

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

Tuesday, March 9, 2021

3/9/2021 - 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 6:32 p.m.

INVOCATION Raul F. Salinas, City Attorney

PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE Randall Davis, Chief of Police

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, Interim City Manager Chris Jeffers, City Attorney Raul F. Salinas

COVID 19 Meeting Procedures

III. Meeting Compensation Disclosure

IV. Proclamations, Certificates, Introductions And Ceremonial Actions

1. Proclamation Declaring March As American Red Cross Month

The City Council issued a Proclamation declaring March 2021 as American Red Cross Month recognizing volunteers and donors who give of their time and resources to help those who need a helping hand.

2. Proclamation Declaring March As Women's History Month

The City Council issued a Proclamation declaring March 2021 as Women's History Month to recognize women's contributions to society.

V. Public Hearings

3. Ordinance Repealing Section 9.46.030 (Public Interest Agreements) Of The Municipal Code

The City Council conducted a Public Hearing and approved A and B by motion of Council Member Avalos and seconded by Council Member Hurtado.

a. Waived the reading in full and introduced Ordinance No. 2021-03-CC entitled - Ordinance of the City Council of the City of South Gate, California, repealing Section 9.46.030 (Public Interest Agreements), in its entirety, of Chapter 9.46 (Development

Impact Fee), to Title 9 (Buildings), of the South Gate Municipal Code; and

b. Accepted the determination that the proposed amendment is Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act.

Roll Call: Mayor Davila, yes; Vice Mayor Rios, yes; Council Member Diaz, yes; Council Member Hurtado, yes; Council Member Avalos, yes.

Chris Jeffers, Interim City Manager provided a presentation for this item.

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

Virginia Johnson, 5751 McKinley Avenue, stated that she hopes that the impact fee will also be charged to the thousands of homeless units mandated by the state for South Gate. These units will definitely have an impact on the City's infrastructure.

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

4. Resolution Repealing The Fee Assessed To File A Liability Claim Form

The City Council conducted a Public Hearing and adopted Resolution No. 2021-11-CC entitled - A Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate, California, amending Resolution No. 7668 (Schedule of Fees) to repeal the fee assessed for an individual or entity to file a liability claim form by motion of Mayor Davila 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.

Chris Jeffers, Interim City Manager provided a presentation for this item.

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

Thomas Buckley and Robert Montalvo support this fee being eliminated.

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

VI. Comments From The Audience

Robert Montalvo, commented on statements made by Council Member Hurtado during a City Council Meeting.

Art Alvarez, Aldrich Road commented on reckless driving on Legacy Lane behind his home.

Virginia Johnson, commented on the behavior of Council Member Diaz regarding what Ms. Johnson feels are racist statements. She is also looking forward to hear the report from Mayor Davila and Vice Mayor Rios after attending the next Metro meeting that will discuss low income rider program. Ms. Johnson stated that the City Council needs to put a stop to all these false accusations being made by the public during the meetings.

Liz Ruiz, Kauffman Avenue, recapped the community meeting for AB167 and informed the public of the upcoming Chicxs Rockerxs SELA virtual program.

Alex Gonzalez, appreciates the work Council Member Diaz and Council Member Hurtado do on social media. Mr. Gonzalez hopes to see more vaccine sites for this area.

Candice is disturbed with comments made at tonight's meeting and asked Council Member Diaz to address her commissioner about his actions. Candice thanked Council Member Hurtado, Mayor Davila and Commissioner Barron for their work towards getting vaccines for this area. She also read a letter from the doctors of the People's Corner thanking Council for their work.

Josh Barron, Parks and Recreation Commissioner invited the public to come to the park Friday night for drive-in movie event.

Carmen Avalos, City Clerk read the following emails into the record.

Amy Luu and Julie Hernandez-Chan, Community Library Managers highlighted the services the library is offering during the pandemic.

Amanda Tapia appreciates the presentation on the crime trends in South Gate but noted that most violent crimes have decreased and supports the Police Department budget being reduced.

