

CITY OF SOUTH GATE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 9, 2020

6/9/2020 - Minutes

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

CALL TO ORDER Al Rios, Vice Mayor called a Regular City Council meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

INVOCATION Pastor Bobby Scott, Community of Faith Bible Church

PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE Pastor Bobby Scott, Community of Faith Bible Church

ROLL CALL Carmen Avalos, City Clerk

II. City Officials

PRESENT Vice Mayor Al Rios, Council Member Maria del Pilar Avalos, Council Member Denise Diaz and Council Member Gil Hurtado; City Treasurer Gregory Martinez, City Manager Mike Flad, City Attorney Raul F. Salinas

LATE Mayor Maria Davila

III. COVID 19 Meeting Procedures

IV. Meeting Compensation Disclosure

V. Proclamations, Certificates, Introductions And Ceremonial Actions

1. City Council Appointments To City Commissions, Committees And Boards

The City Council made no appointments to City Commissions, Committees and Boards at this time.

Council Member Diaz announced that she will not be able to serve as the representative to the Independent Cities Association as it conflicts with her appointment as representative with Vector Control.

The City Manager stated that he will place an item on the next agenda to cover the appointment to the Independent Cities Association.

2. Appointment To The Budget Subcommittee

The City Council made an appointment to the Budget Subcommittee.

Vice Mayor Rios requested that this item be postponed until the Mayor can participate in the discussion.

Upon completion of Item 3 the City Council considered Item 2.

Council Member Avalos was appointed to the Budget Subcommittee by motion of Mayor Davila and seconded by Council Member Hurtado. Vice Mayor Rios will retain his position on the Subcommittee.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Davila, yes; Vice Mayor Rios, yes; Council Member Diaz, yes; Council Member Hurtado, yes; Council Member Avalos, yes.

VI. Public Hearings

3. Resolution Approving Substantial Amendment No. 2 To The Fiscal Year 2019/20 Action Plan Allocating CDBG-CV Funds To Provide Additional COVID-19 Related Programs And Services

The City Council unanimously approved A, B, C, D, E, and F as amended by motion of Council Member Avalos and seconded by Council Member Diaz.

AMENDMENT: Approve the two proposed recipients at \$80,000.00 and bring back an option to fund \$80,000.00 to Compator at the next City Council Meeting.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Davila, yes; Vice Mayor Rios, yes; Council Member Diaz, yes; Council Member Hurtado, yes; Council Member Avalos, yes.

a. Adopted Resolution No. 2020-23-CC entitled - Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate, California, approving Substantial Amendment No. 2 to the Fiscal Year 2019/20 Annual Action Plan allocating Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funds to provide additional COVID-19 related programs and services in accordance with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development regulations;

b. Authorized an amendment of \$241,173 in CDBG-CV to the Fiscal Year 2019/20 Annual Action Plan;

c. Appropriated \$80,000.00 to Account Number 243-607-43-6663 for Bet Tzedek's Legal Advocacy Program for small businesses and residential tenants;

d. Appropriated \$80,000.00 to Account Number 243-607-43-6656 for Helpline Youth Counseling, Inc., for the Homeless Prevention and Counseling Services Program;

e. Amended the Citizens Participation Plan to include the HUD's Waivers under the CARES Act to plan and allocate CDBG and HOME funding to respond to the impacts of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic; and

f. Directed staff to return with Subrecipient Agreements for Bet Tzedek and for the Helpline Youth Counseling, Inc., at a future City Council Meeting for formal approval by the City Council.

Mike Flad, City Manager and Joe Perez, Director of Community Development gave a brief presentation on this item.

Mayor Davila asked how many families would this funding cover for rental assistance.

Mr. Perez responded that these funds would cover approximately 30 families at about \$3,500 per resident.

Council Member Avalos asked how the public will be made aware of these services and how the programs are different from what the Fair Housing Foundation are currently providing the residents.

Mr. Perez responded that they would use the City's website and social media accounts to get the word out. We have also developed lists of people that have expressed a need for help and we have the ability to contact those folks individually.

Council Member Avalos asked about outreach options for families that do not have internet access.

