



APPROVED: 5/18/2021

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

April 20, 2021

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Mora called the meeting to order via teleconference at 5:00 P.M

2. **ROLL CALL**

Members present: Councilmembers Sarno, Trujillo, Zamora, Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez, and Mayor Mora.

Members absent: None.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

CITY COUNCIL

STUDY SESSION

4. Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Update (Public Works)

Recommendation:

- The report is for informational purposes only and does not require any action by the City Council.

Director of Public Works, Noe Negrete started his presentation by providing an overview of the projects that have been completed, are in progress, and require attention from 2018 to 2020. He reviewed the Utility Users Tax (UUT) Capital Improvement Projects which include the Terradell, Whiteland, Roma, and Nova Street Improvements; the Dunning Street, Gridley Road, Darcy Street, and Harvest Avenue Rehabilitation Projects; the Clarkman Street, Jersey Avenue, and Joslin Avenue Slurry Seal Street Phase II, the City Wide Striping, the SFS Athletic Fields, Picnic Shelters, Trellis Project, and the Municipal Services Yard Underground Waste Oil Tank Removal Project.

He also spoke about the Bond Funded Capital Improvement Projects which include the Town Center Plaza Parking Lot Improvement Design, the Traffic Signal at Florence Ave/Ringwood Avenue, the Greenstone Avenue Rehabilitation Project, the Sunshine Avenue Rehabilitation Project; the Santa Fe Springs Road, Rivera Road, Ann Street, and Painter Road Three Year Street Improvement Plan Year 2, the Los Nietos, Lakeland, and Meyer Road Three Year Street Improvement Plan Year 3, and the Cambridge/Carmenita – Golden Springs Development (Traffic Signal, Street Resurfacing). He reiterated that bond funds are derived from redevelopment funds, and that most of the money from the bonds are going into the streets. He stated the money for the designing the Town Center Parking Lot was bond funded, but the construction of the parking lot will use UUT money.

He continued to speak about the Water – CIP Projects which include the Water Well No. 12 Packers, and Whittier Water Connection Project. He also highlighted other completed Capital Improvement Projects such as the Florence Avenue Widening, City Hall ADA Counter, Court Resurfacing (Handball, Tennis, and Basketball), Replacement of Baseball/Basketball Scoreboards, Backboards/Rims, and Marquardt Avenue 16-inch Water Main Relocation. He summarized the average price of each project.

Director Negrete proceeded his presentation by going over the remaining UUT Capital Improvement Projects, Bond Funded Capital Improvement Projects, and Grant Funded Projects. He stated that the reason for this meeting was to develop a needs assessment and to identify the next steps and compare the needs to wants. He also made it clear that with the available funding, council will have to either identify new sources of funding or keep applying for grants to fund the next set of projects.

Councilmember Zamora asked how many CDBG projects Public Works has completed. Director Negrete stated that most of the projects do not qualify for CDBG funds, instead they the City would sell it but it is now outlawed. He stated that the funds are primarily used for the Teen Club at Town Center Hall and certain Fire vehicles, along with exterior remodeling along Washington Blvd. He also stated that grants are competitive, and the regional location of the City does not lend itself to favorability for grants.

Councilmember Sarno asked about what prevents certain parks to be prioritized over others. Director Negrete stated that in the past a priority list was compiled in collaboration with Public Works and the Parks and Recreation Department, which was then brought to Council for approval. Councilmember Zamora stressed that the City should be utilizing every resource possible to ensure that high-use parks like Lakeview Park are being brought up to date. Councilmember Sarno agreed that every park requires updating, and Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez added that the parkettes could also use attention.

Council reiterated that projects should be moved along, and Councilmember Zamora stressed the importance of keeping Council apprised of the progress of each project. City Manager Raymond R. Cruz added that even with consultant assistance, it takes a manager to oversee progress, and that currently there are only two managers in the department. Director Negrete referenced that in the past Public Works Engineering had a staff of 22 working on 6 to 8 projects; currently they have a staff of 8 working on 10 to 12 projects. Mayor Mora expressed that Director Negrete should come forward with needs to ensure the projects are being completed. Councilmember Sarno also expressed the need for the subcommittee to meet more frequently.

Council thanked Public Works for their presentation.

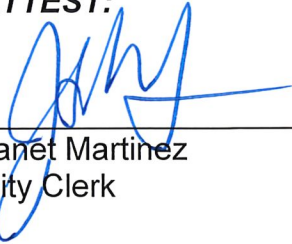
5. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Mora adjourned the meeting at 6:06 p.m.



