APPROVED: 07/01/2025

MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

June 17, 2025

CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Rounds called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL
Members present: Councilmembers/Directors: Mora, Martin, Rodriguez (arrived at 5:04 p.m.), 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 LABOR NEGOTIATORS: One Matter
(Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957.6)
Agency Designated Representatives: City Manager
Employee organizations: Santa Fe Springs City Employees' Association and Santa Fe Springs Management and Confidential Employees' Association

Mayor Rounds recessed the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

Mayor Rounds reconvened the meeting at 6:03 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT
City Attorney, Rick Olivarez provided a closed session report: feedback was provided, and no reportable action was taken.

INVOCATION
Cindy Jarvis led the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Councilmember Mora led the pledge of allegiance.

INTRODUCTIONS
None

PRESENTATIONS
All originally scheduled presentations were tabled to a subsequent meeting.

2. RECOGNITION OF YOUTH SOCCER TEAM FOR WINNING TOURNAMENT

(PARKS & RECREATION)

3. BEST OF SFS: INSPIRING SERVICES – "THE POWER OF GIVING BACK" (PARKS & RECREATION)

4. PRESENTATION OF APPRECIATION TO ESPN LA AND THE ESPARZA FAMILY (PARKS & RECREATION)

5. EVERY 15 MINUTES (PARKS & RECREATION)

6. LOS ANGELES COUNTY VECTOR CONTROL – MOSQUITO SEASON PRESENTATION (CITY MANAGER)

7. NORTH STAR ALLIANCES PRESENTATION (PARKS & RECREATION)

8. RECOGNITION OF KATHIE FINK (CITY MANAGER)

CHANGES TO AGENDA
None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
The following persons spoke during public comments:
1) Jessica Rodriguez, 2) Jesse Rodriguez, 3) Maria Salazar, 4) Javier Garcia, 5) Sianna Verdugo, 6) Chloe Gonzalez, 7) Samantha Verdugo, 8) Eddie Gonzalez, 9) Madeline Artega, 10) Lee Squire. 11) Jim Bob, 12) Araceli Mead, 13) Alex R., 14) Roseanna Ramos
Janet Valdez submitted a public comment via email.

Mayor Rounds recessed the meetings at 6:37 p.m.

Mayor Rounds reconvened the meetings at 6:53 p.m.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS ON ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST
None

PUBLIC HEARING

9. PUBLIC HEARING AND STATUS UPDATE ON STAFF VACANCIES IN COMPLIANCE WITH ASSEMBLY BILL 2561 (2024) (HUMAN RESOURCES)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1) Conduct a public hearing and receive and file the report.

City Manager, René Bobadilla provided a brief presentation on Item No. 9.

Public Hearing opened at: 6:55 p.m.

No. of Speakers: None

Public Hearing closed at: 6:55 p.m.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Zamora, seconded by Councilmember Mora, to receive and file the report, by the following vote:

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

OLD BUSINESS

10. COMMERCIAL STREET IMPROVEMENTS FOR SPRINGDALE AVENUE, WAKEMAN STREET AND JOHN STREET – AWARD OF CONTRACT (PUBLIC WORKS)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1) Find and declare that Sequel Contractors, Inc. of Santa Fe Springs, California does not meet the requirements of a Responsible Bidder as defined in California Public Contract Code Section 1103 and reject as non-responsible the apparent low bid received from Sequel in the amount of $1,494,165; and

2) Award a construction contract to the 2nd apparent low bidder Hardy & Harper, Inc. of Lake Forest, California in the amount of $1,605,000 for the construction of the Commercial Street Improvements for Springdale Avenue, Wakeman Street and John Street and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement; and

3) Appropriate $1,095,000 from the Measure SFS Fund for the Commercial Street Improvements for Springdale Avenue, Wakeman Street and John Street Project distributed to Account No. PW220106 (Springdale Avenue) in the amount of $365,000, Account No. PW220501 (Wakeman Street) in the amount of $365,000 and to Account No. PW220105 (John Street) in the amount of $365,000; and

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

City Manager, René Bobadilla introduced Michael Maler to provide public comment on Item Nos. 10 and 11.

City Manager Bobadilla provided additional information on Item No. 10.