Natasha Dominguez reminded Vice Mayor Rios and Council Member Avalos of the recommendations for the budget. She would like to see it move forward when the budget is decided for this Fiscal Year.

April Villanueva thanked all of the Council Members for their hard work this year.

VII. Reports And Comments From City Officials

Steve Costley, Interim Parks and Recreation Director stated that the Parks hosted a mobile vaccine clinic that started on Friday and ended Wednesday. Working with Supervisor Solis's Office on Friday there was a food distribution program for 2,000 people. As of this week the testing center in the park has process over 117,000 COVID-19 tests.

Randy Davis, Chief of Police stated that he made note of Mr. Alvarez's concerns and the Police Department is aware of the situation. Chief Davis will speak with his officers and we hope to have a positive impact on the traffic issues. On March 20th the Police Department will be hosting a catalytic converter etching event at South Gate Park.

Art Cervantes, Director of Public Works responded to the community's questions regarding the purchase of imported water from the Central Basin to help with the recent water discoloration in various areas of the City.

Chris Jeffers, Interim City Manager spoke on the vaccination efforts by the City Council and Community Organizations.

Council Member Avalos thanked Mr. Jeffers for his organization of mobile vaccination clinic.

Council Member Diaz stated that she was reappointed to the County Library Commission and recognized the women of the community for National Women's Day. She recommended that the Council give a certificate of appreciation to Dr. Wilma Franco for her work on the mobile vaccination clinic. Council Member Diaz also recognized the support of the City of Lynwood who took 40 South Gate seniors to get vaccinated.

Council Member Hurtado also thanked all the local elected officials from our surrounding area for their support for the mobile vaccination clinic. He also thanked the Police Department that assisted with getting the word out to the homeless community about the clinic.

Council Member Hurtado stated that he has been getting a lot of complaints about speeding on Garfield Avenue and would like staff to look into this.

Vice Mayor Rios acknowledged the efforts of all working this weekend at the testing site, vaccine center and the food distribution site. On March 25th there will be a LAUSD Town Hall Meeting at 5:00 p.m. He will be attending Thursday's Metro meeting to discuss no fee bus transportation for certain people. Through HUB Cities over 30 youth from our community were employed at the virtual job fair.

Mayor Davila also acknowledged the efforts of all working this weekend at the testing site, vaccine center and the food distribution site.

Mayor Davila announced that there will be a COVID Memorial on Saturday at 5:30 pm in front of City Hall. It will be shown through Zoom.

VIII. Consent Calendar Items

Agenda Items 5, 6, 9 and 10 were unanimously approved by motion of Mayor Davila and seconded by Council Member Avalos. Items 7 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. Agreement With Charter Communications Operating, LLC (Spectrum Enterprise)

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

a. Agreement (Contract 2021-16-CC) with Charter Communications Operating, LLC on behalf of Spectrum Enterprise for Fiber Internet Access for a three-year term in the annual amount of \$20,388, for a total of \$61,164 over the three-year term; and

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

6. Amendment No. 1 To Contract No. 3463 With Ron's Maintenance, Inc.

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

a. Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. 3463 with Ron's Maintenance, Inc., suspending three storm drain catch basin cleaning cycles this Fiscal Year 2020/21 and extending the contract term by one-year to provide the three storm drain catch basin cleaning cycles between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022, to be funded with the remainder of the contract balance in the amount \$40,000; and

b. Authorized the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 1 in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

7. Amendment No. 1 To Contract No. 3549 With National Plant Services, Inc.

The City Council unanimously continued this item to the March 23rd City Council Meeting.

a. Approving Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. 3549 with National Plant Services, Inc., suspending Sanitary Sewer Main Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Inspection Services this Fiscal Year 2020/21 and extending the contract term by one-year through August 31, 2023; and

b. Authorizing the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 1 in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

8. Contract Change Order No. 1 To Contract No. 2020-43-CC With Sequel Contractors, Inc.

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

Roll Call: Mayor Davila, yes; Vice Mayor Rios, yes; Council Member Diaz, yes; Council Member Hurtado, yes; Council Member Avalos, yes.

