

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

Tuesday, May 11, 2021

5/11/2021 - Minutes

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

CALL TO ORDER Al Rios, Mayor called a Regular City Council meeting to order at 6:50 p.m.

INVOCATION Reverend Sean Pica, Redeemer Lutheran Church

PLEDGE OF

ALLEGIANCE Carmen Avalos, City Clerk

ROLL CALL Carmen Avalos, City Clerk

II. City Officials

PRESENT Mayor Al Rios, Vice Mayor Maria del Pilar Avalos, Council Member Maria Davila, Council Member Denise Diaz and Council Member Gil Hurtado; City Treasurer Gregory Martinez; Interim City Manager Chris Jeffers, City Attorney/Special Legal Counsel Raul F. Salinas

COVID 19 Meeting Procedures

III. Meeting Compensation Disclosure

IV. Proclamations, Certificates, Introductions And Ceremonial Actions

1. Proclamation Declaring May As Wellness And Mental Health Awareness Month

The City Council issued a Proclamation declaring May 2021 as Wellness and Mental Health Awareness Month.

2. Proclamation Declaring National Teacher Appreciation Day And Week

The City Council issued a Proclamation declaring May 4, 2021 as National Teacher Appreciation Day and May 2-8, 2021 as National Teacher Appreciation Week.

V. 3. Proclamation Declaring May 16 - 22, 2021 As National Public Works Week

The City Council issued a Proclamation declaring May 16 through 22, 2021 as National Public Works Week.

VI. Public Hearings

4. Resolution Approving Annual Action Plan For Fiscal Year 2021/22

The City Council conducted a Public Hearing and unanimously approved A & B by motion of Council Member Davila and seconded by Council Member Diaz.

- a. Resolution No. 2021-18-CC entitled - Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate, California, receiving and approving the Fiscal Year 2021/22 Annual Action Plan and authorizing the execution of all necessary documents for the submittal of said plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and
- b. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into agreements, in a form acceptable to the City Attorney, with eligible subrecipients and purchase of supplies, programs, and equipment as noted in the Fiscal Year 2021/22 Annual Action Plan.

Paul Adams, Interim Community Development Director presented the staff report on this item.

Mayor opened the public hearing seeing no one come forward closed the public hearing.

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

5. Substantial Amendment No. 5 To The Fiscal Year 2019/20 Annual Action Plan Reprograming \$195,000 Of CDBG-CV3 Funds

The City Council conducted a Public Hearing and approved Option A and D by motion of Council Member Hurtado and seconded by Council Member Diaz.

- a. Moving forward with the previously approved programs and allocations from the January 26, 2021 City Council meeting, which includes \$75,000 in CDBG-CV 3 funds towards the Small Business Job Retention and Creation Program with the Tweedy Mile Association, and \$120,354 in CDBG-CV3 funds towards a Rental and Utility Assistance Program with Helpline Youth Counseling, Inc.; OR
- b. Retaining the \$75,000 for the Small Business Job Retention and Creation Program and \$120,354 for the Rental and Utility Assistance Program as previously approved and designate City staff/Consultant to operate the programs; OR
- c. Reprograming the \$195,354 in CDBG-CV 3 funds to other programs to provide additional COVID-19 related programs and services by adopting a proposed Resolution approving Substantial Amendment No. 5 to the Fiscal Year 2019/20 Annual Action Plan; and
- d. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into agreements in a form acceptable to the

City Attorney with eligible subrecipients as noted in the Substantial Amendment No. 5 to the Fiscal Year 2019/20 Annual Action Plan.

Paul Adams, Interim Community Development Director presented the staff report on this item.

Mayor opened the Public Hearing.

Virginia Johnson, stated that she prefers that the \$75,000 be distributed to the Chamber of Commerce rather than the Tweedy Mile Association and also supports funding for Helpline Youth Counseling.

Jeff Farber, Helpline Youth Counseling spoke on the support his organization has been able to provide to South Gate Residents.