John M. Mora
Mayor

ATTEST:



Janet Martinez
City Clerk

5/24/21
Date



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MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

April 20, 2021

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Mora called the meeting to order via teleconference at 6:07 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**

Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez led the invocation.

4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Youth Leadership Committee led the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jenn Hernandez submitted a public comment to enter into the record.

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 March 16, 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 Trujillo 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 March 16, 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.

It was moved by Council Member Sarno, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez to approve Items No. 7A through 7C, 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 March 16, 2021 Housing Successor Meetings (City Clerk)

Recommendation:

- Approve the minutes as submitted.

It was moved by Council Member Trujillo, 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 March 16, 2021 Successor Agency Meetings (City Clerk)

Recommendation:

- Approve the minutes as submitted.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez, seconded by Council Member Sarno 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 March 16, 2021 Regular City Council Meetings (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) (City Attorney)

Recommendation:

- Adopt Resolution No. 9712:
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.

- c. Sub-Committee Updates (Finance)

Recommendation:

- Receive and file the meeting reports.

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

Ayes: Sarno, Trujillo, Zamora, Rodríguez, Mora

Nayes: None

Absent: None

NEW BUSINESS

- 11. Resolution No. 9711 for Fitness Court Project at Los Nietos Park/Proposition 68 Funding (Community Services)**

Recommendation:

- Adopt Resolution No. 9711 approving the Parks and Recreation Services Manager to apply for Proposition 68, Per Capita Park Bond Grant Funds;
- Approve Adding the Fitness Court Project to the Capital Improvement Plan; and
- Appropriate \$266,000 from Utility Users Tax Funds for the project.

Parks & Recreation Services Manager, Gus Hernandez provided a brief presentation on Item No. 11.

Councilmember Zamora asked if the proposed location for the fitness court would take over the proposed Options for Learning bungalow installment. City Manager Raymond R. Cruz clarified that due to long term economics, Options for Learning had decided not to move forward with their project. Parks and Recreation Manager Gus Hernandez stated that if approved, expected ground breaking for the project would be in the first quarter of 2022 and would be added to the Public Works project list.

It was moved by Council Member Sarno, seconded by Council Member Zamora to adopt Resolution No. 9711 approving the Parks and Recreation Services Manager to apply for Proposition 68, Per Capita Park Bond Grant Funds, approve Adding the Fitness Court Project to the Capital Improvement Plan, and appropriate \$266,000 from Utility Users Tax Funds for the project, by the following vote:

Ayes: Sarno, Trujillo, Zamora, Rodríguez, Mora

Nayes: None

Absent: None

12. Horseshoe Pit Improvements – Authorization to Advertise for Construction Bids (Public Works)

Recommendation:

- Approve the Plans and Specifications; and
- Authorize the City Engineer to advertise for construction bids.

Director of Public Works, Noe Negrete, introduced CIP Project Manager, Robert Garcia to provide a brief presentation on Item No. 12.

Councilmember Zamora asked if cup holders would be added. CIP Manager Robert Garcia said they would look into adding that to the project. Councilmember Zamora asked if benches or seating could be added. Director Negrete said they would look at it after to avoid adding to the scope of the work and not have it be reimbursable.

It was moved by Council Member Zamora, seconded by Council Member Trujillo to approve the Plans and 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

13. Interior and Exterior Painting Park Facilities – Authorization to Advertise for Construction Bids (Public Works)

Recommendation:

- Approve the Plans and Specifications; and
- Authorize the City Engineer to advertise for construction bids.

Director of Public Works, Noe Negrete, introduced CIP Project Manager, Robert Garcia to

provide a brief presentation on Item No. 13.

Councilmember Sarno inquired about the possibility of using a variety of colors. Director Negrete stated that Public Works attempts to keep a consistent stock of paint to facilitate painting, and recommended that it can be addressed by the CIP Subcommittee and the contractor when they get on board.

It was moved by Council Member Sarno, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez, to approve the Plans and 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

14. Presentation and Consideration of the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2020 (Finance)

Recommendation:

- Receive and file the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2020 and related communications.

Director of Finance and Administrative Services, Travis Hickey provided a presentation on Item No. 14. He introduced Tim Patel from CliftonLarsonAllen to provide a separate presentation.