It was moved by Mayor Rounds, seconded by Councilmember Martin, to find and declare that Sequel Contractors, Inc. of Santa Fe Springs, California does not meet the requirements of a Responsible Bidder as defined in California Public Contract Code Section 1103 and reject as non-responsible the apparent low bid received from Sequel in the amount of $1,494,165, award a construction contract to the 2nd apparent low bidder Hardy & Harper, Inc. of Lake Forest, California in the amount of $1,605,000 for the construction of the Commercial Street Improvements for Springdale Avenue, Wakeman Street and John Street and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement, appropriate $1,095,000 from the Measure SFS Fund for the

Commercial Street Improvements for Springdale Avenue, Wakeman Street and John Street Project distributed to Account No. PW220106 (Springdale Avenue) in the amount of $365,000, Account No. PW220501 (Wakeman Street) in the amount of $365,000 and to Account No. PW220105 (John Street) in the amount of $365,000, 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

11. STAGE ROAD AND ISELI ROAD STREET IMPROVEMENTS – AWARD OF CONTRACT (PUBLIC WORKS)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1) Find and declare that Sequel Contractors, Inc. of Santa Fe Springs, California does not meet the requirements of a Responsible Bidder as defined in California Public Contract Code Section 1103 and reject as non-responsible the apparent low bid received from Sequel in the amount of $1,136,100; and

2) Award a construction contract to the 2nd apparent low bidder Toro Enterprises, Inc. of Oxnard, California in the amount of $1,219,264.50 for the construction of the Stage Road and Iseli Road Street Improvements and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement; and

3) Deprogram $1,737,800 of Capital Improvement Fund Reserves, previously appropriated in Account No. PW250102 for the Stage Road and Iseli Road Street Improvements Project; and

4) Appropriate $1,737,800 from the Measure SFS Fund for the Stage Road and Iseli Road Street Improvements Project to Account No. PW250102; and

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

City Manager, René Bobadilla provided a brief presentation on Item No. 11.

It was moved by Councilmember Rodriguez, seconded by Councilmember Martin, to find and declare that Sequel Contractors, Inc. of Santa Fe Springs, California does not meet the requirements of a Responsible Bidder as defined in California Public Contract Code Section 1103 and reject as non-responsible the apparent low bid received from Sequel in the amount of $1,136,100, award a construction contract to the 2nd apparent low bidder Toro Enterprises, Inc. of Oxnard, California in the amount of $1,219,264.50 for the construction of the Stage Road and Iseli Road Street Improvements and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement, deprogram $1,737,800 of Capital Improvement Fund Reserves, previously appropriated in Account No. PW250102 for the Stage Road and Iseli Road Street Improvements Project, appropriate $1,737,800 from the Measure SFS Fund for the Stage Road and Iseli Road Street Improvements Project to Account No. PW250102, 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

12. RECOMMENDATION FOR NAMING OF THE AQUATIC CENTER TO PAUL T. NAKAMURA REGIONAL AQUATIC CENTER (PARKS & RECREATION)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1) Approve the naming of the City's Aquatic Center as the Paul T. Nakamura Regional Aquatic Center, in recognition of Mr. Nakamura's honorable service to the City and ultimate sacrifice while serving his country.

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

Director of Parks & Recreation, Gus Hernandez provided a brief presentation on Item No. 12.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Zamora, seconded by Councilmember Martin, to approve tthe naming of the City's Aquatic Center as the Paul T. Nakamura Regional Aquatic Center, in recognition of Mr. Nakamura's honorable service to the City and ultimate sacrifice while serving his country, 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

13. ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 9964 APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2025-26 OPERATING BUDGET (FINANCE)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1) Adopt the FY 2025-26 Proposed Budget for the City, Water Utility Authority, Successor Agency, and Housing Successor Agency, as detailed in the proposed budget document and adjusted as discussed in this report (this includes all the forecasted revenue estimates, expenditure allocations, and related transfers).

Director of Finance, Julio Morales provided a brief presentation on Item No. 13.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Zamora, seconded by Councilmember Mora, to adopt the FY 2025-26 Proposed Budget for the City, Water Utility Authority, Successor Agency, and Housing Successor Agency, as detailed in the proposed budget document and adjusted as discussed in the report (this includes all the forecasted revenue estimates, expenditure allocations, and related transfers), and to increase the amount contributions towards LACADA by $5,000, to add $15,000 for Santa Fe Springs Christian School Computer Lab, and to add an additional $2,500 to SASSFA, 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

14. MINUTES OF THE MAY 20, 2025 PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY MEETINGS (CITY CLERK)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Public Financing Authority:

1) Approve the minutes as submitted.

15. 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

16. MINUTES OF THE MAY 20, 2025 WATER UTILITY AUTHORITY MEETINGS (CITY CLERK)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Water Utility Authority:

1) Approve the minutes as submitted.

17. 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

18. MINUTES OF THE MAY 20, 2025 HOUSING SUCCESSOR MEETINGS (CITY CLERK)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Housing Successor:

1) Approve the minutes as submitted.

SUCCESSOR AGENCY

19. MINUTES OF THE MAY 20, 2025 SUCCESSOR AGENCY MEETINGS (CITY CLERK)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Successor Agency:

1) Approve the minutes as submitted.