Adolfo Varas, is concerned with the time frame of money being distributed since many small businesses are closing and are in urgent need of funds.

Bash, Tweedy Mile Association stated that many businesses are suffering and closing daily. He would like to see the money given to the Tweedy Mile Association so that the small businesses can receive assistance.

Cynthia Esquivel is also concerned with the time it is taking to process the funds.

Anna, South Gate Chamber of Commerce spoke on how the paperwork and staff training is being conducted by the Chamber.

Public Hearing Closed

Council Member Diaz asked for the process to be explained.

Mr. Adams responded that the money is coming from the US Department of Housing and Development and they are setting the rules. The City pays upfront to the recipient and then the City gets reimbursed if they can show that the paper work is correct. Staff has been working hard to make sure that the paperwork is 100% complete so the City is not responsible for the cost. Staff has found a few instances where the applicants have assumed they have completed the paperwork but then when it is reviewed by staff we find that it is not correct. All paperwork needs to be reviewed and ultimately our goal is to release funds as soon as possible.

Mayor Rios momentarily left the meeting and Vice Mayor Avalos asked if any other Council Member had any comments otherwise she would speak on the item.

Vice Mayor Avalos motioned to give the \$75,000 to the South Gate Chamber of Commerce instead of the Tweedy Mile Association and the \$120,354 to Compator instead of Helpline Youth Counseling, Inc.

Mayor Rios returned to the City Council meeting.

The motion failed due to a lack of a second.

Roll Call: Council Member Davila, yes; Council Member Hurtado, yes; Council Member Diaz, yes; Vice Mayor Avalos, no; Mayor Rios, yes.

VII. Comments From The Audience

Virginia Johnson, thanked the South Gate Police Department for coming out to the loud music on her street.

Sara Barron, Girl Scout troop 1553 stated we should always remember Veterans because they protect our nation. She thanked the Veterans and wished everyone a good night.

Dash, Tweedy Mile Association asked Council to please help the businesses especially in downtown because they are the life of the community.

Ana, Executive Director for the South Gate Chambers of Commerce invited everyone to the grand opening/ribbon cutting for a new small business called CNG Studio this Saturday.

Carmen Avalos read the following email into the record:

Francisco Amezcua is concerned about street parking and the lack of enforcement.

Robert Montalvo is asking Mayor not to forget the veterans and to create a Veterans Commission so they may report to Council or City Staff. He also mentioned asking during a Parks Commission meeting about referees getting paid and was accused of attacking people.

Paula M., Girl Scout troop 1553 asked we celebrate and support veterans.

Candice Esquivel asked Council Member Diaz to speak with Parks Commissioner Montalvo regarding his behavior.

Adolfo Varas thanked Council and everyone that helped with the food giveaway this past weekend.

Mr. Varas thanked Vice Mayor Avalos for her support during his grandmother's passing.

Mr. Varas stated that he is not a board member on the Comptator. He is only an advocate.

Rocio Sanchez is concerned about the parking problem the city is having and asked if there will be any resolution. She is also concerned about the homeless and if the city is doing anything to help them.

Thomas Buckley stated that it is very important to support the veterans.

Mr. Buckley thanked Council Member Diaz for encouraging him to take the vaccination and for everything she does for the community.

George, Roocket Fitness would like to work with the community and bring fitness and health to the City of South Gate. He is also asking for help with parking.

Josh Barron stated that the Parks & Rec staff have done an amazing job of setting up a lot of places for our different partner organizations to practice and hold their games.

Consuelo Godoy thanked everyone for the cards, flowers and prayers. Mrs. Godoy stated she has not heard how the City is going to honor the veterans.

Mayor Rios stated that there will be an event on Saturday, May 29th.

Sarah Rosas, Girl Scout 1553 leader stated that her troop is available to help with the Memorial Day ceremony. She is very grateful to the American Legion for allowing the troop to meeting in their hall. Mrs. Rosas thanked Council Member Diaz for he support.

