



APPROVED: 04/15/2025

MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

March 18, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rounds called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Councilmembers/Directors: Mora, Martin, Rodriguez, Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chair Zamora, and Mayor/Chair Rounds.

Members absent: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

None

1. CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8)

Property: Assessor Parcel No. 8001-003-934

Agency negotiator: René Bobadilla, City Manager, and Cuong Nguyen, Director of Community Development

Negotiating parties: Jamboree Housing Corporation

Under negotiation: Price and Terms

2. CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION: One Matter

(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) and 54956.9(e)(1))

Mayor Rounds recessed the meeting at 5:16 p.m.

Mayor Rounds reconvened the meeting at 6:09 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

City Attorney Olivarez provided a closed session report: Direction was given to staff and no reportable action was taken.

INVOCATION

Councilmember Martin led the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Youth Leadership Committee led the pledge of allegiance.

INTRODUCTIONS

None.

PRESENTATIONS

3. WHITTIER POLICE DEPARTMENT CRIME STATISTICS REPORT

CHANGES TO AGENDA

No changes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following people spoke during Public Comments: 1) Jeremy Goldstein and 2) Lee Squire.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS ON ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

Director of Community Services, Maricela Balderas spoke about the “Chalk it Out” contest on March 22, 2025.

PUBLIC HEARING

4. ORDINANCE NO. 1155 – AMEND SECTION 155.519 (INTERSTATE 605 CORRIDOR ELECTRONIC BILLBOARD SIGN PROGRAM) WITHIN TITLE 15 (LAND USE), CHAPTER 155 (ZONING), OF THE SANTA FE SPRINGS MUNICIPAL CODE AND DETERMINE THAT THE ACTION IS EXEMPT UNDER CEQA (COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

- 1) Open the Public Hearing; and
- 2) Receive any comments from the public wishing to speak on this matter and thereafter close the Public Hearing; and
- 3) Find and determine that the Ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3); and
- 4) Introduce by title only and waive further reading of Ordinance No. 1155: An Ordinance of the City of Santa Fe Springs Municipal Code relating to electronic billboards in manufacturing zones of the Interstate 605 Corridor; and
- 5) Take such additional, related, action that may be desirable.

Mayor Rounds opened the public hearing at 7:07 p.m.

There was no one wishing to speak on Item No. 4.

Mayor Rounds closed the public hearing at 7:07 p.m.

It was moved by Councilmember Rodriguez, seconded by Councilmember Martin, to find and determine that the Ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), and introduce by title only and waive further reading of Ordinance No. 1155: An Ordinance of the City of Santa Fe Springs Municipal Code relating to electronic billboards in manufacturing zones of the Interstate 605 Corridor, and take such additional, related, action that may be desirable, by the following vote:

Ayes: Mora, Martin, Rodriguez, Zamora, Rounds
Noes: None
Absent: None
Recuse: None

REGULAR BUSINESS

5. FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2023-24 YEAR-END REVIEW AND PRESENTATION OF THE CITY'S ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT (ACFR) (FINANCE)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

- 1) Receive and file the City's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the Fiscal Year (FY) ending June 30, 2024, and related communications.

City Manager, René Bobadilla introduced Director of Finance, Lana Dich to provide a brief presentation. Director Dich spoke about the auditing process from CliftonLarsonAllen LLP and the associated timeline of work. She talked about the general fund revenue investments and expenses, and the year-end reserve. Lastly, she reviewed the water fund summary and announced the meetings of the upcoming budget workshops.

It was moved by Councilmember Martin, seconded by Councilmember Mora, to receive and file the City's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the Fiscal Year (FY) ending June 30, 2024, and related communications, by the following vote:

Ayes: Mora, Martin, Rodriguez, Zamora, Rounds
Noes: None
Absent: None
Recuse: None

CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine. Any items a Councilmember wishes to discuss should be designated at this time. All other items may be approved in a single motion. Such approval will also waive the reading of any ordinance.

PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY

6. MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 18, 2025 PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY MEETINGS (CITY CLERK)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Public Financing Authority:

- 1) Approve the minutes as submitted.

7. MONTHLY REPORT ON THE STATUS OF DEBT INSTRUMENTS ISSUED THROUGH THE CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY (PFA) (FINANCE)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Public Financing Authority:

- 1) Receive and file the report.

