

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

**Tuesday, May 8, 2018**

5/8/2018 - Minutes

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

**CALL TO ORDER** María Belén Bernal, Mayor called a Regular City Council meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

**INVOCATION** Reverend Sean Pica of Redeemer Lutheran Church

**PLEDGE OF**

**ALLEGIANCE** 2014 Azalea Festival Grand Marshal Genaro Mojarro

**ROLL CALL** Carmen Avalos, City Clerk

**II. City Officials**

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

**III. Meeting Compensation Disclosure**

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

**1. Proclamation Declaring May As Older Americans Month**

The City Council issued a Proclamation declaring the month of May as Older Americans Month and will present it to Genaro Mojarro, this year's honoree.

**2. Proclamation Declaring May As Lupus Awareness Month And May 10, 2018, As Lupus Awareness Day**

The City Council issued a Proclamation declaring the month of May 2018 as Lupus Awareness Month and May 10, 2018, as Lupus Awareness Day.

**3. Proclamation To Jesus Hernandez In Recognition For Completing The 2018 Boston Marathon**

The City Council issued a Proclamation to South Gate resident Jesus Hernandez in recognition for completing the 2018 Boston Marathon on April 16, 2018.

**4. Introduction Of The City's New And Promotional Full-Time Employees**

The City Council allowed staff to introduce the new and promotional full-time employees hired or promoted between January 1, 2018 and March 31, 2018, and three employees from prior quarters that were missed the first time around.

**5. Appointments To City Commissions And Committees**

Mayor Bernal appointed Jenny Perez to the Planning Commission by motion of Council Member Davila and seconded by Council Member Rios.

## V. Public Hearings

### **6. Ordinance Adding New Section 11.28.040 (Southwest Corner Of Atlantic Avenue And Tweedy Boulevard), To Chapter 11.28 (Specific Plans), Of Title 11 (Zoning), Modifying Precise Plan No. 18 And Site Plan No. 283 For 9323 Atlantic Avenue**

The City Council conducted a Public Hearing to consider waiving the reading in full and introducing an Ordinance adding new Section 11.28.040 (Southwest Corner of Atlantic Avenue and Tweedy Boulevard), to Chapter 11.28 (Specific Plans), to Title 11 (Zoning), of the South Gate Municipal Code modifying Precise Plan No. 18 and Site Plan No. 283 for 9923 Atlantic Avenue.

Joe Perez, Director of Community Development stated that the representative for the developer is in the hospital and is not able to make it this evening and has formerly requested that this item be moved to the May 22, 2018 City Council Meeting. Staff is recommending that the City Council open the public hearing and continue the public hearing to May 22, 2018.

Mayor Bernal opened the Public Hearing at 7:16 p.m. and asked if anyone in the audience wishes to speak on this item.

Virginia Johnson, 5751 McKinley Avenue stated she will wait for the meeting of May 22nd, noting that 396 pages is a lot to read.

Christina Montalvo, 9815 Virginia Avenue stated that she does not oppose developments in the City of South Gate. She asked if this project has a plan for parking and was concerned about the effect it will have on the rental prices of nearby properties, the rental properties of the project or traffic congestion.

Resident that lives on the corner of Adela Avenue and Aldridge Road stated concerns about the traffic congestion with the new project.

Toni Martinez, 9932 Hunt Avenue stated concerns about traffic congestion with the new project. She thinks the City needs a hotel and feels it would bring less traffic than the current proposed project.

Angelica Martinez, 10129 Orange Avenue has concerns about how traffic will affect the area.

Francisco Amezcua, 10000 Rosewood Avenue has concerns about how traffic will affect the area.

Nick Godoy, 8611 San Gabriel Avenue would also like to see a nice hotel or restaurant built in South Gate.

Myra Aguilar, Annetta Avenue has concerns about traffic in the area and the price slated for each unit.

Henry C. Gonzalez, 10210 Alexander Avenue spoke on the parking issues impacted by the project.

Virginia Johnson, 5751 McKinley Avenue stated that the project was originally going to

be condominiums and was changed to apartments. She wonders if having renters instead of property owners will change the maintenance of the property. She also has concerns about traffic in the area with the new project.

Greg Martinez, City Treasurer stated his concerns regarding parking especially compact parking spaces.

Mayor Bernal closed the Public Hearing at 7:43 p.m.

Mayor Bernal asked if the project was properly noticed.