Mr. Perez responded that there are additional lists that the department has access to and also the City reader boards can be utilized.

Mayor Davila asked when this information will go out to the residents.

Mr. Perez explained that once this item is approved, we will begin to identify dates and times. Once this is done, we can start producing materials.

Council Member Avalos asked if the City has looked at other providers that are within our community. There is a mental health agency within the City has not received funding and would like to possibly allocate some of the funds to them.

Mayor Davila opened the public hearing and asked if anyone in the audience wishes to speak on this item.

Bridgit Salinas, 10308 San Anselmo Avenue, asked what other providers were explored and what happens when Helpline meets their 30-family cap.

John Montalvo, 9815 Virginia Avenue, asked why this money is not going directly to South Gate organizations.

Brigette Ramirez, asked about mental health services for South Gate residents and keeping the money in South Gate.

Virginia Johnson, is in support of the Bet Tzedek's Legal Program and Helpline Youth Counseling, Inc. She explained that the Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC) reviews several applications before making recommendations and is always doing their due diligence with the process.

Melissa Alvarado, also asked why the money isn't going directly to South Gate organizations and how is the information on the application process being distributed to the local agencies.

Liz Ruiz is concerned with funding not going to local non-profits.

Jenny Perez is also concerned with funding not going to local non-profits.

Luz is concerned with funding not staying within the community.

Adolfo Varas, is concerned with funding not going to local non-profits and is in support of the rental assistance.

Thomas Buckley, is concerned with funding not going to local non-profits and the lack of support for mental health organizations.

Seeing no come forward, Mayor Davila closed the public hearing.

Jeff Farber, Helpline Youth Counseling, Inc. stated that they provide services throughout Southeast Los Angeles. Their main office is in Whittier and their closest office to South Gate is in East Los Angeles. They have provided service for the members of South Gate for many years. Their staff goes into South Gate to meet with people to assist them. With the current allocation from the City they have helped 14 household with their housing needs. With the COVID-19 funding they are estimating helping another 30 to 35 families with rental support. As an organization they also provide mental health services and are working with City Staff to provide an online mental health education training at the end of June. They have also received funding from the County that will allow them to have a dedicated person in the City of South Gate and are working with staff to find a location for this person.

Diego Cartagena, Bet Tzedek's Legal Advocacy Program stated that they are a non-profit organization that has provided legal services for over 45 years. All of the services they provide are at no cost to low income individuals across Los Angeles County. They offer a range of services that include elder abuse, employment rights matters, tax cases, public benefits cases and a number of different areas of the law. They will not only be providing legal services but a monthly webinar in both English and Spanish on their basic rights and responsibilities. There is no cap to the number of small businesses that they can assist as long as they qualify. In addition, they would be providing representation to people that are facing eviction notices.

Mr. Perez explained these organizations provide the service and then submit the required report on a quarterly basis and once submitted they request reimbursement. They need to provide documentation proving location, qualification and what the service was for. As a City we do not release any CDBG funds until we are assured that those services are provided and there is adequate documentation supporting that.

Mr. Perez also explained that under normal CDBG situations, non COVID related, organizations are given the opportunity to meet with City Staff and submit an application. The applications submitted to the City and then reviewed by the CAC. After the CAC has reviewed the applications, they then make their recommendations to City Council for funding.

The CDBG COVID related funds have a time element and a need to get these funds out to the community. In April, staff brought these issues directly to the City Council for action and have keep the CAC members informed of these actions.

Vice Mayor Rios stated that the money will be staying in South Gate and that we need to build the non-profit base in the Southeast area.

Council Member Avalos would like to make a motion to allocate \$80,000.00 to Bet Tzedek's Legal Advocacy Program and Helpline Youth Counseling, Inc. Council Member Avalos would also like to allocate \$80,000.00 to Compator that provides mental health services to the residents of South Gate.

Mayor Davila asked if the City has reached out to Compator to find out if they have the services we need and what the money would be used for.

Raul F. Salinas, City Attorney asked the Mayor to see if there is a second to the motion before discussion continues.

Council Member Diaz seconded the motion.

Council Member Hurtado asked if we are allowed to allocate money to Compator with these available funds since this is specific to COVID-19 issues.

