



APPROVED: 01/18/2022

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

December 7, 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**

Councilmember Sarno led the invocation.

4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilmember Sarno led the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The following persons spoke during Public Comments: Jeff Hamilton, Irma Huitron, Alejandro Huitron. The following spoke via Zoom: Leticia Vasquez-Wilson, Norma Hernandez.

Mayor Mora requested Item No. 16 be considered after Public Comment.

CITY COUNCIL

16. Approve an Agreement with Mission Square (formerly ICMA-RC) for Administrative, Recordkeeping, and Communication Services Pertaining to the 457(b), 401(a) and the 457 PTS Deferred Compensation Plans (Finance)

Recommendation:

- Approve an agreement with Mission Square (formerly ICMA-RC), in a final form approved by the City Attorney's office, for the administrative, recordkeeping and communication services ("services") pertaining to the City's 457(b), 401(a) and the 457 PTS Deferred Compensation Plans.

Director of Finance, Travis Hickey provided a brief presentation on Item No. 16.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez, seconded by Councilmember Zamora, to approve an agreement with Mission Square (formerly ICMA-RC), in a final form approved by the City Attorney's office, for the administrative, recordkeeping and communication services ("services") pertaining to the City's 457(b), 401(a) and the 457 PTS Deferred Compensation Plans, by the following vote:

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

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 November 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 Councilmember Sarno, seconded by Councilmember 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 November 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 Councilmember Zamora, 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 November 2, 16, 2021 Housing Successor 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

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 November 2, 16, 2021 Successor Agency Meetings (City Clerk)

Recommendation:

- Approve the minutes as submitted.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez, 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

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 November 2, 16, 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. 9746:
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. 9747:
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. 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.

e. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 1119 Repealing and Replacing Chapter 50 (Collection of Solid Waste and Recyclables) of Title V of the Santa Fe Springs Municipal Code (City Manager)

Recommendation:

- Adopt 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

f. Heritage Park Train Exhibit Improvements (Paint Train Engine and Caboose Car) – Award of Contract (Public Works)

Recommendation:

- Appropriate additional \$35,000 from the Utility Users Tax (UUT) Capital Improvements Fund to the Heritage Park Train Exhibit Improvements (PW200101);
- Accept the bids; and
- Award a contract to U.S. National Corp. dba Jimenez Painting Company of Pacoima, California, in the amount of \$46,280.00.

g. City's Batting Cage Facility Concession Agreement – Approve One Year Extension (Public Works)

Recommendation:

- Approve Contract Amendment Number Three with Henry Hernandez to

- extend the term of the Agreement for One Year; and
- Authorize the Mayor to execute Contract Amendment Number Three.

h. City of Bellflower Traffic Signal Maintenance Services – Approval of Contract Amendment No. 8 (Public Works)

Recommendation:

- Approve Amendment No. 8 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.

i. 2022 5K Fun Run/Walk Traffic Control Plans – Request for Approval (Public Works)

Recommendation:

- Approve the traffic control plans prepared for the closure of various City streets in the area bordered by Orr and Day Road, Pioneer Boulevard, Florence Avenue, and Telegraph Road for the detouring traffic for the 2022 5K Fun Run/Walk route on Saturday, March 12, 2022.

j. Heritage Park Train Exhibit Improvements (Paint and Refurbish Box Car) – Authorization to Advertise for Construction Bids (Public Works)

Recommendation:

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

k. Resolution No. 9741 – Authorize the City Treasurer and the Assistant City Treasurer Authority to Direct and Manage Cash Management Services (Finance)

Recommendation:

- Adopt Resolution No. 9741 authorizing the City Treasurer and the Assistant City Treasurer to direct and manage cash management services.

l. Approve Resolution No. 9743 Approving Salary Schedule Modifications to Comply with Minimum Wage Requirements (Finance)

Recommendation:

- Adopt Resolution No. 9743 approving the salary schedule changes outlined below and attached to be effective with the pay period starting December 19, 2021.

m. Adopt Resolution No. 9744 to Document the Existing CalPERS Employer Paid Member Contributions (EPMC) Benefits (Finance)

Recommendation:

- Adopt Resolution No. 9744 to document the existing CalPERS Employer Paid Member Contributions (EPMC) Benefits with CalPERS.

n. Resolution No. 9740 – Acknowledge Receipt of a Fire-Rescue Report Regarding the Annual Inspection of Certain Properties (Fire)

Recommendation:

- Acknowledge Receipt of Department of Fire-Rescue Report Regarding the

Annual Inspection of Certain Properties.

It was moved by Councilmember Zamora, seconded by Councilmember Trujillo, to approve Item Nos. 10A through 10N, 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)

Recommendation:

- Continue the appeal hearing to the January 18, 2022 City Council Meeting.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez, seconded by Councilmember Trujillo, to continue the appeal hearing to the January 18, 2022 City Council Meeting, by the following vote:

Ayes: Sarno, Trujillo, Zamora, Rodríguez, Mora

Nayes: None

Absent: None

12. Notice of Availability and Public Hearing to solicit comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the 2040 General Plan and Targeted Zoning Code Update (Planning)

Recommendation:

- Open the public hearing and receive public comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Report and thereafter close the public hearing.

