

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

**Tuesday, January 28, 2020**

1/28/2020 - Minutes

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

CALL TO ORDER M. Belén Bernal, Mayor called a Regular City Council meeting to order at 6:42 p.m.

INVOCATION Reverend Sean Pica, Redeemer Lutheran Church

PLEDGE OF  
ALLEGIANCE Jackie Acosta, Director of Administrative Services

ROLL CALL Carmen Avalos, City Clerk

**II. City Officials**

PRESENT Mayor M. Belén Bernal, Council Member Al Rios, Council Member Maria Davila and Council Member Bill De Witt; City Manager Mike Flad, City Attorney Raul F. Salinas

ABSENT Vice Mayor Denise Diaz

LATE City Treasurer Gregory Martinez arrived at the dais at 6:50 p.m.

**III. Meeting Compensation Disclosure**

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

**1. Certificates Of Appreciation - 2019 Student Art Contest Winners**

The City Council presented Certificates of Appreciation to Priscilla Parra and Chelsey Avina for winning the 2019 Student Art Contest and having their artwork featured in the Water Replenishment District's 2020 Water Awareness Calendar.

**2. Introduction Of New Employees**

The City Council allowed staff to introduce the new and promotional full-time employees hired or promoted between October 1, 2019 and December 31, 2019, and one employee who was hired on July 8, 2019, but was not able to attend the last time introductions were made at the Council Meeting.

**3. Appointment To The Citizens Advisory Committee**

Council Member Bill De Witt decided not to make any additional appointment to the Citizens Advisory Committee to fill a vacancy due to his term of office ending in March.

Mayor Bernal announced that she has a vacancy on the Citizens Advisory but will not fill the vacancy pending the upcoming City Election.

## **V. Comments From The Audience**

Virginia Johnson, 5751 McKinley Avenue, is concerned about CDBG Funds minimizing the amount of allocations by HUD and is concerned about CAC Members that miss meetings.

John Montalvo, 9815 Virginia Avenue, reminded everyone that it is Girl Scout Cookie Sale Time. He also asked why requested reports for Contract Cities and JAA have not been provided to the City Council.

Judith Larson, South Gate Resident, spoke about the group of parents working with Innovate Public Schools.

Carlos Rodriguez, Community Organizer with Innovate Public Schools, provided information on what his group does for the schools.

Kathy Mesa, 12 year South Gate resident spoke on behalf of Innovate Public Schools would like to see the City Council meet with their group.

Janet Torres, 10311 San Juan Avenue, thanked Council for recognizing Hector Torres who recently passed away.

Alice Cueto, 2911 Willow Place, complimented Officer Bernabe on his professional and courteous way he handled her call.

Greg Martinez, 2603 Ohio Avenue, is concerned with the lack of transparency with the JAA.

Nick Godoy, 8611 San Miguel Avenue, is concerned with the lack of response to Mr. Martinez's request for an audit regarding the JAA. He believes there needs to be new leadership in the City. He stated that he is still having traffic problems on his street and feels that there is a lack of response from the Police Department.

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

Greg Martinez, City Treasurer spoke on the Homeless Count that took place last week.

Carmen Avalos, City Clerk updated the public and the City Council on the Vote Centers. Currently, the City has three confirmed Vote Centers. One is at Hollydale Community Park, one is at the Sports Center and the third is at the Leland Weaver Library.

Council Member De Witt thanked Mr. Martinez for his work on the Homeless Count. He feels that Delta is a good airlines that made a mistake and has to make it right with the community. He stated that the concerns with JAA need to be addressed.

Council Member Rios attended the Delta Informational Meeting and encouraged everyone to participate in the upcoming election. He is excited about the census.

Council Member Davila also thanked Mr. Martinez for his work on the Homeless Count. She is support of the work being done by Innovate Public Schools and looks forward to meeting with them.

Mayor Bernal explained that the Vice Mayor is attending a conference for Vector Control and that is why she was excused from tonight's meeting.

Mayor Bernal attended the Los Angeles County Sanitation District meeting and spoke on the homeless issues facing the area. She has talked to residents about the areas of the City and during the State of the City event she would like to focus on what has happened to each area. She doesn't believe that the Council should be broken into area she believes in working for the whole City and not dividing the community. It comes down to budget priorities, if we want more police office or more services for tree trimming we need to decide what to give up and plan. She would like to investigate a 2 -3 year budget plan.

The Mayor was disappointed that Delta did not attend Saturday's meeting. She understands that they were advised by their legal team not to attend but it would have been good to have a representative there just to take note would have been the honorable thing to do. The FAA investigation is still going on and staff is dedicated to following up.

