



APPROVED: 3/16/2021

MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

February 11, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Mora called the meeting to order via teleconference at 6:04 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

Vileana de la Rosa 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 January 14 and 28, 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 Zamora, seconded by Council Member Trujillo, to approve Item Nos. 4A & 4B, by the following vote:

Ayes: Sarno, Trujillo, Zamora, Rodriguez, Mora

Nayes: 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 January 14 and 28, 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 Sarno, seconded by Council Member Rodriguez, 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 January 14 and 28, 2020 Housing Successor Meeting (City Clerk)

Recommendation:

- Approve the minutes as submitted.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez, 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

SUCCESSOR AGENCY

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 Successor Agency.

- Minutes of the January 14 and 18, 2020 Successor Agency Meeting (City Clerk)

Recommendation:

- Approve the minutes as submitted.

It was moved by Council Member Trujillo, 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

CITY COUNCIL

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 City Council.

- a. Minutes of the January 14 and 28, 2021 Regular City Council Meetings (City Clerk)

Recommendation:

- Approve the minutes as submitted.

- b. Quarterly Treasurer's Report of Investments for the Quarter Ended December 31, 2020. (Finance)

Recommendation:

- Receive and file the report.

It was moved by Council Member Trujillo, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez, to approve the consent agenda, by the following vote:

Ayes: Sarno, Trujillo, Zamora, Rodríguez, Mora

Nays: None

Absent: None

NEW BUSINESS

9. Approval of Agreement with Califa for the Provision, Installation and Maintenance of Advanced Network (Data) Services for the City Library (Community Services)

Recommendation:

- Approve Agreement with Califa for the Provision, Installation, and Maintenance of Advanced Network (Data) Services for the City Library.

Community Services Director, Maricela Balderas provided a brief presentation on Item No. 9.

It was moved by Council Member Sarno, seconded by Council Member Trujillo, to approve an agreement with Califa for the Provision, Installation, and Maintenance of Advanced Network (Data) Services for the City Library, by the following vote:

Ayes: Sarno, Trujillo, Zamora, Rodríguez, Mora

Nays: None

Absent: None

10. Approval of 2021 Utility Assistance Fund Program Letter of Agreement between United

Way of Greater Los Angeles and the Authorized Partner Agencies (APAs) (Community Services)

Recommendation:

- Approve the 2021 Utility Assistance Fund Program Letter of Agreement between United Way of Greater Los Angeles and the Authorized Partner Agencies (APAs).
- Authorize the Mayor to execute and sign the 2021 Utility Assistance Fund Program Letter of Agreement between United Way of Greater Los Angeles and the Authorized Partner Agencies (APAs).

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

It was moved by Council Member Zamora, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez, to approve the 2021 Utility Assistance Fund Program Letter of Agreement between United Way of Greater Los Angeles and the Authorized Partner Agencies (APAs) and authorize the Mayor to execute and sign the 2021 Utility Assistance Fund Program Letter of Agreement between United Way of Greater Los Angeles and the Authorized Partner Agencies (APAs), by the following vote:

Ayes: Sarno, Trujillo, Zamora, Rodríguez, Mora

Nayes: None

Absent: None

11. Resolution No. 9704 – Weed Abatement (City Clerk/Planning)

Recommendation:

- Adopt Resolution No. 9704 declaring weeds a public nuisance, declaring its intention to remove them, and setting Tuesday, March 2, 2021 as the date for the Public Hearing.

City Clerk, Janet Martinez and the Director of Planning, Wayne Morrell provided a brief presentation on item no. 11.

It was moved by Council Member Sarno, seconded by Council Member Trujillo, to adopt Resolution No. 9704 declaring weeds a public nuisance, declaring its intention to remove them, and setting Tuesday, March 2, 2021 as the date for the Public Hearing, by the following vote:

Ayes: Sarno, Trujillo, Zamora, Rodríguez, Mora

Nayes: None

Absent: None

12. Town Center Plaza Parking Lot Improvements Project – Award of Contract (Public Works)

Recommendation:

- Appropriate \$3,883,000 from the Utility Users Tax (UUT) Capital Improvements Fund to the Town Center Plaza Parking Lot Improvements Project (PW 210001);
- Accept the bids; and

- Award a contract to Los Angeles Engineering, Inc. of Covina, California, in the amount of \$3,258,000.00.

