



APPROVED: 7/9/2020

MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

June 11, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rounds called the meeting to order via teleconference at 6:01 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

The following people submitted comments to be read during Public Comments: Frank Martene, David Erb, Juan Carlos Guerrero, and Emily Sandoval.

The following people spoke during Public Comments: Tom Murray, Ralph Aranda, Pierre Romo, Jay Sarno, and Martin Herrera.

HOUSING SUCCESSOR

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of the May 14, 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

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of the May 14, 2020 Successor Agency (City Clerk)

Recommendation:

- Approve the minutes as submitted.

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

Ayes: Rodriguez, Trujillo, Zamora, Mora, Rounds

Nayes: None
Absent: None

CITY COUNCIL

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes of the May 14, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting (City Clerk)

Recommendation:

- Approve the minutes as submitted.

- b. General Motion to Waive Full Reading and Read Ordinance by Title Only Pursuant to California Government Code Section 36934 (City Clerk)

Recommendation:

- Approve a general motion to waive full reading and read Ordinance titles only, pursuant to California Government Code Section 36934.

- c. Status Update for the Appeal of a Denial Involving an Application for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP Case No. 795), five (5) Zone Variances (ZV Case No. 82 and 84-87) and a Development Agreement (DA 01-2020), filed by Becker Boards, on a Parcel Located at 13539 Freeway Drive (APN: 8069-016-006) (Planning)

Recommendation:

- Receive and file the report.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Mora, seconded by Councilmember Trujillo, to approve Item Nos. 6A through 6C, by the following vote:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Trujillo, Zamora, Mora, Rounds

Nayes: None

Absent: None

PUBLIC HEARING/ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION

7. Categorically Exempt – CEQA Guidelines Section 15282(h)

Zoning Text Amendment – Accessory Dwelling Unit

Ordinance No. 1110: An ordinance of the City of Santa Fe Springs Amending Sections 155.003 (Definitions), 155.644 (Accessory Dwelling Units) and 155.644.1 (Junior Accessory Dwelling Units) of Chapter 155 (Zoning) of Title 15 (Land Use) of the Santa Fe Springs Municipal Code Relating to the Construction of Accessory Dwelling Units and Junior Accessory Dwelling Units in the A-1, Light Agricultural; R-1, Single-Family Residential; and R-3, Multi-Family Residential, Zones. (City of Santa Fe Springs)

Recommendation:

- Open the Public Hearing and receive any comments from the public regarding proposed Ordinance No. 1110 and, thereafter, close the Public Hearing; and
- Find that the proposed amendments to the text of the City's Land Use Regulations are consistent with the City's General Plan; and
- Introduce for first reading the proposed amendments to the City Zoning Ordinance regarding land use requirements for Accessory Dwelling Units and Junior Accessory Dwelling Units in the A-1, Light Agricultural; R-1, Single-Family Residential; and R-3, Multi-Family Residential, Zones.

Mayor Rounds opened the public hearing at: 6:25 p.m.

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

Mayor Rounds closed the public hearing at: 6:25 p.m.

It was moved by Councilmember Zamora, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez, to find that the proposed amendments to the text of the City's Land Use Regulations are consistent with the City's General Plan, and introduce for first reading the proposed amendments to the City Zoning Ordinance regarding land use requirements for Accessory Dwelling Units and Junior Accessory Dwelling Units in the A-1, Light Agricultural; R-1, Single-Family Residential; and R-3, Multi-Family Residential, Zones, by the following vote:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Trujillo, Zamora, Mora, Rounds

Nayes: None

Absent: None

NEW BUSINESS

8. Introduction and Discussion of City's Proposed Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget and Related Items (Finance)

Recommendation:

- Provide staff direction regarding revenue and expenditure matters included in the Fiscal Year 2020-21 proposed budget.

City Manager, Ray Cruz gave a brief introduction to Item No. 8.

Director of Finance, Travis Hickey, provided a presentation on the proposed 2020-21 budget. He stated that COVID-19 has added a level of uncertainty to the City's finances, but the Council is committed to continue providing resources towards improving the quality of life for the community even during uncertain times.

Councilmember Rodriguez discussed the allotted amount for LA CADA and The Whole Child. She made a motion to increase the amount to \$10,000 for LA CADA, it was seconded by Councilmember Zamora.