Lastly, she addressed the comments regarding the JAA by stating that it is election time and unfortunately it has been politicized. We need to keep professional and keep moving forward. At the end of the day this is what is important. She is also concerned with the fact that the selling of popsicles at the Park is not aligned with the Council goals of a healthy lifestyle. We need to find the balance and find out what is right for South Gate.

## **VII. Consent Calendar Items**

Agenda Items 6, 7, 12 and 13 were unanimously approved by motion of Council Mayor Bernal and seconded by Council Member De Witt. Items 4, 5, 8, 9, and 10 were pulled for separate discussion.

EXCUSED FROM ITEM 4 At this time, Mayor Bernal, was excused from participating on item 4 and departed from the Council Chambers.

### **4. Resolution Declaring The City's Intention To Grant A Franchise To Tesoro SoCal Pipeline Company, LLC For A Term Of Five Years**

The City Council adopted Resolution No. 2020-03-CC entitled - A Resolution of the City Council of City of South Gate declaring the City's intention to grant a five- year franchise renewal to Tesoro SoCal Pipeline Company LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, to lay and use pipes, ditches, flumes, conduits and appurtenances for transmitting and distributing oil or products thereof, for any and all purposes in, along, across, upon and under the public streets, ways, alleys and places, as the same now or may hereafter exist, within the City of South Gate, and scheduling a Public Hearing for February 25, 2020, to consider the introduction of an Ordinance granting the proposed franchise renewal by motion of Council Member De Witt and seconded by Council Member Davila.

Roll Call: Council Member De Witt: yes; Council Member Davila: yes; Council Member Rios: yes; Mayor Bernal: absent; Vice Mayor Diaz: absent

REJOINED MEETING Mayor Bernal rejoined the Council prior to the discussion of Item 5.

### **5. Resolution Adding A New Policy Concerning The Discontinuation Of Residential Water Service For Non-Payment**

The City Council approved A and B by motion of Mayor Bernal and seconded by

Council Member De Witt.

- a. Adopted Resolution No. 2020-04-CC entitled - A Resolution of the City Council of City of South Gate replacing Rule Four (Statement for Service And Payment Thereof, Penalties and Delinquencies), of the Rules and Regulations Governing the Water Division, the Water Customer Service Division and all Water Development and Distribution Activities, Functions and Systems of the South Gate Municipal Water Works System with a new Rule Four titled Policy On Discontinuation of Residential Water Service for Non-Payment in compliance with Senate Bill 998; and
- b. Directed staff to post the new shut-off policy on the City's website (translated into multiple languages) as required by Senate Bill No. 998.

#### **6. Agreement With Spyglass Group, LLC For Utility Auditing Services Of The City's Telecommunications**

The City Council approved A and B during Consent Calendar.

- a. Approved a Professional Services Agreement (Contract No. 2020-08-CC) with The SpyGlass Group, LLC for auditing of the City's telecommunications services accounts related to voice, data, internet, cloud services and mobile/cellular to seek cost recovery, service elimination and cost reduction recommendations; and
- b. Authorized the Mayor to execute the Professional Services Agreement in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

#### **7. Agreement With W.A. Rasic Construction Company, Inc., For On-Call Municipal Water And Sewer Systems Maintenance Services**

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

- a. Approved an Agreement (Contract No. 2020-09-CC) with W.A. Rasic Construction Company, Inc., for on-call maintenance services for as-needed repairs for the municipal water system and sanitary sewer system for a three year term with two optional one-year extensions, in an annual amount not-to exceed \$100,000 for a total of \$300,000; and
- b. Authorized the Mayor to execute the Agreement in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

#### **8. Agreement With Tetra Tech For Engineering Plans For Construction Of The Garfield Avenue Complete Street Project**

The City Council approved A and B by motion of Council Member Rios and seconded by Council Member Davila.

- a. Approved an Agreement (Contract No. 2020-10-CC) with Tetra Tech, to provide engineering plans, specifications and estimates for the Garfield Avenue Complete Street Improvement Project, City Project No. 564-ST, in an amount not-to-exceed \$606,261; and
- b. Authorized the Mayor to execute the Agreement in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

#### **9. Notice Of Completion For The Circle Park Driveway Project**

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

a. Accepted completion of construction, effective September 24, 2019, of the Circle Park Driveway, City Project No. 634-PRK, constructed by All American Asphalt;

b. Appropriated \$206,432 in Los Angeles County Proposition A Maintenance & Servicing Funds that were awarded to the City for the Circle Park Driveway, City Project No. 634-PRK, to Account No. 311-790-39-9477 (Circle Park Driveway);

c. Appropriated \$26,975 from the unassigned balance of the General Fund to Account No. 311-790-39-9477 to fully fund staff augmentation services needed to manage the project that do not qualify to be funded with Los Angeles County Proposition A Maintenance and Servicing Funds;

d. Directed the transfer of \$115,860 in Los Angeles County Proposition A Maintenance & Servicing Funds from Account No. 311-790-39-9472 (Hildreth Avenue Traffic Mitigations, City Project No. 600-ST) to Account No. 311-790 39-9477 (Circle Park Driveway, City Project No. 634-PRK); and

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

EXCUSED FROM ITEM 10 At this time, Mayor Bernal, was excused from participating on item 10 and departed from the Council Chambers.

