



APPROVED: 03/19/2024

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

February 20, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Sarno called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Members absent: None

INVOCATION

Cindy Jarvis led the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Youth Leadership Committee members Vanesa Doss and Sophie Pantoja led the pledge of allegiance.

INTRODUCTIONS

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

1. Wendy Meador-Kunert, Business Intelligence Manager from Tangram Interiors

PRESENTATIONS

1. **THE BEST OF SFS – CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF LOWERS WELDING & FABRICATION, INC. BUSINESS IN THE CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS (COMMUNITY SERVICES)**
2. **PROCLAMATION – PROCLAIMING MARCH 2024 AS “NATIONAL READING MONTH” (COMMUNITY SERVICES)**
3. **INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES**

CHANGES TO AGENDA

No changes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was no one wishing to speak during public comments.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS ON ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

Director of Community Services, Maricela Balderas provided information on the First Friday Event – “Illusions by Allen” – at the Santa Fe Springs Library.

**PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY, WATER UTILITY AUTHORITY, HOUSING
SUCCESSOR, SUCCESSOR AGENCY, AND CITY COUNCIL**

CITY COUNCIL

PUBLIC HEARING

4. ANNUAL WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM (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; and
- 3) Direct the Los Angeles County Agricultural Commissioner/Weights & Measures to abate the nuisance by having weeds, rubbish, and refuse removed.

Mayor Sarno opened the public hearing at 6:22 p.m.

There was no one wishing to speak.

Mayor Sarno closed the public hearing at 6:23 p.m.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Rounds, seconded by Councilmember Martin, to direct the Los Angeles County Agricultural Commissioner/Weights & Measures to abate the nuisance by having weeds, rubbish, and refuse removed, by the following vote:

Ayes: Martin, Rodriguez, Zamora, Rounds, Sarno
Nayes: None
Absent: None
Recused: None

REGULAR BUSINESS

5. FY 2023-2024 MIDYEAR BUDGET REVIEW AND MODIFICATIONS (FINANCE)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

- 1) Approve staff recommendation of a \$2.6 million increase adjustment to the revenue and an additional \$1.3 million to the expenditures in the General Fund detailed in attachments B & C.
- 2) Approve staff recommendation of \$800,000 reduction to the initial estimated revenue and an additional \$110,000 to the expenditures in the Water Fund detailed in attachments A & C.

- 3) Approve adjustments for twelve (12) positions (attachments C & D):
 - a. Seven (7) new full-time positions
 - b. Three (3) reclassifications to the current positions
 - c. Reclass two (2) hourly employees to one (1) full-time
 - d. Eliminate one (1) budgeted position

City Manager, René Bobadilla introduced Director of Finance, Lana Dich to provide a brief presentation on Item No. 5. She provided a detailed summary of each department, and provided an outlook that included circumstances that could affect the next budget. Lastly, she provided a timeline for the upcoming budget. City Manager Bobadilla expressed to Council that additional positions and the ongoing class and compensation study are expected to be incorporated in the next fiscal year budget.

It was moved by Councilmember Zamora, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez, to approve staff recommendation of a \$2.6 million increase adjustment to the revenue and an additional \$1.3 million to the expenditures in the General Fund detailed in attachments B & C, approve staff recommendation of \$800,000 reduction to the initial estimated revenue and an additional \$110,000 to the expenditures in the Water Fund detailed in attachments A & C, and approve adjustments for twelve (12) positions (attachments C & D) which include the following: a) seven (7) new full-time positions, b) Three (3) reclassifications to the current positions, c) Reclass two (2) hourly employees to one (1) full-time, and d) eliminate one (1) budgeted position, by the following vote:

Ayes: Martin, Rodriguez, Zamora, Rounds, Sarno
Nayes: None
Absent: None
Recused: None

6. POLICE SERVICES STAGING FACILITY STORM DAMAGE – EMERGENCY REPAIRS (PUBLIC WORKS)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

- 1) Pursuant to Santa Fe Springs Municipal Code Section 34.23 and California Public Contract Code Section 22050, by a four-fifths vote authorize the repairs to proceed without competitive bidding; and
- 2) Take such additional, related action that may be desirable.

