

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

Tuesday, February 27, 2018

2/27/2018 - 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 6:33 p.m.

INVOCATION Council Member Jorge Morales

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Police Chief Randall Davis

ROLL CALL Carmen Avalos, City Clerk

II. City Officials

PRESENT Vice Mayor Maria Belen Bernal, Council Member Jorge Morales, Council Member Denise Diaz, and Council Member Al Rios; Art Cervantes, Public Works Director, City Attorney Raul F. Salinas

ABSENT Mayor Maria Davila, City Manager Michael Flad

LATE City Treasurer Gregory Martinez

III. Meeting Compensation Disclosure

IV. Proclamations, Certificates, Introductions And Ceremonial Actions

1. Appointments To The Commission For South Gate Youth

The City Council appointed Jenny Perez and Ingrid Ibarra to the Commission for South Gate Youth; the appointments were ratified by a majority vote of the City Council by motion of Vice Mayor Bernal and seconded by Council Member Rios.

V. Public Hearings

2. Ordinance Amending Certain Sections And Chapters Of Title 11 (Zoning), Of The South Gate Municipal Code To Prohibit All Commercial Marijuana Activity And Prohibit All Outdoor Marijuana Cultivation

The City Council conducted a Public Hearing and waived the reading in full and introduced Ordinance No. 2345 entitled – Ordinance of the City Council of the City of South Gate, California, amending Table 11.2 1-1 (Prohibited Land Uses), Table 11.21-3 (Allowed Land Uses, Urban Mixed Use Zones), Table 11.21-4 (Commercial Industrial Zones Allowed Land Uses), Table 11.21-5 (Residential Neighborhood Zones Allowed Land Uses), of Section 11.21.020 (General Requirements), of Chapter 11.21 (Land Use Types), and Section 11.60.160 (“M” Definitions), of Chapter 11.60 (Definitions), of Title 11 (Zoning), of the South Gate Municipal Code to prohibit all commercial

marijuana activities and outdoor marijuana cultivation by motion of Vice Mayor Bernal and seconded by Council Member Rios.

ROLL CALL: Vice Mayor Bernal, yes; Council Member Rios, yes; Council Member Morales, yes; Council Member Diaz, yes ; Mayor Davila, absent.

Joe Perez, Director of Community Development gave a brief presentation on the item.

Vice Mayor Bernal opened the Public Hearing seeing no one come forward the Public Hearing was closed.

Mr. Perez stated that this item was brought before the Planning Commission and they recommend approval.

Council Member Rios asked for clarification on cultivating in private yards.

Mr. Perez answered that there will not be any outdoor cultivation only indoor and as the State indicates six plants and there are regulations for that activity as well.

Vice Mayor Bernal asked how the community will be notified.

Mr. Perez said that people will be notified by an article in the Vista, posting it on the City's Website and so forth.

VI. Comments From The Audience

Linda Parsonson, 5708 Main Street stated that the graffiti is getting worse at Circle Park and she has heard that it is just as bad at the State Street Park. She would like to suggest during the upcoming budgets talks that Council consider adding a graffiti crew that is designated strictly to the Parks.

Mr. Fisher, 10435 Blumont Road concerned about processing a police report that was filed over 30 days ago. Mr. Fisher also reported a street light out on Adella Avenue.

Maria Rendon, 8937 Cypress Avenue complained about permit parking issues on Cypress Avenue. There are also potholes and raised sidewalks that she has reported on several occasions and has received no response from the City.

Ericka Alvarez, Weaver Library and Hollydale Library announced upcoming programs offered at both libraries.

Antonio Chappa, District Director for the South East Los Angeles County Supervisors Office introduced the new field deputy Guadalupe Camperos, who will be the liaison for South Gate. On March 10th there will be a Los Angeles River clean up event at Hollydale Park.

Tom Hall, 10505 St. James Avenue said that he came to Council last year regarding his water meter and is back today to say that he was wrong. The Public Works department came to his house and showed him where his error was. What I want to point out is the Public Works Department was informative and cordial. Mr. Hall attended the family golf event at the park Saturday night and thought it was a success and he also complained about the traffic on St. James Avenue.

