



APPROVED: 08/19/2025

MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

July 1, 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, Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chair Zamora, and Mayor/Chair Rounds.

Members absent: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

None

CITY COUNCIL

1. CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8)

Property: APN: 8001-003-934

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

Negotiation parties: Jamboree Housing Corporation

Under negotiation: Price and terms of payments as relates to interests in real property

2. CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8)

Property: APNs: 8011-002-901, -902, -903, and 8011-003-955 to -979 (MC&C IV)

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

Negotiation parties: Vehicle Parking Limited, LLC

Under negotiation: Lease price and terms of payments as relates to interests in real property

SUCCESSOR AGENCY

3. CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8)

Property: APNs: 8011-018-900, -901, -902, -903, -904, -905, -906, AND 8011-019-911 (MC&C III)

Agency negotiator: René Bobadilla, City Manager and Cuong Nguyen, Director of Community Development
Negotiation parties: Vehicle Parking Limited, LLC
Under negotiation: Lease price and terms of payments as relates to interests in real property

Mayor Rounds recessed the meeting at 5:04 p.m.

Mayor Rounds reconvened the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

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

INVOCATION

Councilmember Mora led the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Rodriguez led the pledge of allegiance.

INTRODUCTIONS

Members of the Chamber of Commerce were introduced.

PRESENTATIONS

4. **RECOGNITION OF YOUTH SOCCER TEAM FOR WINNING TOURNAMENT (PARKS & RECREATION)**
5. **BEST OF SFS: INSPIRING SERVICES – “THE POWER OF GIVING BACK” (PARKS & RECREATION)**
6. **PRESENTATION OF APPRECIATION TO ESPN LA AND THE ESPARZA FAMILY (PARKS & RECREATION)**
7. **EVERY 15 MINUTES (PARKS & RECREATION)**
8. **LOS ANGELES COUNTY VECTOR CONTROL – MOSQUITO SEASON PRESENTATION (CITY MANAGER)**
9. **NORTH STAR ALLIANCES PRESENTATION (PARKS & RECREATION)**
10. **RECOGNITION OF KATHIE FINK (CITY MANAGER)**

CHANGES TO AGENDA

City Attorney, Rick Olivarez requested to add an item titled **“FIRE STATION HEADQUARTERS OFFICE RENOVATION – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS”** to the consent calendar as Item No. 32 which was brought to staff’s attention after the agenda was posted and requires action before the next meeting of August 19, 2025. Council unanimously agreed to add

the item to the consent calendar.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following persons spoke during public comments:

Ian Jameson submitted a public comment via email.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS ON ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

Fire Chief, Chad Van Meeteren spoke on donations to the Sister City of Navojoa, Mexico.

PUBLIC HEARING

11. CONFIRMATION OF 2024/25 WEED ABATEMENT CHARGES (CITY CLERK)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

- 1) Open the Public Hearing;
- 2) Receive any comments from the public wishing to speak on this matter and thereafter close the Public Hearing;
- 3) Confirm the charges listed in the Los Angeles County Agricultural Commissioner's 2024/25 Weed Abatement Assessment Roll and instruct the County Auditor to enter the amounts of these assessments against the respective parcels of land as they appear on the current assessment roll.

Public Hearing opened at: 7:01 p.m.

No. of Speakers: None

Public Hearing closed at: 7:01 p.m.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Zamora, seconded by Councilmember Martin, to confirm the charges listed in the Los Angeles County Agricultural Commissioner's 2024/25 Weed Abatement Assessment Roll and instruct the County Auditor to enter the amounts of these assessments against the respective parcels of land as they appear on the current assessment roll, by the following vote:

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

12. RESOLUTION NO. 9963 – AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 9947 ADDING TWENTY-THREE (23) NEW FEES, AMENDING EIGHT (8) FEES, AND MOVING FOUR (4) FEES FROM POLICE SERVICES TO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO THE CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS COMPREHENSIVE FEE SCHEDULE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-25, AND UPDATING THE NAME TO THE CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS COMPREHENSIVE FEE SCHEDULE (FINANCE)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

- 1) Open the Public Hearing;
- 2) Receive any comments from the public wishing to speak on this matter and thereafter close the Public Hearing;
- 3) Adopt Resolution No. 9963, which amends Resolution No. 9947, adopted on March 4, 2025, to add twenty-three (23) new fees, amend eight (8) existing fees, and move four (4) fees from Police Services to Community Development from the City of Santa Fe Springs Comprehensive Fee Schedule for Fiscal Year 2024-25;
- 4) Update the name from City of Santa Fe Springs Comprehensive Fee Schedule for Fiscal Year 2024-25 to the City of Santa Fe Springs Comprehensive Fee Schedule;
- 5) Take such additional, related, action that may be desirable.

