



## MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

May 14, 2020

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Rounds called the meeting to order via teleconference at 6:00 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL**

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

**Members absent:** None

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There was no one wishing to speak during public comments.

### HOUSING SUCCESSOR

4. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Minutes of the April 9, 2020 Housing Successor (City Clerk)

**Recommendation:**

- Approve the minutes as submitted.

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

**Ayes:** Rodriguez, Trujillo, Zamora, Mora, Rounds

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** None

### SUCCESSOR AGENCY

5. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Minutes of the April 9, 2020 Successor Agency (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

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** None

**CITY COUNCIL**

**6. CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Minutes of the April 9, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting (City Clerk)  
**Recommendation:**
  - Approve the minutes as submitted.
  
- b. Proclaiming the Month of April 2020 as DMV/Donate Life Month in Santa Fe Springs (City Clerk)  
**Recommendation:**
  - Proclaim the Month of April 2020 as “DMV/Donate Life Month”.
  
- c. Agreement for Legal Services for Land Acquisition by Eminent Domain for the Alondra Boulevard/Valley View Avenue Intersection Improvement Project (Public Works)  
**Recommendation:**
  - Approval of the Agreement between the City of Santa Fe Springs, City of La Mirada and Jones & Mayer for legal services for land acquisition by Eminent Domain; and
  - Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Agreement for Legal Services.
  
- d. A Resolution of the City Council Reaffirming the Existence of a Local Emergency Due to the Threat of COVID-19 (pursuant to Government Code Section 8630) (City Attorney)  
**Recommendation:**
  - Adopt Resolution No. 9672  
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, REAFFIRMING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY DUE TO THE THREAT OF COVID-19.

It was moved by Councilmember Zamora, seconded by Councilmember Trujillo, to approve Items Nos. 6A, 6B, 6C, and 6D, by the following vote:

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

**PUBLIC HEARING**

- 7. Adoption of Resolution No. 9670 to amend the Land Use Element of the City’s General Plan (General Plan Amendment No. 29), to correct a typographical error related to the maximum building coverage for all properties within the city boundary that is currently designated as Business Park on the City’s General Plan map (Planning)

**Recommendation:**

- Open the Public Hearing and receive any comments from the public regarding Resolution No. 9670 and, after receiving all public comments, close the Public Hearing; and
- Find and determine that an action to amend the Land Use Element of the City’s General Plan, to correct a typographical error related to the maximum building coverage for all properties designated as Business

Park, is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3)-Activities Covered by General Rule; and

- Adopt Resolution No. 9670, which incorporates the City Council's findings and recommendation regarding this matter.

Mayor Rounds opened the public hearing at: 6:04 p.m.

There was no one present wishing to speak during public hearing.

Mayor Rounds closed the public hearing at: 6:04 p.m.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Mora, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez, to find and determine that an action to amend the Land Use Element of the City's General Plan, to correct a typographical error related to the maximum building coverage for all properties designated as Business Park, is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3)-Activities Covered by General Rule, and adopt Resolution No. 9670, which incorporates the City Council's findings and recommendation regarding this matter, by the following vote:

**Ayes:** Rodriguez, Trujillo, Zamora, Mora, Rounds

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

8. Replacement of Baseball/Basketball Scoreboards and Basketball Backboards and Rims – Authorization to Advertise for Construction Bids (Public Works)

**Recommendation:**

- Approve the Grant from Los Angeles County (Fiscal Year 2019/20) in the amount of \$150,000 to fund City parks projects;
- Authorize the Mayor to execute the Social Program Agreement with Los Angeles County;
- Transfer the remaining balance of \$59,500 from the Basketball, Tennis, and Handball Courts Resurfacing project (Los Angeles County Grant Fiscal Year 2018/19) PW190004 to the Replacement of Baseball / Basketball Scoreboards and Basketball Backboards / Rims project PW200102;
- Approve the Plans and Specifications; and
- Authorize the City Engineer to advertise for construction bids.

It was moved by Councilmember Trujillo, seconded by Councilmember Zamora, to approve the Grant from Los Angeles County (Fiscal Year 2019/20) in the amount of \$150,000 to fund City parks projects, authorize the Mayor to execute the Social Program Agreement with Los Angeles County, transfer the remaining balance of \$59,500 from the Basketball, Tennis, and Handball Courts Resurfacing project (Los Angeles County Grant Fiscal Year 2018/19) PW190004 to the Replacement of Baseball / Basketball Scoreboards and Basketball Backboards / Rims project PW200102, approve the Plans and Specifications, and authorize the City Engineer

to advertise for construction bids, by the following vote:

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

9. Lakeland and Meyer Road Improvements – Authorization to Advertise for Construction Bids (Public Works)

**Recommendation:**

- Approve the Plans and Specifications; and
- Authorize the City Engineer to advertise for construction bids.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Mora, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez, to approve the Plans and Specifications, and authorize the City Engineer to advertise for construction bids, by the following vote:

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

10. Extending Joint Powers Agreement between the City of Santa Fe Springs and SEAACA (Police Services)

**Recommendation:**

- Approve and extend the Southeast Area Animal Control Authority Joint Powers Agreement to June 30, 2035; and
- Authorize the Mayor to execute the Joint Powers Agreement with SEAACA.

It was moved by Councilmember Trujillo, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez, to approve and extend the Southeast Area Animal Control Authority Joint Powers Agreement to June 30, 2035, and authorize the Mayor to execute the Joint Powers Agreement with SEAACA, by the following vote:

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

11. Resolution No. 9671 – Authorizing Submittal of a Grant Application to the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development for the Local Early Action Planning (LEAP) Grants Program (Planning)

**Recommendation:**

- Adopt Resolution No. 9671; and
- Authorize the Mayor or designee to execute all necessary documents for the LEAP Grants Program, and if awarded, accept, and administer the grant, including any renewals.

