



APPROVED: 06/03/2025

MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

May 6, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rounds called the meeting to order at 6:02 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

INVOCATION

Cindy Jarvis led the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Mora led the pledge of allegiance.

INTRODUCTIONS

Mayor Rounds introduced the following members from the Chamber of Commerce:

1. Debbie Wade – Tepeyac Restaurant & Tequila Sports Bar
2. Diego De Lama – State Farm Insurance
3. Kathie Fink – SFS Chamber CEO

PRESENTATIONS

1. **PROCLAMATION – “SANTA FE SPRINGS HISTORY DAY” – 68TH ANNIVERSARY (COMMUNITY SERVICES)**
2. **PROCLAMATION – MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH (COMMUNITY SERVICES)**
3. **PROCLAMATION – AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH (COMMUNITY SERVICES)**
4. **PROCLAMATION – NATIONAL POLICE WEEK (POLICE SERVICES)**

**5. RECOGNITION OF MAYOR'S PRAYER BREAKFAST SPONSORS
(PARKS & RECREATION)**

CHANGES TO AGENDA

City Attorney, Rick Olivarez announced that there was a need to add a walk-on item to the consent calendar as Item No. 15 on the agenda. Council unanimously agreed to add the item.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following people spoke during Public Comments: 1) Lee Squire and 2) Isabel Cervantes.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS ON ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

None.

PUBLIC HEARING

6. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1159 – AMENDING SECTIONS 155.862, 155.863, AND 155.813 OF THE SANTA FE SPRINGS MUNICIPAL CODE TO CHANGE PUBLIC HEARING NOTICING REQUIREMENTS FROM TEN (10) TO TWENTY (20) DAYS (COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

- 1) Open the Public Hearing; and
- 2) Receive 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. 1159:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS AMENDING SECTIONS 155.862, 155.863, AND 155.813 OF THE SANTA FE SPRINGS MUNICIPAL CODE TO CHANGE PUBLIC HEARING NOTICING REQUIREMENT FROM TEN (10) TO TWENTY (20) DAYS; and

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

Mayor Rounds opened the public hearing at: 6:43 p.m.

There were no speakers.

Mayor Rounds closed the public hearing at: 6:43 p.m.

It was moved by Councilmember Martin, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez, to find and determine that the Ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), introduce by title only and waive further reading of Ordinance No. 1159, 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 – NONE

OLD BUSINESS

7. BOXCAR MURAL SUBMISSIONS (COMMUNITY SERVICES)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

- 1) Review and approve the Boxcar Mural winner submission; and
- 2) Authorize the Director of Community Services to contract with a professional artist to digitize the artwork for vinyl wrap production and installation on the boxcar; and
- 3) Authorize the allocation of funds from the Public Art and Art Education Program (10511001) for all expenses related to the Boxcar Mural Project; and
- 4) Take such additional, related action that may be desirable.

Council provided comments on the art submissions. Councilmember Martin commented on the traffic signal boxes that are currently installed and have artwork. She would like to make sure that the current ones are properly maintained. Councilmember Mora stated that the boxcar mural needs to be special and reflective of the entire community. Community Services Manager, Ed Ramirez commented that staff is working on a maintenance plan to address traffic signal box maintenance.

It was moved by Councilmember Rodriguez, seconded by Councilmember Mora, to review and approve the Boxcar Mural winner submission, authorize the Director of Community Services to contract with a professional artist to digitize the artwork for vinyl wrap production and installation on the boxcar, authorize the allocation of funds from the Public Art and Art Education Program (10511001) for all expenses related to the Boxcar Mural Project, 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

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.

HOUSING SUCCESSOR

8. MINUTES OF THE APRIL 1, 2025 HOUSING SUCCESSOR MEETINGS (CITY CLERK)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Housing Successor:

- 1) Approve the minutes as submitted.

SUCCESSOR AGENCY

9. MINUTES OF THE APRIL 1, 2025 SUCCESSOR AGENCY MEETINGS (CITY CLERK)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Successor Agency:

- 1) Approve the minutes as submitted.