WATER UTILITY AUTHORITY

8. MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 18, 2025 WATER UTILITY AUTHORITY MEETINGS (CITY CLERK)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Water Utility Authority:

- 1) Approve the minutes as submitted.

9. MONTHLY REPORT ON THE STATUS OF DEBT INSTRUMENTS ISSUED THROUGH THE CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS WATER UTILITY AUTHORITY (WUA) (FINANCE)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Water Utility Authority:

- 1) Receive and file the report.

HOUSING SUCCESSOR

10. MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 18, 2025 HOUSING SUCCESSOR MEETINGS (CITY CLERK)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Housing Successor:

- 1) Approve the minutes as submitted.

SUCCESSOR AGENCY

11. MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 18, 2025 SUCCESSOR AGENCY MEETINGS (CITY CLERK)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Successor Agency:

- 1) Approve the minutes as submitted.

CITY COUNCIL

12. MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 18, 2025 CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS (CITY CLERK)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1) Approve the minutes as submitted.

13. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1158 – AMENDING TITLE III (ADMINISTRATION) TO ADD NEW CHAPTER 41 (ELECTRONIC RECORDS AND SIGNATURES) TO THE SANTA FE SPRINGS MUNICIPAL CODE AND DETERMINE THAT THE ACTION IS EXEMPT UNDER CEQA (CITY CLERK)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1) Adopt Ordinance No. 1158:
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING TITLE III (ADMINISTRATION) OF THE SANTA FE SPRINGS MUNICIPAL CODE ("SFSMC") BY ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 41 (ELECTRONIC RECORDS AND SIGNATURES) TO ESTABLISH A POLICY FOR THE USE OF ELECTRONIC RECORDS AND ELECTRONIC OR DIGITAL SIGNATURES

2) Take such additional, related action that may be desirable.

14. AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD COMPREHENSIVE ZONING CODE UPDATE SERVICES (RFP 25-8) TO LISA WISE CONSULTING (COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1) Authorize the award of RFP 25-8 to Lisa Wise Consulting for the Comprehensive Zoning Code Update; and

2) Approve the Professional Service Agreement between the City of Santa Fe Springs and Lisa Wise Consulting; and

3) Take such additional, related action that may be desirable.

15. 2024 HOUSING ELEMENT ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT (COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1) Find that the preparation, review, and submission of the 2024 Housing Element Annual Progress Report is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), as the actions are not a project as defined by Section 15378(b)(2) of the Public Resources Code; and

2) Receive and file the 2024 Housing Element Annual Progress Report; and

- 3) Authorize staff to submit the 2024 Housing Element Annual Progress Report to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) and to the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR).

16. CALIFORNIA STATE LIBRARY GRANT AWARD FOR LUNCH AT THE LIBRARY PROGRAM (COMMUNITY SERVICES)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

- 1) Approve and authorize the Director of Community Services to execute the agreement for *California State Library Grant Award for the Lunch At The Library Program at the Santa Fe Springs City Library*; and
- 2) Approve the recognition of \$8,800 in grant funds awarded by the California State Library and authorize the deposit of these funds into the Library & Cultural Services Administration's State Grants/Subventions revenue account (No. 10105699-442000); and
- 3) Approve an increase in expense authority by \$8,800 in the Library & Cultural Services Activity (No. 10105699) as outlined in the Fiscal Impact section to allow for the expenditure of the grant funds; and
- 4) Take such additional, related, action that may be desirable.

17. AUTHORIZE THE TWO-YEAR LEASE OF 11 ADDITIONAL FLOCK SAFETY FIXED AUTOMATED LICENSE PLATE READER (ALPR) CAMERAS (POLICE SERVICES)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

- 1) Authorize the Director of Police Services to enter into a two-year lease agreement with Flock Group Inc. for 11 additional fixed Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) cameras in an amount not-to-exceed \$67,650 over two years; and
- 2) Approve the use of existing funds within the FY24/25 adopted budget, Contract Patrol-Miscellaneous Equipment Replacement account 10102215-523030 to fund year-one expenses of the two-year lease; and
- 3) Take such additional, related, action that may be desirable.

