



APPROVED: 10/05/2021

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

September 7, 2021

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Mora called the meeting to order at 6:02 P.M

2. **ROLL CALL**

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

**Members absent:** None.

3. **INVOCATION**

Councilmember Zamora led the invocation.

4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Andrew Bojorquez and Alan Avalos from the Youth Leadership Committee led the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** The following persons spoke during Public Comments in-person: Melody Andrade, Marla Velasquez, Irma Huitron, Alejandro Huitron, Norma Hernandez, Monica Ayala, David Ayala. Via Zoom: Josie Garcia, Leticia Vasquez-Wilson, Araceli Leyva, Joey, Leilani Martinez, Melanie Cohen.

### 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 August 3, 2021 Housing Successor Meetings (City Clerk)

**Recommendation:**

- Approve the minutes as submitted.

It was moved by Councilmember Zamora, 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

### SUCCESSOR AGENCY

7. **CONSENT AGENDA**

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*vote. Any item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately by the Successor Agency.*

Minutes of the August 3, 2021 Successor Agency Meetings (City Clerk)

**Recommendation:**

- Approve the minutes as submitted.

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

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

**Nayes:** 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 August 3, 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. 1118: An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Santa Fe Springs amending Sections 155.003, 155.051, 155.078, 155.109, 155.153, 155.211, 155.229, 155.259, 155.398, 155.515, 155.516, 155.518, 155.519, 155.524, 155.529, 155.531, and 155.533 to Chapter 155 (Zoning) of Title 15 (Land Use) of the Santa Fe Springs Municipal Code relating to Billboards (Planning)

**Recommendation:**

- Adopt Ordinance No. 1118.

It was moved by Councilmember Trujillo, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez, to approve Item Nos. 8A to 8C, by the following vote:

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

**Nayes:** None

**Absent:** None

**PUBLIC HEARING (Continued from August 17, 2021 City Council Meeting)**

**9. Consideration of an appeal of Development Plan Approval Case No. 980 and related Environmental Documents (Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration) (Planning)**

**Recommendation:**

- Continue the appeal hearing to the next regularly scheduled City Council

Meeting on Monday, September 20, 2021.

It was moved by Councilmember Sarno, seconded by Councilmember Zamora, to continue the appeal hearing to the next regularly scheduled City Council Meeting on Monday, September 20, 2021, by the following vote:

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

**Nayes:** None

**Absent:** None

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**10. Santa Fe Springs Park Recreation Building New Cabinets – Award of Contract (Public Works)**

**Recommendation:**

- Appropriate an additional \$21,000 from the Utility Users Tax (UUT) Capital Improvements Fund to the Santa Fe Springs Park Recreation Building New Cabinets (PW 200101);
- Accept the bids; and
- Authorize the Director of Purchasing to issue a Purchase Order to Corral Construction of Commerce, California, in the amount of \$16,000.00.

Director of Public Works, Noe Negrete provided a presentation on Item No. 10. Councilmember Zamora asked when the last time the cabinets were replaced. Director Negrete estimate over 15 years ago. Councilmember Trujillo asked about the large difference in the submitted bid amounts. Councilmember Sarno suspected the difference was in the proposed cost of materials.

It was moved by Councilmember Zamora, seconded by Councilmember Sarno, to appropriate an additional \$21,000 from the Utility Users Tax (UUT) Capital Improvements Fund to the Santa Fe Springs Park Recreation Building New Cabinets, (PW) 200101), accept the bids, and authorize the Director of Purchasing to issue a Purchase Order to Corral Construction of Commerce, California, in the amount of \$16,000.00, by the following vote:

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

**Nayes:** None

**Absent:** None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**11. Authorize the Purchase of New Drapes at the Clarke Estate and Town Center Hall City Facilities (Community Services)**

**Recommendation:**

- Authorize the purchase of new drapes at the Clarke Estate and Town Center Hall;
- Authorize the Director of Purchasing to issue a purchase order in the amount of \$45,962.12 to process this order.

Parks and Recreation Manager, Gus Hernandez provided a presentation on Item No. 11. Councilmember Sarno asked if there would be a delay in drape installation at the Clark Estate due to wedding season being over. Manager Hernandez said it would be

better to take advantage of the wedding off-season and that there is a tentative installation date set for mid-November. Mayor Mora asked how old the drapes were. Manager Hernandez could not attest to the age of the drapes at the Clark Estate but noted they were worn and have mouse holes. The drapes at Town Center Hall were at least sixteen years old.

It was moved by Councilmember Trujillo, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez, to authorize the purchase of new drapes at the Clarke Estate and Town Center Hall, and authorize the Director of Purchasing to issue a purchase order in the amount of \$45,962.12 to process this order, by the following vote:

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

**Nayes:** None

**Absent:** None

**12. Haunted House Assembly of Temporary Panel Walls at Activity Center and 2021 Haunted House Event (Community Services)**

**Recommendations:**

• **OPTION 1**

- Approve a mid-year adjustment of \$20,000 from Parks Supplies and overtime costs to Parks Contractual Services;
- Approve a mid-year adjustment of an additional \$11,600 for the project;
- Accept the bid;
- Award a contract to Calderon Built, Inc.; and
- Proceed with the traditional 2021 Haunted House event;

• **OPTION 2**

- Direct the Department of Community Services to cancel the 2021 Haunted House event, proceed with the planning of the outdoor Halloween Carnival and Costume Parade and
- Reject the bid from Calderon Built, Inc.