CITY COUNCIL

10. MINUTES OF THE APRIL 1, 2025 CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS (CITY CLERK)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

- 1) Approve the minutes as submitted.

11. REGIONAL TRAINING GROUP CIVILIAN ASSISTANT PLANNING COORDINATOR (PART TIME): AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (FIRE)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

- 1) Authorize the Fire Chief to advertise a Request for Proposals to fill a 2023 State Homeland Security Program grant funded Regional Training Group (RTG) Civilian Assistant Planning Coordinator (Part Time) position; and
- 2) Take such additional, related, action that may be desirable.

12. DEFERRED COMPENSATION 401(A) PROGRAM (HUMAN RESOURCES)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

- 1) Approve the amendment to the City's existing 401(a) benefit plan for all Associations pertaining to the City's Deferred Compensation program.

13. SAFETY SERVICES INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS ASSESSMENT – AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN SERVICES (PUBLIC WORKS)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

- 1) Award a Professional Services Agreement to Westgroup Designs, Inc. for architectural services for the Safety Services Infrastructure Needs Assessment for a total not-to-exceed fee of \$99,880; and
- 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement; and
- 3) Appropriate \$100,000 from the Utility Users Tax (UUT) Capital Projects Reserve Fund for the project; and
- 4) Take such additional, related action that may be desirable.

14. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF HANDHELD RADIOS AND REPEATERS FOR POLICE SERVICES, PUBLIC WORKS, AND PARKS & RECREATION (POLICE SERVICES)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

- 1) Authorize the Director of Police Services to issue a purchase order to CommLine, Inc. in an amount not-to-exceed \$87,277 to facilitate the procurement of (80) Kenwood NX 1300 handheld radios, (3) Kenwood VP 8000 emergency radios, and (2) DMR/UHF repeaters including hardware, wiring materials, programming and installation; and
- 2) Authorize a budget transfer from Parks and Recreation Contractual Services 10106110-542050 in the amount of \$10,000 and Public Works-Street Maintenance Supplies 10432001-521000 in the amount of \$50,000 to Public Safety Officer Patrol-Miscellaneous Equipment Replacement 10102220-523030 for the above listed services; and
- 3) Appropriate \$27,277 from the General Fund to cover the remaining costs related to the above purchase and installation costs; and
- 4) Take such additional, related action that may be desirable.

15. UPDATE CERTIFICATE OF ACCOUNT RESOLUTIONS LISTING AUTHORIZED INDIVIDUALS WITH THE BMO BANK, N.A. (FINANCE)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

- 1) Update the City's Certificate of Account Resolutions with BMO Bank N.A.; and
- 2) Authorized Resolution designating list of approved City officials with BMO Bank N.A.; and
- 3) Take any additional actions necessary.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Zamora, seconded by Councilmember Martin, 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

Councilmember Mora appointed Angel Corona to the Youth Leadership Committee.

COUNCIL COMMENTS/AB1234 COUNCIL CONFERENCE REPORTING

Councilmember Mora reported visiting a business development in Scottsdale, AZ with Council in order to obtain inspiration for a similar project in the city. He commented on the successful Superhero 5K and Mayor's Prayer Breakfast events.

Councilmember Martin echoed Councilmember Mora's sentiments. She complimented staff on working to fix the water issue and wished everyone in attendance a happy Mother's Day.

Councilmember Rodriguez thanked everyone for the birthday wishes. She talked about Artfest and Superhero 5K, and thanked staff for all of their hard work. She highlighted the SFS Court participants and wished everyone a happy Mother's Day.

Mayor Pro Tem Zamora wished everyone in attendance a happy Mother's Day. He reported about the trip to Scottsdale, AZ and his attendance at a Southern California Association of Governments meeting.

City Manager, René Bobadilla called upon Director of Finance, Julio Morales to provide a brief update on the water billing issues. Councilmember Martin asked if paramedic billing was affected, to which Director Morales responded no.

Mayor Rounds talked about the water billing issues and thanked staff for working to resolve them. He commented on future development projects and wished everyone in attendance a happy Mother's Day.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Rounds adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m.



William K. Rounds
Mayor

ATTEST:



Fernando N. Muñoz
City Clerk



Date