

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

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

2/25/2020 - Minutes

I. Call To Order/Roll Call

CALL TO ORDER Mayor M. Belén Bernal called a Special City Council meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL Sonia Guerrero, Recording Secretary

II. City Officials

PRESENT Mayor M. Belén Bernal, Vice Mayor Denise Diaz, Council Member Al Rios, Council Member Maria Davila and Council Member Bill De Witt; Acting City Manager/Community Development Joe Perez, City Attorney Raul F. Salinas

ABSENT City Treasurer Greg Martinez, City Manager Mike Flad

LATE City Clerk, Carmen Avalos arrived at 6:15 p.m.

III. Meeting Compensation Disclosure

IV. Closed Session: (ATTY)

The Council Members recessed into Closed Session at 5:34 p.m. and reconvened at 6:45 p.m. with all Members of Council present. City Attorney Salinas reported the following:

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - PENDING LITIGATION

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a), 54954.9(b)(3)(C)

- a. Eduardo Gil v. City of South Gate
- b. Elena Mercado v. City of South Gate
- c. Juan Carlos Lopez Gomez v. City of South Gate
- d. City of South Gate v. Albert Robles
- e. Mariana Rolf v. City of South Gate (WCAB)

Item 1a is a tort claim made against the City. City Council received a report and on a motion made by Council Member De Witt and seconded by Council Member Davila denied the claim. The vote was 5 to 0.

Item 1b is a claim about a fallen tree. The City Council received a report by the City Attorney and guidance was given to the City Attorney with regards to that claim. There was no action and no vote taken.

Item 1c is also a claim against the City about a tree. City Council received a report and on a motion made by Council Member Davila and seconded by Council Member Rios denied the claim. The vote was 5 to 0.

Item 1d is a cross claim by the City of South Gate against Albert Robles. City Council received a report with respect to the status of this case and upon completion of the report there was no action taken on this matter.

Item 1e is a Workers' Compensation Claim. City Council received a report by the outside lawyer handling the matter for the City. On a motion made by Council Member De Witt and seconded by Council Member Rios the City Council moved to approve a settlement. The vote was 4 to 1 with Council Member Davila voting no. The amount of the settlement is not being disclosed at this time because it is still subject to further litigation.

2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(c)

Two (2) - Potential Cases

Item 2 was removed from the agenda and not discussed in Closed Session.

3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8

Property APN: 6264-004-900
Property: 13050 Paramount Boulevard, South Gate, California 90280
City Negotiator: Michael Flad, City Manager
Negotiating with: Los Angeles County Office of Education
Under Negotiation: Terms of Sale

Property APN: 6204-025-039
Property: 9019 Long Beach Boulevard, South Gate, California 90280
City Negotiator: Michael Flad, City Manager
Negotiating with: Jon Ungvari Co. Trust
Under Negotiation: Terms of Sale

The City Council received a report on the potential acquisition of the property at 13050 Paramount Boulevard. There was a report given by staff and by the City's outside consultants. On a motion made by Mayor Bernal and seconded by Council Member De Witt the City Council moved to authorize staff to engage in further settlement negotiations by making an offer on the property. The amount of this offer is not being disclosed at this time because it is still subject to further negotiations. If there is in fact a purchase agreement then it will be brought back before the City Council in Open Session. The vote was 5 to 0.

For the property at 9019 Long Beach Boulevard the City Council had previously authorized staff to move forward to acquire the property but it was held subject to an environmental review. In Closed Session upon receiving a report the City Council moved to authorize staff to pursue further steps to acquire that property. The motion was made by Council Member De Witt and seconded by Council Member Davila. The vote was 5 to 0.

V. Special Meeting Adjournment

Mayor Bernal unanimously adjourned the meeting at 6:49 p.m. and seconded by Council Member Davila.

PASSED and **APPROVED** this 10th day of March, 2020.

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