

**CITY OF SOUTH GATE  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, February 13, 2018**

2/13/2018 - Minutes

**I. Call To Order/Roll Call With Invocation & Pledge**

**CALL TO ORDER** Maria Davila, Mayor called a Regular City Council meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

**INVOCATION** Paul Adams, Parks and Recreation Director

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Michael Flad, City Manager

**ROLL CALL** Carmen Avalos, City Clerk

**II. City Officials**

**PRESENT** Mayor Maria Davila, Vice Mayor Maria Belen Bernal, Council Member Jorge Morales, Council Member Denise Diaz, and Council Member Al Rios; City Manager Michael Flad, City Attorney Raul F. Salinas

**LATE** City Treasurer Gregory Martinez

**III. Meeting Compensation Disclosure**

**IV. Proclamations, Certificates, Introductions And Ceremonial Actions**

**1. Introduction Of Six New And Promotional Full-Time Employees**

The City Council allowed staff to introduce the new and promotional full-time employees hired or promoted between October 1, 2017 and December 31, 2017.

**V. Comments From The Audience**

Virginia Johnson, 5751 McKinley Avenue thanked Paul Adams on his quick response to a question regarding the Azalea GATE transportation vehicle in Los Angeles. Mr. Adams explained about the fueling stations not in South Gate and they have to go elsewhere. She also thanked Joe Perez and Art Cervantes for their quick responses to her emails regarding a 244 unit apartment complex in Hollydale. She added that the East Side needed to have a more established Neighborhood Watch program and thanked the Police Department for being aggressive in their approach regarding the pot shop. Lastly, she requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Jim Rose, who was active in the recall movement in 2003.

Lissette Ruiz, 2634 Nebraska Avenue thanked the Mayor for voting no to the current plan for the 710 freeway expansion. She is the co-chair of the South Gate Community Health Action Team and they recently received approval from the South Coast Air Quality

Management District for 30 air monitor sensors that are provided by the USEPA Science to Achieve Result project and 25 of these sensors are going to be used to monitor particular matter and 5 of them are going to be used to measure carbon dioxide. If anyone is interested in housing one of these meters we are having a community meeting on February 28th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Civic Center.

Gerald, resident of the City of Paramount and former South Gate High School graduate and supports no dispensaries and opposes 710 expansions. One of the main reasons I came was to speak on missing students. There have been reports on missing students at the beginning of the year and we don't want to see this become an epidemic.

Mr. Dominguez, 10607 San Miguel Avenue brought to the Council's attention two police shootings. One on November 27, 2017 and the second on December 28, 2017 since then I have been trying to contact Chief Davis and get some information and I don't know what is preventing the Chief from commenting on this investigation. He would like to have the Chief get in touch with him. He would also like to see an increase in the patrol of the Abbott alley ways.

Ericka Alvarez, Acting Community Library Manager at the Leland Weaver Library wanted to inform every one of the many new cultural arts programs taking place through June. There is also the great read away program that allows anyone under the age of 21 to read down fines, and lastly the library is hosting an income tax help sessions.

Jezenia Ortiz, a parent from Simon Rodia Continuation High School regarding the lack of sidewalks on Alameda near the school and wanted to know if the City has any plans for improvements for this area.

Nick Godoy, 8611 San Gabriel Avenue spoke on the on-going parking issues on San Gabriel Avenue near the school.

## **VI. Reports And Comments From City Officials**

Chief Davis stated that he spoke several times to Mr. Dominguez and informed him that these investigations are still on-going, so he is limited to the information that can be released. It is being investigated by both the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office and the Los Angeles County Sherriff Department. These investigations can take over 15 months to complete. In regards to Simon Rodia Continuation High School both the Police Departments and Public Works Departments are looking into this issue. Lastly, Coffee with a Cop is this Thursday at new Starbucks at Firestone Boulevard and Hildreth Avenue from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Carmen Avalos, City Clerk stated that on the election front our City Council last year decided to move the City's election date from March 2019 to March 2020. With that we will be bringing forth an ordinance to change those dates and be sure that the voters of the City of South Gate know what's happening. The City of Downey just recently did this and with this there are many changes coming in regards to what the ballot will look like. As many already know, our ballot starts with the National Offices, followed by the State Offices, followed by County Office, followed by School Districts and then followed by City Offices. Senator Portantino is attempting to change the reverse the ballot order for the elections. Secondly, the County of Los Angeles is making several changes to the way that we vote. Currently, we use the InkaVote System and the County is at the forefront of changing the way that we vote. I am working with the County to put on a presentation so we can see what the new voting machines will look like and it is actually more like an ipad

and user friendly.

Council Member Diaz reported that she attended the ICA Conference with Council Member Morales. The main topic was public safety as well as an interesting view on media training. Yesterday, she took a tour of Endeavor and how they are involved with our community. Lastly, she said that she loved the murals that went up this weekend in El Paseo.

Council Member Morales reported that he also attended the ICA and he wanted to speak on two sessions that were really important. He shared information with the audience on both cyber security and police video cameras. He continued that he is the new legislature Chair for the Independent Cities Association and there are two bills that we are currently tracking. The first is SB 827 and the second is AB1795. He asked the Chief to look into AB1795 and get back with him.

Council Member Rios said that the neighborhood watch is starting to meet again and he attended one with the Chief of Police on Orange Avenue. He also attended the transportation summit and there is a lot of effort and money to try and get people out of their cars and improve mass transportation.

Vice Mayor Bernal said that she attended STEM family night at Bryson Elementary School just before coming to the council meeting. She has also noticed an increase in graffiti on the Lynwood/South Gate border.