CITY COUNCIL

20. MINUTES OF THE MAY 20 AND 22, 2025 REGULAR AND SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS (CITY CLERK)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1) Approve the minutes as submitted.

21. MEASURE SFS COMMERCIAL STREETS IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM ON-CALL PROFESSIONAL DESIGN SERVICES – AWARD OF CONTRACT (PUBLIC WORKS)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1) Authorize the City Manager to execute a master Professional Services Agreement for on-call engineering design services with the following consultants: 1) Mark Thomas & Company, Inc.; 2) NV5; Inc. and 3) Dewberry Engineers, Inc., each for a maximum aggregate fee not to-exceed $1.5 million; and

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

22. HERITAGE SPRINGS ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 2001-01 (HAWKINS STREET AND PALM DRIVE) – ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 9959 AND RESOLUTION NO. 9960 (PUBLIC WORKS)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1) Adopt Resolution No. 9959 approving the Engineer's Report (Fiscal Year 2025/26) in conjunction with the annual levy of assessments for the Heritage Springs Assessment District No. 2001-01; and

2) Adopt Resolution No. 9960 declaring the City of Santa Fe Springs' intention to provide for an annual levy and collection of assessments for Heritage Springs Assessment District No. 2001-01 (Hawkins Street and Palm Drive), and setting the public hearing for the Council meeting of July 1, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.; and

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

23. SANTA FE SPRINGS LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 1 – ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 9961 AND RESOLUTION NO. 9962 (PUBLIC WORKS)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1) Adopt Resolution No. 9961, approving the Engineer's Report (Fiscal Year 2025/26) in conjunction with the annual levy of assessments for Street Lighting District No. 1; and

2) Adopt Resolution No. 9962, declaring the City of Santa Fe Springs' intention to provide for an annual levy and collection of assessments for Lighting District No. 1, and setting the public hearing for the Council meeting on July 1, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.; and

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

24. APPROVAL OF TITLE VI PLAN INCLUDING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN (PPP), LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY (LEP) POLICY, AND COMPLAINT PROCEDURES (PUBLIC WORKS)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1) Adopt the Title VI Non-Discrimination Program, including the Public Participation Plan, Limited English Proficiency Policy, and Title VI Complaint Procedures; and

2) Authorize the City Manager or designated official to submit the program and sign the required Assurance of Compliance.

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

25. APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH HUGHES MARINO, INC. FOR REAL ESTATE CONSULTANT SERVICES (COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1) Approve the Professional Service Agreement (PSA) between the City of Santa Fe Springs and Hughes Marino, Inc.; and

2) Authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement and serve as the City's representative under the agreement; and

3) Determine that the action is categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and

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

26. INITIAL QUARTERLY UPDATE – COMPREHENSIVE ZONING CODE UPDATE PROJECT (COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1) Receive and file this update on the Comprehensive Zoning Code Update project.

27. KOSMONT COMPANIES, INC & DEODATE CORPORATION – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS (COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1) Authorize the City Manager to execute Change Order No. 1 to the contract with Kosmont Companies, Inc. to complete the Economic Development Opportunities Plan (EDOP) and conduct additional work related to the implementation of the EDOP in an aggregate amount of $75,000; and

2) Authorize the City Manager to execute Change Order No. 1 to the contract with DEODATE Corporation to complete work related to ongoing real estate services in an aggregate amount of $100,000; and

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

28. RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO FORM AN ENAHANCED INFRASTRUCTURE DISTRICT (EIFD); ESTABLISH THE SANTA FE SPRINGS EIFD PUBLIC FINANCE AUTHORITY; AND APPOINT THE MAYOR AND MAYOR PRO TEM TO THE EIFD PUBLIC FINANCE AUTHORITY (COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1) Adopt Resolution No. 9954, declaring its intention to establish the Santa Fe Springs Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District (EIFD) and establishing the Santa Fe Springs EIFD Public Financing Authority (PFA); and

2) Appoint the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem to the Public Financing Authority Board, and appoint one member of the City Council as alternate Board member;

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

29. AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE BLANKET PURCHASE ORDERS/AUTHORIZATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 - 26 (FINANCE)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1) Authorize issuing Blanket Purchase Orders/Authorization amounts to various vendors for purchases occurring during Fiscal Year 2025-26; and

2) Authorize the City Manager to approve up to an additional ten (10) percent for each purchase order, if necessary, during the same fiscal year; and

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

It was moved by Councilmember Martin, 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
Mayor Rounds thanked the Nakamura Family for their attendance and to all the people who provided public comments.

ADJOURNMENT
Mayor Rounds adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

William K. Rounds
Mayor

ATTEST:

Fernando N. Muñoz
City Clerk

07/03/25
Date