



APPROVED: 4/20/2021

MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

March 16, 2021

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Mora called the meeting to order via teleconference at 6:05 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.

3. **INVOCATION**

Council Member Trujillo led the invocation.

4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Youth Leadership led the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

David Wheatley spoke under public comments.

PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY

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 Public Financing Authority.

- a. Minutes of the February 11, 2021 Public Financing Authority Meetings (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 Sarno to approve Items No. 6a and 6b, by the following vote:

Ayes: Sarno, Trujillo, Zamora, Rodríguez, Mora

Nays: None

Absent: None

WATER UTILITY 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 Water Utility Authority.

- a. Minutes of the February 11, 2021 Water Utility Authority Meetings (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.

- d. Whittier Water Connection Upgrade – Final Payment (Public Works)

Recommendation:

- Approve Contract Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$28,832.49;
- Authorize the Mayor to execute Contract Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$28,832.49;
- Approve the Final Payment to 316 Engineering and Construction Company of Rosemead, California in the amount of \$50,062.35 (less 5% Retention).

It was moved by Council Member Trujillo, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez to approve Items No. 7a through 7d, by the following vote:

Ayes: Sarno, Trujillo, Zamora, Rodríguez, Mora

Nayes: None

Absent: None

HOUSING SUCCESSOR

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 Housing Successor.

- Minutes of the February 11, 2021 Housing Successor Meetings (City Clerk)

Recommendation:

- Approve the minutes as submitted.

It was moved by Council Member Sarno, seconded by Council Member Zamora to approve the consent agenda, by the following vote:

Ayes: Sarno, Trujillo, Zamora, Rodríguez, Mora

Nayes: None

Absent: None

SUCCESSOR AGENCY

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 Successor Agency.

Minutes of the February 11, 2021 Successor Agency Meetings (City Clerk)

Recommendation:

- Approve the minutes as submitted.

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

Ayes: Sarno, Trujillo, Zamora, Rodríguez, Mora

Nayes: None

Absent: None

CITY COUNCIL

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 City Council.

- a. Minutes of the February 11, 2021 Regular City Council Meetings (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. 1117 – An Ordinance adding Chapter 40 to Title III of the of the Santa Fe Springs Municipal Code Implementing Electronic Filing of Campaign Disclosure Statements and Statements of Economic Interest (City Clerk)

Recommendation:

- Adopt Ordinance No. 1117.

- d. Los Nietos Road Street Improvements – Final Payment (Public Works)

Recommendation:

- Approve the Final Payment to All American Asphalt of Corona, California in the amount of \$112,959.31 (less 5% Retention).

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

Ayes: Sarno, Trujillo, Zamora, Rodríguez, Mora

Nayes: None

Absent: None

PUBLIC HEARING

11. State of California Citizens' Option for Public Safety (COPS) Grant Program (Police Services)

Recommendation:

- Open the Public Hearing;
- Receive any comments from the public wishing to speak on this matter and thereafter close the Public Hearing; and
- Approve the expenditure of the State of California Citizens' Option for Public Safety (COPS) grant funds as outlined in the plan contained herein.

Director of Police Services, Dino Torres provided a brief presentation on Item No. 11.

Mayor Mora opened the public hearing at 6:15 p.m.

There were no speakers for Item No. 11.

Mayor Mora closed the public hearing at 6:16 p.m.

It was moved by Council Member Trujillo, seconded by Council Member Sarno to approve the expenditure of the State of California Citizens' Option for Public Safety (COPS) grant funds as outlined in the plan contained herein, by the following vote:

Ayes: Sarno, Trujillo, Zamora, Rodríguez, Mora

Nayes: None

Absent: None

NEW BUSINESS

12. Approval of Use Agreement for Athletic Fields and Facilities with Norwalk-Santa Fe Springs Saints Youth Football & Cheer for 2021-2023 (Community Services)

Recommendation:

- Approve the Use Agreement for Athletic Fields and Facilities with the Norwalk-Santa Fe Springs Saints Youth Football & Cheer for 2021-2023.
- Authorize the Mayor to execute and sign the Use Agreement for Athletic Fields and Facilities with the Norwalk-Santa Fe Springs Saints Youth Football & Cheer.

13. Approval of Use Agreement for Athletic Fields and Facilities with Metropolitan Little League for 2021-2023 (Community Services)

Recommendation:

- Approve the Use Agreement for Athletic Fields and Facilities with the Metropolitan Little League for 2021-2023.
- Authorize the Mayor to execute and sign the Use Agreement for Athletic Fields and Facilities with Metropolitan Little League.

Parks & Recreation Services Manager, Gus Hernandez provided a brief presentation on both Items No. 12 and 13.

It was moved by Mayo Pro Tem Rodriguez, seconded by Council Member Zamora, to approve the Use Agreement for Athletic Fields and Facilities with the Norwalk-Santa Fe Springs Saints Youth Football & Cheer for 2021-2023 and approve the Use Agreement for Athletic Fields and Facilities with the Metropolitan Little League for 2021-2023 and authorize the Mayor to execute and sign both agreements, by the following vote:

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

14. Catch Basin Maintenance Services – Award of Contract (Public Works)

Recommendation:

- Award a contract with Ron's Maintenance Inc. for Catch Basin Inspection and Cleaning for an amount not to exceed \$31,760.

Director of Public Works, Noe Negrete provided a brief presentation on Item No. 14.

