



APPROVED: 2/11/2021

## MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

January 28, 2021

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Mora called the meeting to order via teleconference at 6:08 p.m.

### 2. ROLL CALL

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

**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

William K. Rounds spoke during public comment.

## PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY

### 4. 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 December 10, 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 Trujillo, seconded by Council Member Zamora, to approve Item Nos. 4A & 4B, by the following vote:

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

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** None

## **WATER UTILITY AUTHORITY**

### **5. 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 December 10, 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 Rodriguez, seconded by Council Member Sarno, to approve Item Nos. 5A through 5C, by the following vote:

**Ayes:** Sarno, Trujillo, Zamora, Rodríguez, Mora

**Nayes:** None

**Absent:** None

## **HOUSING SUCCESSOR**

### **6. 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 December 10, 2020 Housing Successor Meeting (City Clerk)

**Recommendation:**

- Approve the minutes as submitted.

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

**Ayes:** Sarno, Trujillo, Zamora, Rodríguez, Mora

**Nayes:** None

**Absent:** None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

7. Consideration of entering into a Predevelopment Loan and Disbursement Agreement between the Housing Successor Agency to the Community Development Commission of the City of Santa Fe Springs (Lender) and the Richman Group of California Development Company, LLC (Borrower) for the Development of Affordable Housing on the properties

located at the Northeast and Northwest corner of Laurel Avenue and Lakeland Road, Within the R-3-PD, Multiple-Family Residential-Planned Development, Zone (Planning)

**Recommendation:**

- Approve and authorize the Mayor or designee to execute a Predevelopment Loan and Disbursement Agreement and related documents for the development of affordable housing on the properties located at the Northeast and Northwest corner of Laurel Avenue and Lakeland Road, within the R-3-PD, Multiple-Family Residential-Planned Development, Zone.

Russell Hildebrand from the City Attorney's Office provided a brief presentation on Item No. 7.

All Council thanked staff for their hard work.

It was moved by Council Member Trujillo, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez, to approve and authorize the Mayor or designee to execute a Predevelopment Loan and Disbursement Agreement and related documents for the development of affordable housing on the properties located at the Northeast and Northwest corner of Laurel Avenue and Lakeland Road, within the R-3-PD, Multiple-Family Residential-Planned Development, Zone, by the following vote:

**Ayes:** Sarno, Trujillo, Zamora, Rodríguez, Mora

**Nayes:** None

**Absent:** None

## **SUCCESSOR AGENCY**

### **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 Successor Agency.*

Minutes of the December 10, 2020 Successor Agency 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

## **CITY COUNCIL**

### **9. CONSENT AGENDA**

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Minutes of the November 12, 2020 and December 10, 2020 Special and Regular

City Council Meetings (City Clerk)

**Recommendation:**

- Approve the minutes as submitted.

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

**Ayes:** Sarno, Trujillo, Zamora, Rodríguez, Mora

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**10. Approval of Amendment Number One to Professional Services Agreement with Crepes & Grapes, LLC. for 2021 SFS Art Fest (Community Services)**

**Recommendation:**

- Approve Amendment Number One to the Professional Services Agreement with Crepes & Grapes, LLC. for 2021 SFS Art Fest.
- Authorize the Director of Community Services to administer the agreement and execute any additional amendments as needed.

Community Services Director, Maricela Balderas provided a brief presentation on Item No. 10.

Council Member Sarno expressed his concerns for having the event take place in November due to the weather during that time of the year. He stated that he is worried about cancelling the event because of the weather and that the City still has to pay the consultant for an event that might not happen.

Council Member Trujillo stated that the event is typically the same week as the Pow Wow event and typically the weather is good during that time. She suggested to leave the event as is on the same day and have it scheduled during the day rather than the evening.

Ms. Balderas stated that the next payment to the consultant is not due until August 23<sup>rd</sup>; therefore, the Council has an option to cancel that payment and postpone the event to next year.

Council Member Sarno inquired how far the City is from running the event in house.

Ms. Balderas stated that the City does not have enough staff to run the event in house.

Council Member Trujillo that it was more cost effective hiring the consultant rather than running the event in house. She also inquired whether other cities have held these types of events and whether we can compare what they are being charged.

Director for Library Services, Joyce Ryan stated that the consultant currently does not have another city event she is working with however other cities are currently delaying their events.

Mayor Mora inquired whether there was an option of having tents or using the Clarke Estate.

Ms. Ryan stated that in the past there was one event where it rained and staff was able to use the Clarke Estate to place the art inside and also use tents.

Council Member Trujillo inquired whether the committee had any concerns about the event.

Ms. Ryan stated there were no concerns expressed.

Council Member Rodriguez inquired how much has been given to the consultant.

Ms. Balderas stated \$10,000 has been given to the consultant.

Council Member Sarno requested to bring back the item for discussion on May and June to see how to proceed with the Art Fest event before the next payment is due.

