



APPROVED: 4/23/2020

MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

March 26, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rounds called the meeting to order via teleconference at 6:03 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.

13. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Rounds announced that Item No. 13 – Public Comments – would be considered at this time. City Clerk Technician read into the record an email submitted by resident Elena Lopez regarding what the City is doing to help its residents during the COVID-19 pandemic.

PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY

3. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes of the February 27, 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 February 27, 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 Councilmember Zamora, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mora, 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 February 27, 2020 Housing Successor (City Clerk)

Recommendation:

- Approve the minutes as submitted.

It was moved by Councilmember Trujillo, 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

NEW BUSINESS

- 6.** Amendment Number One ("Amendment") to the Exclusive Negotiating Agreement (ENA) by and between the Housing Successor to the Community Development Commission of the City of Santa Fe Springs ("Housing Successor"), The Whole Child, a California nonprofit public benefit corporation, Habitat for Humanity of Greater Los Angeles and The Richman Group of California Development Company, LLC (jointly known as "Developer") (Planning)

Recommendation:

- Approve the Amendment between the Housing Successor and Developer to extend Negotiation Period for an additional 120-day "extension period" commencing March 26, 2020, by mutual agreement; and
- Authorize the Mayor or designee to execute the Amendment between the Housing Successor and Developer to extend the Negotiation Period for an additional 120-day "extension period" commencing March 26, 2020, by mutual agreement.

It was moved by Councilmember Zamora, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mora, to approve the Amendment between the Housing Successor and Developer to extend Negotiation Period for an additional 120-day "extension period"

commencing March 26, 2020, by mutual agreement, and authorize the Mayor or designee to execute the Amendment between the Housing Successor and Developer to extend the Negotiation Period for an additional 120-day "extension period" commencing March 26, 2020, by mutual agreement, by the following vote:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Trujillo, Zamora, Mora, Rounds

Nayes: None

Absent: None

SUCCESSOR AGENCY

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of the February 27, 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

8. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes of the February 27, 2020 Regular City Council Meetings (City Clerk)

Recommendation:

- Approve the minutes as submitted.

- b. Rivera Road Street Improvements – Final Payment (Public Works)

Recommendation:

- Approve the Final Payment (less 5% Retention) to R.J. Noble Company of Orange, California in the amount of \$543,291.70 for the subject project.

- c. Ann Street Improvements – Final Payment (Public Works)

Recommendation:

- Approve the Final Payment (less 5% Retention) to R.J. Noble Company of Orange, California in the amount of \$532,466.48 for the subject project.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Mora, seconded by Councilmember Zamora, to approve Items Nos. 8A, 8B, and 8C, by the following vote:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Trujillo, Zamora, Mora, Rounds

Nayes: None

Absent: None

NEW BUSINESS

9. Discussion of Possible Changes to City Council Meeting Agendas, Including Waiving of 6:30 p.m. Start Time (City Attorney)

Recommendation:

- Waive 6:30 p.m. start time for second portion of City Council meetings until further action.

It was moved by Councilmember Zamora, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mora, waive the 6:30 p.m. start time for second portion of City Council meetings until further action, by the following vote:

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

10. 2019 General Plan Housing Element Annual Progress Report (Planning)

Recommendation:

- Find and determine that the Annual Progress Report is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Section 15061(b) (3). The 2019 Annual Report was assessed in accordance with the authority and criteria contained in CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines. It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the report may have a significant effect on the environment. The report does not authorize construction and any future development proposed pursuant to the programs in the City's Housing Element will require separate environmental analysis when details of those proposals are known.
- Authorize staff to forward the 2019 General Plan Housing Element Annual Progress Report to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) and the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR).

Director of Planning, Wayne Morrell, introduced Karen Warner. Every year the State mandates reporting from each city and contains progress on the City's regional housing needs. The City set a goal for 60 inspections and completed 94 residential code enforcement cases. She also spoke about the sale of HARP Properties and Affordable Housing Development Assistance. She also spoke about the City's Accessory Dwelling Units and Section 8 Rental Assistance. She also spoke about the Lakeland/Laurel Project.

Mayor Rounds asked about the ownership of the Millergrove property. Director of Planning, Wayne Morrell stated that it is still under ownership of the Housing Successor. Mayor Rounds and Councilmember Trujillo expressed concern about hearing this mentioned for the first time.

Councilmember Zamora requested a physical copy of the presentation slides.