VII. Reports And Comments From City Officials

Joe Perez, Community Development Director said that on February 28th our Community Environmental Health Action Team and Air Quality Management District will be hosting an informational meeting on outdoor sensors. We are looking to place 30 sensors in the community.

Greg Martinez, City Treasurer stated that he attended a Finance Convention in Riverside and he also attended the Democratic Convention.

Council Member Diaz thanked the Parks Department for the programs that they are providing for families.

Council Member Morales discussed the League of California Cities State Board of Directors meeting.

Council Member Rios attended the Wellness Health Fair and Altamed had a Healthy Heart Fair. Both events went very well. He also had the opportunity to welcome a new business, Farmers Insurance, to South Gate this past weekend.

Vice Mayor Bernal attended the HUB Cities Meeting last week and they were selected by the County to work on a pilot program. They will be working with two camps to provide work study training workshops for the youth that are incarcerated. HUB Cities is part of a collaborative group that received \$500,000 and part of that money will be used to conduct an assessment of the non-profits in the South East Los Angeles area. She requested that Mr. Cervantes have a small list prepared of the non-profits that the City currently works with.

VIII. Consent Calendar Items

Agenda Items 5, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13 were approved by motion of Vice Mayor Bernal and seconded by Council Member Rios. Items 3, 4, 6, 7, and 8 were removed for separate discussion.

3. Resolution Supporting Proposition 68, California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, And Outdoor Access For All Act Of 2018

The City Council adopted Resolution No. 7798 entitled – Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate supporting Proposition 68, the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018 by motion of Council Member Morales and seconded by Vice Mayor Bernal.

4. Resolution Supporting Proposition 69, Opposing Senate Bill 1 Repeal Efforts

The City Council adopted Resolution No. 7799 entitled – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate supporting Proposition 69, opposing Senate Bill 1 repeal efforts, and authorizing the City to be included in the “Coalition to Protect Local Transportation Improvements List” by motion of Vice Mayor Bernal and seconded by Council Member Morales.

5. Amended And Restated Retainer Agreement To Contract No. 2163 With The Law Firm Of AlvaradoSmith For Legal Services

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

- a. Amended and Restated Retainer Agreement (Amended Agreement) to Contract No. 2163 with AlvaradoSmith, a Professional Corporation, increasing hourly rates for legal services; and
- b. Authorized the Mayor to execute the Amended Agreement in a form acceptable to the City Manager.

6. Agreements For Changes To Dental, Vision And Life Insurance Providers And Implementing A Long-Term Disability Insurance Coverage

The City Council considered:

- a. Approving the change in dental providers from Delta Dental/Delta Allied to Principal Insurance for the PPO and EPO plans and California Dental Network for the DHMO, effective April 1, 2018;
- b. Approving the change in vision providers from VSP to Superior Vision, effective April 1, 2018;
- c. Approving the change in group life and AD&D insurance from Guardian Insurance to Principal Insurance, effective April 1, 2018;
- d. Approving the implementation of a long-term disability insurance program for full-time city employees with Reliance Standard Insurance;
- e. Authorizing the Mayor to execute these Agreements after approval as to form by the City Attorney; and
- f. Authorizing the Director of Administrative Services to be the contract administrator for purposes of the day-to-day administration of the subject contracts.

This item was removed from the agenda.

7. Agreement With Tetra Tech For Design Services For The Water Facility Chlorination System Upgrade

The City Council approved items A, B, C and D by motion of Vice Mayor Bernal and seconded by Council Member Rios.

- a. Amended the Capital Improvement Program to incorporate the Water Facility Chlorination System Upgrade, City Project No. 586-WTR;
- b. Transferred \$280,000 in Water Funds from Account No. 411-731-71- 9549 to Account No. 411-731-31-9557 to fund the design phase of the project;
- c. Approved Professional Services Agreement (Contract 3417) with Tetra Tech to provide design services and prepare construction documents for the Water Facility Chlorination System Upgrade, City Project No. 586-WTR, for an amount not-to-exceed \$228,000; and
- d. Authorized the Mayor to execute the Agreement in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

8. Agreements For Background Investigators For The Police Department

The City Council approved items A, B, C, D, E, F, and G by Vice Mayor Bernal and seconded by Council Member Rios.