It was moved by Council Member Sarno, seconded by Council Member Trujillo, to award a contract with Ron's Maintenance Inc. for Catch Basin Inspection and Cleaning for an amount not to exceed \$31,760, by the following vote:

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

15. City of Bellflower Traffic Signal Maintenance Services – Approval of Contract Amendment No. 7 (Public Works)

Recommendation:

- Approve Amendment No. 7 to the agreement with the City of Bellflower to provide Signal Maintenance Services; and
- Authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement on behalf of the City.

Director of Public Works, Noe Negrete provided a brief presentation on Item No. 15.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez, seconded by Council Member Sarno, to approve Amendment No. 7 to the agreement with the City of Bellflower to provide Signal Maintenance Services; and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement on behalf of the City, by the following vote:

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

16. Approval of Parcel Map No. 82709–9883 Greenleaf Avenue (Public Works)

Recommendation:

- Approve Parcel Map No. 82709;
- Find that Parcel Map No. 82709 together with the provisions for its design and improvement, is consistent with the City's General Plan; and
- Authorize the City Engineer and City Clerk to sign Parcel Map No.

82709.

Director of Public Works, Noe Negrete provided a brief presentation on Item No. 15.

It was moved by Council Member Trujillo, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez, to approve Parcel Map No. 82790; find that Parcel Map No. 82709 together with the provisions for its design and improvement, is consistent with the City's General Plan; and authorize the City Engineer and City Clerk to sign Parcel Map No. 82709, by the following vote:

Ayes: Sarno, Trujillo, Zamora, Rodríguez, Mora

Nayes: None

Absent: None

17. CITY MANAGER AND EXECUTIVE TEAM REPORTS

- City Manager, Raymond R. Cruz spoke about a meeting in spring 2019 which involved City Council and Directors to meet with John Bramble from Management Partners, a retired City Manager, along with his assistant Julie Hernandez, to help create a Goal Setting Retreat. This retreat provided a list of strategic goals for staff and was happy to announce that most of those goals have been met. He stated that John Bramble is set to schedule another Goal Setting Retreat on April 24, 2021.
- Senior Management Analyst, Maribel Garcia provided a brief updated on the restaurant grant program. She noted that the City will be hand delivering checks, along with acknowledgment letters to those businesses that qualified for the grant. She also spoke about Senate Bill 1383, which aims to regulate organic waste starting January 1, 2022. Lastly, she spoke about Universal Waste Systems located in the City has been identified by the State as a high diversion facility, which means they will be able to take in food waste in the future.
- Director of Public Works, Noe Negrete spoke about the upcoming preconstruction meeting regarding the Town Center Parking Lot renovation. He also spoke about upcoming baseball field renovations.
- Director of Planning, Wayne Morrell introduced Senior Planner, Cuong Nguyen announced information on the third general plan workshop at the end of the month.
- Director of Police Services, Dino Torres spoke about an increase of catalytic converter thefts across the state and provided tips on preventing theft.
- Fire Chief, Brent Hayward provided an update on COVID-19 cases within the City and across the County. He also introduced new firefighter paramedics.
- Director of Finance and Administrative Services, Travis Hickey spoke about the developing budget for the 2021-2021 fiscal year.
- Director of Community Services, Maricela Balderas spoke about the delivery of St. Patrick's Day gift bags to seniors last week, as well as modified Easter activities for City residents. Lastly, she provided updates on sporting fields throughout the City and upcoming modified protocols for outdoor activities.

18. PRESENTATIONS

Introduction of New Santa Fe Springs Department of Fire-Rescue Firefighter Candidates

19. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS

No appointments were made.

20. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Sarno thanked the Fire-Rescue Department for their quick responses and their professionalism. He also welcomed the new firefighters and expressed his excitement on progressing forward with City offerings as restrictions ease.

Councilmember Trujillo also thanked the Fire-Rescue Department for offering great service to residents, and also looked forward to the reopening of City facilities.

Councilmember Zamora stated he is also looking forward to see children being able to enjoy facilities once again, and thanked parents for taking the necessary steps to provide support for their children. Lastly, he acknowledged the support stemming from the restaurant grant program, and thanked staff for their work.

Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez thanked Police Services for continuing to offer the Safe Neighborhood Program and the Every 15 Minutes program. She also congratulated the new firefighters and wished everyone in attendance a Happy St. Patrick's Day.

Mayor Mora highlighted the great work by the Fire-Rescue Department, and acknowledged the great security work done by the IT Department staff. He thanked all staff for their hard work, and expressed his excitement at services beginning to reopen again.

CLOSED SESSION

21. 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

22. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT

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

TITLE: City Manager Evaluation

CLOSED SESSION

23. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

(Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957.6)

Agency Designated Representatives: City Manager, Director of Finance, Human Resources Manager, City Attorney, Labor Negotiator.

Employee Organizations: Santa Fe Springs City Employees' Association and Santa Fe Springs Firefighters' Association

CLOSED SESSION

24. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

(Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957.6)

Agency Designated Representatives: City Manager, City Attorney, Labor Negotiator

Employee Organization: Santa Fe Springs Executive, Management and Confidential Employees' Association

Mayor Mora recessed the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

Mayor Mora reconvened the meeting at 9:56 p.m.

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 9:56 p.m.



John M. Mora
Mayor

ATTEST:


Janet Martinez
City Clerk

4/22/21
Date