Assistant Director of Planning, Cuong Nguyen provided a presentation on Item No. 12.

Mayor Mora opened the Public Hearing at 6:37 p.m.

Irma Huitron, and Jeff Hamilton spoke during public comments.

Mayor Mora closed the Public Hearing at 6:43 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

13. Resolution No. 9742 – Request for Parking Restrictions during Certain Hours on Rivera Road, Wellsford Place and Chetle Avenue (Public Works)

Recommendation:

- Adopt Resolution No. 9742 to implement a parking restriction between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. and a tow-away zone for vehicles that violate the restriction at the following locations:
 1. Both sides of Rivera Road from Sorensen Avenue to Chetle Avenue
 2. Both sides of Wellsford Place from Rivera Road to its southerly terminus

3. West side of Chetle Avenue from Rivera Road to Slauson Avenue

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

Councilmember Sarno and Zamora asked if an ordinance was necessary to address the increasing number of parking restrictions. City Manager Ray Cruz stated that there would be unintended consequences of taking that action, such as impacting businesses who utilize the street for additional staff parking. Councilmember Zamora asked if an ordinance that incorporates permitted parking would help. Director Negrete stated that the number of business that would require permitted parking would be overwhelming. Discussion ensued amongst Council. Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez asked if the problems subside once parking restrictions are implemented. Director Negrete responded that problems are reduced.

It was moved by Councilmember Sarno, seconded by Councilmember Trujillo, to adopt Resolution No. 9742 to implement a parking restriction between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. and a tow-away zone for vehicles that violate the restriction at the following locations: 1. Both sides of Rivera Road from Sorensen Avenue to Chetle Avenue, 2. Both sides of Wellsford Place from Rivera Road to its southerly terminus, and 3. West side of Chetle Avenue from Rivera Road to Slauson Avenue, by the following vote:

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

14. Los Nietos Park Playground Improvements Project – Authorize the purchase of One (1) Miracle Playground Equipment Set and Installation/Site Work Service by piggybacking off Sourcewell Contract Number 010521-LTS (Public Works)

Recommendation:

- Approve adding the Los Nietos Park Playground Improvements Project to the Capital Improvement Plan;
- Adopt Resolution Number 9745 approving the filing of an application for grant funds from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for Measure A Funding for the Los Nietos Park Playground Improvement Project;
- Authorize the Director of Purchasing to purchase one (1) Miracle Playground Equipment Set and Installation/Site work Services utilizing the Sourcewell cooperative contract number 010521-LTS; and
- Authorize the Director of Purchasing to issue a purchase order in the amount of \$415,574.98 for this playground improvement.
- Appoint the City Manager, or designee, to conduct all negotiations, and to execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so forth, which may be necessary for the completion of projects or programs.

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

It was moved by Councilmember Zamora, seconded by Councilmember Trujillo, to adopt adding the Los Nietos Park Playground Improvements Project to the Capital Improvement Plan, adopt Resolution Number 9745 approving the filing of an application for grant funds from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for Measure A Funding for the Los Nietos Park Playground Improvement Project, authorize the Director of Purchasing to purchase one (1) Miracle Playground Equipment Set and Installation/Site work Services utilizing the Sourcewell cooperative contract number 010521-LTS, authorize the Director of Purchasing to issue a purchase order in the amount of \$415,574.98 for this playground improvement, and appoint the City Manager, or designee, to conduct all negotiations, and to execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so forth, which may be necessary for the completion of projects or programs, by the following vote:

Ayes: Sarno, Trujillo, Zamora, Rodríguez, Mora

Nayes: None

Absent: None

15. Approve an Agreement with Paymentus Corporation for Water Utility Payment, eBill Presentment and Outbound Customer Notification and Reminder Services (Finance)

Recommendation:

- Authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement with Paymentus Corporation, in a final form approved by the City Attorney's office, for water utility payment (online, mobile, instant payment network ("IPN")) & Interactive Voice Response system ("IVR"), eBill presentment and outbound customer notification and reminder services.

Director of Finance, Travis Hickey provided a presentation on Item No. 15. Councilmember Sarno asked about the ability to expand the service to receive payments for other services. Director Hickey stated that it would be possible to do so.

Council asked when the system would be operational. Director Hickey stated that the system would be implemented as soon as possible.

It was moved by Councilmember Trujillo, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez, to authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement with Paymentus Corporation, in a final form approved by the City Attorney's office, for water utility payment (online, mobile, instant payment network ("IPN")) & Interactive Voice Response system ("IVR"), eBill, by the following vote:

Ayes: Sarno, Trujillo, Zamora, Rodríguez, Mora

Nayes: None

Absent: None

16. Approve an Agreement with Mission Square (formerly ICMA-RC) for Administrative,

Recordkeeping, and Communication Services Pertaining to the 457(b), 401(a) and the 457 PTS Deferred Compensation Plans (Finance)

Recommendation:

- Approve an agreement with Mission Square (formerly ICMA-RC), in a final form approved by the City Attorney's office, for the administrative, recordkeeping and communication services ("services") pertaining to the City's 457(b), 401(a) and the 457 PTS Deferred Compensation Plans.