Parks and Recreation Manager, Gus Hernandez provided a presentation on Item No. 12. Councilmember Zamora asked monies could be used for additional outside activities. Manager Hernandez said there is sufficient space outside to accommodate additional activities. City Manager Ray Cruz asked how much an inflatable maze comparable to the one scheduled for Fiestas Patrias would cost. Manager Hernandez stated he would have to inquire about individual fees as the Fiestas Patrias cost included additional attractions. Councilmember Zamora recommended a not to exceed amount of \$10,000.00 for additional activities to accompany Option 2.

It was moved by Councilmember Zamora, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez, to select Option 2 and direct the Department of Community Services to cancel the 2021 Haunted House event, proceed with the planning of the outdoor Halloween Carnival and Costume Parade, reject the bid from Calderon Built, Inc., and apply a do not exceed amount of \$10,000.00, by the following vote:

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

**Nayes:** None

**Absent:** None

**13. Valley View Avenue / Rosecrans Avenue Intersection Improvements – Authorization to Advertise for Construction Bids (Public Works)**

**Recommendation:**

- Approve the Plans and Specifications for the Valley View Avenue / Rosecrans Avenue Intersection Improvements (Project); and
- Authorize the City Engineer to advertise for construction bids.

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

It was moved by Councilmember Trujillo, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez, to approve the Plans and Specifications for the Valley View Avenue / Rosecrans Avenue Intersection Improvements Project, 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. Purchase of Three (3) 2022 Ford Explorer Police Hybrids and Three (3) 2022 Ford Explorer Police Service Officer Hybrids from Fairway Ford (Finance)**

**Recommendation:**

- Authorize the purchase of three (3) 2022 Ford Explorer Police Hybrids and three (3) Ford Explorer PSO Hybrids from Fairway Ford; and
- Authorize the Director of Purchasing Services to issue a purchase order to Fairway Ford in the amount of \$260,087.73.

Director of Purchasing Services, Paul Martinez provided a brief presentation on Item No. 14. Councilmember Sarno asked if there was a reason why the selections only include hybrid vehicles. Director Martinez stated that hybrids are part of the current fleet and are not known to have transmission issues compared to the civilian gas-only models.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez, seconded by Councilmember Zamora, to authorize the purchase of three (3) 2022 Ford Explorer Police Hybrids and three (3) Ford Explorer PSO Hybrids from Fairway Ford, and authorize the Director of Purchasing Services to issue a purchase order to Fairway Ford in the amount of \$260,087.73, by the following vote:

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

**Nayes:** None

**Absent:** None

**15. Modification of Job Specification and Title for the Director of Technology Services (Finance)**

**Recommendation:**

- Upon the current employee's retirement, approve the proposed Job Specification and title for the Director of Technology Services.

Director of Finance and Administrative Services, Travis Hickey provided a brief presentation on Item No. 15.

It was moved by Councilmember Trujillo, seconded by Councilmember Sarno, to approve the proposed Job Specification and title for the Director of Technology Services, by the following vote:

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

**Nayes:** None

**Absent:** None

**16. Request for Consideration from Council Member Sarno for City Council Direction to Staff to Review and Analyze a Proposal to Transition the Athletic Fields at Little Lake Park to a Tournament Fields Operation (City Manager)**

**Recommendation:**

- Provide direction to staff.

City Manager, Ray Cruz provided a brief presentation on Item No. 16. Before further staff time is expended on the proposal provided by ZT Baseball, council should provide direction to staff authorizing them to do so. Councilmember Sarno provided additional information and noted Mohsin Malik from ZT Baseball was present to answer questions and provide additional information.

Councilmember Zamora commented that regarding parking issues, several families use the parking lot on weekends for overflow parking from the nearby apartments and church attendees. He also added that since Mr. Malik commented that ZT Baseball has financial stability, he recommended they target the areas closes to the business community such as the Breitburn site.

Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez noted that the influx of non-residents during tournaments would pose a parking problem to nearby residents along with restricting field use to the residents while tournaments are ongoing. She added she would like additional information.

Councilmember Sarno stated that a decision does not need to be made today, that it is purely to decide whether or not to provide direction to staff to consider it as an option to look into.

Councilmember Trujillo stated that while parking could be an issue, she stated she would like to work with St. Puis X Church to address the parking situation. She added since there are already tournaments occurring at that park, she is not opposed to looking into the possibility of having ZT Baseball manage them. Councilmember Zamora commented he is in favor of moving forward with additional research into the proposal if they select a different area other than Little Lake Park, as he would not want to deprive residents of its use during the weekends. Councilmember Trujillo added that she would like to give ZT Baseball an opportunity for consideration. Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez stated she would not like to take away park accessibility from residents and again noted that there is not much information available.