City Manager, René Bobadilla provided a brief presentation on Item No. 6.

It was moved by Councilmember Martin, seconded by Councilmember Zamora, to pursuant to Santa Fe Springs Municipal Code Section 34.23 and California Public Contract Code Section 22050, by a four-fifths vote authorize the repairs to proceed without competitive bidding, and take such additional, related action that may be desirable, by the following vote:

Ayes: Martin, Rodriguez, Zamora, Rounds, Sarno
Nayes: None

Absent: None
Recused: 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

7. MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 23, 2024 PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY MEETINGS (CITY CLERK)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Public Financing Authority:

1) Approve the minutes as submitted.

8. 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

9. MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 23, 2024 WATER UTILITY AUTHORITY MEETINGS (CITY CLERK)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Water Utility Authority:

1) Approve the minutes as submitted.

10. 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.

11. STATUS UPDATE OF WATER-RELATED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS (PUBLIC WORKS)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Water Utility Authority:

1) Receive and file the report; and

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

HOUSING SUCCESSOR

12. MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 23, 2024 HOUSING SUCCESSOR MEETINGS (CITY CLERK)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Housing Successor:

- 1) Approve the minutes as submitted.

SUCCESSOR AGENCY

13. MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 23, 2024 SUCCESSOR AGENCY MEETINGS (CITY CLERK)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Successor Agency:

- 1) Approve the minutes as submitted.

CITY COUNCIL

14. MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 23, 2024 SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS (CITY CLERK)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

- 1) Approve the minutes as submitted.

15. FIRST AMENDMENT TO EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH CITY MANAGER (CITY ATTORNEY)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

- 1) Approve First Amendment to Employment Agreement Between the City of Santa Fe Springs and René Bobadilla.

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

Ayes: Martin, Rodriguez, Zamora, Rounds, Sarno

Nayes: None

Absent: None

Recused: None

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES, AND COMMISSIONS

No appointments were made.

COUNCIL COMMENTS/AB1234 COUNCIL CONFERENCE REPORTING

Councilmember Martin remarked at the positive changes in the midyear budget and thanked staff. She promoted Miss Santa Fe Springs court, and commented about the end-of-watch for former Whittier Police Officer Keith Boyer.

Councilmember Rodriguez welcomed all the new hires and thanked the Finance Department for the midyear budget. She commented on the Mardi Gras dance, and provided thanks for those that donated to Quartermania which will take place on March 17th.

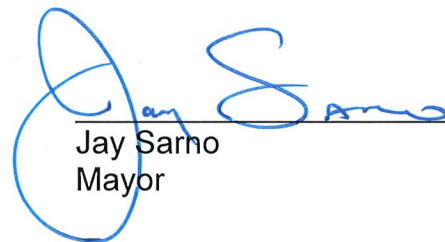
Councilmember Zamora highlighted the great work achieved by Whittier Police Department by using technology to enhance their effectiveness. He expressed that the City be compassionate to staffs concerns.

Mayor Pro Tem Rounds thanked the Finance Department for the midyear budget and thanked the City Manager. He looked forward to staff promotions and talked about the end-of-watch for Officer Keith Boyer.

Mayor Sarno congratulated Lower's Welding & Fabrication for their 50 years within the City. He talked about touring a local business that has a sizeable impact in other businesses, and also spoke about addressing the graffiti in the development area located on Norwalk Blvd and Florence Ave.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Sarno adjourned the meeting at 6:53 p.m. in memory of Whittier Police Officer Keith Boyer.


Jay Sarno
Mayor

ATTEST:


Fernando N. Muñoz
Deputy City Clerk

3/20/24
Date