



APPROVED: 8/13/2020

MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

July 9, 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

The following people submitted comments to be read during Public Comments: Juanita Meraz, Richard Moore, Ralph Aranda, Adrienne Karnofel, Cindy Jarvis, Deborah Lopez, Donna Ferguson, Jesse Ornelas, Steven and Biana Salgado, Joseph and Alicia Salgado, Ray Baker, Jose Guadalupe Gonzalez, Terri Aguirre, Miguel Fuentes, Steve Kotsay, Gene Muñoz, Susan Martene, Frank Martene, and Rosemary Tucket

The following people spoke during Public Comments: Frank Martene, Susan Martene, Thomas Murray, Tammy Murray, Gabe Carrasco, and Mark Broway.

HOUSING SUCCESSOR

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of the June 11, 2020 Housing Successor (City Clerk)

Recommendation:

- Approve the minutes as submitted.

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

Ayes: Rodriguez, Trujillo, Zamora, Mora, Rounds

Nays: None

Absent: None

NEW BUSINESS

5. Amendment Number Two ("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 Number Two between the Housing Successor and Developer to extend the Negotiation Period for an additional 90-day “extension period” commencing July 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 90-day “extension period” commencing July 26, 2020, by mutual agreement.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Mora, seconded by Councilmember Zamora, to approve the Amendment Number Two between the Housing Successor and Developer to extend the Negotiation Period for an additional 90-day “extension period” commencing July 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 90-day “extension period” commencing July 26, 2020, by mutual agreement, by the following vote:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Trujillo, Zamora, Mora, Rounds

Nayes: None

Absent: None

SUCCESSOR AGENCY

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of the June 11, 2020 Successor Agency (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

Nayes: None

Absent: None

CITY COUNCIL

7. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes of the June 11, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting (City Clerk)

Recommendation:

- Approve the minutes as submitted.

- b. 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. 9684:
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, REAFFIRMING THE EXISTENCE OF LOCAL

EMERGENCY DUE TO THE THREAT OF COVID-19.

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

Ayes: Rodriguez, Trujillo, Zamora, Mora, Rounds

Nays: None

Absent: None

NEW BUSINESS

8. 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.

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

Director of Public Works, Noe Negrete provided a PowerPoint presentation on Item No. 8. He outlined the bid, award, and negotiation process regarding the landscape maintenance contract.

Councilmember Zamora asked if Complete Landscape Care, Inc. was able to provide any of the additional added value proposals submitted by Merchants Landscape Services, Inc.

Tom Murray responded that they would be able to provide everything at an additional cost, sans the aerator.

Councilmember Zamora asked Director Negrete asked if there has been a change in responsiveness during the past couple of weeks. Director Negrete responded that there has been a big improvement.

Mayor Pro Tem Mora asked if the additional added value proposals from Merchants Landscape Services, Inc. were part of the original evaluation. Director Negrete said they were not.

Councilmember Zamora expressed his desire to stay with Complete Landscape Care, Inc. as they have been a part of the community for years. Councilmember Rodriguez expressed similar sentiments, and said Council should listen to the resident's requests.

Councilmember Trujillo stated that certain decisions are difficult to make, and that decisions should be made in the best interest of the City. She asked Director Negrete asked if additional services are typically included in bid submittals. Director Negrete responded that additional services were allowed in this circumstance due to negotiations, but not typically the norm.

Mayor Pro Tem Mora stated that staff has the responsibility to manage contracts and bids, and thanked Tom Murray for being a staple of the community for so long. He referenced the emails submitted by residents, and noted that Council are stewards of tax revenue from all residents and decisions must be made for the community at-large.

Councilmember Rodriguez commented that this decision would be easy if it did not concern City residents. She stated that Council should listen to its residents.

Councilmember Zamora referenced that in the past, certain contracts were kept regardless of their price and the contractors gave back to the community.

Mayor Rounds clarified that terminating Complete Landscape Care, Inc. is not the objective of the City. He referenced the request for proposals vote on the April 9, 2020 agenda and highlighted the transparency of the Council in the proposal and negotiation process. Mayor Rounds stated that the savings could be used in different ways during these uncertain times.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Mora, seconded by Councilmember Trujillo, to 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 the agreement, by the following vote:

Ayes: Trujillo, Mora, Rounds

Nayes: Rodriguez, Zamora

Absent: None

9. Amendment No. 7 to Interstate 5 Consortium Cities Joint Powers Authority Agreement (Public Works)

Recommendation:

- Approve Amendment No. 7 to the Interstate 5 Consortium Cities Joint Powers Authority (I-5 JPA) Agreement; and
- Authorize the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 7.

It was moved by Councilmember Zamora, seconded by Councilmember Trujillo, to approve Amendment No. 7 to the Interstate 5 Consortium Cities Joint Powers Authority (I-5 JPA) Agreement, and authorize the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 7, by the following vote:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Trujillo, Zamora, Mora, Rounds

Nayes: None

Absent: None

10. Lakeland and Meyer Road Street Improvements – Award of Contract (Public Works)

Recommendation:

- Accept the bids; and
- Award a contract to Hardy & Harper Company of Lake Forest, California, in the amount of \$916,000.00.