**10. Grant Deeds From Jefferson Southgate, LLC, And Nova Storage South Gate, L.P., For Street Purposes For Consistency With The Mobility Element**

The City Council approved A, B, and C by motion of Council Member De Witt and seconded by Council Member Davila.

a. Accepted the Grant Deed from Jefferson Southgate LLC., to secure a 13- foot swath of right- of-way for street purposes along Imperial Highway and Garfield Avenue necessary to achieve consistency with the Mobility Element of the South Gate General Plan 2035;

b. Accepted the Grant Deed from Nova Storage South Gate, L.P., to secure a 4-foot swath of right-of-way street purposes along Firestone Boulevard necessary to achieve consistency with the Mobility Element of the South Gate General Plan 2035; and

c. Authorized the Mayor to execute the Certificates of Acceptance in forms acceptable to the City Attorney.

Roll Call: Council Member De Witt: yes; Council Member Davila: yes; Council Member Rios: yes; Mayor Bernal: absent; Vice Mayor Diaz: absent

**11. This Item Was Removed From The Agenda.**

REJOINED MEETING Mayor Bernal rejoined the Council prior to the discussion of Item 12.

## **12. Grant Funds For Purchase Of Reusable Water Bottles**

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

- a. Accepting the Disadvantaged Communities Project Grant in the amount of \$29,000 from the Central Basin Municipal Water District for the purchase of reusable water bottles to promote water conservation; and
- b. Increasing the Fiscal Year 2019/20 General Fund revenue projection in Account No. 100-4699 (General Fund - Other Intergovernmental Grants) by \$29,000, from \$7,596 to \$36,596; and
- c. Amending the Fiscal Year 2019/20 General Fund budget by appropriating \$29,000 to Account No. 100-414-61-6308 (General Fund - Parks & Recreation - Sports Center - Civic Engagement) to cover the cost of purchasing reusable water bottles.

## **13. Minutes**

The City Council approved A and B during Consent Calendar.

- a. Approved the Regular Meeting minutes of December 10, 2019; and
- b. Approved the Regular Meeting and Special Meeting minutes of January 14, 2020.

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

### **14. Funding Appropriations For The Capital Improvement Program For Fiscal Year 2019/20**

The City Council approved A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, and U by motion of Council Member Rios and seconded Council Member De Witt.

- a. Amended the Capital Improvement Program to add the following projects: (1) Sanitary Sewer Relining, at California Avenue and Tweedy Boulevard and at Abbot Road, from Orange Avenue to Rosewood Avenue, City Project No. 629-SWR, (2) Detective Bureau Remodel, City Project No. 642 GEN, (3) Thermoplastic Striping of Streets Citywide, City Project No. 654- ST, (4) Replacement of Damaged Traffic Signal Poles at the Intersections of Santa Ana Street and Southern Avenue, State Street and Southern Avenue, and Firestone Boulevard and Garfield Avenue, City Project No. 655-TRF, (5) Firestone Plaza Striping, City Project No. 657-ST, and (6) San Gabriel Avenue Safety Study, City Project No. 658-RPT.
- b. Amended the Capital Improvement Program to add the following municipal water system improvements projects, (1) Well No. 30, City Project No. 605-WTR, (2) Long Beach Boulevard Water Service Lateral Replacement, City Project No. 638-WTR, (3) Coating of Hawkins, Santa Fe and Elizabeth Tanks, City Project No. 645-WTR, (4) Well Decommissioning at Three Locations, City Project No. 646-WTR, (5) SCADA System Upgrades, City Project No. 647-WTR, (6) AMI/AMR Meter Replacement Phase III, City Project No. 649-WTR;
- c. Authorized staff to prepare the (1) AWIA Risk Assessment Update of Emergency Response Plan, City Project No. 648-WTR, (2) Pavement Management System Report, City Project No 651-RPT, and (3) Citywide Speed Survey, City Project No 652-RPT;

