



APPROVED: 10/19/2021

## MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

September 20, 2021

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Mora called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL**

**Members present:** Councilmembers/Directors: Sarno, Trujillo, Zamora (via Zoom), 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**

Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The following persons spoke during Public Comments: Irma Huitron, Marla Velasquez, Norma Hernandez, and Mara Sigueros-Byanda. Via Zoom: Leticia Vasquez-Wilson.

### **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 August 17, 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 Sarno, seconded by Council Member Trujillo, to approve Items No. 6A and 6B, by the following vote:

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

**Nayes:** 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 August 17, 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. On-Call Emergency Water Repair Services – Issue Purchase Order (Public Works)

**Recommendation:**

- Accept the proposals; and
- Authorize the Director of Purchasing to issue a Purchase Order to each of the three contractors listed below for the On-Call Emergency Water Repair Services for an amount not to exceed \$30,000 for each contractor.

It was moved by Council Member Trujillo, seconded by Council Member Sarno, 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 August 17, 2021 Housing Successor Meetings (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**

**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 August 17, 2021 Successor Agency Meetings (City Clerk)

**Recommendation:**

- Approve the minutes as submitted.

It was moved by Council Member Zamora, seconded by Council Member Trujillo, to approve the minutes as submitted, 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 August 17, 2021 Regular City Council Meetings (City Clerk)

**Recommendation:**

- Approve the minutes as submitted.

b. Authorize the Disposal of Surplus Vehicles and Equipment by Way of Public Auction (Finance)

**Recommendation:**

- Authorize the disposal of thirteen (13) surplus vehicles, two (2) trailers, and various obsolete equipment at public auction.

c. Horseshoe Pit Improvements – Final Payment (Public Works)

**Recommendation:**

- Approve the Final Payment (less 5% Retention) to Corral Construction & Development, Inc. of Commerce, California in the amount of \$39,957.00 for the subject project.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez, seconded by Council Member Trujillo, to approve Item Nos. 10A through 10C along with staff's recommendation to move Item No. 12 to the consent agenda and approve said items, by the following vote:

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

**Nayes:** None

**Absent:** None

**PUBLIC HEARING**

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

**Recommendations:**

- Continue the appeal hearing to the next regularly scheduled City Council Meeting on Tuesday, October 5, 2021.

It was moved by Council Member Trujillo, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez, to continue the appeal hearing to the next regularly scheduled City Council Meeting on Tuesday, October 5, 2021, by the following vote:

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

**Nayes:** None

**Absent:** None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**12. Approval of Parcel Map No. 83392 – 13911 Gannet Street (Public Works)**

**Recommendation:**

- Approve Parcel Map No. 83392;
- Find that Parcel Map No. 83392 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. 83392.

Item No. 12 was approved along with Item No. 10.

**13. Modification of Job Specification and Title for the Library Services Division Director (Finance)**

**Recommendations:**

- Approve the proposed title for the Library Services Division Director.

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

It was moved by Council Member Zamora, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez, to approve the proposed title for the Library Services Division Director, by the following vote:

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

**Nayes:** None

**Absent:** None

**14. Resolution No. 9731 - Establishing the City's Maximum Contribution for Miscellaneous and Safety Employees under the Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act (Finance)**

**Recommendations:**

- Adopt Resolution No. 9731, establishing the City's maximum contribution to medical insurance premiums under the Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act.

Director of Finance and Administrative Services, Travis Hickey, provided a brief presentation on Item No. 14

It was moved by Council Member Sarno, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez, to adopt Resolution No. 9731, establishing the City's maximum contribution to medical insurance premiums under the Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act, by the following vote:

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

**Nayes:** None

**Absent:** None

## **15. PRESENTATIONS**

- a. Introduction of Department of Community Services Newly Hired and Recently Promoted Employees (Community Services)
- b. Introduction of New Santa Fe Springs Department of Fire-Rescue Firefighter Candidates (Fire)
- c. Introduction of New Finance and Administrative Services Full-Time Employee, Storekeeper, Vanneza Ponce (Finance)
- d. Proclamation – Proclaiming October 6, 2021 as “Walk to School Day” in the City of Santa Fe Springs (Community Services)
- e. Proclamation – Proclaiming October 2021 as “Breast Cancer Awareness Month” in the City of Santa Fe Springs (Community Services)

## **16. CITY MANAGER AND EXECUTIVE TEAM REPORTS**

- City Manager, Raymond R. Cruz spoke about a Milestone Recognition for Albert C. Morales, who turned 100 years old. He also spoke about attending a Fall Education Summit along with Council Member Trujillo in Indian Wells, CA that provided information on homelessness services and single-family neighborhoods.
- Water Utility Services Manager, Jesse Sira provided an update on the Town Center Plaza Improvements Project.
- Associate Planner, Vince Velasco spoke about potential changes to the sculpture garden on the corner of Telegraph Rd. and Norwalk Blvd. Director of Planning, Wayne Morrell provided information on surplus sites along the Interstate-5 Freeway and the potential for statewide affordable housing opportunities.
- Director of Police Services, Dino Torres introduced Lieutenant David Elizarraras.
- Fire Chief, Brent Hayward spoke about COVID-19 cases within the City and within Los Angeles County. He announced that the 2021 Relay for Life event will be held at Lake Center Park on September 25, 2021. Lastly, he reported on the successful Potato Bake sale for Relay for Life.
- Director of Finance, Travis Hickey announced that RFP's will be received for the implementation of an online payment service so that residents can make payments via the internet.
- Director of Community Services, Maricela Balderas announced that free breast cancer screening will be held on Friday, October 1<sup>st</sup> to kick start Breast Cancer Awareness month. She recapped the Fiestas Patrias event, announced the end of the aquatic season, and spoke about the wooden furniture at the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center that was renewed with the help of Public Works staff.

**17. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS**

None

**18. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Council Member Sarno welcomed all new employees and commended Parks and Recreation staff for the great events they provide to the community.

Council Member Trujillo expressed delight at seeing staff being promoted to higher positions and welcomed all the new firefighter cadets. She spoke about attending the contract cities conference this past weekend and touched on some of the sessions that were offered which would benefit the City.

Council Member Zamora thanked all speakers for expressing their concerns and also welcomed and congratulated new and existing staff on their positions.

Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez congratulated all the new employees and thanked the Chamber of Commerce for hosting a great mentor program. She expressed her delight at the Mommy and Me classes and Fiestas Patrias event, and stated she looked forward to the upcoming Relay for Life event.

Mayor Mora expressed his delight at the offerings during the Fiestas Patrias event, and also commended the Chamber of Commerce on the mentor program. He also praised the Fire-Rescue Department for the potato bake event and thanked all the public speakers. Lastly, he talked about the ribbon cutting events being hosted by the Chamber of Commerce and thanked staff for rescheduling the meeting to today.

**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. ELM PROPERTIES GROUP, LLC, Case No. 21NWCV00011

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***Mayor Mora recessed the meeting at 7:54 p.m.***

***Mayor Mora reconvened the meeting at 8:08 p.m.***

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**20. CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

City Attorney Ivy M. Tsai provided a closed session report. Direction was given to staff, and no reportable action was taken.

**21. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Mora adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m. in memory of Danielle Lavalle.



John M. Mora  
Mayor

**ATTEST**



Janet Martinez  
City Clerk

10/20/21  
Date