

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

Friday, May 4, 2018

5/4/2018 - Minutes

I. Call To Order/Roll Call

CALL TO ORDER Mayor María Belén called a Special City Council meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

ROLL CALL Carmen Avalos, City Clerk

II. City Officials

PRESENT Mayor María Belén Bernal, Council Member Maria Davila, and Council Member Al Rios; City Manager Michael Flad

ABSENT Vice Mayor Jorge Morales

LATE Council Member Denise Diaz arrived at 11:00 a.m., City Treasurer Gregory Martinez arrived at 9:42 a.m. and City Attorney Raul Salinas arrived at 9:38 a.m.

III. Meeting Compensation Disclosure

IV. Reports, Recommendations And Requests

1. Presentations Of City Departments' Overviews And Accomplishments From Fiscal Year 2017/18

The City Council received and filed presentations from City staff related to department overviews and accomplishments from Fiscal Year 2017/18.

Mike Flad, City Manager began with a general synopsis of the presentation to FY 2017-18 accomplishments. This is meant to be a general overview to provide council with a better understanding of the process and needs or challenges.

Public Works: Arturo Cervantes @ 9:12-9:55 am

Arturo Cervantes, Director of Public Works highlighted the accomplishments of Street Lights, Facilities remodels, sanitary Street, Fleet replacement or repairs. He spoke about his Field Operations and Engineering Division. In Field Operations Program, mitigating blight, improving safety, reducing liability, deferred maintenance and reliability, public services which includes leasing water rights and water quality sampling.

Capital Improvement Program: 110 million dollars
Project value is total cost of project from beginning to end, and hence it is large investment in South Gate Community. Sound Wall project, Street projects Firestone Bridge.

Grants: Many grants are received from various entities of federal, state, and local county grants. For example, urban orchard project, street widening, bridge widening, and much in infrastructure upkeep.

Regional Programs include LA River Watershed & Revitalization, I-710 corridor and Eco-Rapid Transit.

Future issues to be addressed: Street sweeping, storm water compliance, organic waste, deferred maintenance.

Nick Godoy, 8611 San Gabriel Avenue asked questions about entrance onto 710 fwy off Firestone Blvd. He suggested signage.

In closing Mr. Cervantes raised challenges in terms of staffing, equipment concerns, and sweeping cost actual vs. perceived, safe clean water program meaning increased taxes. SB 1383 new organic waste, so changes in disposable waste.

Mayor Bernal inquired about storm water mandates and compliance matters. Mr. Cervantes addressed the item by indicating what it means to be compliance.

Community Development: Joe Perez 9:55- 10: 38 am

Joe Perez, Director of Community Development provided an overview of Community Development Department. Mr. Perez touched upon the economic development strategies, city banding project bike sharing program, Business promotional videos, connection newsletter, visitations, chamber of commerce, commercial imp. Program, hotel market analysis, ENA primestore, and Hughes Bros parking lot sale.

Business Development, Planning, Building & Safety, Code Enforcement, Housing & Grants, Successor Agency- dissolved Redevelopment Agency.

Planning Division does plan check, environmental docs, local hazard mitigation plan, Eco-Rapid Transit Corridor. Building & Safety Division makes certain that all building inspections are in compliance with state codes and new codes that impact community safety.

In code enforcement the idea is about administrative citation as well as compliance to maintain properties. The division also attends neighborhood watch meetings.

Looking Forward the Community Development Department will be addressing Tweedy Blvd/ Gateway District specific plan, Sign ordinance update, local hazard mitigation plan, development review thresholds, zoning code revisions, accessory dwelling units (ADU).

Virginia Johnson, 5751 McKinley Avenue inquired what occurs when ADU is added and property owner then moves away. What is the process for ADU at that time?

Mayor Bernal requested that some information regarding ADU guidelines and what considerations were given when compiling the final guidelines.

Ms. Diana Morales shared information to increase Census form completion from Congresswoman Nanette Barragan.

RECESS The City Council recessed at 10:38 a.m., and reconvened at 10:45 a.m., with three (3) Members of Council present.

