



APPROVED: 9/10/2020

MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

August 13, 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 present wishing to speak during public comments.

HOUSING SUCCESSOR

4. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Minutes of the July 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 July 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 June 11, 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. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 1098 - Amending Chapter 110 (Regulation of Certain Businesses) Of Title XI (Business Regulations) and Chapter 130 (General Provisions) Of Title XIII (General Offenses) Of the Santa Fe Springs Municipal Code to Establish A Sidewalk Vending Program (Police Services)

Recommendation:

- Adopt Ordinance No. 1098 regarding the establishment of a sidewalk vending program.

- d. Second Reading - Ordinance No. 1113 - Granting a Franchise to Park Water Company for Maintenance and Operation of Pipelines in City Streets (Public Works)

Recommendation:

- Adopt Ordinance No. 1113, granting a franchise to Park Water Company for Maintenance and Operation of Pipelines in City Streets.

- e. Quarterly Treasurer's Report of Investments for the Quarter Ended, June 30, 2020 (Finance)

Recommendation:

- Receive and file the report.

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

Ayes: Rodriguez, Trujillo, Zamora, Mora, Rounds

Nays: None

Absent: None

PUBLIC HEARING

7. Consideration of Adoption of Resolution of Necessity No. 9690 for the Acquisition by Eminent Domain of Certain Real Property Interests for Public Purposes for the Valley View Avenue and Alondra Boulevard Intersection Improvement Project (Public Works)

Recommendation:

- Consider and Adopt Resolution No. 9690 – A Resolution of Necessity of the City of Santa Fe Springs declaring certain real property interests located at 15905 Valley View Avenue, and further identified as Assessor's Parcel Number 7001-012-053 ("Subject Property"), necessary for public

purposes and authorizing the acquisition thereof, in connection with the Valley View Avenue and Alondra Boulevard Intersection Improvement Project ("Project");

- Open and conduct a Public Hearing on the adoption of the proposed Resolution of Necessity, receive from staff the evidence stated and referred to in this Agenda Report ("Report"), take testimony from any person wishing to be heard and consider all evidence to determine whether to adopt proposed Resolution of Necessity, which requires the City Council's separate consideration and determination;
- Find that the public interest, convenience and necessity require the acquisition of the proposed Subject Property for the benefit of the City's intersection and roadway widening Project.
- Find that Project is located in the manner that will be most compatible with the greatest public good and the least private injury.
- Find that the Subject Property sought to be acquired is necessary for the City's intersection and roadway widening Project. Without the acquisition of the Subject Property, the City will not be able to proceed with the Project.
- Find that that the offer required by section 7267.2 of the Government Code has been made to the owners of record of the property to be acquired.
- Authorize the City Attorney's office and City staff to take all necessary steps to deposit with the Court the amount of probable compensation required by law for issuance of the Order for Possession; and
- Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute all necessary documents.

Director of Public Works, Noe Negrete provided a presentation and introduced Carrie Raven from Jones & Mayer Legal Counsel.

Mayor Rounds opened the Public Hearing at 6:20 p.m.

There was no one wishing to speak on Item No. 7

Mayor Rounds closed the Public Hearing at 6:21 p.m.

It was moved by Councilmember Rodriguez, seconded by Councilmember Trujillo, to consider and Adopt Resolution No. 9690 – A Resolution of Necessity of the City of Santa Fe Springs declaring certain real property interests located at 15905 Valley View Avenue, and further identified as Assessor's Parcel Number 7001-012-053 ("Subject Property"), necessary for public purposes and authorizing the acquisition thereof, in connection with the Valley View Avenue and Alondra Boulevard Intersection Improvement Project ("Project"), open and conduct a Public Hearing on the adoption of the proposed Resolution of Necessity, receive from staff the evidence stated and referred to in this Agenda Report ("Report"), take testimony from any person wishing to be heard and consider all evidence to determine whether to adopt proposed Resolution of Necessity, which requires the City Council's separate consideration and determination, find that the public interest, convenience and necessity require the

acquisition of the proposed Subject Property for the benefit of the City's intersection and roadway widening Project, find that Project is located in the manner that will be most compatible with the greatest public good and the least private injury, find that the Subject Property sought to be acquired is necessary for the City's intersection and roadway widening Project. Without the acquisition of the Subject Property, the City will not be able to proceed with the Project, find that that the offer required by section 7267.2 of the Government Code has been made to the owners of record of the property to be acquired, authorize the City Attorney's office and City staff to take all necessary steps to deposit with the Court the amount of probable compensation required by law for issuance of the Order for Possession; and authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute all necessary documents, by the following vote:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Trujillo, Zamora, Mora, Rounds

Nayes: None

Absent: None

NEW BUSINESS

8. Lower San Gabriel River Watershed Management Program (WMP) and Coordinated Integrated Monitoring Program (CIMP) Implementation – Second Amendment (Public Works)

Recommendation:

- Approve the Second Amendment to the MOU with Gateway Water Management Authority (GWMA) to continue to implement a Watershed Management Program (WMP) and Coordinated Integrated Monitoring Program (CIMP), including the construction of regional BMP projects for the Lower San Gabriel River Watershed Committee (LSGR), and;
- Authorize the City Manager to execute the Second Amendment.