VIII. Reports And Comments From City Officials

Randy Davis, Chief of Police responded to Ms. Johnson's comments regarding her call for music service was low priority. This was not a high priority call at the time because they had a domestic violence, disturbance with transient and traffic collision.

In regards to parking issues, the Police Department are enforcing parking violations and are willing to work with the residents and business owners.

Chief Davis stated that the Homeless Outreach team offer services. The team cannot force services on the homeless.

Steve Costly, Interim Parks and Recreation Director stated that the City is having a Virtual Memorial Day Ceremony on Saturday, May 29th from 10:00 a.m. through Facebook and Instagram live stream.

Raul F. Salinas, City Attorney spoke on two separate comments made during the public comments.

Mr. Salinas spoke on the opportunities to the businesses of South Gate.

Chris Jeffers, Interim City Manager had the honor to do a ride-along with the Police Department last Friday.

Greg Martinez, City Treasurer is in support of our veterans and homeless veterans.

Council Member Diaz loved and appreciate seeing all those civically engaged young ladies. She thanked Sara troop leader for an amazing job.

Council Member Diaz attended the Southeast Community Development Corporation meeting and stated receiving a grant of 100 chrome books and 100 hotspots for our youth in South Gate from Kinder to 12. She thanked Captain Arakawa for reminding her regarding honoring all police officers that have passed away. She thanked the Police Management Association (Lt. Arana, Lt. Garcia, Sgt. Brown and Captain Arakawa) for working with her to host a book fair for our youth. The literacy event is scheduled for June

12th from Noon to 4:00 p.m.

Council Member Diaz stated that this past Friday Vice Mayor and herself met with Senator Feinstein's office to discuss a few things.

Council Member Diaz asked Interim City Manager Jeffers to have banners on Tweedy Boulevard and in Hollydale for our South Gate Veterans.

Council Member Hurtado stated that he is going to ask Mr. Costley to research the Veterans Commission because he believes a committee was formed during City Manager Flad's employment.

Council Member Hurtado thanked everyone that participated during the food giveaway. He had an opportunity to go into the Sports Center and noticed how staff has set up the center for people to be able to enter and do their work out and social distancing.

Council Member Davila thanked everyone that participated during the food giveaway on May 1st.

Vice Mayor Avalos thanked the community for their input and commended Officer Rose for his continuing education.

Mayor Rios stated that the Northgate Market gave 600 food baskets yesterday. Their second store will be opening June 16th.

Mayor Rios has been working with non-profits in the community and LAUSD planning summer programs for elementary schools, two middle schools and two high schools.

Mayor Rios encouraged people that have been vaccinated to encourage others.

Mayor Rios asked Patricia Camacho from Congresswoman Barragan's Office if she would like to speak.

Patricia Camacho stated that Congresswoman Barragan has been doing oversight visits at emergency intake sites. Congresswoman Barragan had an opportunity to visit the Donna facility in Texas with Secretary Mayorka and the Long Beach Convention Center which are holding unaccompanied minors.

Ms. Camacho also stated that after reviewing over hundred community projects received by their office they are able to submit 10 and there was two transportation projects that were submitted for consideration to the Transportation Committee.

IX. Consent Calendar Items

Agenda Items 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 were unanimously approved by motion of Council Member Diaz and seconded by Council Member Hurtado.

6. Resolution Approving Goals Soccer Centers, Inc., Rent Reduction Due To The Ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic

The City Council unanimously approved items A & B during consent calendar.

- a. Declaring: (1) the lingering effect of the economic recovery from the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic still adversely affects and limits the Goals Soccer Center operations at the soccer center premises, and (2) the closure or limited operation of the soccer centers premises due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic continues to adversely impact the recreational programs offered by the City at South Gate Park to City residents; and
- b. Resolution No. 2021-19-CC entitled - Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate, California, adopting the findings required in Amendment No. 1 to the Ground Lease and Management Letter for a second year of rent reduction for Goals Soccer Centers, Inc.