Councilmember Trujillo asked who would be in charge of running the potential tournaments and who currently runs the ongoing tournaments. Mr. Malik responded that Perfect Game USA would run the tournaments and would also remain as youth

and high school age baseball. Parks and Recreation Manager Gus Hernandez commented that currently the tournaments at the park are being rented by third party organizations and that there is a mixture of City staff third party personnel who operate the parks. He added that the majority of the tournaments are adult tournaments.

Mayor Mora inquired about the use of the fields during the weekdays. Mr. Malik commented that practices and workshops would be held for local residents during the week.

Further discussion ensued amongst council whether to bring the item back for review to city council or the Economic Development Subcommittee.

It was moved by Councilmember Sarno, seconded by Councilmember Trujillo, to authorize staff to explore the item further and bring the results forward at a study session, by the following vote:

**Ayes:** Sarno, Trujillo, Mora

**Nayes:** Zamora, Rodriguez

**Absent:** None

#### **17. CITY MANAGER'S AND EXECUTIVE TEAM REPORTS**

- City Manager, Raymond R. Cruz spoke about the 2021 Santa Fe Springs Chamber Workshop that staff and council attended at Lake Arrowhead from August 18 to 20. He also spoke about the Santa Fe Springs University employee development program and what types of training would be offered and recommended for employees. Lastly, he spoke about celebrating the Santa Fe Springs Women's Club "Woman of the Year", Mary Arias.
- Director of Public Works, Noe Negrete spoke about the updates to the Town Center Plaza Parking Lot Improvement Project. He also spoke about updates regarding the Horseshoe Pit Improvement Project and the Park Improvement Project.
- Director of Planning, Wayne Morrell spoke about the completion of the draft housing element in July for the General Plan update. He also spoke about the ongoing work on the economic development element of the General Plan and provided details on where residents could obtain more information.
- Director of Police Services, Dino Torres spoke about Parent Project & Loving Solution Classes being offered for free via Zoom for residents and school residents.
- Fire Chief, Brent Hayward spoke about the COVID-19 rate within the City. He also provided an update on the Fire-Rescue crews who were dispatched to assist with the Caldor Fire, El Dorado and Amador County. He announced details for the Relay for Life event on September 25, and announced the associated Potato Bake on September 16.
- Director of Finance and Administrative Services, Travis Hickey spoke about a COVID-19 outbreak at a City facility and how the Human Resources Department is working alongside Los Angeles County Public Health Department to implement

recommendations. He also provided an updated on the City's deferred compensation plans available to City employees.

- Director of Community Services, Maricela Balderas spoke about the free Laser Tag event at the Teen Lounge on Wednesday, September 15. She also provided information on a passport event being held at the Post Office on September 11. She also provided a recap of the Summer Movies and Concert series and Summer Art Camp both held at Heritage Park. She announced that the City Library will resume regular operating hours beginning September 13, and the Learning Curve homework help program will also return. The Carriage Barn will reopen on Tuesday September 14, and lastly the Tech-to-Go program will expand to all adults in good standing.

## **18. PRESENTATIONS**

- a. Proclamation – Proclaiming September 2021, as “National Preparedness Month” (Police Services)
- b. Proclamation – declaring September 10, 2021 as the official Fiestas Patrias Cultural Celebration in the City of Santa Fe Springs (Community Services)
- c. 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 9/11 – Commemoration of Events that Occurred on 9/11/2001 (Fire)

## **19. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS**

No appointments were made.

## **20. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Sarno thanked all those who spoke during Public Comments and encouraged everyone to engage at City Council meetings. He also vouched for the great work done by the Director of Public Works.

Councilmember Trujillo thanked residents who are active and voice their opinions on the neighborhoods where they live. She also thanked the Director of Public Works for his hard work and expressed her support to him. She spoke about the Chamber Workshop and commented on how well it went. Lastly, she spoke about 9/11.

Councilmember Zamora also spoke about 9/11 and thanked Director Noe Negrete for his hard work in coordinating a response with the I-5 Freeway expansion meetings. He also spoke about the Chamber Workshop and expressed excitement at the prospect of community broadband.

Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez thanked the residents who spoke during Public Comments. She spoke about the Chamber Workshop, and thanked Public Works for coordinating the Clarke Estate for the Women's Club. She also thanked the first responders and firefighters who helped during 9/11, and highlighted the great work done by the Director of Public Works.

Mayor Mora apologized to Director Negrete for not interceding sooner during the disrespectful public comment. He thanked first responders for their work during 9/11, and congratulated Alex Tong on his upcoming retirement. He also highlighted 33 companies within the City who were recognized for complying with wastewater discharge. Lastly, he



encouraged everyone who spoke during Public Comments to continue doing so and announced the next council meeting will be moved to Monday, September 20 at 6:30 p.m.

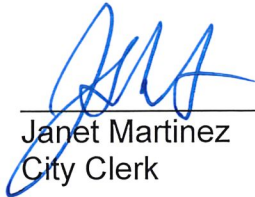
**21. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Mora adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m.



John M. Mora  
Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Janet Martinez  
City Clerk

10-7-21  
Date