Item No. 16 was considered after Public Comments.

17. Authorize the Lease of Stationary Automated License Plate Reader Cameras (ALPR) (Police Services)

Recommendation:

- Approve utilizing existing funds from the City's General Fund to lease 20 Automated License Plate Readers (ALPR); and
- Authorize the Director of Police Services to enter into a one-year leasing agreement with Flock Group Inc. for 20 Automated License Plate Readers (ALPR) in an amount not to exceed \$55,000.

Director of Police Services, Dino Torres provided a brief presentation on Item No. 17. Mayor Mora asked if the cameras would work with cars that have no license plates. Director Torres stated that the cameras could be used to identify distinguishable characteristics in the case that there were no license plates available. Council continued discussion on placement of cameras and requested for the camera statistics be available to Council should additional cameras be needed in the future.

It was moved by Councilmember Zamora, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez, to approve utilizing existing funds from the City's General Fund to lease 20 Automated License Plate Readers (ALPR), and authorize the Director of Police Services to enter into a one-year leasing agreement with Flock Group Inc. for 20 Automated License Plate Readers (ALPR) in an amount not to exceed \$55,000, by the following vote:

Ayes: Sarno, Trujillo, Zamora, Rodríguez, Mora

Nays: None

Absent: None

18. PRESENTATIONS

Recognition of Mark Iezza for Eagle Scout Project for renovation of the Serenity Zen Garden at the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center (Community Services)

19. CITY MANAGER AND EXECUTIVE TEAM REPORTS

- City Manager, Raymond R. Cruz congratulated the entire Public Works Department for the completion Town Center Parking Lot Improvement Project. Lastly, he commended Director Negrete and Chief Hayward for assisting in a paramedic incident.
- Director of Public Works, Noe Negrete provided an update on the Santa Fe Springs

Park Recreation Building New Cabinets. He also spoke about commemorating the 80th Anniversary of Pearl Harbor and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

- Director of Planning, Wayne Morrell spoke about attending the Tree Lighting Ceremony, and thanked Jack Wong for securing funds for the General Plan Update. Lastly, he wished everyone Happy Holidays.
- Director of Police Services, Dino Torres spoke about the Cookies & Photos with Santa event on December 20th.
- Fire Chief, Brent Hayward provided an update on COVID-19 cases within the City in the last 14 days. He spoke about the "Put a Freeze on Winter Holiday Fires" flyer to reduce Christmas tree flyers. Lastly, he announced the Firefighter's Toy Drive.
- Director of Finance, Travis Hickey wished everyone in attendance Happy Holidays.
- Director of Community Services, Maricela Balderas spoke about the Thankful Neighbor Basket Program, and thanked City Electrician Abel Meraz and Parks and Recreation Staff for the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony. She also provided information on the Santa Float visits, the Home Decorating Contest, the one-day Grinchmas Camp, and the Las Posadas event. Lastly, she spoke about the Neighborly Elf Food Basket Program and wished everyone in attendance Happy Holidays.

20. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS

None

21. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Sarno thanked the Director of Public Works and Fire Chief for their assistance with the traffic incident. He also thanked staff for working together and also thanked servicemen for their commitment to their country. He acknowledged the hard work on the Tree Lighting Ceremony and wished everyone in attendance Happy Holidays.

Council Member Trujillo thanked Community Services staff for their work during the Christmas festivities. She wished everyone in attendance Happy Holidays.

Council Member Zamora also thanked veterans on the 80th anniversary of Pearl Harbor, and thanked the Director Negrete and Chief Hayward for their involvement in the traffic incident. He enjoyed the Tree Lighting Ceremony and promoted the Neighborly Elf Basket Program. He wished everyone in attendance a Merry Christmas.

Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez also recognized veterans on the anniversary of Pearl Harbor. She also spoke positively of the Tree Lighting Ceremony and the work done by staff to present the event. She also thanked the Santa Fe Springs Chamber of Commerce for the Christmas Lunch they provided. Lastly, she wished everyone in attendance a Merry Christmas.

Mayor Mora thanked staff for the collaborative efforts to produce great events for City residents. He spoke about the Chamber of Commerce event and wished everyone in attendance a Merry Christmas.

CLOSED SESSION

22. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4): Two Cases

Mayor Mora recessed the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Mayor Mora reconvened the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

23. CLOSED SESSION REPORT

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


24. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Mora adjourned the meeting at 8:22 p.m. in memory of Herardo Posos.

ATTEST:



Janet Martinez
City Clerk



Annette Rodriguez
Mayor

1/19/2022

Date