

CITY OF SOUTH GATE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 14, 2017

3/14/2017 - Minutes

I. Call to Order/Roll Call with Invocation & Pledge

CALL TO ORDER - Mayor W.H. (Bill) De Witt called a Regular City Council meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

INVOCATION - Council Member Jorge Morales led the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Lindsay Cox-Mendoza, Miss South Gate Pageant Director led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL - Carmen Avalos, City Clerk

II. City Officials

PRESENT - Mayor W.H. (Bill) De Witt, Vice Mayor Maria Davila, Council Member Maria Belen Bernal and Council Member Jorge Morales; City Treasurer Gregory Martinez, City Manager Michael Flad, City Attorney Raul F. Salinas

ABSENT - Council Member Gil Hurtado

III. Meeting Compensation Disclosure

IV. Public Hearings

At this time, Mayor De Witt was excused from participating on item 1 and departed from the Council Chambers.

1. Resolution Adopting The Initial Study And Mitigated Negative Declaration For The Firestone Boulevard Regional Corridor Capacity Enhancements Project

The City Council conducted a Public Hearing to receive and file a presentation of the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Firestone Boulevard Regional Corridor Capacity Enhancements Project, City Project No. 476-TRF, by motion of Council Member Morales and seconded by Vice Mayor Davila; and

a. Adopted Resolution No. 7749 entitled – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate adopting the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Firestone Boulevard Regional Corridor Capacity Enhancements Project, City Project No. 476-TRF; Metro Call for Project ID No. F3124.

ROLL CALL: Vice Mayor Davila, yes; Council Member Morales, yes; Council Member Bernal, yes; Mayor De Witt, was not present for discussion on the matter; Council Member Hurtado, absent.

REJOINED MEETING - Mayor De Witt rejoined the Council prior to the discussion on this matter.

DEVIATE FROM THE AGENDA - At this time, there being no objections, Mayor De Witt stated that item 8 would be considered out of its regular agenda order.

2. Project Selections And Allocations For Community Development Block Grant Funds Recommended By The Citizens Advisory Committee

The City Council conducted a Public Hearing to consider the recommendation of the Citizen's Advisory Committee's list of proposed projects and allocations for Community Development Block Grant funds for fiscal year 2017/18, by motion of Council Member Morales and seconded by Vice Mayor Davila; and

a. Determined the amounts to be appropriated per project from the \$1,994,262 Community Development Block Grant funding for fiscal year 2017/18.

V. Comments from the Audience

Irene Jensen, 4513 Tweedy Boulevard is a member of the community. Ms. Jensen is concerned about disabled issues that are inaccessible.

Lindsay Cox-Mendoza, Miss South Gate Pageant Director invited everyone to the Pageant on Sunday, March 26th at 4:00 p.m. Mrs. Cox-Mendoza will have the ladies introduce themselves.

Ladies introduced themselves for Ms. South Gate and addressed letter in support of Lindsay Cox-Mendoza.

Jonathan Flores, Field Representative for Senator Ricardo Lara stated Senator Lara is introducing a fight for California legislative package. Senate Bill 29 in regards to an immigration detention, Senate Bill 30 in regards to a boarder wall, Senate Bill 31 in regards to a Muslim data base, Senate Bill 258 a Cleaning Product Right to Know Act, Senate Bill 349 Dialysis Patient Safety Act and Senate Bill 562 Californians for a Healthy California Act or also known as Single Payer Health Care Plan.

David Frownfelter from Senator Ricardo Lara's Office stated being part of an event (SCLA Schools LA River Clean-Up) this last Saturday. They had members from their Young Senators Group volunteering. They went from Legacy High School to Hollydale.

Alma Santana, 9607 Bryson Avenue is here tonight with her daughter and her friends to introduce themselves. The young ladies invited everyone to a Willie Wonka show for this Friday.

Jesus Miranda, 8466 San Vicente Avenue is concerned about corruption back in the community.

Virginia Johnson, 5751 McKinley Avenue thanked Councilman Morales for sharing his visit from Sacramento with the public at the last meeting. She feels Sacramento is just adding more taxes and fees such as Assembly Bill 1 and Assembly Bill 2.

Ms. Johnson stated that the new mattress store on the southwest corner of Main and Garfield is painted very bright and poorly.