- a. Approved an Agreement (Contract 3418) with B-Line Investigations, Inc., to conduct background investigations for the Police Department for a two-year term;
- b. Approved an Agreement (Contract 3419) with Gutierrez Background Investigations to conduct background investigations for the Police Department for a two-year term;
- c. Approved an Agreement (Contract 3420) with Investigative Polygraph Service to conduct background investigations for the Police Department for a two-year term;
- d. Approved an Agreement (Contract 3421) with Kurk Investigative Group to conduct background investigations for the Police Department for a two-year term;
- e. Approved an Agreement (Contract 3422) with XPD Investigations to conduct background investigations for the Police Department for a two-year term;
- f. Approved an Agreement (Contract 3423) with Steve Swain Background Investigator to conduct background investigations for the Police Department for a two-year term; and
- g. Authorized the Mayor to execute the Agreements in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

9. Grant Funds From Tesoro And Andeavor Foundations For Two Part-Time Community Service Officers For The South Gate Business Watch Program

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

- a. Accepted \$60,000 from the Tesoro/Andeavor Foundation to fund the South Gate Business Watch Program (Program);
- b. Approved two additional part-time Community Service Officer positions to implement the Program;
- c. Increased the Fiscal Year 2017/18 revenue projections in the Law Enforcement Grants Fund, Account No. 231-4628 (Program Grant), from \$0 to \$60,000; and
- d. Appropriated the \$60,000 as follows: \$59,100 to Account No. 231-557-21-5103 (Part-Time Salaries) and \$900 to Account No. 231-557-21-5220 (Medicare) to cover the costs of the two part-time Community Service Officer positions.

10. Purchase Of Four Pursuit Vehicles And Required Equipment For The Police Department

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

- a. Approved Purchase Order with National Auto Fleet Group for the purchase of four pursuit vehicles for the Police Department, in the total amount of \$186,269.00, which includes the purchase and installation of necessary emergency equipment;

b. Approved Purchase Order with Motorola/BearCom for the purchase of radio equipment, including installation, labor and programming to outfit these four pursuit vehicles, in the total amount of \$40,787.00.

11. Rejection Of All Bids For The Police Department Wellness Center Project

The City Council rejected all bids received in the City Clerk's Office for the Police Department Wellness Center, City Project No. 552-ARC, which will be redesigned and rebid at a future time during consideration of the Consent Calendar.

12. Request For Waiver Of Fees By South Gate Middle School For Use Of The City's Show Mobile Portable Stage For A School Event

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

a. Approving the request from South Gate Middle School to waive the cost for the City to provide delivery, set up, and return of the City's Show Mobile portable stage for the school's Literacy Day event scheduled for March 3, 2018;

b. Approving a fee waiver in the amount of \$1,378; and

c. Appropriating \$840 from the unassigned General Fund balance to account number 100-460-61-5110 to cover the staff costs related to the use of the Show Mobile.

13. Special And Regular City Council Meeting Minutes Of January 9 And 23, 2018, And May 16, 2017

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

a. Approving the Special and Regular Meeting minutes of January 9, 2018 and January 23, 2018; and

b. Approving the Special Meeting minutes of May 16, 2017.

IX. Reports, Recommendations And Requests

14. Agreement With Minagar & Associates, Inc., For A Comprehensive Citywide Parking Study

The City Council approved A and B by motion of Vice Mayor Bernal and seconded by Council Member Rios.

a. Approving an Agreement (Contract 3424) with Minagar & Associates, Inc., to prepare a comprehensive Citywide Parking Study, City Project No. 590-RPT, in an amount not-to-exceed \$159,852; and

b. Authorizing the Mayor to execute the Agreement in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

15. Warrant Register For February 27, 2018

The City Council approved the Warrants and Cancellations for February 21, 2018 by motion of Vice Mayor Bernal and seconded by Council Member Morales.

Total of Checks: \$2,512,493.20

Voids \$ (8,021.61)
Total of Payroll Deductions: \$ (336,500.10)
Grand Total: \$2,167,971.49

Cancellations: 74795, 75310, 75906

X. Adjournment

Vice Mayor Bernal adjourned the meeting at 8:01 p.m. and seconded by Al Rios.

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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