Mr. Flad believes that the City Council can reduce funding for Bet Tzedek's Legal Advocacy Program and Helpline Youth Counseling, Inc. but asked for clarification from the City Attorney on allocating funds to Compator or should this item be brought back at the next City Council meeting. He would also recommend that if approved it is based on the City's review to be sure it is an eligible use of funds.

Mr. Salinas stated that if the majority of the vote is to give to three organizations as opposed to two, you can move forward with the approval of the two and amend the third. Under the emergency powers of the City Manager under COVID-19 the authority to execute the agreement with the third organization and then formally ratify the agreement on the consent calendar for next meeting.

Mr. Flad stated that he would be comfortable with the funding of the two organizations at \$80,000 and sign for the third if guided under my authority of Emergency Services Director and then bring it back for ratification.

Mr. Salinas stated that there would be an amendment of the motion to reduce the two awards to \$80,000 each and to reflect the City Councils desire to move forward to do the due diligence of compliance that the money is being properly delegated to the third consistent with the CDBG requirements.

Mr. Salinas recommended that the City inquire if the organizations can still provide the services at the reduced funding.

Council Member Avalos asked about the formal application process.

Mr. Salinas responded that staff has the chance to confirm that the money could be used for the third organization and bring back the agreement as part of the next agenda item.

Council Member Hurtado is curious if Compator is able to handle the COVID-19 related issues and if they are not are there any other local organizations that we might want to consider.

Council Member Avalos responded that Compator is assisting many community members that have been tested positive for COVID-19. She has taken food to many of these family as they are not able to leave their homes.

Mr. Perez explained that HUD has certain guidelines to Public Hearings and noticing for these funds. Since Compator was not listed as one of these funding entities HUD may require us to come back with this item for this reason alone.

Mr. Cartagena, Bet Tzedek's Legal Advocacy Program stated that he believes their firm can still provide services but with the reduction of funds would probably lead to a lower number of renters that they could assist.

Mr. Farber, Helpline Youth Counseling, Inc. would have to either reduce the number of households they assist or the amount of time that funding would be available.

Mr. Salinas modified his recommended motion by stating that a Public Hearing is required for the awarding of these funds. I think that if Council is going to move forward this evening with the granting of funds to the two specified organizations and come back for the Public Hearing for Compator. Any recipient of funds needs to go through the Public Hearing process under Federal Law.

Council Member Avalos made an amendment to her motion and motioned to approve the two proposed recipients at \$80,000.00 and bring back an option to fund \$80,000.00 to Compator at an upcoming City Council Meeting. Council Member Diaz seconded the amendment as stated.

Council Member Hurtado requested that at the next Public Hearing Bet Tzedek's Legal Advocacy Program and Helpline Youth Counseling, Inc. provide City Council with an update on how the decrease in funding will affect the services they provide to the residents.

VII. Comments From The Audience

Mayor Davila acknowledged the issues facing our community and stands with the black community to end racism.

Nancy Pfeffer, Executive Director with the Gateway Cities Council of Governments announced that there will be an upcoming virtual public meeting on the I-710 South Corridor Project on June 16th at 2:00 p.m. She provided the public with a brief presentation on the project.

Nick Godoy, expressed his concerns about various items on the warrant register.

Virginia Johnson, thanked the Public Works Department and the Police Department for the work they do. She disagrees with the City Clerk's suggestions to have term limits and background checks for commissioners.

Liz Ruiz, Nebraska Avenue asked for support from the City Council to a Community Garden in the City.

Dilia Ortega, is concerned with the amount of money being budgeted to the Police

Department. She would like less money budgeted to the Police Department and more into community resources.

Brigette Ramirez, is concerned with the conduct of residents that speak during Public Comments and the lack of enforcement by the City Council, City Attorney, City Clerk and City Manager.

John Montalvo, asked which City Council Member or staff took it upon themselves to say that the City of South Gate agrees with SB625. He asked if the City Council is going to take any action against school budget cuts and reported illegal dumping on the corner of Long Beach Blvd. and Southern Ave. He requested that the City Council adjourn tonight's meeting in Mr. Floyd's memory.