Parks & Recreation: Paul Adams 10:45 -11:45 am

Paul Adams, Director of Parks & Recreation provided an overview of Parks logistics in terms of employees, space, and parks in the City. The park has 3 divisions, park, recreation, and transit division.

Mayor Bernal and Council Member Rios requested that coordination for trips through ELAC and reaching out new participants. Mayor Bernal also expressed her concerns to increase space for youth outside the Senior Center.

Council Member Rios asked about regional coordination with local cities on their transit.

Mr. Adams expressed past attempts with challenges in setting up bus stops, maintenance, and schedule coordination.

Council Member Davila recommended that the Azalea Queen and Grand Marshall should return as well as the Volunteer Dinner and programs to continue some traditions.

Council Member Rios shared that there should be a commission to represent Older Americans to share contributions to the community. Mr. Adams noted that he and Council Member Rios would be sitting down to have this discussion to flush it out.

Parks & Recreation accomplishments for 2017-18 azalea festival, summer youth program, golf course programming, master plan 10 yr update, Hollydale Master Plan, Girls Club House needs assessment, Glenn Seaborg House relocation, South Gate Dog Park, sports center roof replacement.

Mr. Adams elaborated on the increased activities for golf, and areas of interest.

Council Member Rios shared the possibility of partnership at the City golf course.

Mayor Bernal shared what will be done for the Seaborg House and included suggestions for broadening of the activities around it with funding coming from outside sources.

Future of Parks & Recreation shared program stats for the various programs offered in the parks dept. Mr. Adams also included future challenges and need to complete Park Master Plan, grant applications and funding opportunities for increase in minimum wage increases, replacing aging vehicles and equipment and expanding local non-profit services and space expansion program.

Raul Salinas, City Attorney provided a brief review on the Brown Act.

RECESS Prior to the conclusion of item 1, the City Council recessed at 12:00 p.m., in order that the Council might hold the closed session meeting. The meeting reconvened at 1:08 p.m. with three (3) Council present.

Police Department: Chief Randy Davis 1:08- 1: 39 PM

Randy Davis, Chief of Police provided a brief overview of the Police Department. He also explained in more detail Asset Forfeiture. He also elaborated on current legislation to change or eliminate Asset Forfeiture.

He provided an overview of the community programs, reviewed the goals for upcoming year and the new recruitment video preview.

Mayor Bernal inquired about the usage of drones. He also included drone use/non-usage and why City of South Gate is not utilizing it.

Items 2, 3, 4 and 5 were not discussed and moved to future council meetings dates. Motion by Mayor Bernal, second by Councilmember Davila.

2. Presentations Of Fiscal Year 2018/19 Municipal Budget; Capital Improvement Program; And Economic Development Efforts

The City Council considered allowing staff to make presentations on the City's Municipal Budget, the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and the City's economic development efforts.

Item was moved to a future council meeting date.

3. Discussion And Input On Strategic Planning And Goal Setting

The City Council considered discussing and providing input on the following strategic planning topics:

- a. City Council expectation of staff;
- b. How the City Council works together; and
- c. City Council goals for Fiscal Year 2018/19.

Item was moved to a future council meeting date.

4. Discussion And Input On Certain Sections Of Chapter 11.51 (Permits And Procedures), Of Title 11 (Zoning), Adopting A Revised Discretionary Review Process And Thresholds For Potential New Development Projects Citywide

The City Council considered discussing and providing input on amending certain Sections of Chapter 11.51 (Permits and Procedures), of Title 11 (Zoning), of the South Gate Municipal Code adopting a revised discretionary review process and thresholds for potential new development projects citywide.

Item was moved to a future council meeting date.

5. Provide Staff With Direction Regarding The New Home Beautification Program

The City Council considered providing staff with direction regarding the proposed Home Beautification Program.

Item was moved to a council meeting future date.

V. Adjournment

Mayor Bernal adjourned the meeting at 2:05 p.m. and seconded by Council Member

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PASSED and **APPROVED** this 26th day of June, 2018.

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