It was moved by Councilmember Trujillo, seconded by Councilmember Zamora, to approve the Second Amendment to the MOU with Gateway Water Management Authority (GWMA) to continue to implement a Watershed Management Program (WMP) and Coordinated Integrated Monitoring Program (CIMP), including the construction of regional BMP projects for the Lower San Gabriel River Watershed Committee (LSGR), and authorize the City Manager to execute the Second Amendment, by the following vote:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Trujillo, Zamora, Mora, Rounds

Nayes: None

Absent: None

9. Transfer Agreement for Safe Clean Water Municipal Program with Los Angeles County Flood Control District (Public Works)

Recommendation:

- Approve Transfer Agreement No. 2020MP72 with the Los Angeles County Flood Control District for the Safe, Clean Water Municipal Program; and
- Authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement.

It was moved by Councilmember Zamora, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mora, to approve Transfer Agreement No. 2020MP72 with Los Angeles County Flood

Control District for the Safe, Clean Water Municipal Program, and authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement, by the following vote:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Trujillo, Zamora, Mora, Rounds

Nayes: None

Absent: None

10. Measure R Funding Agreements with Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority – Amendment No. 1 (Public Works)

Recommendation:

- Approve Amendment No. 1 to Funding Agreement MR 315.40 for the Valley View Avenue and Rosecrans Avenue Intersection Improvements;
- Approve Amendment No. 1 to Funding Agreement MR 315.41 for the Valley View Avenue and Alondra Boulevard Intersection Improvements; and
- Authorize the City Manager to execute Amendment No. 1 for both projects.

It was moved by Councilmember Trujillo, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez, to approve Amendment No. 1 to Funding Agreement MR 315.40 for the Valley View Avenue and Rosecrans Avenue Intersection Improvements, approve Amendment No. 1 to Funding Agreement MR 315.41 for the Valley View Avenue and Alondra Boulevard Intersection Improvements, and authorize the City Manager to execute Amendment No. 1 for both projects, by the following vote:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Trujillo, Zamora, Mora, Rounds

Nayes: None

Absent: None

11. First Amendments to the Cooperative Agreement and the Ground Lease with the City of Norwalk for the operation and maintenance of the Transportation Center (Public Works)

Recommendation:

- Approve the First Amendment to the Cooperative Agreement in substantially the form as attached;
- Approve the First Amendment to the Ground Lease in substantially the form as attached;
- Find that the approval of the Amendments is exempt from CEQA review pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines; and
- Authorize the City Manager to execute the First Amendments to the Cooperative Agreement and the Ground Lease in substantially the form as attached.

Director of Public Works, Noe Negrete provided a brief presentation on Item No. 11.

Mayor Pro Tem Mora inquired what the City's cost was to operate the transportation center. Director Negrete responded that it was between \$75,000 to \$100,000 a year. The City of Norwalk was charging more staff time over the years causing the amount to rise.

It was moved by Councilmember Trujillo, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez,

to approve the First Amendment to the Cooperative Agreement in substantially the form as attached, approve the First Amendment to the Ground Lease in substantially the form as attached, find that the approval of the Amendments is exempt from CEQA review pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines, and authorize the City Manager to execute the First Amendments to the Cooperative Agreement and the Ground Lease in substantially the form as attached, by the following vote:

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

12. Approval of Personnel Modifications (Fire)

Recommendation:

- Approve the classification specification changes for the following positions: Deputy Fire Marshal, Environmental Protection/Fire Prevention Bureau Specialist, Fire Environmental Safety Inspector-II, Fire and Environmental Safety Inspector-I
- Upon the current employee's retirement, eliminate the Director of Environmental Protection position for the Department of Fire-Rescue.
- Replace the eliminated Director of Environmental Protection position with the new position of a Battalion Chief for administration.
- Approve the Title change from Deputy Director of Environmental Protection Services to Environmental Programs Manager with specification changes for that position.

It was moved by Councilmember Rodriguez, seconded by Councilmember Trujillo, to approve the classification specification changes for the following positions: Deputy Fire Marshal, Environmental Protection/Fire Prevention Bureau Specialist, Fire Environmental Safety Inspector-II, Fire and Environmental Safety Inspector-I, upon the current employee's retirement, eliminate the Director of Environmental Protection position for the Department of Fire-Rescue, replace the eliminated Director of Environmental Protection position with the new position of a Battalion Chief for administration, and approve the Title change from Deputy Director of Environmental Protection Services to Environmental Programs Manager with specification changes for that position, by the following vote:

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

13. Approval of the Agreement between the City of Santa Fe Springs and the City of Santa Fe Springs General City Employees Association (SFSCEA), the City of Santa Fe Springs Firemens' Association (SFSFFA) and the City of Santa Fe Springs Executive, Management & Confidential Association (SFSEMCA) (Finance)

Recommendation:

- Approve the FY 2020-21 labor agreements with SFSCEA, SFSFFA and SFSEMCA.
- Appropriate \$155,600 from the General Fund and Water Fund reserves to fund labor agreement costs not already included in the FY 2020-21

operating budget.