Mayor Davila said that she also attended the transportation summit. The next summit will be held here in the City of South Gate in either May or June. They discussed Measure R and Measure M and several of the projects that they are working on. One project that is very close to us is the Eco Rapid Transit West Santa Ana Branch. They are hoping to have ground breaking within four to five years. They want to have it finished for the Olympics. She also said that they opened the dog park agility course and wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.

## **VII. Consent Calendar Items**

Agenda Items 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 were unanimously approved by motion of Council Member Morales and seconded by Mayor Davila. Item 8 was removed from the agenda.

### **2. Contract Amendments With Top Management Employees And Resolution Approving Salary Pay Tables**

The City Council unanimously approved items A, B, C, D, E, F, G and H during consideration of the Consent Calendar.

- a. Approved Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. 3261, the employment Agreement with Randall Davis, Police Chief;
- b. Approved Amendment No. 2 to Contract No. 2921, the Employment Agreement with Paul L. Adams, Director of Parks & Recreation;
- c. Approved Amendment No. 2 to Contract No. 2996, the Employment Agreement with Arturo Cervantes, Director of Public Works/City Engineer;
- d. Approved Amendment No. 2 to Contract No. 3083, the Employment Agreement with Jacquelyn Acosta, Director of Administrative Services;

- e. Approved Amendment No. 2 to Contract No. 3181, the Employment Agreement with Joseph Perez, Director of Community Development;
- f. Approved Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. 3250, the Employment Agreement with David Torres, Field Operations Manager;
- g. Authorized the Mayor to execute the Amendments in a form acceptable to the City Attorney; and
- h. Adopted Resolution No. 7797 entitled – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate approving Top Management salary pay tables.

**3. Agreement With Amigos De Los Rios Providing Access To Hollydale Regional Park For Completion Of Improvements And Committing The City To Maintaining These Improvements For 20 Years**

The City Council unanimously approved items A, B, and C during consideration of the Consent Calendar.

- a. Approved an Agreement (Contract 3415) with Amigos de los Rios providing access to Hollydale Regional Park for the urban greening project and committing the City to maintaining these improvements for a 20 year term;
- b. Authorized the Mayor to execute the Agreement in a form acceptable to the City Attorney; and
- c. Designated the Director of Parks & Recreation (Director) or his/her designee as the City's representative and authorize the Director to execute any future agreements, documents or reports as required for the implementation of this Agreement.

**4. Master License Agreement With Crown Castle NG West, LLC, To Install, Maintain And Operate Small Cell Antennas On City-Owned Poles**

The City Council unanimously approved items A, B, C, and D during consideration of the Consent Calendar.

- a. Approved a Master License Agreement (Contract 3416) with Crown Castle NG West, LLC, to install, maintain and operate small cell antennas on City-owned poles in the public right-of-way;
- b. Authorized the Mayor to execute the Master License Agreement in a form acceptable to the City Attorney;
- c. Authorized the City Manager and/or his designee to issue individual Pole Licenses under the Master License Agreement for City-owned poles in the public right-of-way; and
- d. Directed the Director of Administrative Services to deposit the revenue into the General Fund.

**5. Amendment No. 3 To Contract No. 3081 With Wildan Engineering For Design Services For Congestion Relief And Safety Improvements For The Firestone Boulevard Enhancements**

The City Council unanimously approved items A and B during consideration of the

Consent Calendar.

a. Approved Amendment No. 3 to Contract No. 3081 with Wilidan Engineering increasing the scope of work for design services to incorporate additional congestion relief and safety improvements to the Firestone Boulevard Regional Corridor Capacity Enhancements project, Alameda Street to Hunt Avenue, City Project No. 476-TRF, in an amount not-to-exceed \$42,820; and

b. Authorized the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 3 in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

**6. Quarterly Investment Report For The Quarter Ended September 30, 2017**

The City Council received and filed the Quarterly Investment Report for the quarter ended September 30, 2017 during consideration of the Consent Calendar.

**7. Quarterly Investment Report For The Quarter Ended December 31, 2017**

The City Council received and filed the Quarterly Investment Report for the quarter ended December 31, 2017 during consideration of the Consent Calendar.

**8. Change Order No. 3 With CJ Concrete Construction, Inc., For Construction Of The Walnut Street Parking Lot And Appropriation Of Funds**

The City Council considered:

a. Approving Change Order No. 3 with CJ Concrete Construction, Inc., increasing the scope of work of Contract No. 3320 for the construction of the Walnut Street Parking Lot Project, in the amount of \$227,980, and additional improvements on the Auditorium Entrance Project in the amount of \$13,590, for a total amount not-to-exceed \$241,570; and

b. Authorizing the transfer of \$262,177 from the Building and Infrastructure Maintenance Fund to the Walnut Street Parking Lot, City Project No. 581 -PRK (Account No. 311-790-39-9404).

This item was removed from the agenda.

**VIII. Reports, Recommendations And Requests**

**9. Warrants**

The City Council unanimously approved the Warrants for February 13, 2018 by Vice Mayor Bernal and seconded by Mayor Davila.

Total of Checks: \$2,161,140.56  
Voids \$ (0.00)  
Total of Payroll Deductions: \$ (295,857.63)  
Grand Total \$1,865,282.93

**IX. Adjournment**

Mayor Davila unanimously adjourned the meeting at 7:46 p.m. in memory of Patricia Mitchell, City's Aquatics Coordinator and Jim Rose, long-time resident and seconded by Vice Mayor Bernal.

**PASSED** and **APPROVED** this 27th day of March, 2018.

For a signed copy of the minutes for this meeting please contact the City Clerk's Office:  
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