It was moved by Councilmember Rodriguez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mora, to adopt Resolution No. 9671, and authorize the Mayor or designee to execute all necessary documents for the LEAP Grants Program, and if awarded, accept, and administer the grant, including any renewals, by the following vote:

**Ayes:** Rodriguez, Trujillo, Mora, Rounds

**Nayes:** Zamora  
**Absent:** None

**12. Quarterly Treasurer's Report of Investments for the Quarter Ended March 31, 2020 (Finance)**

**Recommendation:**

- Receive and file the report.

Director of Finance, Travis Hickey provided a presentation on Item No. 12.

Councilmember Zamora asked how long PFM has been managing the City's financial portfolio. He also asked as to the reasoning for presenting the treasurer's report as a standalone item as opposed to the standard format of presenting it as a consent item.

Director Hickey responded that PFM had begun in January 2016. He also stated that the treasurer's report was presented as a standalone item due to the recent market volatility and thought it would be best to provide a presentation so that Council could ask questions if necessary.

It was moved by Councilmember Zamora, seconded by Councilmember Trujillo, to receive and file the report, by the following vote:

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

**13. CITY MANAGER AND EXECUTIVE TEAM REPORTS**

- City Manager, Ray Cruz spoke about the 2 month period of the Stay at Home order. He commended the IT Department for assisting the City employees with working from home. He also spoke about beginning to draft a plan to have City employees return back to work in some capacity safely starting on June 1<sup>st</sup>. He also spoke about currently having meetings with City Council and budget committees regarding the annual budget. He spoke about moving forward with the annual Fireworks Booth Lottery and the social distancing requirements in regards to operating them. Lastly, she spoke about Santa Fe Springs Chamber of Commerce Christy Lindsay's retirement.
- Director of Public Works, Noe Negrete spoke about the progress of the Florence Avenue Widening Project.
- Director of Planning, Wayne Morrell spoke about the property on Norwalk Blvd and Telegraph Rd along with the preliminary proposals on how to develop the area. He also spoke about the property directly across the street along with a suggested proposal.
- Director of Police Services, Dino Torres spoke about the Department of Police Services continuing to issue citations for street sweeping starting next week. He reported that The Special Olympics torch run has been postponed to a later date. Lastly, he reported that Code Enforcement is continuing to monitor for bulky items left over after trash collection dates.

- Fire Chief, Brent Hayward provided an update on COVID-19 cases within the City and what precautions first responders are taking. He also spoke about working with the City Manager's staff to coordinate with TNT on the Fireworks Booth Lottery. Lastly, he spoke about the USAF Thunderbirds that will be flying over key hospitals within the U.S. as a tribute to frontline workers and medical staff that treat COVID-19.
- Director of Finance, Travis Hickey spoke about an article highlighting the financial downfalls cities are likely to face due to COVID-19, pointing out that Santa Fe Springs was specifically cited.
- Director of Community Services, Maricela Balderas spoke about the Virtual Prom on May 8<sup>th</sup>. Discounts were provided to students by local businesses on food orders, and a photographer was also sent to take pictures of students in front of their homes. She also spoke about city case workers working to get seniors connected with meal delivery programs. She also reported that the City Library will continue with their online book group and other activities. The Summer Reading Program will also be going digital. She also stated that Virtual Youth Soccer and Virtual Summer Camp registrations will begin this week and next week, respectively. Lastly, she wished the City a Happy 63<sup>rd</sup> Birthday.

#### **14. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Rodriguez wished everyone a Happy Mother's Day, and reported that the Santa Fe Springs Women's Club donated goods to local homeless advocate groups. She congratulated Christy Lindsay on her retirement and thanked the Police Services Department for all of their hard work. She also thanked Fire Chief Hayward for important updates. She also thanked IT for their support to City staff and expressed that working remotely from home could be the new norm and encouraged the City to look into it. Lastly, she thanked the first responders.

Councilmember Trujillo expressed her longing to return back to City Hall. She also thanked the Public Safety Officers for continuing to monitor the streets for trash violations in an effort to improve the cleanliness of the City. Lastly, she thanked City staff for their hard work

Councilmember Zamora thanked all the City employees for their hard work and encouraged communication among staff. He expressed gratitude to essential workers working to fight COVID-19.

Mayor Pro Tem Mora expressed gratitude for all the frontline staff around the City and the State. He also thanked City staff for continuing to service the residents, congratulated Christy Lindsay on her retirement, and expressed his eagerness to getting over the pandemic.

Mayor Rounds commended City Manager Ray Cruz on his reporting and efforts during the pandemic. He also thanked the executive team members for being creative and

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thanked the employees that are working from home.

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**CLOSED SESSION**

15. 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**

16. 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, Labor Negotiator.  
**Employee Organizations:** Santa Fe Springs City Employees' Association and Santa Fe Springs Firefighters' Association

**CLOSED SESSION**

17. 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

**CLOSED SESSION**

18. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
Initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4): Two Cases

***Mayor Rounds recessed the meetings at 7:12 p.m.***

***Mayor Rounds convened the meeting at 9:07 p.m.***

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19. **CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

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

20. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Rounds adjourned the meeting at 9:07 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

  
Janet Martinez, City Clerk

  
William K. Rounds, Mayor

06/18/2020  
Date