Ms. Johnson stated that Hollydale Library has a flyer if you mention the Hollydale Library at the Estrellita restaurant on Wednesday, March 15th from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. 10% of what you buy will go towards the library.

Cristina Montalvo, 9815 Virginia Avenue congratulated everyone for running during the election. Ms. Montalvo is concerned about minors coming before Council and mentioning their address.

Nick Godoy, 8611 San Gabriel Avenue thanked the Director of Community Development for helping him regarding a small issue with the Eagles. Mr. Godoy spoke to the Watch Commander on Monday regarding the vehicles from the school district parking their vehicles on San Gabriel.

Mr. Godoy mentioned a vehicle on the corner of Ardmore and San Gabriel parking on the red and stopping the view of other vehicles.

RECESS - City Council recessed at 9:26 p.m., and reconvened at 9:37 p.m., with four (4) Members of Council present.

VI. Reports and Comments From City Officials

Arturo Cervantes, Director of Public Works had nothing to report.

Joe Perez, Director of Community Development had nothing to report.

Paul Adams, Director of Parks & Recreation reminded everyone of the Azalea Festival.

Jackie Acosta, Director of Administrative Services had nothing to report.

Randy Davis, Chief of Police thanked everyone for supporting the Police Department's "Baker to Vegas" race.

Mike Flad, City Manager had nothing to report.

Raul F. Salinas, City Attorney had nothing to report.

Gregory Martinez, City Treasurer mentioned a resident passed away last week and asked that the meeting be adjourned in her memory. Her name was Lourdes Casillas Valenzuela.

Treasurer Martinez stated the election is over and is looking forward to working with the Council Elect and a bright future for South Gate.

Carmen Avalos, City Clerk congratulated all candidates that ran for office.

Council Member Bernal asked if the commission meetings are also recorded for the public. Clerk Avalos stated all commission meetings are recorded.

Council Member Bernal asked Director of Parks & Recreation about the rendering of the Girl's Clubhouse which one was selected. Mr. Adams stated that a full report will be provided to Council. Mr. Adams stated the Parks Commission received three different options and decided to go with the full replacement of the building.

Council Member Bernal asked if the commissions' recordings are not on our website; what would be the cost to post the recordings.

Council Member Bernal would like to publically acknowledge all candidates at the next Council meeting regardless of the outcome.

Council Member Bernal is asking City staff to have a report system for Non-profits being awarded contracts and/or CDBG funding. She works for a non-profit organization and explained that they just submitted an RFP with the City of Long Beach and was amazed at the information which was required for being placed on a vendor list.

Council Member Bernal reached out to the new Council Members and is looking forward to working them. She thanked Mayor De Witt for his many years of service to this community and may God bless him.

Council Member Morales flew out to Sacramento yesterday to attend a conference. Council Member Morales is the Legislative Chair of California Contract Cities and Marcel Rodarte is the Executive Director of California Contract Cities was guests of the Association of California Cities of Orange County. They had a few meetings with the President Pro Temp, Senator Tony Mendoza, Senator Ricardo Lara and some other members of the legislator to talk about a few bills that are important to municipalities.

Council Member Morales will be attending the California Contract Cities Board meeting tomorrow in Long Beach. He will be elected as the Vice President of California Contract Cities.

Vice Mayor Davila participated at Legacy High School Portfolios. These are presentations by students in order to graduate. She reminded everyone to sweep away any standing water to avoid mosquitoes.

Vice Mayor Davila stated that Eco-Rapid Transit is in the process of the environmental. She and the delegation will be traveling on April 17-23 on an educational trip to china to look at their transportation system.

Vice Mayor Davila stated that the South Gate Multi-Cultural Women's Club has created a Relay for Life team. They are called South Gate Multi-Cultural Women's Angels.

Mayor De Witt also participated at Legacy High School Portfolios. He mentioned a student is applying at USC in their motion picture program. He will be providing a letter of support to the young lady before he leaves office. He will be sending a letter to the Council Elect congratulating them and offering any assistance.

DEVIATE FROM THE AGENDA At this time, there being no objections, Mayor De Witt stated that item 9 would be considered out of its regular agenda order.

VII. Consent Calendar Items

Agenda Items 3 and 4 were approved by motion of Council Member Morales and seconded by Council Member Bernal. Items 5, 6 and 7 were pulled for separate discussion.