It was moved by Council Member Sarno, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez, to receive and file the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2020 and related communications, by the following vote:

Ayes: Sarno, Trujillo, Zamora, Rodríguez, Mora

Nayes: None

Absent: None

15. CITY MANAGER AND EXECUTIVE TEAM REPORTS

- City Manager, Raymond R. Cruz spoke about the precautions the City took in regards to COVID-19, including having employees work remotely and increased sanitation efforts. He also spoke about reopening plans relating to City facilities which include having council meetings in person starting May 4, 2021, and all employees will return on May 17, 2021. Members of the public will be allowed back into public buildings on June 14, 2021. He introduced Director of Community Services, Maricela Balderas to provide additional information on public gathering guidelines at City parks and facilities with guidelines set forth by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health. The City will continue to be in communication with the County to ensure compliance with health guidelines and protocols.
- Police Captain, Aaron Ruiz provided information on two recent incidents regarding gunfire. He stated the Whittier Police Department is committed to keeping Santa Fe Springs safe by proactive engagement. He asked anyone that might have any additional information on the two recent incidents to contact the Whittier Police

Department. City Manager, Raymond R. Cruz stated that they are actively working with Whittier Police Department on specifics to help reduce crime and increase patrolling. Council thanked Captain Aaron Ruiz for keeping the community safe.

- Director of Public Works, Noe Negrete called upon Municipal Services Manager, Kevin Periman to provide an update on signs recently installed. Signs were installed to remind park guests to pick up dog waste. Director Negrete also introduced Utility Services Manager, Jesse Sira to provide an update on water sources for the City. Director Negrete added that the ultimate goal is to become independent of Metropolitan Water District.
- Director of Planning, Wayne Morrell spoke about two items. First, he spoke about potential zoning modifications under the Biden Administration's proposed infrastructure plan. Second, he spoke about the Chevron site on Norwalk Blvd and Telegraph Rd and the messaged meshing surrounding it.
- Director of Police Services, Dino Torres spoke about recognizing Dispatchers Week, which seeks to recognize the dispatchers who take and direct 911 calls. Second, he spoke about Public Safety staff's presence at public schools due to schools accepting students once again.
- Fire Chief, Brent Hayward provided an update on COVID-19 cases within the City and across the County. He also provided positive vaccine supply. Lastly, he provided an update on apparatus projects.
- Director of Finance and Administrative Services, Travis Hickey spoke about meeting with the City's sales tax consultant and reported positive news, saying the City is up 11.6% in comparison to the same time the year before. He also stated many of the new businesses in the City are doing well.
- Director of Community Services, Maricela Balderas spoke about the tax assistance program, stating that all appointments have been filled. She also spoke about the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health contacting the City to host a COVID-19 vaccination clinic on April 28, 2021. Lastly, she spoke about the planned removal of the Options for Learning site planned for June of this year.

16. PRESENTATIONS

Proclaiming the week of May 2-8, 2021 as "Municipal Clerks Week" in the City of Santa Fe Springs

17. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS

Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez appointed Felix Miranda Jr. to the Youth Leadership Committee.

18. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Sarno offered his condolences to the family of the resident who passed away recently, and thanked staff for going above and beyond to provide great services to the City.

Councilmember Trujillo ensured everyone that the City is committed to keeping residents safe. She also expressed excitement at being able to return back to the Council Chambers to hold in-person council meetings in the near future. Lastly, she thanked City Clerk staff for their work.

Councilmember Zamora thanked City Clerk staff for their work, and also spoke about the shooting incidents. He thanked the Whittier Police Department for their involvement in keeping the City safe, and also thanked Department directors for their informative reports.

Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez thanked City Clerk staff for their work, and commended City staff on the informative presentations. She also extended a thanks to the police officers who serve our City, and thanked all staff for their work this year and in the previous year in an effort to keep services running.

Mayor Mora looked forward to the end of the pandemic, and thanked police services and first responders. He stated that even though tragic events occur, the City will always come out on top despite the challenges. Lastly, he thanked City Clerk staff for their work.

CLOSED SESSION

19. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

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

CLOSED SESSION

20. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

(Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957.6)

Agency Designated Representatives: City Manager, Labor Negotiator Colin Tanner.

Employee Organizations: Santa Fe Springs City Employees' Association, Santa Fe Springs Firefighters' Association, and Santa Fe Springs Executive, Management and Confidential Employees' Association

CLOSED SESSION

21. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

(Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.8)

Property: APN No. 8009-007-930 (southwest of Telegraph Road and Norwalk Blvd)

Agency Negotiator: City Manager, Planning Director

Negotiating Parties: Westland Real Estate Group

Under Negotiation: Price and Terms

Mayor Mora recessed the meeting at 8:31 p.m.

Mayor Mora reconvened the meeting at 9:55 p.m.

22. 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.


23. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Mora adjourned the meeting at 9:55 p.m.

ATTEST:



Janet Martinez
City Clerk



John M. Mora
Mayor



Date