



APPROVED: May 11, 2026

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SANTA FE SPRINGS PLANNING COMMISSION

April 13, 2026

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Jimenez called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Members present: Chairperson Jimenez
Vice Chairperson Ayala
Commissioner Flores
Commissioner Cervantes
Commissioner Sarno

Staff: Lloyd Pilchen, Assistant City Attorney
Vince Velasco, Assistant Director
Laurel Reimer, Planning Consultant
Esmeralda Elise, Planning Commission Secretary

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairperson Jimenez called upon Commissioner Sarno to lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS

None.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

6. CONSENT ITEM

Consent Agenda items are considered routine matters, which may be enacted, by one motion and roll call vote. Any item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately by the Planning Commission.

1. MINUTES OF THE MARCH 18, 2026 REGULAR MEETING

Chairperson Jimenez requested a motion and a second for Consent Item No 1.

It was moved by Commissioner Cervantes and seconded by Vice Chair Ayala to approve Consent Item No 1 and the recommendations regarding this matter, which passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Ayala, Cervantes, Flores, Jimenez, Sarno
Nays: None
Absent: None

Chairperson Jimenez read the City's appeal process.

7. PUBLIC HEARING

TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSED GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT TO AMEND TABLE LU-1 (LAND USE CATEGORIES) AND RELATED PAGES PERTAINING TO FLOOR AREA RATIOS WITHIN CHAPTER 2 (LAND USE ELEMENT), OF THE SANTA FE SPRINGS GENERAL PLAN

Recommendation:

Chair Jimenez called upon Planning Consultant Laurel Reimer to present this item.

Chair Jimenez opened the Public Hearing at 6:04 p.m. and inquired if any comments were received via email. Planning Commission Secretary Esmeralda Elise responded no comments were received.

Commissioner Flores had a question for staff. Having no further questions or comments, Chair Jimenez closed the Public Hearing at 6:13 p.m. and requested a motion.

It was moved by Commissioner Flores, seconded by Vice Chair Ayala to adopt Resolution No. 317-2026, and recommends that the City Council approve and adopt a resolution to effectuate the proposed amendments to the text of the City's General Plan, which incorporates the Planning Commission's findings and actions regarding this matter, which passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Ayala, Cervantes, Flores, Jimenez, Sarno
Nays: None
Absent: None

Chairperson Jimenez read the City's appeal process.

8. PUBLIC HEARING

TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSED ZONING CODE AMENDMENT TO AMEND SECTION 155.181 (PRINCIPAL PERMITTED USES) WITHIN TITLE 15 (LAND USE), CHAPTER 155 (ZONING), OF THE SANTA FE SPRINGS MUNICIPAL CODE AND DETERMINATION THAT THE PROJECT IS EXEMPT FROM CEQA

Recommendation:

Chair Jimenez called upon Planning Consultant Laurel Reimer to present this item.

Chair Jimenez opened the Public Hearing at 6:14 p.m. and inquired if any comments were received via email. Planning Commission Secretary Esmeralda Elise responded no comments were received.

Commissioner Sarno had a comment for staff.

Having no further questions or comments, Chair Jimenez closed the Public Hearing at 6:25 p.m. and requested a motion.

It was moved by Vice Chair Ayala, seconded by Commissioner Sarno to adopt Resolution No. 318-2026, which incorporates the Planning Commission’s findings and actions regarding this matter, and recommends that the City Council approve and adopt an ordinance to effectuate the proposed amendments to the text of the City’s Zoning Code, which passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Ayala, Cervantes, Flores, Jimenez, Sarno
Nays: None
Absent: None

Chairperson Jimenez read the City's appeal process.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- 4. MODIFICATION PERMIT CASE NO. 1377 - A REQUEST TO TEMPORARILY RESERVE AND NOT PROVIDE 10 OF THE REQUIRED ON-SITE PARKING STALLS TO ALLOW OUTDOOR STORAGE, AND MODIFICATION CASE NO. 1378 – A REQUEST TO TEMPORARILY ALLOW THE ENCROACHMENT OF A PROPOSED 8'-6" FOOT HIGH FENCE AND GATE WITHIN THE REQUIRED FRONT YARD SETBACK, AND TO ADOPT A NOTICE OF EXEMPTION UNDER SECTION 15301, CLASS 1 (EXISTING FACILITIES)

Chair Jimenez called upon Assistant Director of Community Development Vince Velasco to give an update as to the reason for the continuance.

Having no speakers for questions or comments, Chair Jimenez requested a motion.

It was moved by Commissioner Sarno, seconded by Vice Chair Ayala to continue this matter to the next regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting on May 11, 2026, which passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Ayala, Cervantes, Flores, Jimenez, Sarno
Nays: None
Absent: None

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Staff

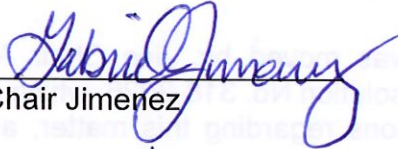
None.

- Commissioners

Chair Jimenez invited everyone to the City’s Art Fest event April 25, 2026.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Jimenez adjourned the meeting at 6:27 p.m.


Chair Jimenez

ATTEST:


Esmeralda Elise
Planning Commission Secretary

5/11/2026
Date