Adolfo Varas, 10313 Jackson Avenue, stated that he would like the month of June to be declared LGBT Pride and Awareness month in the City of South Gate.

Sofi R. is concerned with LAUSD removing school police. She stated that there are a large number of people that support the LAUSD School Police.

Ivonne Longset, 9410 State Street, is concerned that the police officers will be removed from the schools. She believes that there needs to be an officer on campus to supervise the campus and asks for the support of the City Council.

Alice Cueto, appreciated the wellness calls she received from the City and thanked the Public Works Department for taking care of the pothole she reported.

Thomas Buckley would like the mayor to address her campaign team. He believes that the Mayor allows one officer the right to go after members of the community.

Jessie Ibarra, San Juan Avenue, stated that he and his family strongly opposed SB625. He also thanked the Mayor for her support for the LGBTQ community.

Candice Esquivel, 9520 Hildreth Avenue, thanked the Mayor for the video she posted for graduation. She thanked Mayor Davila, Vice Mayor Rios and Council Member Hurtado for their work at the food drive a few weeks ago.

Jovanna Laborin, thanked Mayor Davila, Vice Mayor Rios and Council Member Hurtado for their work at the food drive a few weeks ago. She spoke on the slandering on social media.

VIII. Reports And Comments From City Officials

Mike Flad, City Manager spoke on the Cities efforts to reopen. Mr. Flad reported that the next step is to reopen City Hall and it will be a gradual process. The plan is to open with limited hours and limited access to City Hall if people do not have an appointment. Public gatherings are still not allowed in Los Angeles County but we are hopeful for the first meeting in July we can look forward to seeing everyone face-to-face. We are looking at holding the first City Council Meeting at the auditorium in South Gate Park.

Steve Costley, Acting Parks and Recreation Director, reported that they will be winding down the call center as facilities begin to reopen. The expected last day of the call center will be June 18th. He thanked City Council, Commissioners and the Police Department for

their work at the food drive. The Senior Food Program was transitioned in a delivery program feeding a couple hundred seniors on a daily basis. Currently the County has not given us any details on when this program will end. Due to the COVID-19 restrictions the City has cancelled both the carnival and fireworks for the 4th of July.

Art Cervantes, Public Works Director/Assistant City Manager, stated that the Public Works Department has been able to provide all services to the public by online services or by phone. He also reported that the City's drinking water has not been affected by COVID-19.

Joe Perez, Community Development Director reported that approximately \$1 million in funding has been issued to various non-profit organizations to help residents with COVID-19 related issues. One program has to do with our Small Business Retention Program. This program will provide 20 businesses with \$10,000 grants. They received 235 applications at the end of May and should be identifying the selected 20 businesses this week. Mr. Perez reported that Helpline Youth Counseling will be hosting a virtual Mental Health Education and Awareness Presentation Event on Friday, June 26th at 2:00 p.m. This is for all South Gate residents.

The Community Development Department launched an online permit counter last week that allows people to apply and pay for building permits online. Residents can also request inspections and can view existing and pending permits online. Also in development is a cueless wait system. That will send updates to folks on when their appointment is and how close they are to actually entering City Hall for those appointments. This system should go online in a matter of weeks.

Mr. Perez mentioned that there is an online survey that is available to the public covering the 5-year consolidated plan. This plan is required by the Federal Government and has to do with our Home Federal Funding, as well as, CDBG Funding. We encourage the public to take this short survey and it is due on June 19th. There will also be two virtual meetings in which we will discuss the survey and the Consolidated Plan. The first is June 16th at 5:00 p.m. and the second is June 17th at 6:00 p.m.

Lastly, Mr. Perez reported that there will be a census caravan on Wednesday, June 17th.

Jackie Acosta, Director of Administrative Services, reported that they have been busy keeping employees aware of the reopening process and making sure that all employees have safety equipment. They have been training the "Safety Ambassadors" that will be City Employees who will be there to assist the Public with screening and making sure that all the protocols are being followed.

Randy Davis, Chief of Police spoke on the current events regarding George Floyd.

