



APPROVED: 12/7/2021

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

November 16, 2021

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Mora called the meeting to order at 6:02 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**

Aaron Doss from the Youth Leadership Committee led the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The following persons spoke during Public Comments: David Schickling submitted written comment, Laurie Rios spoke in-person. The following spoke via Zoom: Leticia Vasquez-Wilson, Richard Lozano and Mark Grajeda.

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 October 19, 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

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 October 19, 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 Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez, seconded by Council Member Sarno, 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 October 19, 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 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 October 19, 2021 Successor Agency Meetings (City Clerk)

Recommendation:

- Approve the minutes as submitted.

It was moved by Council Member Sarno, 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

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 October 19, 2021 Regular and Special 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 Threat of COVID-19 (pursuant to Government Code section 8630) (City Attorney)

Recommendation:

- Adopt Resolution No. 9738:
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. A Resolution of the City Council Affirming Authorization of Remote Teleconference Meetings (City Attorney)

Recommendation:

- Adopt Resolution No. 9739:
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS AFFIRMING THE LEGALLY REQUIRED FINDINGS TO AUTHORIZE THE CONDUCT OF REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS DURING A STATE OF EMERGENCY.

- d. Quarterly Treasurer's Report of Investments for the Quarter Ended September 30, 2021 (Finance)

Recommendation:

Receive and file the report.

- e. 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.

It was moved by Council Member Zamora, seconded by Council Member Trujillo, to approve Item Nos. 10A through 10E, by the following vote:

Ayes: Sarno, Trujillo, Zamora, Rodríguez, Mora

Nayes: None

Absent: None

NEW BUSINESS

11. Introduction of Ordinance No. 1119 – An Ordinance Repealing Chapter 50 (Collection of Solid Waste and Recyclables) of Title V (Public Works) and Adopting a New Chapter 50 (Collection of Solid Waste and Recyclables) of Title V of the Santa Fe Springs Municipal Code (City Manager)

Recommendation:

- Introduce by title only and waive further reading of Ordinance No. 1119:
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS REPEALING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 50 (COLLECTION OF SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLABLES) OF TITLE V OF THE SANTA FE SPRINGS MUNICIPAL CODE

Maribel Garcia provided a brief presentation on Item No. 11. She explained the changes that were being proposed to the Municipal Code by adopting Ordinance No. 1119.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez, seconded by Council Member Sarno, to introduce by title only and waive further reading of Ordinance No. 1119, by the following vote:

Ayes: Trujillo, Zamora, Rodríguez, Mora

Nayes: None

Absent: Sarno

12. Water Feature Maintenance Service Agreement – Approve One Year Extension (Public Works)

Recommendation:

- Approve Contract Amendment Number Two with Payless Pool Service Company to extend the term of the Agreement for one year; and
- Authorize the Mayor to execute Contract Amendment Number Two.

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

It was moved by Council Member Trujillo, seconded by Council Member Sarno, to approve Contract Amendment Number Two with Payless Pool Service Company to extend the term of the agreement for one year, and authorize the Mayor to execute Contract Amendment Number Two, by the following vote:

Ayes: Sarno, Trujillo, Zamora, Rodríguez, Mora

Nayes: None

Absent: None

13. Aquatic Center Facility Status (Public Works)

Recommendation:

- Provide staff direction.

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

Council Member Zamora inquired whether staff can reach out to see if there are any grants available to assist the City with these projects.

City Manager Raymond R. Cruz spoke with a number of legislative representatives to schedule meetings and discuss the available grants.

Council Member Trujillo requested additional information other than just the report. She suggested a study session on this item and possibly sharing this on social media to receive public input.

Mr. Negrete emphasized how this item was brought forward to share the current issues and to begin gathering ideas and provide direction to staff. He noted that this was an item that has been discussed with the CIP committee. He also stated that the project will take around a year to two years to complete the project.

Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez thanked City Manager Raymond R. Cruz for bringing forward this issue months ago. She expressed how this project is a necessity and the City needs to look at the options and narrow down the type of project everyone wishes to see.

