



APPROVED: 1/28/2021

MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

December 10, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Mora called the meeting to order via teleconference at 6:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Members present: Councilmembers/Directors: Rodriguez, Trujillo, Zamora and Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chair Mora.

Members absent: Mayor Rounds

Janet Martinez, City Clerk announced that members of the Public Financing Authority and Water Utility Authority receive \$150 for their attendance at meetings.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

CITY COUNCIL

NEW BUSINESS

4. Certification of the November 3, 2020 General Municipal Election

Recommendation:

- Receive and file the Certificate of the Canvass of the Election Returns from the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk
- Waive reading in full and adopt Resolution No. 9700 of the City Council of the City of Santa Fe Springs reciting the fact of the General Municipal Election held on November 3, 2020, declaring the results, and such other matters as provided by law.

It was moved by Council Member Trujillo, seconded by Council Member Rodriguez, to receive and file the Certificate of the Canvass of the Election Returns from the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk and adopt Resolution No. 9700 of the City Council of the City of Santa Fe Springs reciting the fact of the General Municipal Election held on November 3, 2020, declaring the results, and such other matters as provided by law, by the following vote:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Trujillo, Zamora, Mora, Rounds

Nays: None

Absent: None

5. Administration of Oath of Office

6. Installation of Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem

City Clerk declared the Office of the Mayor vacant.

Council Member Trujillo nominated John Mora for Mayor. With no other nominations and hearing no objections, John Mora was appointed as Mayor.

City Clerk declared the Office of the Mayor Pro Tem vacant.

Council Member Sarno nominated Annette Rodriguez for Mayor Pro Tem. With no other nominations and hearing no objections, Annette Rodriguez was appointed as Mayor Pro Tem.

Council Member Trujillo congratulated to both newly elected Council Members Sarno and Zamora.

Council Member Rodriguez congratulated both newly elected Council Member Sarno and Zamora. She expressed how one of the hardest jobs is to run for public office.

Mayor Mora congratulated newly elected Council Members. Also congratulated Annette Rodriguez for being nominated for Mayor Pro Tem.

PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda items are considered routine matters which may be enacted by one motion and vote. Any item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately by the Public Financing Authority.

- a. Minutes of the November 12 and 24, 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 Council Member Sarno, seconded by Council Member Trujillo, to approve Item Nos. 7A & 7B, by the following vote:

Ayes: Sarno, Trujillo, Zamora, Rodriguez, Mora

Nayes: None

Absent: None

WATER UTILITY AUTHORITY

8. CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda items are considered routine matters which may be enacted by one motion and vote. Any item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately by the Water Utility Authority.

- a. Minutes of the November 12 and 24, 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 Council Member Zamora, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez, to approve Item Nos. 8A through 8C, by the following vote:

Ayes: Sarno, Trujillo, Zamora, Rodríguez, Mora

Nayes: None

Absent: None

HOUSING SUCCESSOR

9. CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda items are considered routine matters which may be enacted by one motion and vote. Any item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately by the Housing Successor.

Minutes of the November 12 and 24, 2020 Housing Successor Meeting (City Clerk)

Recommendation:

- Approve the minutes as submitted.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez, seconded by Council Member Sarno, to approve the minutes as submitted, by the following vote:

Ayes: Sarno, Trujillo, Zamora, Rodríguez, Mora

Nayes: None

Absent: None

SUCCESSOR AGENCY

10. CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda items are considered routine matters which may be enacted by one motion and vote. Any item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately by the Successor Agency.

Minutes of the November 12 and 24, 2020 Successor Agency Meeting (City Clerk)

Recommendation:

- Approve the minutes as submitted.

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

Ayes: Sarno, Trujillo, Zamora, Rodríguez, Mora

Nayes: None
Absent: None

CITY COUNCIL Continued

11. CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda items are considered routine matters which may be enacted by one motion and vote. Any item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately by the City Council.

- a. Minutes of the November 12 and 24, 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. Resolution No. 9698 – Acknowledge Receipt of a Fire-Rescue Report Regarding the Annual Inspection of Certain Properties (Fire)

Recommendation:

- Acknowledge Receipt of Department of Fire-Rescue Report Regarding the Annual Inspection of Certain Properties; and
- Adopt Resolution No. 9698.

- 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. 9701:
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 Council Member Sarno, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez, to approve Items Nos. 9A through 9D, by the following vote:

Ayes: Sarno, Trujillo, Zamora, Rodríguez, Mora
Nayes: None
Absent: None

NEW BUSINESS

- 12.** Consideration of an Ordinance of the City Council Amending Santa Fe Springs Municipal Code Section 30.15 to Move Regular City Council Meetings from Second and Fourth Thursdays to First and Third Tuesdays (City Manager)

Recommendation:

- Introduce by title only and waive further reading of Ordinance No. 1115.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez, seconded by Council Member Trujillo, to introduce by title only and waive further reading of Ordinance No. 1115, by the following vote:

Ayes: Sarno, Trujillo, Zamora, Rodríguez, Mora
Nayes: None
Absent: None

13. Adopt Salary Schedule Modifications to Comply with Minimum Wage Requirements (Finance)

Recommendation:

- Adopt salary schedule changes outlined below and attached to be effective with the pay period starting December 20, 2020.