Greg Martinez, City Treasurer stated that he is working with Operation Room Key and asked if anyone knows of someone that is homeless, over 65 and have underlying health conditions they can dial 211 and request to be put in Operation Room Key. There are locations that they can be placed in temporary housing.

Council Member Avalos spoke on the current events with COVID-19 and George Floyd. She went on a Police Ride Along this weekend and said that is an honor to have our own Police Department that is always there for our community.

Council Member Hurtado stated that there have been a lot of complaints about illegal fireworks so he reached out to the City of Lynwood to see how their enforcement program works. He explained that the City of Lynwood starts with the first offense being \$5,000 and a policy of no fireworks until the 4th of July from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. South Gate might consider adopting some of the practices in the future. He has received inquiries about restaurants being allowed to put tables on the sidewalk and parking lots to meet the Social Distancing requirements. There will be another food distribution this Saturday at the First Baptist Church. He is still concerned with people at the park not following the safety guidelines for COVID-19. He stressed to the community the need to express your frustrations non-violently as we continue to fight for our rights.

Council Member Diaz attended the Southern California Association of Governments that did a reorganization and also attended Transportation Equity and Environmental Justice Advisory Group focusing on green lighting transportation in communities of color. For the Environmental Quality Committee they discussed water quality. Lastly, we have had 884 residents' tested positive with COVID-19 and 17 deaths. Altamed is no longer going to be providing testing as of late June but the Bell testing center is still running. She requested that staff get some more information on this and bring it back to Council. Council Member Diaz is concerned with how the youth of the community is dealing with these issues and thanked the Police Department for their work. She recommended that the recipients of the Youth Commission Scholarships have some sort of conversation with the officers to help deal with social issues.

Vice Mayor Rios congratulated all the 2020 graduates and reminded everyone to fill out the census forms. He spoke about the social issues facing the country. Vice Mayor Rios is concerned with how the protests will affect the cases of COVID-19 and as a community we need to be cautious.

Mayor Davila requested that the City Attorney give a brief explanation regarding SB625.

Mr. Salinas explained that SB625 is a bill that proposes to put the Central Basin Municipal Water District into receivership. It follows from reported stories of governance issues, decision making, brown act violations. The City of South Gate joined a number of cities about a year ago in litigation over the imposition of a meter fee, which South Gate and a number of other cities believed to be improperly imposed. More recently we were asked to join and declined joining litigation by a group of those cities against the Central Basin for internal governance issues including meeting without a quorum, firing executives, and Brown Act violations. SB625 relates to a perception that Central Basin is not governing itself in accordance with its obligation. At the State level it seems to place Central Basin to receivership. Receivership is a legal proceeding such as a legislative order which places the management of the organization in the hands of someone else. In this case the legislation is proposing to put another agency in charge, a public agency called the Water Replenishment District (WRD). The role of the WRD is to put water back in the basin in the Southeast Area and oversee the process of drawing water at the Central Basin in order to protect the quality of our water. There were some votes taken moving this action forward and is being done at the State level. As an entity itself the City of South Gate has not officially commented. Mr. Salinas explained that he would like to stop here as this item is not on the agenda and is limited as to what he can say.

Mayor Davila requested that tonight's meeting also be adjourned in memory of Tom Hall, South Gate Resident. She explained that UTLA has a proposal going before the Board of Directors that they want the LAUSD Police to be off the campus. She does not believe

that it has gone before the board as of yet and believes as a City we need to stay on top of this issue. The Mayor requested that Chief Davis get more information on this action for the Council. She thanked everyone for their hard work on a very successful food distribution for our community. She also thanked the Police Department for their amazing work keeping our community safe.

