

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

**Tuesday, March 10, 2020**

3/10/2020 - Minutes

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

CALL TO ORDER M. Belén Bernal, Mayor called a Regular City Council meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

INVOCATION Pastor Anthony Kidd, Community of Faith Bible Church

PLEDGE OF  
ALLEGIANCE Steve Costley, Deputy Director of Parks & Recreation

ROLL CALL Carmen Avalos, City Clerk

**II. City Officials**

PRESENT Mayor M. Belén Bernal, Vice Mayor Denise Diaz, Council Member Al Rios, and Council Member Bill De Witt; City Treasurer Gregory Martinez, Mike Flad, City Manager, City Attorney Raul F. Salinas

ABSENT Council Member Maria Davila

**III. Meeting Compensation Disclosure**

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

**1. Proclamation For Pete Morales For His 18 Years Of Dedicated Service**

The City Council issued a Proclamation to Pete Morales in recognition for his 18 years of dedicated service to Golf Course patrons at South Gate Park and to wish him well in his retirement.

**WALK ON ITEM**

Raul F. Salinas, City Attorney stated that this item was not previously listed on the agenda. The Government Code allows the City to discuss an item that is not previously posted on the agenda if it meets two criteria. The first is the significance of the item did not come to the City's attention until after the posting of the agenda and second is that it cannot wait until the City Council meets again. The City Attorney believes that this item regarding the coronavirus fits this criteria. In order to bring this item forward the City Attorney asked that the City Council motion to receive and file the update report regarding the evolving Coronavirus Disease 2019.

Council Member De Witt motioned and Mayor Bernal seconded to walk on this item.

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

The City Council received and filed an update report regarding the evolving Coronavirus Disease 2019 by motion of Council Member Rios and seconded by Mayor Bernal.

## **2. Appointment To The Tweedy Mile Advisory Board**

Council Member Al Rios considered appointing to the Tweedy Mile Advisory Board to fill a vacancy for the unexpired term ending on January 31, 2021; the appointment will be ratified by a majority vote of the City Council.

This Item was continued to the next meeting of March 24, 2020.

## **V. Comments From The Audience**

Mr. Campos, 8467 San Vincente Avenue, complained about his neighbor. He admonished feels that the Police Department, Code Enforcement, Business License for being ineffective.

Member of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, Pico Rivera, gave a message to City Council about his Islamic beliefs.

Alma Santana, 9607 Bryson Avenue, thanked City Council and staff for their leadership. She wants the City Council to remember the youth of our community when planning for Coronavirus.

Sergio, 6153 Florence Avenue, complained about a tree in front of his home.

Martha Vegas, 3816 Santa Ana Street, complained about a tree in front of her home.

Virginia Johnson, 5751 McKinley Avenue, commented on Assembly Member Cristina Garcia's bill for spending habits of government officials. She complimented City Officials for putting on an outstanding State of the City event.

Nick Godoy, 8611 San Gabriel Avenue, commented on the Election.

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

Joe Perez, Director of Community Development, the Community Development will be hosting an informational meeting regarding housing trends and policies. There will also be a community meeting at AltaMed on the Census. Lastly, the will be a consolidated meeting on March 25th and 26th to discuss the use of CDBG funds.

Steve Costley, Acting Parks and Recreation Director, updated everyone on the Azalea Festival. Cynthia Esquivel is the new Azalea Queen.

Raul F. Salinas, City Attorney updated the City Council on upcoming mediation between two residents.

Greg Martinez, City Treasurer, spoke about James Manuel, CAC Commissioner.

Carmen Avalos, City Clerk, updated everyone on the election.

Council Member De Witt felt that the election would have run smoother if it was still run by the Cities.

Council Member Rios commented on some of the issues with the new Vote Centers. He encouraged everyone to participate with the Census. He also requested an update on the Delta fuel spill.

Vice Mayor Diaz attended a stake holder round table with the California Department of Public Health.

Mayor Bernal spoke about the election and the State of the City address.

## **VII. Consent Calendar Items**

Agenda Items 4 and 6 were unanimously approved by motion of Mayor Bernal and seconded by Council Member Rios. Items 3 and 5 were pulled for separate discussion.

### **3. Adopt Ordinance 2020-01-CC Granting A Five Year Franchise To Tesoro SoCal Pipeline Company, LLC**

The City Council waived the reading in full and adopted Ordinance No. 2020-01-CC entitled - An Ordinance of the City Council of City of South Gate granting a five-year franchise to Tesoro SoCal Pipeline Company, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, commencing retroactively on February 27, 2019, to lay and use pipes, ditches, flumes, conduits and appurtenances for transmitting and distributing oil or products thereof, for any and all purposes in, along, across, upon and under the public streets, ways, alleys and places, as the same now or may hereafter exist within the City of South Gate by motion of Vice Mayor Diaz and seconded by Council Member Rios.

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

### **4. Agreement With RSG, Inc., For General On-Call Services**

The City Council approved A and B during Consent Calendar.

a. Approved an Agreement (Contract No. 2020-19-CC) with RSG, Inc., for general on-call services through and including June 30, 2021, in an amount not-to-exceed \$172,115; and

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

### **5. Authorization To Convert Park Space Into Parking Area For Police Vehicles**

The City Council approved the change of use of the park space adjacent to the Police Department from open city park space to exclusive use parking for Police vehicles by motion of Council Member Rios and seconded by Council Member De Witt.

### **6. Minutes**

The City Council approved A and B during Consent Calendar.

a. The Regular and Special Meeting minutes of February 11, 2020; and

b. The Regular and Special Meeting minutes of February 25, 2020.

## **VIII. Reports, Recommendations And Requests**

### **7. Warrant Register For March 10, 2020**

The City Council approved the Warrants and Cancellations for March 10, 2020 by motion of Council Member Rios and seconded by Mayor Bernal.

Total of Checks: \$3,610,354.83

Voids: (\$ 1,143.09)

Total Payroll Deductions: \$ 417,144.56

Grand Total: \$3,192,067.18

Cancellations: 86829, 86946, 87198, 86923

## **IX. Adjournment**

Mayor Bernal adjourned the meeting in Memory of James Kawai Manuel, long time South Gate resident and member of the Citizens' Advisory Committee at 8:39 p.m. and seconded by Council Rios.

**PASSED** and **APPROVED** this 24th day of March, 2020.

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