It was moved by Councilmember Zamora, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez, to approve the FY 2020-21 labor agreements with SFSCEA, SFSFFA and SFSEMCA, and appropriate \$155,600 from the General Fund and Water Fund reserves to fund labor agreement costs not already included in the FY 2020-21 operating budget, by the following vote:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Trujillo, Zamora, Mora, Rounds

Nays: None

Absent: None

14. CITY MANAGER AND EXECUTIVE TEAM REPORTS

- City Manager, Raymond R. Cruz spoke about the skeletal crews at city facilities during COVID-19. He stated that starting August 17, more employees will be working shift schedules with rotating Fridays until there is a significant reduction in COVID-19 cases, or a vaccine or effective treatment becomes available. He also provided an update on the installation of plexiglass structures at employee workstations in anticipation of allowing members of the public entry to city facilities by appointment only in the future. Lastly, he talked about the news release from Los Angeles Public Health regarding an investigation to COVID-19 outbreaks at Trojan Battery within the City.
- Director of Public Works, Noe Negrete shared pictures of the installations of plexiglass at city facilities. He also provided an update on the windmill at Heritage Park. He reported that City staff were able to reconstruct the windmill after initially contacting contractors for an estimate on repairs. He highlighted the great work done by facilities staff, and recognized employee Todd Heggstrom for his efforts.
- Director of Planning, Wayne Morrell spoke about the 2-year process of updating the general plan and stressed the importance of having an updated general plan. He says that residents can take surveys on the City's websites to provide input on the general plan. Second, Director Morrell spoke about an announcement made from the California legislature for affordable housing, and highlighted the assistance provided to City residents by the Planning Department. He presented several examples of shipping container structures that could potentially be used for affordable housing in the future.
- Director of Police Services, Dino Torres announced that the Safe Neighborhood Team meetings will be going virtual starting on September 8th.
- Fire Chief, Brent Hayward provided an update on COVID-19 cases within the City and surrounding areas. He also reported that some Fire Department crews were assisting at the Lake Hughes Fire and also reported that the crews who were assisting at the Apple Fire returned safe and sound. He also spoke about the success of the blood drive at Town Center Hall on August 6th. Lastly, he reported that the MDA – "Fill the Boot" fundraising will be going virtual this year.
- Director of Finance, Travis Hickey spoke about the approval of the contract with the new auditing firm. Lastly, he thanked Debbie Ford, Human Resources Manager and Collin Tanner – labor negotiator – for working alongside the labor associations to finalize the

agreements.

- Director of Community Services, Maricela Balderas spoke about the success of the “Drive-In Movie Series” at Little Lake Park, which has prompted the addition of another showing which will be on August 21st. She reported that the “Back to School Program” on August 7th provided backpacks and school supplies to students via a drive-thru event. She also reported that the City has been in contact with a representative of Los Angeles County Public Health to host a potential flu vaccine clinic on Wednesday, October 28th. In the event that the number of COVID-19 cases rise, the clinic could be canceled. She announced that on August 24th, Parks and Recreation Division will be distributing grab and go bags for children. She reported on the success of the Virtual Summer Camp which was hosted by the Parks and Recreation and Library Services Divisions and announced extended hours for the curbside pickup services at the City Library. She also provided an update on the Fiestas Patrias event this year and announced the drive-in concert and mural preregistration requirements.

15. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Rodriguez thanked Community Services and Police Services for their hard work. She commended the Public Works Department on the installation of the plexiglass fixtures throughout the City and thanked the Fire Department for assisting to quell the fires. Lastly, she thanked the Women’s Club for their great work.

Councilmember Trujillo thanked staff for continuing to work during COVID-19 and expressed her satisfaction at the work done on the installation of the plexiglass around the City. She acknowledged the success of the drive-in movies and shared that residents really enjoy the offerings.

Councilmember Zamora echoed the sentiments of the Councilmembers Trujillo and Rodriguez on the efficacy of the plexiglass installations. He commended staff on the distribution of school supplies and the great execution of the drive-in movies. He thanked all the residents who are essential workers for their continued hard work.

Mayor Pro Tem Mora acknowledged the return of the back-to-school season and commended the work done on the windmill at Heritage Park. He thanked the Fire Department on their continued work to combat the wildfires and expressed his joy at the success of the drive-in movies. Lastly, he thanked staff for their hard work.

Mayor Rounds thanked staff for their continued work on the plexiglass installations and for the windmill upgrade. He expressed his excitement at the continued development of the General Plan and looks forward to the return of the Advisory Committees via Zoom. He thanked Community Services for continuing to provide great offerings to the residents and thanked staff for the quick execution of the ordinance that allows for outdoor dining.

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. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4): Two Cases

CLOSED SESSION

18. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION

Initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2): One Case

Mayor Rounds recessed the meetings at 7:16 p.m.

Mayor Rounds convened the meeting at 9:52 p.m.

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 9:52 p.m.


ATTEST:



Janet Martinez, City Clerk



William K. Rounds, Mayor



Date