Raul F. Salinas, City Attorney stated that there have been several comments made tonight in regards to the Public Comment portion of the meeting that he would like to respond to. The City Attorney stated that we are entering into a stage during the last several weeks that we have been participating through Zoom and telephone calls and have been trying to make the best of it. Mr. Salinas thinks it is important to remind the residents of South Gate and those that join us on these meetings just how significant public participation South Gate encourages. He has been City Attorney since 2003 and before his arrival it was required by the then City Council that if you wanted to speak you had to have a card and if you didn't have a card at the beginning of the process you were not allowed to participate and provide your public comment. South Gate did away with that and took a number of measures to go beyond what is required by law. Some Cities and Agencies for example will limit the amount of public comment that is available to say 20 minutes and then they will ask how many of the participants would like to speak and based on the number of participants they will reduce the amount of time depending on how many people would like to speak. South Gate does not have a time limit on the ability for the public to comment on items not on the agenda and because we are a general law city, state law requires the City to follow a particular format and this limits the ability of the City Council to respond with any significant detail items that are not on the agenda. When we have residents come in you can sense their frustration when they ask their questions at the podium and we tell them to wait until the Public Comment period ends. It is intended to give a chance to everyone to speak and then also to attempt to respond within the limits of State law as to what we can do. We can not for example take action on an item that is not posted on the agenda and there is very little opportunity for us to comment on non-agenda items and certainly not anything that would lead to a consensus. Unlike other Cities, even on the agenda items, we allow the public to comment on every single item. Mr. Salinas wants to have people know that we have taken steps above and beyond the law to allow the public to listen to each item, hear the staff report, and to come up without the necessity of a card to know that they have up to five minutes regardless of the number of speakers involved to express their view point.

Lastly, on the issue of view points is that the City has very limited control because of the First Amendment Rights and limitations over controlling viewpoints. While we control content mutual and post content mutual restrictions, such as asking people to leave if they are truly disrupting the conduct of the meeting. We can not impose restrictions simply because we do not want to hear what they have to say. So in this process because of the dynamic that we have allowing the residents of South Gate to come in and express their opinions, listen to view points and stand up or raise their hand in Zoom and respond to some of these comments he can understand why some people feel that they are being attacked because others are criticizing their viewpoints. The reality is that the City as a whole has a practice and a policy of allowing all viewpoints to be expressed. We need to make sure we stay on top of making sure that the comments are directed to the City Council as opposed to any particular audience member but they are entitled to their expression and he thinks it has served the City well by doing so over the course of the years. We have a number of other measures in place but we do allow the residents their rights to express their viewpoint and some of those viewpoints are not going to be accepted by others but we respect and honor the right of everyone to participate. The

difference in viewpoints is the price we pay for the inclusivity of all. City Council and staff appreciate the input from the residents but Mr. Salinas thinks it is important to reemphasize both the spirit and the policy allowing the ability to express your viewpoint in South Gate and to also inform the residents about the limitations that we have to prevent someone from addressing the audience.

IX. Consent Calendar Items

Agenda Items 4, 6, and 8 were unanimously approved by motion of Mayor Davila and seconded by Council Member Avalos. Items 5 and 7 was pulled for separate discussion.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Davila, yes; Vice Mayor Rios, yes; Council Member Diaz, yes; Council Member Hurtado, yes; Council Member Avalos, yes.

4. Resolution Authorizing Application, Submittal And Receipt Of Local Early Action Planning Grant Funds

The City Council unanimously approved A and B during Consent Calendar.

- a. Adopted Resolution No. 2020-24-CC entitled a Resolution of City of South Gate authorizing application, submittal and receipt of funding in the amount of \$300,000 from the California Department of Housing and Community Development's Local Early Action Planning Grants Program; and
- b. Authorized the City Manager to execute and submit the Standard Agreement for this grant, including amendments, in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

5. Amendment No. 1 To Contract No. 3567 With KOA Corporation For Additional Construction Monitoring Services For The SoCalGas Main Pressure Upgrade Project

The City Council unanimously approved A, B, and C by motion of Council Member Avalos and seconded by Vice Mayor Rios.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Davila, yes; Vice Mayor Rios, yes; Council Member Diaz, yes; Council Member Hurtado, yes; Council Member Avalos, yes.

- a. Approved Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. 3567 with KOA Corporation, for additional construction monitoring services that were provided to complete construction of the Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) Main Pressure Upgrade Project, in an amount not-to-exceed \$32,400;
- b. Appropriated \$64,400 in funds received from the SoCalGas and deposited into Revenue Account No. 100-4340 to Account No. 100-701-31-6106 to fund additional construction monitoring services; and
- c. Authorized the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 1 in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

6. Amendment No. 1 To Contract No. 3568 With Interwest Consulting Group For Additional Construction Monitoring Services For The Citywide Sidewalk

Improvement Project And Notice Of Completion

The City Council unanimously approved A, B, C, and D during Consent Calendar.

