



APPROVED: 9/24/2020

## MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

August 27, 2020

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

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

### 2. ROLL CALL

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

**Members absent:** None

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

There was no one wishing to speak during Public Comments.

### PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY

### 4. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes of the July 23, 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 Councilmember Trujillo, seconded by Councilmember Zamora, to approve Item Nos. 4A and 4B, by the following vote:

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

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** None

### WATER UTILITY AUTHORITY

### 5. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes of the July 23, 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 Mayor Pro Tem Mora, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez, to approve Item Nos. 5A, 5B, and 5C, by the following vote:

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

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** None

**NEW BUSINESS**

6. Whittier Water Connection Upgrade – Award of Contract

**Recommendation:**

- Appropriate \$583,500 from the Water Capital Improvement Plan Funds to Account No. WT195002;
- Waive minor irregularities in the bid;
- Accept the bids; and
- Award a contract to 316 Engineering and Construction Company of Rosemead, California, in the amount of \$383,475.00.

It was moved by Councilmember Trujillo, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mora, to appropriate \$583,500 from the Water Capital Improvement Plan Funds to Account No. WT195002, waive minor irregularities in the bid, accept the bids, and award a contract to 316 Engineering and Construction Company of Rosemead, California, in the amount of \$383,475.00, by the following vote:

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

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** None

**HOUSING SUCCESSOR**

7. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Minutes of the July 23, 2020 Housing Successor (City Clerk)

**Recommendation:**

- Approve the minutes as submitted.

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

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

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** None

## **SUCCESSOR AGENCY**

### **8. CONSENT AGENDA**

Minutes of the July 23, 2020 Successor Agency (City Clerk)

**Recommendation:**

- Approve the minutes as submitted.

It was moved by Councilmember Trujillo, 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

## **CITY COUNCIL**

### **9. CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Minutes of the July 23, 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)

**Recommendation:**

- Adopt Resolution No. 9691:

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 Rodriguez, seconded by Councilmember Zamora, to approve Items Nos. 9A and 9B, by the following vote:

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

**Nayes:** None

**Absent:** None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

10. Town Center Plaza Landscape Improvements Project Zone I and II – Amendment to Professional Services Agreement (Public Works)

**Recommendation:**

- Amend the existing Town Center Plaza Landscape Improvements Project Zone I and II Professional Services Agreement to reflect additional scope of work; and
- Authorize the Mayor to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Ardurra Group Inc. formerly Anderson Penna in the amount of \$20,862.00.

It was moved by Councilmember Zamora, seconded by Councilmember Trujillo, to amend the existing Town Center Plaza Landscape Improvements Project Zone I and II Professional Services Agreement to reflect additional scope of work, and

authorize the Mayor to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Ardurra Group Inc. formerly Anderson Penna in the amount of \$20,862.00, by the following vote:

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

**Nayes:** None

**Absent:** None

**11. Appointment of Delegate and Alternate Delegate to the Annual Business Meeting of the League of California Cities (City Clerk)**

**Recommendation:**

- Approve appointments of Delegate and Alternate Delegate for the Annual Conference & Expo of the League of California Cities scheduled for October 7-9, 2020.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Mora, seconded by Councilmember Trujillo, to approve appointments of Delegate and Alternate Delegate for the Annual Conference & Expo of the League of California Cities scheduled for October 7-9, 2020, by the following vote:

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

**Nayes:** None

**Absent:** None

**12. Adoption of Revised Salary for the City of Santa Fe Springs Firemen's Association (SFSFFA) Positions (Fire Department)**

**Recommendation:**

- Adopt the attached revised salary schedule for positions included in the City of Santa Fe Springs Firemen's Association (SFSFFA).

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Mora, seconded by Councilmember Zamora, to adopt the attached revised salary schedule for positions included in the City of Santa Fe Springs Firemen's Association (SFSFFA), by the following vote:

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

**Nayes:** None

**Absent:** None

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

- City Manager, Raymond R. Cruz called on Interim Police Chief, Aviv Bar to speak about the tactics being used to deal with abusive of force and protocols to investigate police misconduct.
- Interim Police Chief Aviv Bar spoke about utilizing the latest and best updated policies, including services from Lexipol that reviews use of force incidents and changes in the law. He provided additional information on police reports and de-escalation methods by Santa Fe Springs and Whittier Police Officers. He also provided information on requirements for use of force and the methods of investigations when force is used. He also stated that Whittier Police Department attempts to reflect the community that they serve and informed that the Police Department is over 60 percent Latino. Lastly, he talked

about ongoing changes to the department that will allow for use of services, such as partnerships with mental health professionals and high hiring standards for police officers.