It was moved by Council Member Zamora, seconded by Council Member Sarno, to adopt salary schedule changes outlined below and attached to be effective with the pay period starting December 20, 2020, by the following vote:

Ayes: Sarno, Trujillo, Zamora, Rodríguez, Mora
Nayes: None
Absent: None

14. Authorize the Purchase of Banquet Chairs from Mity-Lite, Inc by Piggybacking off of CMAS Cooperative Contract No. 4-17-71-0111B; and Declare the Old Banquet Chairs Surplus (Finance)

Recommendation:

- Authorize the purchase of banquet chairs from Mity-Lite, Inc. by piggybacking off of CMAS cooperative contract No.4-17-71-0111B and;
- Authorize the Director of Purchasing Services to issue a purchase order in the amount of \$38,795.79 for this transaction and;
- Declare the old banquet chairs surplus and authorize their disposal at public auction.

It was moved by Council Member Sarno, seconded by Council Member Zamora, to authorize the purchase of banquet chairs from Mity-Lite, Inc. by piggybacking off of CMAS cooperative contract No.4-17-71-0111B and, authorize the Director of Purchasing Services to issue a purchase order in the amount of \$38,795.79 for this transaction and, declare the old banquet chairs surplus and authorize their disposal at public auction., by the following vote:

Ayes: Sarno, Trujillo, Zamora, Rodríguez, Mora
Nayes: None
Absent: None

15. On-Call Professional Engineering Services – Authorization to Advertise Request for Proposals (Public Works)

Recommendation:

- Authorize the City Engineer to Advertise a Request for Proposals to

provide On-Call Professional Engineering Services.

It was moved by Council Member Sarno, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez, to authorize the City Engineer to Advertise a Request for Proposals to provide On-Call Professional Engineering Services, by the following vote:

Ayes: Sarno, Trujillo, Zamora, Rodríguez, Mora
Nayes: None
Absent: None

16. Aquatic Center Roof Replacement Project – Authorization to Advertise (Public Works)

Recommendation:

- Approve adding the Aquatic Center Roof Replacement Project to the Capital Improvement Plan;
- Appropriate \$190,000 from the Utility Users Tax (UUT) Capital Improvement Fund to the Aquatic Center Roof Replacement Project;
- Approve the Project Specifications; and
- Authorize the City Engineer to advertise for construction bids.

It was moved by Council Member Trujillo, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez, to approve adding the Aquatic Center Roof Replacement Project to the Capital Improvement Plan, appropriate \$190,000 from the Utility Users Tax (UUT) Capital Improvement Fund to the Aquatic Center Roof Replacement Project, approve the Project Specifications; and authorize the City Engineer to advertise for construction bids, by the following vote:

Ayes: Sarno, Trujillo, Zamora, Rodríguez, Mora
Nayes: None
Absent: None

17. Tree Maintenance Services: Authorization to Advertise Request for Proposals (Public Works)

Recommendation:

- Authorize the Director of Public Works to advertise a Request for Proposals to provide Tree Maintenance Services.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez, seconded by Council Member Sarno, to authorize the Director of Public Works to advertise a Request for Proposals to provide Tree Maintenance Services, by the following vote:

Ayes: Sarno, Trujillo, Zamora, Rodríguez, Mora
Nayes: None
Absent: None

18. Appointment of Representative to the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District Board of Trustees (City Clerk)

Recommendation:

- Appoint a Trustee to the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District Board of Trustees to serve as the City's representative for a 2 or a 4 year term commencing on January 1, 2021.

Council Member Sarno nominated Council Member Zamora. Council Member Zamora accepted.

City Clerk Janet Martinez recommended for Council to appoint an interim representative to the January 2021 meeting as Council Member Zamora's appointment would not begin until February 2021. City Manager Raymond R. Cruz stated that he would appoint a representative to attend the January 2021 meeting.

19. Approve an Agreement with Benefit Financial Services Group (BFSG, LLC) for Plan and Investment Advisory Services Pertaining to the 457 Deferred Compensation Plan (Finance)

Recommendation:

- Authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement with Benefit Financial Services Group (BFSG) for plan and investment advisory services pertaining to the 457 Deferred Compensation Plan.

It was moved by Council Member Zamora, seconded by Council Member Trujillo, to authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement with Benefit Financial Services Group (BFSG) for plan and investment advisory services pertaining to the 457 Deferred Compensation Plan, by the following vote:

Ayes: Sarno, Trujillo, Zamora, Rodríguez, Mora

Nays: None

Absent: None

20. General Plan Update-Preferred Draft Land Use Plan, Review of Land Use Alternatives for Four Focus Area, and Specific City Staff Recommendations to Revise the Land Use Plan, that will allow for the Preparation of the Draft General Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Report for Public Review (Planning)

Recommendation:

- Confirm Staffs directions, thus far, on the Preferred Draft Land Use Plan for the General Plan; and
- Review the land use alternatives for the four focus areas and provide directions regarding the preferred alternatives; and
- Consider and provide direction on specific City staff recommendations to revise the land use plan, as indicated in attached Figure 1 and Figure 2

Planning Director, Wayne Morrell provided a brief presentation. He called on Jose Rodriguez from MIG to provide a presentation on land use alternatives focus areas.