Mayor Rounds requested to view the list of donations given to all nonprofit agencies.

Discussion ensued amongst Council. The Lake Center Washington D.C. trip was brought forward during the discussion; Council made a consensus agreement to use the amount not used for the trip from Fiscal Year 2019-20 and roll it over to Fiscal Year 2020-21 to increase the amount from \$2,500 to \$12,500.

Councilmember Rodriguez revised her motion to reflect the rest of the Councils consensus of transferring the unused funds.

Councilmember Rodriguez made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Trujillo, to increase the donation amount from \$2,500 to \$12,500 for LA CADA for the 2020-21 FY by taking money allotted for the 2019-20 FY Lake Center Washington D.C. trip, by the following vote:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Trujillo, Zamora, Mora, Rounds

Nayes: None

Absent: None

9. Approval of In-Kind Services Agreement between the City of Santa Fe Springs and Southeast Area Social Services Funding Authority (SASSFA) for FY 2020-2021 (Community Services)

Recommendation:

- Approve In-Kind Services Agreement between the City of Santa Fe Springs and Southeast Area Social Services Funding Authority (SASSFA) for FY 2020-21; and
- Authorize the Mayor to execute the In-kind Services Agreement.

It was moved by Councilmember Zamora, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez, to approve In-Kind Services Agreement between the City of Santa Fe Springs and Southeast Area Social Services Funding Authority (SASSFA) for FY 2020-21, and authorize the Mayor to execute the In-Kind Services Agreement, by the following vote:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Trujillo, Zamora, Mora, Rounds

Nayes: None

Absent: None

10. Amendment Number Two to Lease Agreements between the City of Santa Fe Springs and Options for Learning at Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center and the Los Nietos Childcare Center (Community Services)

Recommendation:

- Approve Amendment Number Two to Lease Agreements between the City of Santa Fe Springs and Options for Learning to extend lease term by one year at the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center and Los Nietos Childcare Center; and
- Authorize the Mayor to execute Amendment Number Two to Lease Agreement.

It was moved by Councilmember Trujillo, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez, to approve Amendment Number Two to Lease Agreements between the City of Santa Fe Springs and Options for Learning to extend lease term by one year at the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center and Los Nietos Childcare Center, and authorize the Mayor to execute Amendment Number Two to Lease Agreement, by the following vote:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Trujillo, Zamora, Mora, Rounds

Nayes: None

Absent: None

11. Resolution Nos. 9675, 9676 and 9677 - Pertaining to the City's General Municipal Election to be held Tuesday, November 3, 2020 (City Clerk)

Recommendation:

- Adopt Resolution No. 9675, 9676, and 9677 which pertain to the City's General Municipal Election to be held Tuesday, November 3, 2020.

It was moved by Councilmember Rodriguez, seconded by Councilmember Trujillo, to adopt Resolution Nos. 9675, 9676, and 9677 which pertain to the City's General Municipal Election to be held Tuesday, November 3, 2020, by the following vote:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Trujillo, Mora, Rounds

Nayes: Zamora

Absent: None

12. Resolution No. 9678 – Approving Use of Senate Bill 1 Funds (Fiscal Year 2020/21) for Los Nietos Road Street Improvements (Pioneer Boulevard to Painter Avenue) Project (Public Works)

Recommendation:

- Adopt Resolution No. 9678 approving the Los Nietos Road Street Improvements (Pioneer Boulevard to Painter Avenue) Project to be partially funded by Senate Bill SB-1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act; and
- Authorize the Director of Public Works to submit an application to the California Transportation Commission for Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA) funds.

It was moved by Councilmember Zamora, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez, to adopt Resolution No. 9678 approving the Los Nietos Road Street Improvements (Pioneer Boulevard to Painter Avenue) Project to be partially funded by Senate Bill SB-1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act, and authorize the Director of Public Works to submit an application to the California Transportation Commission for Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA) funds, by the following vote:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Trujillo, Zamora, Mora, Rounds

Nayes: None

Absent: None

13. I-605 Arterial Intersections Right-of-Way Acquisition Services – Contract Amendment (Public Works)

Recommendation:

- Approve Contract Amendment Number One with CPSI in the amount of \$17,815 to provide Right-of-Way Acquisition Services for the Alondra Boulevard and Valley View Avenue Intersection Improvements Project and the Rosecrans Avenue and Valley View Avenue Intersection Improvements Project; and
- Authorize the Mayor to execute Contract Amendment Number One.