It was moved by Council Member Trujillo, seconded by Council Member Sarno, to award a contract to Los Angeles Engineering, Inc. of Covina, California, in the amount of \$3,258,000.00, by the following vote:

Ayes: Sarno, Trujillo, Zamora, Rodríguez, Mora

Nayes: None

Absent: None

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

13. Authorize the Purchase of One (1) Ford Police Utility Hybrid from Fairway Ford

Recommendation:

- Authorize the purchase of one (1) New 2021 Ford Explorer Police Utility Hybrid from Fairway Ford;
- Authorize the Director of Purchasing to issue a purchase order in the amount of \$42,768.93 to process this order;
- Authorize the replaced unit #561 to be disposed of by way of public auction.

It was moved by Council Member Zamora, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez, to authorize the purchase of one (1) New 2021 Ford Explorer Police Utility Hybrid from Fairway Ford; authorize the Director of Purchasing to issue a purchase order in the amount of \$42,768.93 to process this order; and authorize the replaced unit #561 to be disposed of by way of public auction, by the following vote:

Ayes: Sarno, Trujillo, Zamora, Rodríguez, Mora

Nayes: None

Absent: None

Director of Finance, Travis Hickey provided a brief presentation on Item No. 13.

14. CITY MANAGER AND EXECUTIVE TEAM REPORTS

- City Manager, Raymond R. Cruz spoke about the passing of Angie Rodriguez, an employee from Police Services; he also spoke about the 2017 Strategic Goal Session workshop, he noted that the City is currently working on scheduling an upcoming Goal Session to update the goals; last he spoke about his meeting he had regarding logistic businesses in the city and the lack of revenue we receive in the City.
- Police Chief, Aviv Bar provided a crime and safety report for Santa Fe Springs.
- Director of Public Works, Noe Negrete acknowledged two employees, Steve Bonilla and Juan Martinez. Both employees recovered a gun on duty. Juan Martinez whom used to be a Police Officer, recovered the gun and was able to notify the police department immediately.
- Director of Planning, Wayne Morrell called on Senior Management Analyst, Maribel Garcia to provide a report on the restaurant grant program. Wayne Morrell provided

an update on the resources available to businesses on the City's website, and also highlighted additional information available to residents.

- Director of Police Services, Dino Torres wished everyone in attendance a Happy Valentine's Day, and also brought attention to the next Safe Neighborhood Team Meeting occurring next month.
- 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 meeting with 457 retirement plan consultants, which will result in improved savings to City employee.
- Director of Community Services, Maricela Balderas spoke about upcoming events such as the Penny Hunt and other President's Day offerings. She also reported that the COVID-19 testing at Los Nietos Park has been successful, and spoke about the distribution of pre-packaged gift bags to seniors in celebration of Valentine's Day. She also reported on the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center potentially becoming a temporary senior vaccination site for seniors, and will provide additional information if approved by Los Angeles County Department of Public Health. She also spoke about an upcoming 6-week nutritional workshop hosted virtually by Cedars-Sinai. Lastly, she highlighted the great work done the City Library on their offerings during the pandemic.

15. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES, AND COMMISSIONS

Councilmember Sarno appointed Valerie Bojorquez to the Youth Leadership Committee.

16. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Sarno thanked Public Works staff for their work in retrieving a handgun, and looked forward to being able to come back to City Hall soon.

Councilmember Trujillo thanked all the employees for their hard work, and expressed excitement at the area around City Hall being redone.

Councilmember Zamora echoed the sentiments of Councilmember Sarno, and sent prayers to the family of Angie Rodriguez.

Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez expressed the same sentiments as Councilmembers Sarno and Zamora, and expressed excitement for the restaurants who will be receiving aid. She also thanked staff for distributing the "goodie" bags to seniors, and wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.

Mayor Mora thanked staff for stepping up to keep safety in mind, and stated he is glad to see reduced COVID-19 rates. He also extended his condolences to the City employees

and neighborhood members who have passed away, and lastly wished everyone in attendance a Happy Valentine's Day.

CLOSED SESSION

17. 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

18. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT

(Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957(b)(1))

TITLE: City Manager Evaluation

CLOSED SESSION

19. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

(Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1))

Name of case: City of Santa Fe Springs v. SFS Hospitality, LLC, Case No. 20STCV33264

CLOSED SESSION

20. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

(Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.8)

Property: Lakeland Avenue at Laurel Drive, APN 8011-012-902

Agency negotiator: Ray Cruz, Wayne Morrell, Ivy Tsai, Russell Hildebrand

Negotiating parties: Richman Capital Group, LLC and The Whole Child

Under negotiation: Price and terms of disposition agreement

Mayor Mora recessed the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Mora reconvened the meeting at 9:47 p.m.

21. CLOSED SESSION REPORT

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

22. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Mora adjourned the meeting at 9:47 p.m. in memory of Angie Rodriguez and Carlos Casillas.



John M. Mora
Mayor

ATTEST:



Janet Martinez
City Clerk

3-16-21
Date