3. Resolution Approving A Five-Year General Services Agreement With The County For Various General Services

The City Council adopted Resolution No. 7750 entitled – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate approving a five-year General Services Agreement (Contract No. 3309) with the County of Los Angeles for various general services through June 30, 2022, during consideration of the Consent Calendar; and

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

4. Subrecipient Agreement With The Gateway Water Management Authority For Grant Funds To Install 500 Advanced Water Meters

The City Council approved Subrecipient Agreement (Contract No. 3310) with the Gateway Water Management Authority to receive \$67,809 in grant funds for the implementation of the 2015 Proposition 84 Integrated Regional Water Management Grant, to install 500 advanced water meters in the City, during consideration of the Consent Calendar; and

- a. Approved adding the Advanced Meter Replacement, Phase II, City Project No. 573-WTR, to fully fund the Capital Improvement Program; and
- b. Appropriating \$67,809 in Proposition 84 Grant Funds and \$432,191 in Water Funds to fund the Advanced Meter Replacement, Phase II, City Project No. 573-WTR; and
- c. Authorized the Mayor to execute the Subrecipient Agreement in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

5. License Agreement With Skyriver Communications, Inc., To Install Telecommunication Facilities On The Salt Lake Water Tower

The City Council considered:

- a. Approving a License Agreement with Skyriver Communications, Inc., to install, maintain and operate telecommunication facilities on the Salt Lake Water Tower located at real property 9595 Salt Lake Avenue, South Gate which will generate revenue for the City in the amount of \$42,000 annually;
- b. Directing the Director of Administrative Services to deposit the revenue from the License Agreement in the General Fund; and
- c. Authorizing the Mayor to execute the License Agreement in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

Item 5 was continued to the regularly scheduled City Council meeting of April 25, 2017.

6. Letter Of Concern Regarding Senate Bill 35 (Wiener) Pertaining To Affordable Housing

The City Council authorized the Mayor to execute a letter of concern regarding Senate Bill 35 (Wiener) Planning and Zoning: Affordable Housing: Streamlined Approval Process, by motion of Vice Mayor Davila and seconded by Council Member Morales.

7. Letter Opposing LAUSD's Proposed Plan To Add A Charter School At South Gate Middle School

The City Council considered authorizing the Mayor to execute a letter of opposition to the Los Angeles Unified School District regarding a proposed plan to add a charter school at South Gate Middle School.

Item 7 was continued to the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting of March 28, 2017.

VIII. Reports, Recommendations and Requests

8. Senate Bill 415 (Hueso) Pertaining To Voter Participation

The City Council considered deciding on the implementation of SB 415 pertaining to voter participation with either option listed below:

Option 1: Consolidation: Allow for the implementation of SB 415 Statewide Election Cycle Consolidation which will take effect on January 1, 2018 and requires the adoption of an ordinance for election date change with notification to all voters; OR

Option 2: Stand- Alone: Continue with the current Stand-Alone Election which will require an ordinance for an extension of 4 years until 2022.

Item 8 was continued to the regularly scheduled City Council meeting of April 25, 2017.

9. Approve Amendment No. 2 To Contract No. 2865, Employment Agreement With Michael Flad As City Manager

The City Council approved Amendment No. 2 to Contract No. 2865, Employment Agreement with Michael Flad as City Manager for a term through and including June 30, 2021, by motion of Mayor De Witt and seconded by Vice Mayor Davila; and

- a. Authorized the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 2 in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

EXCUSED FROM MEETING - At this time, 10:24 p.m., Mayor De Witt was excused from the meeting and departed from the Council Chambers.

10. Warrants

The City Council approved the Warrants for March 14, 2017, by motion of Council Member Auditor Bernal and seconded by Vice Mayor Davila.

Total of Checks:	\$2,247,963.27
Voids	\$ (44.94)
Total of Payroll Deductions:	\$ (300,179.38)
Grand Total:	\$1,947,738.95

IX. Adjournment

Mayor De Witt adjourned the meeting in memory of Lourdes Casillas Valenzuela, long time South Gate resident at 11:00 p.m. and seconded by Vice Mayor Davila.

PASSED and APPROVED this 11th day of April, 2017.

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