

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

Tuesday, October 27, 2020

10/27/2020 - Minutes

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

CALL TO ORDER Maria Davila, Mayor called a Regular City Council meeting to order at 6:41 p.m.

INVOCATION Pastor Bobby Scott led the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF

ALLEGIANCE Vanessa Sandoval, President of the South Gate High School Key Club led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL Carmen Avalos, City Clerk

II. City Officials

PRESENT Mayor Maria Davila, 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

COVID 19 Meeting Procedures

III. Meeting Compensation Disclosure

IV. Proclamations, Certificates, Introductions And Ceremonial Actions

1. Proclamation Recognizing Three Police Officers For Their Dedicated Service To The City Of South Gate

The City Council issued Proclamations to Edward Camacho, James Hugar and Byron Austin in recognition and appreciation of their dedicated years of service to the City.

2. Proclamation Declaring November 2 Through 6, 2020 As National Key Club Week

The City Council issued a Proclamation declaring November 2nd through 6th, 2020, as National Key Club Week in the City of South Gate.

3. Appointment To City Commissions, Committees And Boards

Brigida Salinas was appointed to the Civil Service Commission by motion of Councilmember Avalos and 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.

V. Public Hearings

4. Resolution Applying A 3.36% Rate Increase For Residential Refuse/Recycling Services Will Be Continued To November 24, 2020

The City Council opened the Public Hearing and consider continuing consideration of a Resolution amending Resolution No. 7872 (Schedule of Fees) to apply a 3.36% rate increase to the residential refuse collection and recycling services for Fiscal Year 2020/21, retroactively effective July 1, 2020, to the regularly scheduled City Council meeting of November 24, 2020.

This item was continued to the City Council Meeting of November 24, 2020.

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

Virginia Johnson, 5751 McKinley, stated that she does not consider a raise of sixty-three cents to be too much for residential services. The prices to the trash companies have had a substantial increase. We don't need a loss of workers with trash lying around for days. We already have so much trash and garbage on our streets without adding to the strain on the residents.

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

VI. Comments From The Audience

Virginia Johnson, 5751 McKinley Avenue, spoke in support of Police Enforcement for distracted driving.

Armando Velazquez, thanked the City Council for the support of the Little Library. On Halloween the Kiwanis Club will be giving out candy bags at a drive through event.

Nicolas, Las Tambores Project, stated that they are working towards creating awareness for an aide's monument and looking for support of the project.

Thomas Buckley, thanked the South Gate Community for helping to raise \$21,000 for Augustine.

Robert Montalvo, stated that he is disappointed in the City Council and staff for their lack of concern about the dirty water in the City. He is concerned with conflicts of interest with Mayor Davila and several companies that do business in the City.

Jovanna Laborin, thanked the Mayor and Council Member Hurtado for their work with the community.

Liz Ruiz, spoke about an upcoming emission meeting.

City Clerk Avalos read into the record the comments received by email from Andrea Paulino who is concerned with the homeless camp that is located at the fence line of the Edison right-of-way that runs between Garfield and Stewart and Gray and wants to know what can be done to move these camps away from the homeowners of this area.

VII. Reports And Comments From City Officials

Steve Costley, Interim Parks and Recreation Director reminded everyone of the upcoming drive in Halloween event at South Gate Park.

Paul Adams, Interim Community Development Director announced that the City has received two grants. \$300,000 for our local early action planning grant that will be used to assist with updating ordinances and design standards. \$721,000 for permanent local housing allocation that will help with the City's project on Long Beach Boulevard.

Mike Flad, City Manager announced that in the last 24 hours in Los Angeles County the numbers are way up with 1,576 new cases. The total number for South Gate is now up to 4,940 residents and 73 deaths. The City continues to operate under pandemic conditions and we are dealing with an extreme public health risk.

Raul F. Salinas, City Attorney addressed the comment from the public regarding the Subcommittee for the upcoming refuse contract. Mr. Salinas stated that this is a very transparent process and has been used in the past that has worked out well.

Carmen Avalos, City Clerk reminded everyone that next Tuesday is Election Day. The City has several ways for residents to drop off their ballots. There have been concerns with people wanting to know if their ballots have been received. The County does scan the ballots and people can log on to the County's website to track their ballots.

Council Member Hurtado asked the City Clerk to explain the post mark date for the ballot returns.

Ms. Avalos responded that if you are mailing in your ballot, it must be postmarked by November 3rd. Once it is postmarked the County is allowing up to seventeen days to be received.

Council Member Hurtado received a few requests of reckless driving this week near 2701 Sequoia. He urged everyone to drive responsible especially as Halloween approaches.

Council Member Avalos thanked Thomas Buckley for helping Augustine. She congratulated Juana Brown, Police Department; Johanna Monterroza, Police Department; and Cesar Godinez, Street Department for working towards their degrees in higher education.

Council Member Diaz thanked Thomas Buckley for helping Augustine. Augustine is a shoe repair man that daily walks the entire City of South Gate. She thanked the Public Works Department for cleaning the bus stops. Council Member Diaz also stated that at Mallison Avenue and Wood Avenue are horrific. This area needs to be paved.