Council Member Sarno noted that this should be looked at as a long-term project especially when it is over 60 years old. He agreed with Council Member Zamora on having staff reach out to legislative offices to seek grants to cover the cost for this project.

Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez noted that the surrounding cities received grants from Bob Archuleta for similar projects and requested for staff to seek the same grants.

Council Member Sarno emphasized how the city needs to move forward quickly before the grants are not available anymore.

Mayor Mora spoke about the project being close to his heart. He noted that he visited Splash in La Mirada and admired the amenities. He stated that he realized the City does not have much room; however, having a similar destination will allow revenue to flow in. He noted with this project, there can be guards trained, or something similar to a snack bar to what La Mirada has. He emphasized how the City needs the pool and wants to avoid using CIP funds.

Council Member Zamora stated that for the November 30th CIP Study Session he is requesting for the status on the grants for this project.

Director Negrete noted that his department does not seek grants; he will rely on the City Manager's Office to seek those grants.

14. CITY MANAGER AND EXECUTIVE TEAM REPORTS

- City Manager, Raymond R. Cruz spoke about the Whittier Police Department

agreement and the potential upcoming increases. There will be meetings scheduled with Whittier Staff and Santa Fe Springs staff which will most likely bring about an entire overhaul of the agreement. One change that has already been agreed upon is the frequency of meetings.

- Director of Public Works, Noe Negrete provided a brief update on the Town Center Parking Lot Improvement Project.
- Director of Planning, Wayne Morrell called on Vince Velasco, Associate Planner to provide a General Plan Update Community Workshop scheduled for November 17, 2021 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. He also spoke about the Alivia Apartments of Carmenita Road.
- Director of Police Services, Dino Torres spoke about the Law Enforcement Records and Support Personnel day. He also spoke about the Whittier Police Department annual toy drop off.
- Fire Chief, Brent Hayward provided an update on COVID-19 cases within the City in the last 14 days. He spoke about the firefighters raising money for breast cancer awareness, "Movember" participation, the Thanksgiving food program, and Spark of Love toy drive.
- Director of Finance, Travis Hickey spoke about OSHA's vaccine mandate policy requirement. At this moment it is at a stay until the appeals court make a final decision. He also spoke about the infrastructure project and the bill that President Biden just signed. He noted that Congresswoman Linda Sanchez spoke about the funds available and the City is looking forward to receive those funds and allocate them to various projects and public safety.
- Director of Community Services, Maricela Balderas stated that the Parks and Recreation division will be having a Fall Camp from November 22-24. The Thankful Neighbor Thanksgiving Basket Program will be held next week and it will be a drive thru event. The participants will be receiving a turkey and a \$50 gift card. Lastly, she spoke about the Thanksgiving Feast for Older Adults at the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center. The participants will be enjoying a thanksgiving lunch and entertainment.

15. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS

None

16. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Sarno wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. He also thanked Public Works management for the work they did on the parking lot project.

Council Member Trujillo wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. She expressed delight at seeing residents coming back to in-person meetings, and acknowledged the new decorative lights on City roads.

Council Member Zamora wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. He spoke about how last year it was hard for everyone to see their family and appreciated the cable and internet for everyone to be able to see each other virtually. Lastly, he thanked all staff for their work.

Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez acknowledged Public Works staff for the work on the parking lot improvements project. She also thanked everyone who supported the Women's Club event. Lastly, she wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mayor Mora commended Director Negrete for his dedication and work on the Central Basin Municipal Water Board. He also acknowledged Public Works employee Joe Barrios and the rest of the graffiti team for taking care of graffiti requests. Lastly, he thanked police and public safety officers for diligently patrolling City streets.

17. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Mora adjourned the meeting at 7:12 p.m. in memory of Rudy Y. Martinez and Timothy Jimenez.

ATTEST:



Janet Martinez
City Clerk



John M. Mora
Mayor

12-7-21
Date