7. Resolution Extending The Local Emergency Due To The COVID-19 Pandemic

The City Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 2021-20-CC entitled - Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate, California, extending the Local Emergency within the City as a result of the ongoing Coronavirus Disease 2019 pandemic during consent calendar.

8. Agreement With The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority For The West Santa Ana Branch Transit Oriented Development Grant Implementation Program

The City Council unanimously approved items A, B and C during consent calendar.

- a. Agreement (Contract No. 2021-48-CC) with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority accepting a grant award in the amount of \$180,000 from the West Santa Ana Branch Transit Oriented Development Strategic Implementation Plan Program for the Equitable Development Strategy, Public Facilities Financing and Development Opportunity Reserve Plans to be implemented in the proposed Gateway Specific Plan area;
- b. Authorized the Mayor to execute the Agreement in a form acceptable to the City Attorney; and
- c. Authorized the Director of Community Development to act as agent for the City under this Agreement and to sign any subsequent documents on behalf of the City as required to properly execute the Grant Agreement.

9. Amendment No. 2 To Contract No. 3398 With Viatron Systems, Inc., For Additional Document Scanning Services For The Police Department

The City Council unanimously approved items A, B and C during consent calendar.

- a. Amendment No. 2 to Contract No. 3398 with ViaTRON Systems Inc., retroactively extending the term from July 1, 2020, for additional document scanning services that were performed for the Police Department;

- b. Appropriated \$18,152 from the unassigned fund balance of the General Fund to Account Number 100-503-21-6101 (General Fund - Police Services - Professional Services) to cover the cost of this Amendment No. 2; and
- c. Authorized the Mayor to execute the Agreement in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

10. Amendment No. 2 To Contract No. 2021-13-AC With KOA Corp., For Additional Construction Management Services For The Citywide Sidewalk Improvement Project

The City Council unanimously approved items A and B during consent calendar.

- a. Amendment No. 2 to Contract No. 2021-13-AC with KOA Corporation, retroactively effective April 12, 2021, for an additional 15 days of construction inspection services of the Citywide Sidewalk Improvement Project, Phase VII, City Project No. 659-ST, in an amount not-to-exceed \$15,000; and
- b. Authorized the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 2 in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

11. Ratification Of Purchase Order With Best Roofing For The South Gate Park Maintenance Yard Roof Replacement Project

The City Council unanimously approved items A, B and C during consent calendar.

- a. Ratifying Purchase Order with Best Roofing through the Omni Partners- National Roofing Partners (NRP) contract to replace the corrugated roof portion of the South Gate Park Maintenance Yard with the same type of corrugated roofing materials that are currently on the building, in the amount of \$97,497.49, resulting in a net reduction from the originally approved price of \$23,502.51;
- b. Authorized the City's Purchasing Division to issue a Purchase Order, in the amount of \$97,497.49 for this project in accordance with the City's purchasing ordinance and policies; and
- c. Authorized the Interim Director of Parks & Recreation to execute any additional documents as may be required to properly implement and manage this purchase and installation.

12. Minutes

The City Council unanimously approved items A and B during consent calendar.

- a. The Special Meeting minutes of April 20, 2021; and
- b. The Regular Meeting minutes of April 27, 2021.

X. Reports, Recommendations And Requests

13. Resolution Approving Administrative Regulation 109 Establishing The City's Social Media Policy

The City Council unanimously continued adopting a Resolution - approving Administrative Regulation 109 establishing the City's Social Media Policy, effective immediately by motion of Mayor Rios and seconded by Council Member Hurtado.

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

14. Resolution Of Intent To Levy Assessments For Fiscal Year 2021/22 For The Parking And Business Improvement Area (Tweedy Mile Business District) Business License

The City Council approved items A, B, C and D by motion of Vice Mayor Avalos and seconded by Council Member Davila.