Mr. Perez responded that they went beyond what the department normally does regarding notices. They sent out notices to everyone 500 feet within the project and the notices were not only sent out to property owners but to every single address. We have also been keeping a running tally on all the people that come to the neighborhood meetings, community meetings and even our specific plan meetings. Those individuals were noticed as well.

Staff's recommendations to continue the Public Hearing to the City Council Meeting of May 22, 2018 was unanimously approved by motion of Council Member Davila and seconded by Mayor Bernal.

**7. Presentation On Proposed Fiscal Year 2018/19 Municipal Budget; Presentations From The Chief Of Police And Director Of Parks & Recreation; Public Hearing Will Be Continued To May 15, 2018**

The City Council:

- a. Heard a presentation on the proposed Fiscal Year 2018/19 Municipal Budget; and
- b. Heard presentations from the Chief of Police and the Director of Parks Recreation on their proposed Fiscal Year 2018/19 departmental budgets; and
- c. Opened the Public Hearing, take public testimony, and continue the Public Hearing to May 15, 2018.

City Manager Flad provided a brief overview of city budget with presentations followed by Police Department and Park & Recreation Department.

Chief Davis provided a presentation on the 2018/19 department budget. He indicated the department was doing well and the need to change Public Safety Officer Position to Community Service Officer Positions to better address the needs of the city residents. He also addressed the need to increase the number of police officers and requested that 3 additional officer positions be budgeted in the new fiscal year.

Mayor Bernal opened the audience portion. However, seeing no one come forward she closed the audience portion.

Mayor Bernal inquired about the number of current police officers the Police Department had and if by hiring 3 more officers if that would bring the city to full capacity.

Chief Davis informed the council that currently the city had 85 police officers and that

the additional 3 officers would bring them closer to the 90 police officers for full capacity. He did not want to include all 5 this year and is requesting 3 this year and 2 more in the following year.

Paul Adams, Director of Parks & Recreation presented his 2018/19 department budget.

Mayor Bernal asked if anyone in the audience wishes to speak on this item. Seeing no one step forward; Mayor Bernal closed the audience portion.

Mayor Bernal asked if the \$185,000 that was requested in last year's budget for 5 vehicles was used.

Mr. Adams stated that the vehicles were replaced and the seven vehicles that he is requesting in this year's budget is on the recommendation of the City mechanic and these vehicles are about 20 years old.

Mayor Bernal asked why he is showing a decrease in revenue for this year.

Mr. Adams responded that it is due to estimates of Prop A allocations.

Mayor Bernal asked what the minimum wage is and how much is it going up.

Mr. Adams responded that it will be \$12.00 as of January 1st and it will be going up \$1.00 an hour until it reaches \$15.00.

Mayor Bernal asked if hourly employees receive PERS benefits.

Jackie Acosta, Director of Administrative Services explained that there are two types of part-time employees; hourlies that work less than 1,000 a year are not a member of PERS and they don't receive PERS benefits but once they reach 1,000 hours on any particular fiscal year they automatically become a member of Cal PERS. Then we have to pay a percentage in addition to their salary. The majority of the Parks staff is made up of non PERS employees.

Council Member Davila asked with the increase in the minimum wage are we considering raising fees and which ones.

Mr. Adams responded that for the past several years as minimum wage has been going up we have been increasing our program fees by 5% each year. Our program fees were under market value and we are now reaching the point where we are matching the fees of some of the surrounding Cities. When minimum wage starts going up \$1.00 each year the 5% won't cover it. The fees for the programs are regulated between staff and the Parks Commission and not part of the Fee Resolution.

Council Member Rios asked for clarification of the fees that the Park charges and the grants that we apply for.

Mr. Adams provided an overview on the Recreation fees and grants.

Council Member Rios asked what special summer programs are the Parks offering.

Mr. Adams provided an overview of the summer programs that will be offered by the Parks Department including the pool, youth employment program and a playground program.

Council Member Rios asked if we are going to provide a summer food program.

Mr. Adams stated that because so many schools throughout the City provide a summer lunch program. The Parks Department posts the information on the City's website so it is available to the public.

Council Member Diaz asked about funds available to improve the golf course.

Mr. Adams informed Council that he met with a golf course architect that had some ideas on a totally new golf course that would cost several million dollars to construct. They also discussed the little things that could be added. This year we are looking at replacing all the safety fences and make sure we have benches at the tees.

We are going to replace a lot of the tee boxes; we are going to enlarge a lot of the tee boxes so that instead of a small rubber mat you're driving off of you will have a large carpet of artificial turf.

