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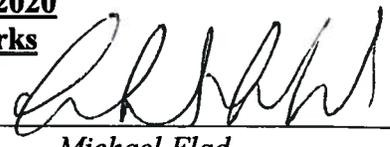
For the Regular Meeting of: May 12, 2020

Originating Department: Public Works

Department Director:


Arturo Cervantes

City Manager:


Michael Flad

SUBJECT: NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK - MAY 17 THROUGH MAY 23, 2020

PURPOSE: To celebrate the tens of thousands of men and women in North America who provide and maintain public infrastructure and services collectively known as public works.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Mayor Maria Davila will issue a Proclamation declaring the week of May 17 through 23, 2020 as "National Public Works Week."

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

ANALYSIS: None.

BACKGROUND: National Public Works Week (NPWW) recognizes tens of thousands of men and women in North America who provide and maintain the infrastructure and services collectively known as public works. Instituted as a public education campaign by the American Public Works Association (APWA) in 1960, this celebration calls attention to the value of public works programs in sustaining our communities.

NPWW is observed each year during the third full week of May. Through NPWW, APWA seeks to raise public awareness of public works issues. APWA seeks to increase confidence in public works employees who are dedicated to improving the quality of life for present and future generations.

The City's Public Works Department (Department) is responsible for the planning, design, construction, operations and maintenance of public infrastructure (such as roads, bridges, sewerage, the municipal drinking water system, street lights, traffic signals and building facilities).

The Department manages a Capital Improvement Program (CIP) that is focused on enhancing quality of life in the City. The Department is in a position to deliver key capital projects within the next few years. These projects will have several benefits such as enhancing safety, reducing congestion, improving the reliability of public infrastructure and expanding recreational opportunities.

The Department provides a wide array of maintenance services such as street sweeping, trash and recycling collections services, tree trimming, maintenance of roads, sidewalks, street lights, traffic signals and sewer system, litter and graffiti removal. The Department also operates the City's municipal water system which provides quality drinking water to 90% of the City's residents.

ATTACHMENT: Proclamation

AC/AM:lc

City of South Gate



From the Honorable
Mayor

PROCLAMATION

Declaring

May 17 through 23, 2020 as National Public Works Week

- WHEREAS,** public works services provided in our community such as the maintenance of roads, water and sewer systems, street lights and traffic signals, street sweeping, graffiti removal, and solid waste collection are an integral part of our citizen's everyday life; and
- WHEREAS,** the quality and safety of these facilities, as well as their planning, design and construction, is virtually dependent upon the efforts and skills of public works officials; and
- WHEREAS,** the City Council authorized the Public Works Department to initiate and complete a Capital Improvement Program (CIP), with millions in funded projects, to enhance safety, reduce congestion, improve transportation mobility, increase infrastructure reliability, create new recreational opportunities, encourage sustainability, conserve water, and address deferred maintenance issues; and
- WHEREAS,** the CIP includes key projects that will change the way residents experience South Gate, such as the Urban Orchard Project, the Garfield Avenue and Imperial Highway Street Rehabilitation Project, the Garfield Avenue Complete Streets Project, the Long Beach Boulevard Green Streets Project, and the Tweedy Boulevard Complete Street Project; and
- WHEREAS,** this national recognition of Public Works Week serves to enhance the prestige of the unsung heroes of our society who are professionals who serve the public good every day with quiet dedication;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it proclaimed on this 12th day of May 2020, that **I, Maria Davila, Mayor of the City of South Gate,** on behalf of the City Council and citizens, do hereby proclaim May 17 through 23, 2020, as National Public Works Week. I call upon all citizens and civic organizations to recognize the contributions that public works staff makes every day to improve our health, safety, comfort and quality of life.


Mayor Maria Davila