

## MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE TUESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2019

- CALL TO ORDER** The special meeting of the Budget Subcommittee of the City of South Gate was called to order by Maria Belen Bernal, Mayor at 5:00 p.m.
- ROLL CALL** Carmen Avalos, City Clerk/Recording Secretary
- PRESENT** Mayor Maria Belen Bernal, Council Member Al Rios and City Treasurer Greg Martinez; City Staff Jackie Acosta, Director of Administrative Services, Kim Sao, Deputy Director of Administrative Services and City Clerk/Recording Secretary Carmen Avalos

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**2019 SCHEDULE**  
**MEETINGS**

The Subcommittee Members unanimously approved items 1 and 2 by motion of Mayor Bernal and seconded by Council Member Rios:

1. Reviewed and discussed the 2019 Schedule of Budget Subcommittee meetings; and
2. Approved the schedule as is, or as amended.

Jackie Acosta, Director of Administrative Services provided the Budget Calendar for FY 2019/20 Budget Preparation Process.

**2**  
**REVENUE & TAXATION**

The Subcommittee Members reviewed and discussed the revenue funding sources received by the City.

Jackie Acosta, Director of Administrative Services gave an overview.

Mayor Bernal inquired on the 1% sales tax that was approved by the South Gate residents June 3, 2008.

Director Acosta reported that for 2008-2009 we received \$3.7 million; 2009-2010 we received \$4.7 million; 2010-2011 we received \$5.4 million; 2011-2012 we received \$6.3 million; 2012-2013 we received \$6.5 million; 2013-2014 we received \$6.8 million; 2014-2015 we received \$8.6 million; 2015-2016 we received \$9.5 million; 2016-2017 we received \$9.5 million; and 2017-2018 we received \$10 million.

For the next meeting Director Acosta will bring back information on the history of why this Measure P was passed, the situation of the City at that time, summarize what we have collected and it is used as part of the general fund to finance City expenses.

**EXCUSED FROM  
MEETING**

At this time, 5:40 p.m. City Clerk Avalos, was excused from the meeting and departed from the Council Chambers.

**2  
REVENUE & TAXATION  
CONT'D**

The Subcommittee Members discussed grants that are received by the City and how the money is spent. They also asked about how many participants in their programs.

Director Acosta informed the Subcommittee Members that the department directors will have presentations starting at their next meeting.

**3  
SB-90 CLAIMS**

The Subcommittee Members reviewed and discussed the SB-90 claims program.

Jackie Acosta, Director of Administrative Services stated that the SB-90 claims are the process by which local governments can get reimbursed for the costs incurred for programs mandated by the state. Ms. Acosta submitted five claims this year.

The Subcommittee questioned why certain claims were denied and would like to know more about MAXIMUS Consulting.

Director Acosta stated that this company files the City's SB-90 claims and we are paying them \$8,200.00.

**4  
BUSINESS LICENSE CAP**

The Subcommittee Members reviewed and discussed the business license cap set forth in the South Gate Municipal Code.

Jackie Acosta, Director of Administrative Services stated that at the November 20, 2018 meeting, the Treasurer brought up the issue on the business license cap.

Council Member Rios asked Ms. Acosta to inquire with other cities if they have business license caps.

Mayor Bernal asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak on any of these items. Seeing no one step forward; Mayor Bernal closed the audience portion.

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**TOPICS FOR UPCOMING  
BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE  
MEETINGS**

The Subcommittee Members:

1. Reviewed and discussed a list of topics for future Budget Subcommittee meetings; and
2. Approved, augmented or changed the proposed list of future topics.

Mayor Bernal suggested waiving the departmental presentations because this will occur during the budget sessions.

Director Acosta's understanding was that the Budget Subcommittee wanted a more in-depth discussion with the Directors.

Mayor Bernal appreciates Ms. Acosta for refreshing her memory. The budget kick-off is limited due to all Council Members present.

Director Acosta stated the OPEB and CalPERS discussions should be dedicated at Budget Subcommittee meeting.

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**MINUTES**

The Subcommittee Members unanimously approved the meeting minutes of November 20, 2018 by motion of Council Member Rios and seconded by Mayor Bernal.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Bernal unanimously adjourned the meeting at 7:11 p.m. seconded by Council Member Rios.

**PASSED and APPROVED** this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019.

ATTEST:

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María Belén Bernal, Mayor

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Carmen Avalos, City Clerk