Mayor Bernal announced that the budget presentations will continue on May 15th at 6:30 p.m.

## **VI. Comments From The Audience**

Virginia Johnson, 5751 McKinley Avenue stated that she was informed by City Staff that the iPads that she had questioned at a previous City Council Meeting was discussed during a budget meeting.

Juliano A. Jarquin, 10606 McNeerney Avenue spoke on honoring our military and veterans.

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

Paul Adams, Director of Parks & Recreation spoke about the upcoming events at South Gate Park.

Raul Salinas, City Attorney stated that his law firm hosted a great event for the students from Los Angeles Unified School District.

Greg Martinez, City Treasurer wished everyone a happy Mother's Day.

Carmen Avalos, City Clerk wished everyone a happy Mother's Day.

Council Member Diaz, attended the SCAG annual conference which discussed transportation and the retail economy, the NALGO Workforce Development and she wished everyone a happy Mother's Day.

Council Member Davila stated that there were about 25 students that attended the event hosted by the City Attorney's law firm and she was very impressed by the speakers. The students will never forget this event. She also attended a meeting of the Los Angeles Unified School Board that discussed the colocations of charter schools and Valiente Charter School accepted the offer of using the third floor (eight rooms) of South East High School. On May 15th there will be a presentation by Eco Rapid Transit in the City of

Downey.

Council Member Rios attended the JAA Opening Day.

Vice Mayor Morales shared granny flat legislature and the new legislative bills that will be forthcoming this next year.

Mayor Bernal spoke about getting information to the community regarding the granny flat legislature. She thanked staff for their help as she transitions into being Mayor. Mayor Bernal attended both the National Day of Prayer and the Girl Scout's tea party.

## **VIII. Consent Calendar Items**

Agenda Items 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 were approved by motion of Mayor Bernal and seconded by Council Member Rios.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Bernal, yes; Vice Mayor Morales, yes, but abstained on Item 9; Council Member Diaz, yes; Council Member Rios, yes; Council Member Davila, yes.

### **8. Ordinance No. 2347 Amending Certain Sections Of Chapter 11.33 (Parking Standards) Of Title 11 (Zoning) Prohibiting Vehicular Parking On Front Lawns**

The City Council unanimously waived further reading and adopted Ordinance No. 2347 entitled – Ordinance of the City Council of the City of South Gate, California, amending Sections 11.33.030 (General Standards and Limitations), 11.33.080 (Urban Mixed-Use Zone Requirements), 11.33.090 (Multi-Family Parking Requirements), and 11.33.100 (NL Zone Parking Requirements) of Chapter 11.33 (Parking Standards) of Title 11 (Zoning), of the South Gate Municipal Code to prohibit vehicular parking on front lawns in all zones, during consideration of the Consent Calendar.

### **9. Resolution Approving Urban Greening Program Grant Funds For The Garfield Avenue Complete Streets And Imperial Highway Greenway Project**

The City Council adopted Resolution No. 7811 entitled – Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate approving the Garfield Avenue Complete Streets and Imperial Highway Greening Project application for \$2,431,112 in grant funds from the California Climate Investments Urban Greening Program as required by the California Natural Resources Agency, during consideration of the Consent Calendar. Vice Mayor Morales abstained.

### **10. Resolution Creating The Hourly Position Of Outdoor Power Equipment Mechanic In The Public Works Department And Hourly Intern Positions In Various City Departments; Job Specifications; Appropriate Salary Pay Table**

The City Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 7812 entitled – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate, California, amending Resolution No. 6454 (Salary Resolution and Position Classification Plan) to create the hourly position of Outdoor Power Equipment Mechanic in the Public Works Department and hourly Intern positions in various City Departments, to approve the corresponding job specifications, and to update the appropriate salary pay table, during consideration of the Consent Calendar.

### **11. Amendment No. 4 To Contract No. 2796 With Metro Reducing Funds And Scope Of Work For The Boulevard Project**

The City Council unanimously approved items A, B, and C during consideration of the Consent Calendar.

a. Amendment No. 4 to Contract No. 2796, with the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority to implement a \$2,352,470 funding reduction in the 2009 Call for Project grant funds and to reduce the scope of work for the Firestone Boulevard Regional Corridor Capacity Enhancements Project (The Boulevard Project), City Project No. 476-TRF;

b. De-obligated \$2,352,470 in 2009 Call for Projects grant funds from The Boulevard Project, Account No. 311-790-31-9447; and

c. Authorized the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 4 in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