It was moved by Councilmember Zamora, seconded by Councilmember Trujillo, to find and determine that the Annual Progress Report is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Section 15061(b) (3). The 2019 Annual Report was assessed in accordance with the authority and criteria contained in CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines. It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the report may have a significant effect on the environment. The report does not authorize construction and any future

development proposed pursuant to the programs in the City's Housing Element will require separate environmental analysis when details of those proposals are known, and to authorize staff to forward the 2019 General Plan Housing Element Annual Progress Report to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) and the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR), by the following vote:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Trujillo, Zamora, Mora, Rounds

Nayes: None

Absent: None

11. Authorize a Purchase from Toyota Material Handling Solutions of Santa Fe Springs for one (1) 8,000 lb. Capacity Toyota Forklift (Finance)

Recommendation:

- Award an order to Toyota Material Handling Solutions for one (1) Toyota Forklift in the amount of \$50,884.15.
- Authorize the Director of Purchasing to issue a purchase order for this transaction.

It was moved by Councilmember Zamora, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mora, to award an order to Toyota Material Handling Solutions for one (1) Toyota Forklift in the amount of \$50,884.15, and to authorize the Director of Purchasing to issue a purchase order for this transaction, by the following vote:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Trujillo, Zamora, Mora, Rounds

Nayes: None

Absent: None

12. CITY MANAGER AND EXECUTIVE TEAM REPORTS

- City Manager, Ray Cruz spoke about the City's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. He spoke about the dissemination of information from the City's website and applauded the department heads on their great work. He also spoke about businesses contacting the City and the County to ask for exemptions to stay open, citing that it is neither body's authority to grant exemptions. Lastly, he also spoke about contacting State Senator Archuleta to relay the City's concerns regarding the CalPERS rates during the pandemic.
- Director of Public Works, Noe Negrete provided an update on split staffing measures taken to promote social distancing. He also stated that all projects are currently on hold.
- Director of Planning, Wayne Morrell reported that the Building Department is functioning more-or-less as usual. He also spoke about the tables set outside City Hall to pickup and drop off building plans.
- Director of Police Services, Dino Torres had nothing to report.
- Fire Chief Brent Hayward spoke about the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in Los Angeles County and surrounding cities. He noted that cities with a population of 25,000 do not have a defined reporting system provided by the County as of the current date. He stated that City paramedics are following CDC and County Health assessment guidelines. He also stated that the Fire-Rescue Department is doing tracking and has plans and

protocols in place for testing employees and encouraged those who could to stay home.

- Director of Finance and Administrative Services, Travis Hickey recognized the Technology Services staff for helping set up City staff with remote access to have them work from home. He also stated that he has as limited staff possible while still running daily essential functions.
- Director of Community Services, Maricela Balderas spoke about SASSFA continuing to provide frozen meals at the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center on Mondays and Wednesdays. Starting next week on April 1, all meals will be delivered by SASSFA to encourage seniors to stay home. She also announced that the VITA Tax Program has been suspended and that all original appointments will be rescheduled once restrictions have been lifted. She announced that Parks and Recreation Staff routinely visit parks to ensure proper closure signage is displayed and to patrol for vandalism. She also said that the City Library is extending the due date for books until June 1st. Lastly, she also reported that various postings with varied information on resources is being shared on the City's social media accounts. She announced the creation of a virtual recreation center on the City's website.

13. PUBLIC COMMENTS

This Item was moved to the beginning of the meeting.

14. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Rodriguez thanked the department heads and first responders for keeping everyone safe. She encouraged everyone to stay at home.

Councilmember Trujillo thanked staff for doing everything to keep staff safe. She wanted to let staff know that she is proud of their work and to know that the City supports them. She also encouraged residents to support City restaurants.

Councilmember Zamora thanked first responders and staff for their work. He also stated that the City is looking out for all its residents and encouraged everyone to stay home.

Mayor Pro Tem Mora thanked department heads for keeping Council informed. He also thanked staff for continuing to provide support to the City's residents. He asked everyone to practice good hygiene and to please stay at home and assured everyone that the City will get through this pandemic.

Mayor Rounds talked about the unprecedented challenges that the City faces, and thanked department heads for creating solutions to deal with the pandemic.

CLOSED SESSION

15. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

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

CLOSED SESSION

16. THREAT TO PUBLIC SERVICES OR FACILITIES

(Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957)

Consultation with: Fire Chief, Police Chief and Captain, Director of Police Services, City Attorney

CLOSED SESSION

17. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT

(Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957(b)(1))

TITLE: City Manager Evaluation

CLOSED SESSION

18. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

(Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957.6)

Agency Designated Representatives: City Manager, Director of Finance, Human Resources Manager, City Attorney

Employee Organizations: Santa Fe Springs City Employees' Association and Santa Fe Springs Firefighters' Association

CLOSED SESSION

19. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

(Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957.6)

Agency Designated Representatives: City Manager, City Attorney, Labor Negotiator

Employee Organization: Santa Fe Springs Executive, Management and Confidential Employees' Association

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

Mayor Rounds reconvened the meeting at 8:17 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.

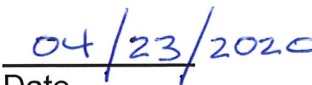
20. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Rounds adjourned the meeting at 8:19 p.m.

ATTEST:


Janet Martinez
City Clerk


William K. Rounds
Mayor


Date