- Directors of Public Works, Noe Negrete provided an update on two ongoing projects: 1) The Florence Avenue Widening Project is ongoing and estimates that the completion will be completed in mid-September. 2) He talked about a three-year study by Los Angeles Metro titled as the "605 Improvement Project". The environmental impact report was slated to be released in September but will not be released until they have brought forward an alternative that is to the satisfaction of the impacted cities. He stated that he will provide an update in the future.
- Director of Planning, Wayne Morrell spoke about the property adjacent to Tom's Truck Center facility north of the I-5 Freeway that was auctioned off by Caltrans. It was sold for \$3,050,000.00 and Planning will provide more information as they continue to work on the project. He also spoke of the progress of the General Plan and presented recently acquired information on demographics based on age, race, and income. Additional information was provided on housing.
- Director of Police Services, Dino Torres provided a report on July's traffic enforcement citations along with intersection and violator residency information.
- Fire Chief, Brent Hayward spoke about the several fires currently burning in the state of California. He also provided an update on the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in Los Angeles County and surrounding cities. He spoke about the upcoming Relay for Life virtual event along with the Potato Bake hosted by the Fire Department, and encouraged people to donate to the "MDA – Fill the Boot" campaign located on the Fire Department's Instagram account. Lastly, he announced the retirement of Fire employee Christa King.
- Director of Finance and Administrative Services, Travis Hickey about the growth of the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority, and announced a partnership with a new risk manager, Tony Leite. Lastly, he wished everyone a safe Labor Day weekend.
- Director of Community Services, Maricela Balderas spoke about registration for the drive-in mariachi concert at St. Paul High School for the annual "Fiestas Patrias" event. She also provided an update on the drive-in movie nights and announced that two additional nights have been added on September 18<sup>th</sup> and October 2<sup>nd</sup>. She announced that the distribution of grab-and-go meals for children began on August 24<sup>th</sup>. She also spoke about the virtual sport offerings that will begin in September that will be free to residents. She announced that due to the success of the library's curb-side pickup service, the hours will be expanded starting September 8. Lastly, she announced the registration dates for the library's reading club start on August 26<sup>th</sup> and also provided information on the upcoming changes to the City's social media accounts.

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

Councilmember Rodriguez thanked Community Services staff for the drive-in movie experience as well as for the senior packet deliveries to senior homes. She wished Christa King a happy retirement and encouraged everyone to be cordial to one another for the

betterment of the country.

Councilmember Trujillo expressed the unique composition of the City and thanked the Whittier Police Department for their professionalism. She also thanked the Community Services staff for continuing to provide entertainment and services to all residents.

Councilmember Zamora echoed the sentiments of Councilmember Rodriguez and thanked Christa King for her time with the City. He also thanked City staff for their work in keeping city functions operational and thanked the Whittier Police Department for continuing to serve and protect the City.

Mayor Pro Tem Mora expressed his content at the work being done by City personnel to keep the City operational. He highlighted the Park and Recreation Department for continuing to offer services during the pandemic and wished for the safe return of the Fire Strike team assisting with the fires up north. He also expressed his appreciation to the Whittier Police Department and wished Christa King a happy retirement.

Mayor Rounds highlighted the great work being done by Staff to reopen in the future and thanked City staff for the success of the drive-in movies. He congratulated Christa King on her retirement and thanked the Fire Department for their efforts to raise donations for the "MDA-Fill the Boot" campaign.

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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 LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

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

**CLOSED SESSION**

**17. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2): One Case

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

***Mayor Rounds reconvened the meeting at 10:00 p.m.***

**18. CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

City Attorney, Ivy M. Tsai provided a report on the closed session item: On Item 16 of the

closed session agenda, unanimous direction was given by the City Council to initiate an action and that the action, the defendants, and the other particulars shall, once formally commenced, be disclosed to any person upon inquiry, unless to do so would jeopardize the City's ability to effectuate service of process on one or more unserved parties, or that to do so would jeopardize its ability to conclude existing settlement negotiations to its advantage.

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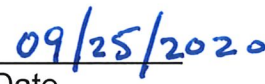
**19. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Rounds adjourned the meeting at 10:00 p.m. in memory of Mrs. Garrison, Norwalk resident and a Santa Fe Springs swim team mom for almost fifteen years.

**ATTEST:**

  
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Janet Martinez  
City Clerk

  
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William K. Rounds  
Mayor

  
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