

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

**Tuesday, April 10, 2018**

4/10/2018 - Minutes

**I. Call To Order/Roll Call**

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Maria Davila called a Special City Council meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

**ROLL CALL** Carmen Avalos, City Clerk

**II. City Officials**

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

**ABSENT** City Treasurer Gregory Martinez

**III. Meeting Compensation Disclosure**

**IV. Closed Session: (ATTY)**

The Council Members recessed into Closed Session at 5:33 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 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), 4954.9(b)(3)(c)

- a. Angelina Castro v. City of South Gate, et al.
- b. Maria Gomez v. City of South Gate, et al.

On item 1(a), the City Council received a report by the City Attorney's Office with respect to a newly filed claim against the City. Upon completion of report by the City Attorney's Office on a motion made by Council Member Morales and seconded by Mayor Davila and a vote of 5-0 the City Council authorized the defense of the litigation.

Item 1b is a piece of litigation that has been pending for some time. The City Council received a report from the City Attorney's Office and upon completion of that report there was no action taken in connection with that case.

**2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(c)

One (1) - Potential Case

On Item 2 the City Council is owed money by a former vendor of the City. There was a report given by the City Attorney's office. On a motion that was made by Mayor Davila and seconded by Council Member Morales and on a vote of 5 to 0 the City Council

authorized efforts to collect that money and if necessary to institute litigation.

### **3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – THREATENED LITIGATION**

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(b)(3)(D)&(E)

One (1) - Potential Case

The City Council received a report from the City Attorney's Office concerning threatened litigation this is litigation that has not yet been filed in the court. It involved potential litigation as it involves potential contamination at a disposal facility that is now closed. There are now concerns that environmental contamination is plausible. The City Council authorized the execution of an agreement to extend the statute of limitations so that a law suit does not have to be filed against the City or against any other potential party. There is no evidence at this time that the City has any liability in the case. On a motion made by Mayor Davila and seconded by Vice Mayor Bernal and on a vote of 5-0 the City Council authorized the execution of that agreement in order to extend the time period by any potential threatened litigation could be brought in the future.

### **V. Special Meeting Adjournment**

Mayor Davila unanimously adjourned the meeting at 6:33 p.m. and seconded by Vice Mayor Bernal.

**PASSED and APPROVED** this 8th day of May, 2018.

For a signed copy of the minutes for this meeting please contact the City Clerk's Office:  
8650 California Avenue, South Gate, California 90280  
(323) 563-9510 \* fax (323) 563-5411 \* [www.cityofsouthgate.org](http://www.cityofsouthgate.org)