Agricultural Commissioner to abate the nuisance by having weeds, rubbish, and refuse removed, by the following vote:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Trujillo, Zamora, Mora, Rounds

Nays: None

Absent: None

NEW BUSINESS

9. FY 2018-19 Preliminary Year-End Review (Finance)

Recommendation:

- Authorize the transfer of \$5,900,000 from the FY 2018-19 increase in available General Fund balance to the following reserves and/or funds:

- \$1,475,000 (25%) of available balance to the Unfunded Liability Reserve
- \$1,475,000 (25%) of available balance to the Economic Contingency Reserve
- \$1,475,000 (25%) of available balance to the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Fund
- \$885,000 (15%) of available balance to the Equipment Replacement Fund
- \$295,000 (5%) of available balance to the Employee Benefits Fund for Compensated Absences liability
- \$295,000 (5%) of available balance to the Insurance/Risk Management Reserve
- Authorize the transfer of the FY 2018-19 increase in available Water Fund balance to the Water CIP Reserve Fund (approximately \$787,000).

It was moved by Councilmember Rodriguez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mora, to authorize the transfer of \$5,900,000 from the FY 2018-19 increase in available General Fund balance to the following reserves and/or funds: \$1,475,000 (25%) of available balance to the Unfunded Liability Reserve, \$1,475,000 (25%) of available balance to the Economic Contingency Reserve, \$1,475,000 (25%) of available balance to the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Fund, \$885,000 (15%) of available balance to the Equipment Replacement Fund, \$295,000 (5%) of available balance to the Employee Benefits Fund for Compensated Absences liability, \$295,000 (5%) of available balance to the Insurance/Risk Management Reserve, and authorize the transfer of the FY 2018-19 increase in available Waster Fund balance to the Water CIP Reserve Fund (approximately \$787,000), by the following vote:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Trujillo, Zamora, Mora, Rounds
Nayes: None
Absent: None

10. Resolution No. 9663 – Ordering the Preparation of the Engineer's Report for Fiscal Year 2020-21 in Conjunction with the Annual Levy of Assessments for Street Lighting District No. 1 (Public Works)

Recommendation:

- Adopt Resolution No. 9663, ordering the preparation of the Engineer's Report for Fiscal Year 2020/21 in conjunction with the annual levy of assessments for Street Lighting District No. 1.

It was moved by Councilmember Trujillo, seconded by Councilmember Zamora, to adopt Resolution No. 9663, ordering the preparation of the Engineer's Report for Fiscal Year 2020/21 in conjunction with the annual levy of assessments for Street Lighting District No. 1, by the following vote:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Trujillo, Zamora, Mora, Rounds
Nayes: None
Absent: None

11. Resolution No. 9664 – Ordering the Preparation of the Engineer's Report for Fiscal Year 2020/21 in Conjunction with the Annual Levy of Assessments for Heritage Springs Assessment District No. 2001-01 (Hawkins Street and Palm Drive) (Public Works)

Recommendation:

- Adopt Resolution No. 9664, ordering the preparation of the Engineer's Report for Fiscal Year 2020/21 in conjunction with the annual levy of assessments for Heritage Springs Assessment District No. 2001-01 (Hawkins Street and Palm Drive).

It was moved by Councilmember Zamora, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez, to adopt Resolution No. 9664, ordering the preparation of the Engineer's Report for Fiscal Year 2020/21 in conjunction with the annual levy of assessments for Heritage Springs Assessment District No. 2001-01 (Hawkins Street and Palm Drive), by the following vote:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Trujillo, Zamora, Mora, Rounds

Nayes: None

Absent: None

12. Initiation of Proceedings for Amendment of Water Rates and Related Charges (Public Works)

Recommendation:

- Direct staff to initiate proceedings per Proposition 218 to consider implementing a four-year increase to water rates effective June 1, 2020.

Director of Public Works, Noe Negrete provided a presentation on Item No. 12.

Jeremy Gerber from Safeway-Albertsons in Norwalk spoke in support of the uniform rate structure.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Mora, seconded by Councilmember Trujillo, to direct staff to initiate proceedings per Proposition 2018 to consider implementing a four-year increase to water rates effective June 1, 2020, by the following vote:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Trujillo, Zamora, Mora, Rounds

Nayes: None

Absent: None

13. Facility Fee Waiver Final Appeal for Masters of Harmony (Community Services)

Recommendation:

- Affirm, modify, or overrule the decision to deny Continual Use status as defined by the City of Santa Fe Springs Facility Park and Equipment Use Policy.

Kurt Thiesmeyer and Joe D'Amore from Masters of Harmony provided a presentation to the City Council.

Mayor Rounds spoke in regards to the status of the City and the purpose behind the City's Facility Park and Equipment Use Policy.

Resident Janie Aguirre spoke about having to pay fees as a resident despite being a volunteer. She did not agree with waiving the fee for the Masters of Harmony.

City Manager Ray Cruz stated that other governmental agencies are required to pay fees to utilize the facilities.