- a. Approved Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. 3568 with Interwest Consulting Group, for additional construction monitoring services for the Citywide Sidewalk Improvement Project, Phase VI, City Project No. 599-ST, in the amount of \$7,000;
- b. Authorized the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. 3568 with Interwest Consulting Group in a form acceptable to the City Attorney;
- c. Accepted completion of construction, effective May 15, 2020, of the Citywide Sidewalk Improvement Project Phase VI, City Project No. 599-ST, constructed by CJ Concrete Construction, Inc.; and
- d. Directed the City Clerk to file Notice of Completion with Los Angeles County Registrar Recorder's Office.

7. Renewal Of City's Excess Workers' Compensation Insurance Policy With Safety National Corporation

The City Council considered:

- a. Approving an excess workers' compensation insurance policy with Safety National Corporation, through Alliant Insurance Services, Inc., for a one-year term of July 1, 2020 through July 1, 2021, with the option to renew for a second, one-year term at the same rate;
- b. Authorizing payment, in the amount of \$164,641, to Alliant Insurance Services, Inc., for the policy issued by Safety National Casualty Corporation; and
- c. Authorizing the Mayor to execute the "Request to Bind Coverage" in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

Council Member Avalos made a motion to continue this item to the City Council Meeting of June 23rd to review any other options available to reduce the total amount of \$163,641. The motion was seconded by Mayor Davila.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Davila, yes; Vice Mayor Rios, yes; Council Member Diaz, yes; Council Member Hurtado, yes; Council Member Avalos, yes.

8. Minutes

The City Council unanimously approved A and B during Consent Calendar.

- a. The Regular and Special Meeting minutes of May 12, 2020; and
- b. The Regular and Special Meeting minutes of May 26, 2010.

X. Reports, Recommendations And Requests

9. Consideration Of Whether The Retail Sale Of Safe And Sane Fireworks

Should Be Allowed In The City This Year Due To COVID-19

The City Council unanimously approved option A by motion of Mayor Davila and seconded by Council Member Hurtado.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Davila, yes; Vice Mayor Rios, yes; Council Member Diaz, yes; Council Member Hurtado, yes; Council Member Avalos, yes.

a. Taking no action, thereby allowing the retail sale of Safe and Sane fireworks in the City of South Gate by local non-profit organizations;

OR

b. Adopting a Resolution temporarily suspending the issuance of permits for the retail sale of Safe and Sane fireworks in the City.

Council Member Avalos requested that the nonprofit organizations provide the CDC guidelines for COVID-19 gatherings with every sale of fireworks.

The City Manager responded that he spoke with John Kelly with TNT Fireworks and they will be providing a kit for each booth that will cover CDC compliance guidelines.

10. Citywide On-Street Parking Management Plan And Priority Tool Kit

The City Council considered approving the Citywide On-Street Parking Management Plan and the Priority Tool Kit.

This item was unanimously continued to the 1st meeting in July by motion of Mayor Davila and seconded by Council Member Avalos.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Davila, yes; Vice Mayor Rios, yes; Council Member Diaz, yes; Council Member Hurtado, yes; Council Member Avalos, yes.

11. Warrant Register For June 9, 2020

The City Council unanimously approved the Warrants for June 9, 2020 by motion of Council Auditor Avalos and seconded by Mayor Davila.

Total of Checks: \$1,620,335.07
Voids: \$ (92.00)
Total of Payroll Deductions: \$ (304,099.22)
Grand Total: \$1,316,143.85

ROLL CALL: Mayor Davila, yes; Vice Mayor Rios, yes; Council Member Diaz, yes; Council Member Hurtado, yes; Council Member Avalos, yes.

XI. Adjournment

Mayor Davila unanimously adjourned the meeting at 11:20 p.m. in memory of Tom Hall, South Gate Resident and George Floyd and seconded by Vice Mayor Rios.

PASSED and **APPROVED** this 23rd day of June 2020.

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