Vice Mayor Rios stated that HUB Cities will be having their Grand Opening soon. Gateway Cities Metro Cities Council will be having a meeting on November 12th. The SELA Collaborative and Altamed will be hosting a mobile vote center on October 28th.

VIII. Consent Calendar Items

Agenda Items 5, 7, 9 and 10 were unanimously approved by motion of Council Member Avalos and seconded by Council Member Hurtado. Items 6 and 8 were 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.

5. Resolution Adopting An Amended Conflict Of Interest Code, Revising

Designated City Positions And Disclosure Categories

The City Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 2020-38-CC entitled - A Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate, California, adopting an amended Conflict of Interest Code, revising designated City positions required to file Form 700 (Statement of Economic Interests), revising disclosure categories and repealing Resolution No. 7827 during Consent Calendar.

6 Amendment No. 1 To Contract No. 2546 And 2646 With Goals Soccer Centers Reducing Lease Payments Due To The COVID-19 Pandemic

The City Council considered:

- a. Approving Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. 2546, Ground Lease Agreement, with Goals Soccer Centers, Inc., reducing ground lease payments by 50% for the period of April 1, 2020 through and including March 31, 2021, due to previously ceased, and now limited, operations during the COVID-19 pandemic;
- b. Approving Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. 2646, Management Agreement, with Goals Soccer Centers, LLC reducing lease payments for the operation of the Batting Cages Facility by 50% for the period of April 1, 2020 through and including March 31, 2021, due to previously ceased, and now limited, operations during the COVID-19 pandemic;
- c. Authorizing the Interim Director of Parks & Recreation to negotiate future years' rent reductions after reviewing unaudited financial statements from Goals Soccer Centers, Inc., in accordance with both amendments and present recommendations to the City Council in the subsequent years; and
- d. Authorizing the Mayor to execute both amendments in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

This item was continued to the next City Council Meeting on November 10, 2020.

7. Agreement With General Pump Company, Inc., For The Well No. 19 Pump Replacement

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

- a. Approved an amendment to the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) to add the Well No. 19 Pump Replacement, City Project No. 665-WTR (Project);
- b. Appropriated \$174,830 in Water Funds from the unassigned fund balance to CIP Account Number 411-731-71-9544 to fully fund the cost of the Project;
- c. Approved Contract No. 2020-100-CC with General Pump Company, Inc., for the Well No. 19 Pump Replacement, City Project No. 665-WTR (Project), in an amount not-to-exceed \$117,630;
- d. Authorized the Mayor to execute the Agreement in a form acceptable to the City Attorney; and
- e. Approved the Notice of Exemption for this Project, and direct the City Clerk to file it with the Los Angeles County Registrar Recorder's Office.

8. Ratification Of Letter, Notice To Proceed And Assumption Of Liability For Certain Claims, To Ortiz Enterprises, Inc.

The City Council Ratified the letter, dated October 1, 2020, to Ortiz Enterprises, Inc., Notice to Proceed and Assumption of Liability for Certain Claims, authorized additional work to be paid on a time and material basis and to provide indemnification for certain construction claims under the 1-710 Corridor Soundwall Project, to avoid construction delays by motion of Vice Mayor Rios and seconded by Council Member Avalos. Council Member recused himself from participating on this item.

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

9. Change Order No.1 With Hardy & Harper For The Chakemco Project

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

a. Approved Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 2020-30-CC with Hardy and Harper, Inc., for additional improvements on the Chakemco Street Improvement Project, City Project No. 593-ST, and deduction of improvements no longer necessary to be constructed, in a net amount not to-exceed \$31,470; and

b. Authorized the Assistant City Manager/Director of Public Works to execute Change Order No. 1.

10. Minutes

The City Council approved the Regular Meeting and Special Meeting minutes of October 13, 2020 during Consent Calendar.

IX. Reports, Recommendations And Requests

11. Summary Report Of The Free Public Wi-Fi Access In The Tweedy Mile District And South Gate Park Areas And Direction To Staff

The City Council unanimously approved Option 1 by motion of Council Member Avalos and seconded by Council Member Diaz.

a. Receiving and filing a summary report pertaining to the free public wireless (Wi-Fi) network access in the Tweedy Mile District and South Gate Park areas; and

b. Selecting one of the options below on how to proceed with implementing the free public Wi-Fi access in these two designated areas:

1. The First Option is to move forward with implementing the free public Wi-Fi access independently and issue a Request for Proposals (RFP); OR

2. The Second Option is to move forward with working with Spectrum/Charter Communications under a Public Private Partnership; OR

3. The Third Option is to move forward with both the RFP process and continue working with Spectrum/Charter Communications as a paralleled approach.

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

12. Warrants

The City Council unanimously approved the Warrant register for October 27, 2020 by motion of Council Auditor Avalos and seconded by Mayor Davila.

Total of Checks: \$2,969,707.77

Voids: (\$ 312,518.00)

Total Payroll Deductions: (\$ 314,091.77)

Grand Total: \$2,343,098.00

Cancellations: 90488

X. Adjournment

Mayor Davila unanimously adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m. and seconded by Council Member Avalos.

PASSED and **APPROVED** this 10th day of November 2020.

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

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