a. Contract Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 2020-43-CC with Sequel Contractors, Inc., to construct a landscape median between Century Boulevard and Howery Street, under the "Garfield Avenue, From South City Limit to Jefferson Avenue, and Imperial Highway, From West City Limit to East City Limit, City Project No. 413-ST, Federal Project No. STPL- 5257(030), and Firestone Boulevard and Otis Street Improvements and Imperial Highway Center Median, City Project No.496-ST, Federal Project No. HSIPL-5257(032),"in an amount not-to-exceed \$275,182;

b. Authorized the Director of Administrative Services to transfer \$200,000 in Measure R funds from Account No. 311-790-31 9457 (Capital Projects Fund-Firestone/Otis Widening & Imperial Hwy Median) to Account No. 311-790-31-9433 (Capital Projects Fund-Garfield/ Imperial Street Improvements) to fund Contract Change Order No. 1; and

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

9. Purchase Order For The Purchase And Installation Of Broadcast Equipment For The City's Cable Channel 3

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

a. Purchase Order with VMI, Inc., for the purchase and installation of new broadcast equipment for the City's government access cable channel, Channel 3, in the amount of \$34,423;

b. Appropriated \$34,423 from the unassigned General Fund balance for the purchase and installation; and

c. Authorized the City's Purchasing Division to issue a Purchase Order for this project in accordance with the City's purchasing ordinance and policies.

10. Minutes

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

- a. The Regular Meeting and Special Meeting minutes of February 23, 2021; and
- b. The Special Meeting minutes of February 25, 2021.

IX. Reports, Recommendations And Requests

11. Agreement With Tetra Tech

The City Council unanimously approved A, B, and C by motion of Mayor Davila and 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. Agreement (Contract No. 2021-17-CC) with Tetra Tech to provide professional engineering services for the preparation of the Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Compliance Study for City Water Wells - City Project No. 666-WTR, in an amount not to exceed \$165,000;
- b. Appropriated \$200,000 from the Water Fund's unrestricted fund balance to Account No. 411-71-731-6101 (Water Fund - Professional Services) to fund the cost of the Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Compliance Study for City Water Wells - City Project No. 666-WTR; and
- c. Authorized the Mayor to execute the Agreement in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

12. Resolution Establishing The Centennial Celebration Planning Ad Hoc Committee

This item was continued to the March 23rd City Council Meeting.

The City Council consider adopting a Resolution establishing the "Centennial Celebration Planning Ad Hoc Committee" to begin making plans for the City's upcoming 100th Anniversary Celebration and appointing members to serve on this Ad Hoc Committee; and

- a. Each City Council Member will appoint two community members to serve as Ad Hoc Committee Members, subject to a majority vote of the City Council; and
- b. Appointing the Director of Parks & Recreation and the Management Analyst from the City Manager's Office as the staff liaisons.

EXCUSED

FROM MEETING At this time, Council Member Hurtado, was excused from the meeting and departed from the Zoom call.

13. Police Department's 2020 Crime Statistics Report

The City Council received and filed the Police Department's Crime Statistics Report for calendar year 2020 by motion of Vice Mayor Rios and Council Member Avalos.

Roll Call: Mayor Davila, yes; Vice Mayor Rios, yes; Council Member Diaz, yes; Council Member Hurtado, absent; Council Member Avalos, yes.

14. Warrant Register For March 9, 2021

The City Council approved with the exception of #91757 and #512021 by motion of Council Auditor Avalos and seconded by Mayor Davila.

Total of Checks:	\$3,124,136.69
VOIDS:	(\$ 0.00)
Total Payroll Deductions:	\$ 295,309.36
Grand Total:	\$2,828,827.33

Cancellations: 91792

Roll Call: Mayor Davila, yes; Vice Mayor Rios, yes; Council Member Diaz, yes; Council Member Hurtado, absent; Council Member Avalos, yes.

X. Adjournment

Mayor Davila adjourned the meeting in memory of JoAnn Bergeman and the South Gate residents that have passed from COVID-19 at 9:37 p.m. and seconded by Council Member Avalos.

PASSED and APPROVED this 23rd day of March 2021.

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