It was moved by Councilmember Trujillo, seconded by Councilmember Zamora, to

approve Contract Amendment Number One with CPSI in the amount of \$17,815 to provide Right-of-Way Acquisition Services for the Alondra Boulevard and Valley View Avenue Intersection Improvements Project and the Rosecrans Avenue and Valley View Avenue Intersection Improvements Project; and authorize the Mayor to execute Contract Amendment Number One., by the following vote:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Trujillo, Zamora, Mora, Rounds

Nayes: None

Absent: None

14. Landscape Maintenance Services: Award of Contract (Public Works)

Recommendation:

- Accept the proposals;
- Award a contract to Merchants Landscape Services, Inc. of Santa Ana, California, for the annual amount of \$899,792.16; and
- Authorize the Mayor to execute Agreement.

Director of Public Works, Noe Negrete provided a presentation on the criteria and selection process of how the winning contract was selected.

Councilmember Rodriguez reiterated that at the last council meeting the City was going to provide Tom Murray of Complete Landscape Care, Inc., an opportunity to renegotiate. She suggested to Table the item to a future meeting.

City Manager Ray Cruz stated that if the chosen bid and the current contractor's bid were comparable enough in amounts that there might have been a possibility to negotiate, they would have moved forward with that option. He stated that the difference is about a quarter of a million dollars.

Councilmember Zamora agreed with Councilmember Rodriguez, stated that the item should be tabled to a later meeting in order to give Complete Landscape Care, Inc. an opportunity to negotiate a new contract and price.

Councilmember Trujillo stated that she does not believe that the price can be negotiated with the current contractor due to the difference in bid amounts. She stated that due to COVID, staffing, and other factors, she cannot justify awarding a contract to Complete Landscape Care, Inc.

Mayor Pro Tem Mora stated that he has been aware of the quality issues by Complete Landscape Care, Inc., and is aware of the great work they have done in the past. He stated that as elected officials, they must be prudent with taxpayer's money and are obligated to make decisions in the best interest of residents.

Councilmember Rodriguez expressed her curiosity at how Complete Landscape Care, Inc. would be able to offer comparable services at the price of the chosen bid, and asked to table the item to give them a chance to negotiate.

Mayor Rounds stated that certain provisions in the RFP requirements prohibited

staff from contacting the bidders. He also stated that he has seen the quality of work done by Merchants Landscape Services, Inc., and that Council has been transparent in the award process. He asked that if Council does table the item and that if they do go to negotiations, they should negotiate and compare.

City Attorney, Ivy M. Tsai clarified that municipal code section 3429 outlines the request for proposals process, and that no negotiation would have been permitted before receiving proposals. The City is able to negotiate with both Merchants Landscape Services, Inc. and Complete Landscape Care, Inc.

Mayor Pro Tem Mora stated that negotiations should be done with both contractors.

Councilmember Trujillo asked if Eric Borunda, Streets and Grounds Supervisor, could provide testimony on the quality of the work done by Complete Landscape Care, Inc.

Eric Borunda stated that due to constant change of contractor's personnel, it has been difficult to maintain the city's standards on quality, especially during the last year. He also agreed with the RFP process so the City could see what the going price is for similar services.

City Attorney Ivy M. Tsai stated that Council can give direction to staff to enter into negotiations with Complete Landscape Care, Inc. and Merchants Landscape Services, Inc., or they can form a new subcommittee to negotiate. Mayor Pro Tem Mora and Mayor Rounds commented that Council should not be a part of negotiations.

Tom Murray, President of Complete Landscape Care, Inc. provided additional information to the discussion.

It was moved by Councilmember Rodriguez, seconded by Councilmember Trujillo, to negotiate the landscaping contract with Merchants Landscape Services, Inc. and Complete Landscape Care, Inc., by the following vote:

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

15. Rosecrans / Marquardt Grade Separation Project: Traffic Signal and Street Light Conduit Relocation – Award of Contract (Public Works)

Recommendation:

- Accept the bids;
- Award a contract to DB Electric, Inc. of Eastvale, California, in the amount of \$38,799.00; and
- Authorize the Mayor to execute the Agreement with DB Electric, Inc.