Public Hearing opened at: 7:02 p.m.

No. of Speakers: None

Public Hearing closed at: 7:02 p.m.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Zamora, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez, to adopt Resolution No. 9963, which amends Resolution No. 9947, adopted on March 4, 2025, to add twenty-three (23) new fees, amend eight (8) existing fees, and move four (4) fees from Police Services to Community Development from the City of Santa Fe Springs Comprehensive Fee Schedule for Fiscal Year 2024-25, and update the name from City of Santa Fe Springs Comprehensive Fee Schedule for Fiscal Year 2024-25 to the City of Santa Fe Springs Comprehensive Fee Schedule, 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. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 9968 CONFIRMING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 ENGINEER'S REPORT FOR THE ANNUAL HERITAGE SPRINGS ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 2001-1 (HAWKINS STREET AND PALM DRIVE) AND LEVYING SUCH ASSESSMENTS (PUBLIC WORKS)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

- 1) Conduct a Public Hearing and consider adopting Resolution No. 9968 confirming the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Engineer's Report for the Annual Heritage Springs Assessment District No. 2001-1 (Hawkins Street and Palm Drive); and,
- 2) Authorize the Levying of the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Assessments; and,

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

Public Hearing opened at: 7:03 p.m.

No. of Speakers: None

Public Hearing closed at: 7:03 p.m.

It was moved by Councilmember Rodriguez, seconded by Councilmember Mora, to adopt Resolution No. 9968 confirming the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Engineer's Report for the Annual Heritage Springs Assessment District No. 2001-1 (Hawkins Street and Palm Drive), authorize the Levying of the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Assessments, 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

14. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 9969 CONFIRMING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 ENGINEER'S REPORT FOR THE ANNUAL SANTA FE SPRINGS LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 1 AND LEVYING SUCH ASSESSMENTS (PUBLIC WORKS)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

- 1) Conduct a Public Hearing and consider adopting Resolution No. 9969 confirming the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Engineer's Report for the Annual Santa Fe Springs Lighting District No. 1; and,
- 2) Authorize the Levying of the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Assessments; and,
- 3) Take such additional, related, action that may be desirable.

Public Hearing opened at: 7:03 p.m.

No. of Speakers: None

Public Hearing closed at: 7:03 p.m.

It was moved by Councilmember Martin, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez, to adopt Resolution No. 9969 confirming the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Engineer's Report for the Annual Santa Fe Springs Lighting District No. 1, authorize the Levying of the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Assessments, 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

OLD BUSINESS

15. 2026 TOURNAMENT OF ROSES FLOAT DESIGN SELECTION (COMMUNITY SERVICES)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

- 1) Review the three (3) Rose Float designs, presented by Phoenix Design Company (Phoenix), and select one (1) for production for the 2026 Tournament of Roses parade; and
- 2) Take such additional, related, action that may be desirable.

City Manager, René Bobadilla provided a brief introduction and called upon Director of Community Services, Maricela Balderas to provide a presentation on Item No. 15.

Council deliberated on the different options.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Zamora, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez, to choose Option 1 with the incorporation of the "Welcome to Santa Fe Springs" sign on the side, by the following vote:

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

REGULAR BUSINESS

16. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION DECLARING A FISCAL EMERGENCY AND CALLING A SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO PRESENT VOTERS WITH A BALLOT MEASURE TO INCREASE THE CITY'S TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX ALONG WITH OTHER ELECTION-RELATED ACTION; AND FIRST READING APPROVAL OF A RELATED ORDINANCE CODIFYING THE PROPOSED INCREASE, SUBJECT TO VOTER APPROVAL (CITY ATTORNEY)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

- 1) Subject to adoption by the electorate, give first reading to Ordinance No. 1160 of the City of Santa Fe Springs, California ("City") increasing the City's existing transactions and use tax rate from 1% to 1.25% and making such other administrative amendments and updates requested by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration; and
- 2) Adopt Resolution No. 9970 (i) Declaring a fiscal emergency within the meaning of Article XIIC, §2 of the California Constitution; (ii) Calling and Giving Notice of a November 4, 2025 Special Election for the Submission of a Ballot Measure to Santa Fe Springs Voters increasing the City's 1% Transactions and Use Tax rate to 1.25%;

(iii) Requesting Consolidation of Said Special Election with the County-Administered Election of the Same Date; (iv) Requesting that the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk Provide Specific Election Administration Services; and (v) Setting Priorities for Filing Written Arguments and Rebuttals Regarding the Ballot Measure and Directing Preparation of An Impartial of Analysis; and

3) Discuss and take action regarding the preparation of ballot arguments.