It was moved by Council Member Sarno, seconded by Council Member Trujillo, to approve Amendment Number One to the Professional Services Agreement with Crepes & Grapes, LLC. for 2021 SFS Art Fest and authorize the Director of Community Services to administer the agreement and execute any additional amendments as needed, by the following vote:

**Ayes:** Sarno, Trujillo, Zamora, Rodríguez, Mora

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** None

**11. Florence Avenue Widening – Final Payment (Public Works)**

**Recommendation:**

- Approve the Final Payment to Hardy & Harper Company of Lake Forest, California in the amount of \$64,152.85 (less 5% retention).

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

It was moved by Council Member Zamora, seconded by Council Member Sarno, to approve the Final Payment to Hardy & Harper Company of Lake Forest, California in the amount of \$64,152.85 (less 5% retention), by the following vote:

**Ayes:** Sarno, Trujillo, Zamora, Rodríguez, Mora

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** None

**12. Florence Avenue Underpass Storm Pump Removal and Replacement – Authorization to Advertise for Construction Bids (Public Works)**

**Recommendation:**

- Approve the Florence Avenue Underpass Storm Pump Removal and Replacement and add to the approved Capital Improvement Plan;
- Appropriate \$240,000 from the Utility Users / Capital Improvement Plan Fund to the Florence Avenue Underpass Storm Pump Removal and Replacement;
- Approve the Specifications; and
- Authorize the City Engineer to advertise for construction bids.

Director of Public Works, Noe Negrete provided a brief presentation on Item No. 12.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez, seconded by Council Member Zamora, to approve the Florence Avenue Underpass Storm Improvement Plan; appropriate \$240,000 from the Utility Users/Capital Improvement Plan Fund to the Florence Avenue Underpass Storm Pump Removal and Replacement; and approve the Specifications; and authorize the City Engineer to advertise for constructions bids, by the following vote:

**Ayes:** Sarno, Trujillo, Zamora, Rodríguez, Mora

**Nayes:** None

**Absent:** None

**13. California High Speed Rail Project – Approval of Amendment Number 2 (Public Works)**

**Recommendation:**

- Approve Amendment Number 2 with the California High Speed Rail Authority.

Director of Public Works, Noe Negrete provided a brief presentation on Item No. 13.

It was moved by Council Member Zamora, seconded by Council Member Sarno, to approve amendment number 2 with the California High Speed Rail Authority, by the following vote:

**Ayes:** Sarno, Trujillo, Zamora, Rodríguez, Mora

**Nayes:** None

**Absent:** None

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

- City Manager, Raymond R. Cruz provided an update on the most recent Economic Development Sub-Committee meeting and with the owner of the Promenade. He noted that the sub-committee discussed the current on-going issues that have been occurring at the promenade. He also stated that the Bank of America on the promenade is no longer occupied and there will be a potential drive-thru restaurant added.
- Director of Public Works, Noe Negrete spoke about the I-5 freeway surplus funds in the amount of \$130 million; he noted that two projects were pending funds to be completed. He stated that a couple of surrounding cities along with Santa Fe Springs have been trying to obtain some of the money to work on some projects. He also acknowledged the support he received from staff, Council and City Manager by attending the most recent meetings despite their busy schedule.
- Director of Planning, Wayne Morrell spoke about Senate Bill 1385 and how it will affect Santa Fe Springs.
- Director of Police Services, Dino Torres provided an overview on the October and November 2020 Traffic Enforcement.
- Fire Chief, Brent Hayward provided an update on the current number of COVID-19

cases in Los Angeles County and also spoke about the vaccine.

- Director of Finance and Administrative Services, Travis Hickey spoke about the recent Los Angeles County Consolidated Oversight Board meeting.
- Director of Community Services, Maricela Balderas spoke about the upcoming events such as the Valentine's Day event. She also spoke about the Los Angeles County setting up a COVID-19 testing site in Santa Fe Springs. Lastly, she announced the upcoming celebration of life for the remembrance of Carlos Mendoza that will take place on Saturday.

## **15. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Sarno thanked staff and Council.

Councilmember Trujillo also thanked staff. She also acknowledged all public safety personnel and expressed Council's support.

Councilmember Zamora appointed Christina Colon to Family Human Services Committee and Traffic Commission. He also requested to close the meeting in memory of Mara Rivera and Eliseo Valdez. Last, he expressed his condolences for the loss of Fire Chief Hayward's father.

Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez appointed Nancy Krueger to the Senior Advisory Committee. She also thanked staff for all their help. She congratulated the Women's Club for increasing membership. Lastly, she expressed her condolences for the loss of Fire Chief Hayward's father.

Mayor Mora expressed his condolences for the loss of Fire Chief Hayward's father. He spoke about the pandemic and how we should all continue to be safe.

## **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

Mayor Mora recessed the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

Mayor Mora reconvened the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

### **17. CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

City Attorney Ivy M. Tsai stated that direction was given to staff, no reportable action was taken.

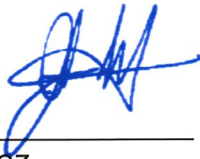
**18. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Mora adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m. in memory of Mara Rivera, Eliseo Valdez, Jesus Martinez, and Ronald B. Hayward.



John M. Mora  
Mayor

**ATTEST:**



Janet Martinez  
City Clerk



Date