It was moved by Councilmember Rodriguez, seconded by Councilmember

Zamora, to accept the bids, and award a contract to Hardy & Harper Company of Lake Forest, California, in the amount of \$916,000.00, by the following vote:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Trujillo, Zamora, Mora, Rounds

Nayes: None

Absent: None

11. Replacement of Baseball / Basketball Scoreboards and Basketball Backboards and Rims – Award of Contract (Public Works)

Recommendation:

- Appropriate \$90,000 from the Utility Users Tax (UUT) Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) to the Replacement of Baseball / Basketball Scoreboards and Basketball Backboards and Rims Project (PW200102);
- Accept the bids; and
- Award a contract to LJB Construction of Norwalk, California, in the amount of \$211,947.68.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Mora, seconded by Councilmember Zamora, to appropriate \$90,000 from the Utility Users Tax (UUT) Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) to the Replacement of Baseball / Basketball Scoreboards and Basketball Backboards and Rims Project (PW200102), accept the bids, and award a contract to LJB Construction of Norwalk, California, in the amount of \$211,947.68, by the following vote:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Trujillo, Zamora, Mora, Rounds

Nayes: None

Absent: None

12. Los Nietos 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 Zamora, 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

Nayes: None

Absent: None

13. Approve the Authorized Screening Agency Agreement and Scope of Services between the City of Santa Fe Springs and United Way of Greater Los Angeles for the Gas Assistance Fund and the Edison Assistance Fund Programs (Community Services)

Recommendation:

- Approve the Authorized Screening Agency Agreement and Scope of Services with United Way of Greater Los Angeles for the continued participation in the Gas Assistance Fund (GAF) and the Edison Assistance Fund (EAF) Programs.
- Authorize the Mayor to execute and sign the agreement electronically

through iPartner - United Way of Greater Los Angeles.

It was moved by Councilmember Rodriguez, seconded by Councilmember Trujillo, to approve the Authorized Screening Agency Agreement and Scope of Services with United Way of Greater Los Angeles for the continued participation in the Gas Assistance Fund (GAF) and the Edison Assistance Fund (EAF) Programs, and authorize the Mayor to execute and sign the agreement electronically through iPartner - United Way of Greater Los Angeles, by the following vote:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Trujillo, Zamora, Mora, Rounds

Nayes: None

Absent: None

14. Presentation and Consideration of the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2019 (Finance)

Recommendation:

- Receive and file the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2019 and related communications.

It was moved by Councilmember Zamora, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez, to receive and file the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2019 and related communications, by the following vote:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Trujillo, Zamora, Mora, Rounds

Nayes: None

Absent: None

15. Resolution No. 9685 – Review and Consideration to Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Santa Fe Springs Authorizing Participation in the Los Angeles Urban County Community Development Grant (CDBG) Program for the Period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024, Pursuant to Terms of a Cooperation Agreement with the County of Los Angeles (City Manager)

Recommendation:

- Adopt Resolution No. 9685; and
- Authorize Staff to transmit the Participating City Cooperation Agreement to the Los Angeles County Development Authority.

It was moved by Councilmember Rodriguez, seconded by Councilmember Trujillo, to adopt Resolution No. 9685, and authorize Staff to transmit the Participating City Cooperation Agreement to the Los Angeles County Development Authority, 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 the closure of parks during 4th of July weekend due to the increases of COVID-19 cases in Los Angeles County. He also spoke about the

record number of sales reported by the fireworks vendors this year. Lastly, he reported that there has been a significant increase of illegal fireworks usage and an agreement was made to look into the issue along with the other Gateway City Managers.

- Director of Public Works, Noe Negrete reported that the City completed the 2019 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report which is available to the public. Lastly, he spoke about an inspection of City facilities and reported that the soffits at the Aquatic Center collapsed due to heavy rains earlier in the year and will need to be repaired. The Aquatic Center main entrance will remain sanctioned off and a solution will be evaluated in the coming weeks.
- Director of Planning, Wayne Morrell spoke about local businesses being impacted during COVID-19. He reported that the Planning Department is working on guidelines to allow restaurants to extend their dining area to outdoor seating.
- Director of Police Services, Dino Torres reported that the Police Services Center is currently processing a large amount of annual pet licenses due to the start of the new fiscal year. Secondly, he reported that the department had a successful 4th of July despite some calls leading up the holiday weekend.
- Councilmember Zamora asked if additional policing could be provided in the Santa Fe Springs Promenade area due to increased homeless activity.
- Fire Chief, Brent Hayward provided an update on COVID-19 cases within the City. He also provided information on call volume to the department in comparison to the same time last year and provided precautionary guidelines on COVID-19.
- Director of Finance, Travis Hickey spoke about firewall servicing occurring on July 10th, which will affect a number of services including email, webmail, certain storage drives and the City's website.
- Director of Community Services, Maricela Balderas spoke about the successful distribution of the Independence Day Party Packs. She reported that the City's "Drive-In Movie Series" sign-ups are completely full and also noted that the library's curb-side pickup program has also been popular. She also announced that SASSFA has been able to clear the waiting list for the senior congregate meal program and is serving 101 seniors in the City. Lastly she announced that the 2020 Pow-Wow Event at Heritage Park has been cancelled.

17. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Rodriguez thanked staff for all of the virtual programs offered by the City, and expressed gratitude to the individuals who assisted in the distribution of the Independence Day Party Packs.

Councilmember Trujillo hoped that everyone had a great 4th of July and noted that some decisions made by council can be tough, but are always made for the benefit of the City.

Councilmember Zamora thanked frontline workers for their work. He encouraged residents to contact the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center should they require any

assistance.

Mayor Pro Tem Mora acknowledged all the different ways that City personnel are continuing to provide services for residents despite COVID-19. He thanked Complete Landscape Care, Inc. for their services to the City and asked for everyone take caution as COVID-19 cases continue to rise.

Mayor Rounds expressed his delight at seeing all the 4th of July celebrations from residents. He encouraged everyone to stay safe and “cool” as the summer continues.

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 7:41 p.m.

Mayor Rounds convened the meeting at 9:50 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 9:51 p.m. in memory of Rich Calagna.

ATTEST:


Janet Martinez, City Clerk


William K. Rounds, Mayor

Date

