

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

Tuesday, September 11, 2018

9/11/2018 - Minutes

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

CALL TO ORDER Mayor María Belén Bernal called a Regular City Council meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

INVOCATION Reverend Sean Pica, Redeemer Lutheran Church

PLEDGE OF

ALLEGIANCE Joe Perez, Director of Community Development

ROLL CALL Veronica Galvez, Recording Secretary

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 Greg Martinez, City Manager Michael Flad, City Attorney Raul Salinas

ABSENT Carmen Avalos, City Clerk

III. Meeting Compensation Disclosure

IV. Public Hearings

1. Resolution Approving The Program Year 2017-2018 Consolidated Annual Performance And Evaluation Report

The City Council conducted a Public Hearing and unanimously adopted Resolution No. 7828 entitled – Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate, receiving and approving Program year 2017-2018 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report and authorizing the execution of all necessary documents for submittal to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development by motion of Mayor Bernal and seconded by Council Member Davila.

Joe Perez, Director of Community Development gave a brief presentation of this item.

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.

V. Comments From The Audience

Virginia Johnson, 5751 McKinley Avenue spoke on the recent meeting focusing on the housing project for the homeless in the City of Downey.

Linda Parsonson, 5780 Main Street complemented the grounds maintenance for Hollydale Park.

Henry C. Gonzalez, 10210 Alexander Avenue spoke on the recent meeting focusing on the housing project for the homeless in the City of Downey.

Daniella Poole, 2728 Ardmore Avenue spoke on parking citations being issued near her residence and the railroad tracks.

Janet Torres, Executive Director for the South Gate Chamber of Commerce thanked City Council and Staff for welcoming Wendy's into the community and said that they had a successful fundraiser for the JAA with Jersey Mike's.

Francisco Amezcua, 10000 Rosewood Avenue spoke on parking enforcement near his residence and the entire City.

Jaime Granados, 9728 Annetta Avenue stated that he has been having issues contacting the Public Works Department in regards to a tree and sidewalk problem that he has been having for years.

Mayor Bernal requested that Art Cervantes, Director of Public Works get Mr. Granados' contact information and would like to be a part of the meeting.

Javana Laveen, Sequoia Drive spoke on parking issues within the City and how some people can get very aggressive over available parking space on the street.

Nick Godoy, 8611 San Gabriel Avenue spoke on the parking issues within the City and how the street sweepers are not picking up the trash as they go by.

Adolfo Varas, 3375 Wisconsin Avenue spoke on the upkeep of private properties and requested audits for organizations that receive City funds.

VI. Reports And Comments From City Officials

Jackie Acosta, Director of Administrative Services informed the Council that we have created a new network for our guests. If you log onto SouthGateGuest on your phone or device you can access free Wi-Fi while in City Hall.

Art Cervantes, Director of Public Works updated everyone on the Firestone Boulevard Project.

Joe Perez, Director of Community Development said that on September 16th Greenspan will be celebrating its 90th anniversary.

Raul F. Salinas, City Attorney said that he had the opportunity to speak at the Rotary Club on the topic of "Who Invented Lawyers and Do We Still Really Need Them."

Greg Martinez, City Treasurer spoke on the homeless count and resources for our area.

Council Member Diaz said she has been receiving several positive comments on Firestone Boulevard and thanked staff for their hard work. She also received several positive comments on all the new businesses opening in South Gate.

Council Member Rios attended the Rotary Club meeting and an asthma workshop hosted by Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon.

Council Member Davila attended the COG meeting and will be turning in written reports to each council member from this agency. She also attended the annual fundraiser for the South Gate's Multi Cultural Women's Club and thanked the community for their support.

Vice Mayor Morales reported that at the League they have been tracking a number of bills that would protect local control.

Mayor Bernal met with staff and Council Member Rios to discuss a Budget Task Force Committee and she also attended the September 6th meeting regarding the American Legion property.

Mayor Bernal requested the status of the customer service study that was requested by the Vice Mayor during the budget sessions to determine where the question of the part-time position is needed. The Mayor has received feedback regarding a part-time position at the front window of the Police Department and would like to see the position be transferred to the Police Department instead of the City Clerk's Office.

The Mayor is still looking at organizing an event in January for the west side of the City and would like to work with Art Cervantes, Director of Public Works to get this organized.