**12. Amendment No. 3 To Contract No. 3131 With Willdan Engineering, Inc., Extending As-Needed Engineering Services For One Additional Year**

The City Council unanimously approved items A and B during consideration of the Consent Calendar.

a. Amendment No. 3 to Contract No. 3131 with Willdan Engineering, Inc., extending the as-needed engineering services for one additional year to secure as-needed engineer services, in an amount not-to-exceed \$238,199; and

b. Authorized the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 3 in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

**13. Agreement With RS Construction & Development, Inc., For Construction Of The Police Department Wellness Center**

The City Council unanimously approved items A, B, C and D during consideration of the Consent Calendar.

a. Exercised the City's right to waive minor irregularities in the low bid submitted by RS Construction & Development, Inc., for the South Gate Police Department Wellness Center (Wellness Center), City Project No. 552-ARC, and accept that low bid to confirm RS Construction & Development, Inc., to be the lowest bidder;

b. Approved an Agreement (Contract No. 3440) with RS Construction & Development, Inc., to construct the Wellness Center in an amount not-to exceed \$318,187.50;

c. Appropriated \$210,000 in Asset Forfeiture Funds to Account No. 100 501-21-9100 fully fund the construction of the Wellness Center; and

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

**14. Accepting Completion Of The Firestone Boulevard Bridge Widening Over The LA River Project**

The City Council unanimously approved items A, B, and C during consideration of the Consent Calendar.

a. Accepted the completion of construction of the Firestone Boulevard Bridge Widening over the Los Angeles River, Phase 4, Federal Project No. HP21L-5257 (016), City Project No. 354-ST, as of December 20, 2017 performed by Reyes Construction Inc.;

b. Authorized the Director of Public Works/City Engineer to approve Change Order No. 5 which is a balancing change order necessary to fully fund the final construction quantities, in the amount of \$49,441; and

c. Directed the City Clerk to file a Notice of Completion with Los Angeles County Recorder's Office.

### **15. Minutes**

The City Council unanimously approved the Special and Regular Meeting minutes of March 27, 2018 and April 10, 2018, during consideration of the Consent Calendar.

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

### **16. Agreements For The 2018 Summer Youth Employment And Job Training Programs**

The City Council approved items A, B, C, D and E by Mayor Bernal and seconded by Council Member Davila.

a. Agreement (Contract No. 3441) with the Conservation Corp of Long Beach to provide Youth Employment and Job Training programs in South Gate during the Summer of 2018;

b. Agreement (Contract No. 3442) with the California Latino Leadership Institute to provide Youth Employment and Job Training programs in South Gate during the Summer of 2018;

c. Authorized the Mayor to execute the Agreements in a form acceptable to the City Attorney;

d. Designated the Director of Parks & Recreation or his/her designee (Director) as the City's representative and authorize the Director to execute any future agreements or sign reports as required for the implementation of these Agreements; and

e. Directed the Director of Administrative Services to include \$80,000 in the Fiscal Year 2018/19 budget for the Youth Employment and Job Training programs and a total of \$20,000 for youth internships with various City Departments.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Bernal, yes; Vice Mayor Morales, no; Council Member Diaz, yes; Council Member Rios, yes; Council Member Davila, yes.

### **17. Presentation On The City's Street Sweeping Evaluation Results**

The City Council considered:

a. Receiving and file a presentation from the Director of Public Works/City Engineer on the results of the Street Sweeping Evaluation Project Report; and

b. Approving proceeding with "Alternative No. 2 - Outsourcing the Street Sweeping Program" and authorize the Director of Public Works/City Engineer to procure a contract for street sweeping services starting Fiscal Year 2018/19.

This item was continued to the City Council Meeting of May 22, 2018.



### **18. Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Report**

The City Council unanimously approved the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, by Council Member Davila and seconded by Council Member Rios.

### **19. Warrant Register For May 8, 2018**

The City Council unanimously approved the Warrants and Cancellations for May 8, 2018, by Council Auditor Davila and seconded by Vice Mayor Morales.

Total of Checks: \$1,348,950.38

VOIDS: (\$ 45.00)

Total of Payroll Deductions: \$ 287,648.22

Grand Total: \$1,061,257.16

Cancellations: 76811

## **X. Adjournment**

Mayor Bernal unanimously adjourned the meeting at 10:42 p.m. and seconded by Council Member Davila in memory of former California Governor George Deukmejian and Raquel Diaz, Council Member Diaz's Aunt.

**PASSED** and **APPROVED** this 12th day of June, 2018.

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