

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

**Tuesday, April 23, 2019**

4/23/2019 - Minutes

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

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Jorge Morales called a Special City Council meeting to order at 5:59 p.m.

ROLL CALL Carmen Avalos, City Clerk

**II. City Officials**

PRESENT Mayor Jorge Morales, Vice Mayor Denise Diaz, Council Member Al Rios, Council Member Maria Davila and Council Member María Belén Bernal; Director of Community Development Joe Perez, City Attorney Raul F. Salinas

ABSENT City Treasurer Greg Martinez, City Manager Michael Flad

**III. Meeting Compensation Disclosure**

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

Raul Salinas, City Attorney stated before going into Closed Session that for Item 2, there will only be One (1) – Potential Case and he will be excusing himself from this item.

The Council Members recessed into Closed Session at 6:00 p.m. and reconvened at 6:35 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. Daniel Canizales v. City of South Gate
- b. David Scott v. City of South Gate (WCAB)

Item 1a is a claim raised against the Police Department regarding a claim of excessive force. The City Council received a presentation by the City Attorney and upon conclusion of the presentation on a motion made by Council Member Davila and seconded by Council Member Bernal, on a vote of 5 to 0 the City Council authorized the defense of this lawsuit and referred the matter to outside counsel Steven Rothans.

Item 1b is a claim by a former employee involving a claim filed under the workers compensation jurisdiction. The City Council received a report from the City Attorney and the City's designated workers compensation representative. Upon completion of that report on a motion made by Council Member Bernal and seconded by Council Member Davila, on a vote of 5 to 0 the City Council authorized a resolution of this matter. The amount of this matter is not being disclosed at this time because it is still pending and will be disclosed at a later time subject to the Brown Act.

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

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(c)

### Three (3) - Potential Cases

For Item 2 the City Council discussed one matter of anticipated litigation. The City Attorney's Office did not participate in this matter but there was a brief presentation made by Joe Perez acting in the capacity of the Director of Economic Development and upon completion of the report there was no action taken by the City Council in Closed Session.

## **V. Special Meeting Adjournment**

Mayor Morales motioned to unanimously adjourn the meeting at 6:37 p.m. and seconded by Council Member Davila.

**PASSED** and **APPROVED** this 14th day of May, 2019.

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