18. CATCH BASIN INSERT INSTALLATION PROJECT – AWARD OF CONTRACT TO G2 CONSTRUCTION, INC. (PUBLIC WORKS)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

- 1) Award a cooperative purchase contract to G2 Construction, Inc. of Santa Ana, CA in the amount of \$1,471,830 for the installation of trash and debris capture devices in

approximately 700 storm drain catch basins located in the City of Santa Fe Springs in accordance with Santa Fe Springs Municipal Code §34.18; and

- 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement with G2 Construction, Inc.; and
- 3) Appropriate \$1,471,830 of Measure W funds earmarked for trash and debris capture device installation; and
- 4) Take such additional, related, action that may be desirable.

19. ON-CALL PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES – AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (PUBLIC WORKS)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

- 1) Authorize the City Engineer to Advertise a Request for Proposals to Provide On-Call Professional Engineering Services; and
- 2) Approve Amendment No. 1 to the On-Call Professional Engineering Services Contract Agreements with Southstar Engineering and Consulting, Inc.; JMDiaz, Inc.; NV5, Inc.; and RMA International Landscape Architecture providing a 1-year term extension and revising the expiration date to April 6, 2026; and
- 3) Authorize the City Manager to execute the amendment with each of the consultant firms; and
- 4) Take such additional, related, action that may be desirable.

20. ADOPTION TO JOINT POWER AUTHORITY (JPA) AGREEMENT MEETING DATE AND REPLACING SUCCESSOR AGENCY WITH HOUSING AUTHORITY IN JPA (FINANCE)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council and the Governing Board of the Housing Authority:

- 1) Adopt Resolutions Nos. 9953 & 9955 approving the Amendment to the City of Santa Fe Springs Joint Exercise Powers Agreement.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Board of Directors of the Santa Fe Springs Public Financing Authority:

- 2) Adopt Resolution No. 9954 to amend bylaws regarding regular meeting schedule.

21. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF FIVE (5) POLICE VEHICLES (FINANCE/POLICE SERVICES)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

- 1) Authorize issuing a purchase order to Sunrise Ford to purchase two (2) Ford F-150 police responder vehicles in the amount of \$162,908; and
- 2) Authorize issuing a purchase order to National Auto Fleet Group to purchase two (2) Ford F-150s and one (1) Ford Ranger in the amount of \$162,679; and
- 3) Authorize the City Manager to establish an agreement/purchase order in an amount that shall not exceed \$105,000 to acquire the items and services necessary to upfit the vehicles for field use; and
- 4) Authorize a contingency in the amount of \$43,059 for any expenditures related to the purchase; and
- 5) Authorize a budget transfer from the Equipment Acquisition and Replacement Fund and Police Services – Contract Patrol in the total amount of \$473,646 for the items above and services; and
- 6) Take such additional, related action that may be desirable.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Zamora, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez, to approve the consent calendar, by the following vote:

Ayes: Mora, Martin, Rodriguez, Zamora, Rounds
Noes: None
Absent: None
Recuse: None

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES, AND COMMISSIONS

None.

COUNCIL COMMENTS/AB1234 COUNCIL CONFERENCE REPORTING

Councilmember Mora attended the WELL Conference in Garden Grove. He talked about the First Friday events and wished everyone a great evening.

Councilmember Martin talked about the Read Across America event and also talked about the Low Cost Pet Adoption Clinic in April for seniors. She commended Lee Squire on his presentation.

Councilmember Rodriguez talked about the EnFuego partnership and also talked about the “Pop-up and Play” event at Heritage Park. She highlighted transportation services staff and looked forward to Chalk it Out this upcoming weekend.

Mayor Pro Tem Zamora thanked Lee Squire for his presentation. He talked about Read Across America and thanked all of the ball field staff in preparation of opening day.

Mayor Rounds thanked residents for attending and looked forward to all of the upcoming events. He thanked Lee Squire for his presentation, and talked about attending a trip to San Francisco in order to request a bond for Measure SFS funding.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Rounds adjourned the meeting in memory of Fred Corona at 7:37 p.m.



William K. Rounds
Mayor

ATTEST:


Fernando N. Muñoz
City Clerk

06/02/25
Date