- d. Appropriated \$140,000 from the unassigned balance of the General Fund to Account No. 311-790-49-9910 (Capital Projects Fund - Detective Bureau Remodel, City Project No. 642 GEN) to fund the project;
- e. Appropriated \$3,000,000 in Land and Water Conservation Grant Funds to Account No. 311-790-61-9214 (Capital Projects Fund - Urban Orchard, City Project No. 539-PRK) to fund the project;
- f. Appropriated \$3,400,000 from the unrestricted balance of the Water Fund to Account No. 411-731-71-9557 (Water Fund - Water System Facilities Chlorination Upgrades, City Project No. 586-WTR) to fund the project;
- g. Appropriated \$750,000 from the unrestricted balance of the Water Fund to Account No. 411-731-71-9576 (Water Fund - Coating of Hawkins, Santa Fe and Elizabeth Tanks, City Project No. 645.-WTR) to fund the project;
- h. Appropriated \$5,500,000 from the unrestricted balance of the Water Fund to Account No. 411-731-71-9577 (Water Fund - Well No. 30, City Project No. 605-WTR) to fund the project;
- i. Appropriated \$1,500,000 from the unrestricted balance of the Water Fund to Account No. 411-731-71-9578 (Water Fund - Long Beach Blvd. Water Service Lateral Replacement, City Project No. 638-WTR) to fund the project;
- j. Appropriated \$200,000 from the unrestricted balance of the Water Fund to Account No. 411-731-71-9579 (Water Fund - Well Decommissioning at 3 Locations, City Project No. 646 WTR) to fund the project;
- k. Appropriated \$150,000 from the unrestricted balance of the Water Fund to Account No. 411-731-71-9580 (Water Fund - SCADA System Upgrades, City Project No. 647-WTR) to fund the project;
- l. Appropriated \$200,000 from the unrestricted balance of the Water Fund to Account No. 411-731-71-6101 (Water Fund - Professional Services) to fund the AWIA Risk Assessment Update of the Emergency Response Plan, City Project No 648-WTR;
- m. Appropriated \$500,000 from the unrestricted balance of the Water Fund to Account No. 411-731-71-9581 (Water Fund - AMI/AMR Meter Replacement Phase III, City Project No. 649-WTR) to fund the project;
- n. Appropriated \$200,000 from the unrestricted balance of the Sewer Fund to Account No. 412-732-52-9504 (Sewer Fund - Sanitary Sewer Relining, at California Avenue and Tweedy Boulevard and at Abbott Road, from Orange Avenue to Rosewood Avenue, City Project No. 629-SWR) to fund the project;
- o. Appropriated \$9,000 from the restricted balance of the Proposition C Fund to Account No. 311-790-31-9562 (Capital Projects Fund - Firestone Boulevard Bridge for the Rio Hondo Channel Improvements, City Project No. 499-ST) to fund the project;
- p. Appropriated \$50,000 from the restricted balance of the Proposition C Fund to Account No. 222-780-31-6101 (Proposition C Fund - Professional Services) to fund the Pavement Management System Report, City Project No. 651-RPT;

q. Appropriated \$60,000 from the restricted balance of the Proposition C Fund to Account No. 222-780-31-6101 (Proposition C Fund - Professional Services) to fund the Citywide Speed Survey, City Project No. 652-RPT;

r. Appropriated \$250,000 from the restricted balance of the Proposition C Fund to Account No. 311-790-31-9473 (Capital Projects Fund - Thermoplastic Striping of Streets Citywide, City Project No. 654-ST) to fund the project;

s. Appropriated \$120,000 from the restricted balance of the Measure R Fund to Account No. 311-790-31-9474 (Capital Projects Fund - Replacement of Damaged Traffic Signal Poles at the Intersections of Santa Ana Street and Southern Avenue, State Street and Southern Avenue, and Firestone and Garfield, City Project No. 655-TRF) to fund the project;

t. Appropriated \$30,000 from the restricted balance of the Measure R Fund to Account No. 311-790-31-9475 (Capital Projects Fund - Firestone Plaza Striping, City Project No 657-TRF) to fund the project; and

u. Appropriated \$30,000 from the restricted balance of the Measure R Fund to Account No. 311-790-31-9476 (Capital Projects Fund - San Gabriel Avenue Safety Study, City Project No. 658-RPT) to fund the project.

#### **15. Technology Master Plan**

The City Council approved A and B by motion of Mayor Bernal and seconded by Council Member Davila.

a. Received and filed a presentation from City staff and ClientFirst Technology Consulting regarding the Technology Master Plan (TMP); and

b. Discussed and directed staff to start implementing the TMP initiatives.

#### **16. Warrant Register For January 28, 2020**

The City Council approved the Warrants for January 28, 2020 by motion of Council Auditor Davila and seconded by Council Member Rios.

Total of Checks: \$1,579,963.01

Voids: (\$ 0.00)

Total Payroll Deductions: \$ 371,364.99

Grand Total: \$1,208,598.02

### **IX. Adjournment**

Mayor Bernal adjourned the meeting at 9:45 p.m. in memory of Hector Torres, longtime City resident, South Gate business owner and former President of the Rotary Club of South Gate and seconded by Council Member Davila.

**PASSED** and **APPROVED** this 11th day of February, 2020.

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

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