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

City Manager, René Bobadilla provided a brief presentation on Item No. 16. He provided background on the need for the measure.

Mayor Pro Tem Zamora asked how many paramedics would be added. City Manager Bobadilla said 6, for a total of 2 squads (currently one). Council added comments in support of Item No. 16.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Zamora, seconded by Councilmember Martin, to give first reading to Ordinance No. 1160 of the City of Santa Fe Springs, California ("City") increasing the City's existing transactions and use tax rate from 1% to 1.25% and making such other administrative amendments and updates requested by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration, adopt Resolution No. 9970 (i) Declaring a fiscal emergency within the meaning of Article XIIC, §2 of the California Constitution; (ii) Calling and Giving Notice of a November 4, 2025 Special Election for the Submission of a Ballot Measure to Santa Fe Springs Voters increasing the City's 1% Transactions and Use Tax rate to 1.25%; (iii) Requesting Consolidation of Said Special Election with the County-Administered Election of the Same Date; (iv) Requesting that the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk Provide Specific Election Administration Services; and (v) Setting Priorities for Filing Written Arguments and Rebuttals Regarding the Ballot Measure and Directing Preparation of An Impartial of Analysis, discuss and take action regarding the preparation of ballot arguments, and take such additional, related, action that may be desirable, by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mora, Martin, Rodriguez, Zamora, Rounds

Noes: None

Absent: None

Recuse: None

17. APPOINTMENTS TO THE YOUTH LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE (CITY CLERK)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1) Review and make appointments to the Youth Leadership Committee as desired; and

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

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Zamora, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez, to reappoint all eligible members, 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

18. MINUTES OF THE JUNE 17, 2025 PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY MEETINGS (CITY CLERK)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Public Financing Authority:

1) Approve the minutes as submitted.

19. 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

20. MINUTES OF THE JUNE 17, 2025 WATER UTILITY AUTHORITY MEETINGS (CITY CLERK)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Water Utility Authority:

1) Approve the minutes as submitted.

21. 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

22. MINUTES OF THE JUNE 3 AND 17, 2025 HOUSING SUCCESSOR MEETINGS (CITY CLERK)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Housing Successor:

- 1) Approve the minutes as submitted.

SUCCESSOR AGENCY

**23. MINUTES OF THE JUNE 3 AND 17, 2025 SUCCESSOR AGENCY MEETINGS
(CITY CLERK)**

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Successor Agency:

- 1) Approve the minutes as submitted.

**24. APPROVAL OF LEASE AGREEMENT WITH VEHICLE PARKING UNLIMITED, LLC
FOR USE OF MC&C III FOR COMMERCIAL VEHICLE PARKING AND STORAGE
(COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT)**

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Successor Agency:

- 1) Determine that the proposed lease agreement with Vehicle Parking Unlimited, LLC (VPU) is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Pub. Res. Code § 21000 *et seq.*) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Minor Alterations to Land); and
- 2) Adopt Resolution No. SA-2025-003, approving a five-year lease agreement between the Successor Agency to the Community Development Commission/Redevelopment Agency of the City of Santa Fe Springs (Successor Agency) and VPU for the use of MC&C III site located at 10448 Bloomfield Avenue; and
- 3) Take such additional, related action that may be desirable.

CITY COUNCIL

**25. MINUTES OF THE JUNE 3 AND 17, 2025 CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS
(CITY CLERK)**

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

- 1) Approve the minutes as submitted.

**26. AQUATIC CENTER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (PHASE 1B) – APPROVAL OF
PREQUALIFIED BIDDERS LIST AND AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR
CONSTRUCTION BIDS (PUBLIC WORKS)**

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

- 1) Approve the Prequalified Bidders List for Phase 1B; and
- 2) Approve the Plans and Specifications for Phase 1B; and

- 3) Authorize the City Engineer to solicit construction bids for Phase 1B from the Prequalified Bidders List; and
- 4) Authorize the City Clerk to file a Notice of Exemption for the subject project with the Los Angeles Registrar-Recorder; and
- 5) Take such additional, related action that may be desirable.

27. LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICES – AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) (PUBLIC WORKS)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

- 1) Authorize staff to finalize and advertise a Request for Proposals for Landscape Maintenance Services on Planet Bids, and
- 2) Approve the Third Amendment to the Agreement with Merchants Landscape Services, Inc. extending the contract for 90 days to terminate November 1, 2025, for an additional not-to-exceed fee of \$255,000; and
- 3) Take such additional, related, action that may be desirable.

28. RESOLUTION NO. 9971 – ADOPTING A LIST OF PROJECTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 FUNDED BY SB 1: THE ROAD REPAIR AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2017 (PUBLIC WORKS)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

- 1) Adopt Resolution No. 9971 approving the Commercial Street Improvement Slauson Ave (Sorensen Ave to Santa Fe Springs Rd) Project to be partially funded by RMRA, the Road Repair and Accountability Act (SB1); and
- 2) Take such additional, related, action that may be desirable.

29. SANTA FE SPRINGS PARK PLAYGROUND REPLACEMENT – AWARD OF CONTRACT TO DAVE BANG ASSOCIATES, INC. (PUBLIC WORKS)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

- 1) Adopt Resolution No. 9966 approving a cooperative purchase contract with Dave Bang Associates, Inc. of Tustin, CA in the amount of \$455,719.20 for the purchase and installation of playground equipment in accordance with Santa Fe Springs Municipal Code §34.18; and
- 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement with Dave Bang Associates, Inc.; and

- 3) Appropriate \$185,000 from the Capital Improvement Program Reserve Fund to the Santa Fe Springs Park Playground Improvement Project (Account No. PW230006); and
- 4) Authorize the City Clerk to file a Notice of Exemption for the subject project with the Los Angeles Registrar-Recorder; and
- 5) Take such additional, related, action that may be desirable.

30. RESOLUTION NO. 9953 – INTENT TO VACATE TWO PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY EASEMENTS AT THE SOUTHEASTERN CORNER OF CARMENITA ROAD AND EXCELSIOR DRIVE AND A PORTION OF FREEWAY DRIVE (PUBLIC WORKS)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

- 1) Adopt Resolution No. 9953 declaring City Council's intention to vacate two public right-of-way easements at the southeastern corner of Carmenita Road and Excelsior Drive and a portion of Freeway Drive; and
- 2) Take such additional, related action that may be desirable.

31. RESOLUTION NO. 9965 – ADOPTION OF ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (GANN) LIMIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 (FINANCE)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

- 1) Adopt Resolution No. 9965 setting the appropriation limit for Fiscal Year 2025-26.

32. FIRE STATION HEADQUARTERS OFFICE RENOVATION – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS (PUBLIC WORKS)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

- 1) Appropriate an additional \$250,000 from the Utility Users Tax (UUT) to the Fire Station Headquarters Office Renovation Project (Acct. No. PW250007); and
- 2) Authorize the City Manager to amend the existing Purchase Order with Willscot to extend the lease on temporary trailers for the project and add a shower trailer in the total amount of \$75,000; and
- 3) Take such additional, related action that may be desirable.

It was moved by Councilmember Rodriguez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Zamora, 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 Rodriguez appointed Juliann Bodnar to the Parks and Recreation Committee; Councilmember Mora appointed Miranda Martinez to the Youth Leadership Committee.

COUNCIL COMMENTS/AB1234 COUNCIL CONFERENCE REPORTING

Councilmember Mora commended employee Joe Barrios, and also talked about attending the scholarship dinner. He talked about attending the volunteer dinner and thanked everyone in attendance. Lastly, he talked about the "Every 15 Minutes" campaign.

Councilmember Martin talked about the flyers for the pet related item, including the waiver of pet adoption fees for current or former military. She talked about the concerts in the park, Kathie Fink's retirement, and the availability of the pool during the summer. Lastly, she spoke about attending the Ms. Santa Fe Springs pageant.

Councilmember Rodriguez thanked staff for the concert offerings and welcomed the new Chamber of Commerce President, Mark Gutierrez. She also commended the Ms. Santa Fe Springs court and wished everyone a Happy Independence Day.

Mayor Pro Tem Zamora talked about an allocation of funds through the COG for Wi-Fi in the region. He also talked about the Telegraph Road improvement project and commended Transtech Engineering for expediting work in the city. He commended the Chamber of Commerce for their work, and promoted the Independence Day celebrations on July 3.

Mayor Rounds talked about the beginning of summer and also talked about attending the volunteer dinner and the scholarship dinner. He thanked staff, residents, and everyone in attendance.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Rounds adjourned the meeting at 7:32 p.m.



William K. Rounds
Mayor

ATTEST:



Fernando N. Muñoz
City Clerk

08/20/25

Date