- a. The Tweedy Mile Advisory Board's Annual Report for Fiscal Years 2020/21 and 2021/22;
- b. Resolution No. 2021-21-CC entitled – Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate, California, declaring the City's intention to levy and collect assessments for Fiscal Year 2021/22 for the Parking and Business Improvement Area (known as the Tweedy Mile Business District) Business License, as permitted by the Parking and Business Improvement Area Law of 1989 (California Streets And Highways Code Section 36500 et seq.), and scheduling a Public Hearing for June 8, 2021;
- c. Reimbursed the Tweedy Mile Association in the amount of \$10,398.00 for Fiscal Year 2020/21 approved expenditures; and
- d. Carrying over the Fiscal Year 2020/21 ending fund balance in the amount of \$31,896.77 to Fiscal Year 2021/22.

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

15. Direction On How To Procure A New Exclusive Solid Waste Franchise Agreement

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

- a. Directed staff to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) to procure a new exclusive solid waste franchise agreement through a competitive bid process;
- b. Authorized the Mayor to execute an Agreement with HF&H Consultants, in a form acceptable to the City Attorney, in the amount of \$150,000, to assist with the development of a RFP for an Exclusive Solid Waste Franchise Agreement and with the management of the procurement process; and

c. Appropriated \$150,000 from the unrestricted fund balance of the City's Refuse Collection Fund to Account No. 413 733-51-6101 (Refuse Collection Fund - Professional Services) to fund the cost of the HF&H agreement. These funds would be reimbursed upon

acceptance of the successor franchise agreement by the City Council by the successful waste hauler.

OR

d. Directing staff to negotiate a new exclusive solid waste franchise agreement with USA Waste of California, Inc., dba Waste Management (Waste Management);

e. Authorizing the Mayor to execute an Agreement with HF&H, in a form acceptable to the City Attorney, in the amount of \$89,000, to assist staff with the negotiation of a new exclusive solid waste franchise agreement with Waste Management; and

f. Appropriating \$89,000 from the unrestricted fund balance of the City's Refuse Collection Fund to Account No. 413 733-51-6101 (Refuse Collection Fund - Professional Services) to fund the cost of the HF&H agreement. These funds would be reimbursed upon acceptance of the successor franchise agreement by the City Council by the successful waste hauler.

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

16. American Rescue Plan Act Report

The City Council unanimously moved this item to the Council Meeting of May 25th by motion of Council Member Davila and seconded by Council Member Diaz.

a. Receiving and filing the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 report; and

b. Providing direction to staff on the proposed use of the City's estimated \$37 million allocation from the ARPA. Based on the City Council's direction, staff will prepare appropriate budgetary action for the City Council's consideration at a future meeting.

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

17. West Santa Ana Branch Report

The City Council unanimously moved this item to the Council Meeting of May 25th by motion of Council Member Davila and seconded by Council Member Diaz.

a. Receiving and filing an update report of the West Santa Ana Branch Light Rail Project; and

b. Providing staff with direction as it relates to the draft Master Cooperative Agreement with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority and

future fiscal planning.

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

18. Warrant Register For May 11, 2021

The City Council unanimously approved the Warrants and Cancellations with the exception of Warrants #92393, 92375 92418 for May 11, 2021 by motion of Council Auditor Avalos and seconded by Council Member Davila.

Total of Checks: \$2,319,480.21

VOIDS \$ (4,596.53)

Total of Payroll Deductions: \$ (385,449.86)

Grand Total: \$1,929,433.82

Cancellations: 699, 91757, 92026, 92417

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

XI. Adjournment

Vice Mayor Avalos unanimously adjourned the meeting in memory of Ms. Clotilde Valdebenito, Adolfo Varas, Parks & Recreation Commissioner's grandmother and Police Officer Ed Lane, Jr., retired in 1990 after 33 ½ years of dedicated service to the City of South Gate and the South Gate Police Department at 11:01 p.m. and seconded by Council Member Davila.

PASSED and **APPROVED** this 22nd day of June 2021.

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