It was moved by Councilmember Zamora, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mora, to

accept the bids, award a contract to DB Electric, Inc. of Eastvale, California, in the amount of \$38,799.00, and authorize the Mayor to execute the Agreement with DB Electric, Inc., by the following vote:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Trujillo, Zamora, Mora, Rounds

Nayes: None

Absent: None

16. CITY MANAGER AND EXECUTIVE TEAM REPORTS

- City Manager, Ray Cruz spoke about a planned demonstration march scheduled for June 12, 2020 from Lake Center Parking Lot to Town Center Plaza. It was organized by a 10th grade high school student who frequents City facilities and services. His goal was to give Santa Fe Springs youth and community at-large a safe opportunity to oppose racial and social injustice.
- Director of Public Works, Noe Negrete spoke about new projects starting that were initially on hold due to COVID-19, specifically the installation of a 10-inch Fire line on Sorensen Ave., sidewalk replacement on Charlesworth Rd., roof replacement at Heritage Park Train Depot, and new wrought iron fence and paint at Heritage Park.
- Senior Planner, Cuong Nguyen spoke about the necessary entitlements being approved by the Planning Commission on Monday for the project on Laurel Ave. and Florence Ave. He provided additional information on the
- Director of Police Services, Dino Torres reported that public safety, code enforcement, and Whittier Police Department staff continues to remain positive amid the protests.
- Fire Chief, Brent Hayward provided an update on COVID-19 cases within the City and what precautions first responders are taking, along with what steps residents can take to stay safe. He also spoke Firefighter assisting a fire on June 2, 2020 in La Habra Heights.
- Director of Finance, Travis Hickey spoke about the Technology Services team replacing the firewall system which is now fully operational. He also thanked all of the staff who were involved in creating the budget for next fiscal year.
- Director of Community Services, Maricela Balderas spoke about the Youth Leadership Committee receiving goodies and visits by city staff to congratulate them on their high school graduation. She also spoke about the "Rec N' Roll Patrol" continuing to visit areas around the City to promote art and good cheer. She also reported that city parks will begin to reopen for passive recreation with limitations. Park staff will be available to answer questions for the general public. She announced that the free summer meals program began on June 8th and will offer free breakfast and lunch to kids up to 18 years of age and to special needs adults up to 24 years of age. She also reported that registration for the July 4th "Party Packs" are going well. She also reported that on June 15th, the library will be offering curbside pickup from 10am to 4pm, and that SASSFA's congregate meal program will now begin using the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center to allow patrons to pick up frozen meals. Lastly, she noted that Community Services staff has been posting COVID-19 related information on the City's website and have noticed a significant increase in subscriptions.
- Councilmember Zamora requested for the Director of Community Services, Maricela

Balderas to add a future agenda item related to extending the wedding season.

17. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Rodriguez thanked first responders for their hard work. She also thanked department and directors for their hard work. She congratulated the 2020 graduates and wished everyone a great weekend.

Councilmember Trujillo hoped that staff is able to work together for the betterment of the residents and thanked staff for all of their hard work. She also wished all the fathers a Happy Father's Day.

Councilmember Zamora thanked Technology Services staff and first responders for their hard work. He also wanted to ensure that the council meeting is adjourned in memory of Tony Key, a longtime resident of the City.

Mayor Pro Tem Mora thanked City staff for all the work they do, and highlighted Public Works on their great work with the RFP process. He also congratulated all of the 2020 graduates.

Mayor Rounds thanked City staff, the Fire Department, and the Police Services Department for being a part of the resident's birthday celebrations. He also thanked Council on the productivity of tonight's council meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

18. 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

19. 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

20. 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

21. 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 8:33 p.m.

Mayor Rounds convened the meeting at 9:37 p.m.


22. 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.

23. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Rounds adjourned the meeting at 9:38 p.m. in memory of George Floyd, Gedney Gallagher, and Tony Key.

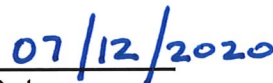
ATTEST:



Janet Martinez, City Clerk



William K. Rounds, Mayor



Date