Council Member Zamora made a motion to move forward with staff's recommendations.

City Attorney Ivy Tsai stated there was no motion necessary, simply direction given to staff.

Council Member Sarno inquired about the zoning area such as the Norwalk and Florence area where the mobile homes are located. He noted that if housing and mix use is being added how is the soil going to affect the changing of the code when the

cleanup of some of these locations will cost more for those that want to develop housing versus someone that wants to add an industrial area. He noted that those that will want to develop houses will be more costly to clean up the area.

Mr. Morrel addressed Council Members Sarno's questions he noted that no matter the type of development there will be a cost for the cleanup.

Council Member Sarno stated that the cleanup might be more costly than the development itself. He noted that in the past the City has struggled having developers coming to the City because of the cost of the cleanup. He recommended to zone the areas where it helps both the City and the developer.

The City Council unanimously agreed on staff's recommendations.

21. CITY MANAGER AND EXECUTIVE TEAM REPORTS

- City Manager, Raymond R. Cruz thanked all City employees for their work on getting the City through the pandemic so far. He specifically thanked the Executive Team for assisting with guidance to staff to be able to work remotely. He also thanked the City Council for their support in keeping staff and the general public safe. He thanked the residents for being flexible with the constant changes that the City has made to ensure everyone's safety during the pandemic. Lastly, he congratulated the newly elected councilmembers and wished everyone Happy Holidays.
- Director of Public Works, Noe Negrete spoke about the crosswalk striping on Florence Avenue at Orr & Day Road. He also spoke about upcoming paving work at the Los Nietos Road and Santa Fe Springs Road intersection. Lastly, he wished everyone Happy Holidays.
- Director of Planning, Wayne Morrell spoke about a new upcoming business in the City called "Mr. Fries Man" who will offer eclectic food items. He also wished everyone on behalf of the Planning Department a Merry Christmas.
- Director of Police Services, Dino Torres congratulated the newly seated Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem, and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.
- Fire Chief, Brent Hayward congratulated the newly elected councilmembers and provided an update on COVID-19 cases within the City. He also spoke about a presentation to Whittier Police Office Perez in regards to a domestic violence case in which he intervened and took heroic action. Lastly, he spoke about the retirement of two Fire-Rescue employees: Tom Hall and Raul Diaz.
- Director of Finance and Administrative Services, Travis Hickey congratulated the newly elected councilmembers and newly seated Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem. He wished everyone a Happy Holiday season.
- Director of Community Services, Maricela Balderas provided an update on the Neighborly Elf Basket Program and the "You've Been Jingled" program. She also spoke about the restoration of the Christmas Float by the Parks and Recreation and Public Works staff, and announced that safety protocols will be in place. She also

provided an update on the openings of playgrounds across the City, and provided updated hours of operations for City parks. She also provided information on the Virtual Las Posadas and the judging of the Christmas Home Decorating contest. Lastly, she congratulated Council on their new positions and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

22. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Sarno expressed his excitement at being back on the City Council, and stated that he looks forward to working with the rest of the Council to better serve the community. He also wished everyone in attendance a Merry Christmas.

Councilmember Trujillo congratulated the newly elected Councilmembers and asked for the unused donated money to be added to next year's basket program. She wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Councilmember Zamora thanked staff for assisting residents and the business community. He also congratulated Mayor Mora and Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez on their new positions, invited residents to a "Polar Express" toy drive on December 13, and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez congratulated Officer Perez and the Fire-Rescue retirees. She also thanked staff for the virtual events and congratulated Mayor Mora on his position, as well as the newly elected councilmembers. She also thanked everyone who supported her during her first 2 years, and expressed that Council will work in unison to work through the challenges brought about by the pandemic. Lastly, she wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Mayor Mora echoed the sentiments of City Manager Raymond R. Cruz and assured everyone that the City will work together to move the City in a positive direction. He thanked former Council Member Rounds for his time in office, and also thanked Officer Perez as well as the two Fire-Rescue retirees. He wished everyone in attendance a Merry Christmas

CLOSED SESSION

23. 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

24. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4): One Case

Mayor Mora recessed the meeting at 7:55pm

Mayor Mora reconvened the meeting at 8:56pm

25. CLOSED SESSION REPORT

City Attorney, Ivy M. Tsai provided a report on Closed Session Items: Direction was given to staff and no reportable action was taken.


26. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Mora adjourned the meeting at 8:56 p.m.

ATTEST:



Janet Martinez
City Clerk



John M. Mora
Mayor

1/28/2021

Date