VII. Consent Calendar Items

Agenda Items 2, 3 and 4 were unanimously approved by motion of Vice Mayor Morales and seconded by Mayor Bernal.

2. Resolution Amending Job Specifications To Update The Job Specifications For The Recreation Leader I; II; III And IV Hourly Positions

The City Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 7829 entitled – Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate, amending Resolution No. 6454 (Salary Resolution and Position Classification Plan) to update the job specifications for the Recreation Leader I, Recreation Leader II, Recreation Leader III and Recreation Leader IV hourly positions in the Parks & Recreation Department during consideration of the Consent Calendar.

3. Purchase Order With Coastline Equipment Company For A John Deere Model 210 Tractor Loader For The Parks & Recreation Department

The City Council unanimously approved Purchase Order with Coastline Equipment Company for the purchase of a John Deere Model 210 Tractor Loader for the Parks & Recreation Department in the total amount of \$88,030.16 during consideration of the Consent Calendar.

4. Notice Of Completion For The Construction Of The Parking Lot Improvements At Imperial Highway/Garfield Place

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

a. Accepted the completion of construction, effective July 2, 2018, of the Parking Lot Improvements at the Southeast Corner of Imperial Highway and Garfield Place, City Project No. 565-GEN, constructed by M.C. Alyea Construction; and

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

VIII. Reports, Recommendations And Requests

5. USC Graduate Students' Presentation Of Their South Gate Strategic Plan

The City Council allowed Graduate students from the University of Southern California to provide an overview of their City of South Gate Strategic Plan: FY 2018-2022 by motion of Vice Mayor Morales and seconded by Council Member Davila.

6. Presentation On The Safe, Clean Water Program Tax Initiative On The November 6, 2018 Ballot

The City Council unanimously received and filed a presentation from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works on the Safe, Clean Water Program to educate the public on Measure W which will be on the November 6, 2018 ballot by motion of Vice Mayor Morales and seconded by Council Member Davila.

7. City Council Appointments To The Tweedy Mile Advisory Board

EXCUSED FROM ITEM 7

At this time, Council Member Diaz, was excused from participating on item 7 and departed from the Council Chambers.

The City Council appointed one person to the Tweedy Mile Advisory Board.

Mayor Bernal appointed Maribel Chaidez; Vice Mayor Morales appointed Jan Hicks; and Council Member Davila appointed Minerva Rodriguez by motion of Mayor Bernal and seconded by Council Member Davila.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Bernal, yes; Vice Mayor Morales, yes; Council Member Diaz, absent; Council Member Rios, yes; Council Member Davila, yes.

Council Member Rios will make his appointment at the City Council Meeting of September 25th. The City Council will also consider appointing the 5th member to the Tweedy Mile Advisory Board at the City Council Meeting of September 25th as Council Member Diaz will not appoint because of a potential conflict.

8. Agreement With Aid Builders, Inc., To Construct The Seaborg House Relocation Project And Appropriation Of \$300,000

The City Council approved A, B, C, and D by motion of Mayor Bernal and seconded by Vice Mayor Morales. Council Member Rios voted no.

a. Agreement (Contract No. 3475) with Aid Builders, Inc., to construct the Seaborg House Relocation Project (Project), City Project No. 531-ARC, in an amount not-to exceed \$369,000;

b. Appropriated \$300,000 from the unassigned fund balance in the Park Enhancement Fund to Account No. 311-790-69-9424 to fully fund the Project;

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

d. Approved the Notice of Exemption for the construction of the Project and directing the City Clerk to file it with the Los Angeles County Recorder's Office.

9. Warrant Register For September 11, 2018

The City Council unanimously approved the Warrants and Cancellations for September 11, 2018 by motion of Council Member Davila and seconded by Mayor Bernal.

Total of Checks: \$1,544,762.66
Voids: (\$ 67,174.80)
Total of Payroll Deductions: \$ 215,165.91
Grand Total: \$1,262,421.95

Cancellations: 79106, 78001

IX. Adjournment

Mayor Bernal adjourned the meeting in memory of Guadalupe Sepulveda, long-time resident and Johnny Cortez, long-time employee of General Veneer at 9:43 p.m. seconded by Council Member Davila.

PASSED and **APPROVED** this 25th day of September, 2018.

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