It was moved by Councilmember Zamora, seconded by Councilmember Trujillo, to affirm the decision to deny Continual Use status as defined by the City of Santa Fe Springs Facility Park and Equipment Use Policy, by the following vote:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Trujillo, Zamora, Mora, Rounds

Nayes: None

Absent: None

CLOSED SESSION

14. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Consideration of initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(4): Two cases

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15. CONFERENCES WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

(Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957.6)

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Mayor Rounds stated that Item Nos. 14, 15, and 16 would be considered after Item No. 25 on the agenda.

17. INVOCATION

Invocation was led by Councilmember Zamora.

18. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Girl Scouts from St. Pius X to help leads the Pledge of Allegiance.

19. INTRODUCTIONS

- Representative from the Chamber of Commerce: Lisa Boyajian from Ansa Insurance

Services and Mary Ann Railey from PIH Health.

20. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Youth Leadership Committee Members made the following announcements:
 - The Children's Boutique – March 26, 2020 at 2:00 P.M.
 - Art Walk – March 28, 2020 at 10:00 A.M.
 - Spring Adventure Camp – March 23 and 27, 2020 at 9:00 A.M.
 - 5K Family Fun Bubble Run – April 4, 2020 at 7:00 A.M.

21. CITY MANAGER AND EXECUTIVE TEAM REPORTS

- City Manager, Ray Cruz spoke about Mayor Pro Tem Mora, Planning Director Wayne Morrell, and resident Jay Sarno to speak alongside with elected officials of Cities of Commerce, Pico Rivera, and Montebello before the Metro Board to select the Gold Line Extension to Washington Blvd. The Metro Board approved the recommendation and will now seek funding for the project with a completion goal before the 2028 Olympics.
- Director of Public Works, Noe Negrete provided an update on Dunning St. and Ann St. paving. He also spoke about the Florence Avenue widening project beginning in late March/April. Lastly, he spoke about possibly receiving additional Measure R funding for city streets affected by the I-5 construction.
- Director of Planning, Wayne Morrell called on Vince Velasco from the Planning Department to give a presentation on the Census 2020. He highlighted the procedures on Census Day, which is April 1, 2020. He also spoke about the efforts by the Complete Count Committee to increase participation.
- Director of Police Services, Dino Torres spoke about two items: 1) The entire Santa Fe High School Sophomore Class will be attending the Museum of Tolerance between March 2 – 6, 2020, and 2) the Cesar E. Chavez Day of Service 2020 will be on March 11, 2020 at the National Chavez Center.
- Fire Chief Brent Hayward spoke about the Audit of Certified Unified Provider Agency – CUPA. He also spoke about being awarded the 2018 SHSGP grants and how it will be used.
- Director of Finance and Administrative Services, Travis Hickey spoke about the preparations for the upcoming budget season. He also spoke about Human Resources staff attending workshops for recruitment in the current age and how to deal with so-called "1st Amendment Audits".
- Director of Community Services, Maricela Balderas, spoke about the success of the 2020 Presidents Day Penny Carnival. She also spoke about the Annual Family Camp and the incorrect reservations for the event weekend. The City of Commerce offered to rectify the issue by paying for next year's excursion.

22. PRESENTATIONS

- a. Recognition of the 2020 Lake Center Middle School Boys Basketball Team

- b. Introduction of New Santa Fe Springs Policing Team Members

23. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS

- a. Selection of Liaisons to Various City Committees and Representatives to Governmental Organizations
- b. Advisory Committee Appointments

There were no appointments made.

24. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

No one in the audience wished to speak during Oral Communications.

25. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Rodriguez spoke about the great work done by the staff on the Presidents Day Penny Carnival. She also thanked Captain Miller for his participation at the Silver Shield Awards. She thanked the Family and Humans Services Committee and also highlighted the upcoming L.A. CADA event. She thanked staff for their hard work.

Councilmember Trujillo spoke about Dr. Seuss Week and the Silver Shield Awards. She encouraged everyone to attend Quarter-mania that is hosted by the Women's Club. She asked for Captain Miller to provide a brief on the trial program in Los Angeles County where low-level offenders are released after 4 hours.

Councilmember Zamora thanked staff for their hard work and welcomed the new employees. He also asked if there could be more information circulated in regards to the coronavirus (COVID-19) and what precautions people can take.

Mayor Pro Tem Mora agreed with Councilmember Zamora and asked for the information to be circulated as well. He highlighted the Silver Shield Awards and shared his experience in visiting Los Nietos Middle School. He thanked staff and volunteers for attending the council meeting.

Mayor Rounds talked about the Read Across America events at the schools. He talked about attending the grand opening of the Santa Fe Springs/Norwalk Metrolink Station Parking Lot. He acknowledged the President's Day Carnival and wished everyone a good evening.

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Mayor Rounds recessed the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

Mayor Rounds reconvened the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

City Attorney, Ivy M. Tsai provided a report on the closed session item: Direction was given to staff and no reportable action was taken.

26. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Rounds adjourned the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

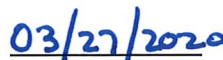


William K. Rounds
Mayor

ATTEST:



for Janet Martinez
City Clerk



Date