

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

Tuesday, June 22, 2021

6/22/2021 - 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 6:34 p.m.

INVOCATION Reverend Sean Pica from Redeemer Lutheran Church

PLEDGE OF

ALLEGIANCE Joshua Barron, Parks & Recreation Commissioner

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 Raul F. Salinas

COVID 19 Meeting Procedures

III. Meeting Compensation Disclosure

IV. Proclamations, Certificates, Introductions And Ceremonial Actions

1. Proclamation Declaring July 4th As Independence Day

The City Council issued a Proclamation declaring the 4th of July 2021 as Independence Day in honor and celebration of our nation's 245th birthday.

2. Proclamation Declaring July As Parks Make Life Better Month

The City Council issued a Proclamation declaring July 2021 as Parks Make Life Better! Month.

EXCUSED FROM MEETING At this time, Council Member Diaz, was excused from the meeting and left the call.

3. Proclamation Declaring July As National Minority Mental Health Awareness

Month

The City Council issued a Proclamation declaring July 2021 as National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month.

4. Certificates To High School Graduates Who Overcame Obstacles

The City Council presented Certificates of Appreciation to Naud Avellaneda, Angel Ayala, Bryan Bonilla, Briana Guerra, Liza Lopez, Axel Perez, Ashley Rivas and Arianna Sanabria.

5. Introduction Of Promoted Employees

The City Council considered allowing staff to introduce the new and promotional full-time employees hired or promoted during May 2021.

6. Appointments To The Tweedy Mile Advisory Board

Council Member Maria Davila appointed Angela Lucero to the Tweedy Mile Advisory Board; the appointment was ratified by a majority vote of the City Council by motion of Council Member Davila and seconded by Council Member Hurtado.

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

V. Public Hearings

7. Resolution Adopting The 2020 Urban Water Management Plan And 2020 Water Shortage Contingency Plan

The City Council conducted a Public Hearing and approved A, B, and C by motion of Council Member Hurtado and Council Member Davila.

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

- a. Received and filed a presentation of the City's 2020 Urban Water Management Plan and Water Shortage Contingency Plan;
- b. Adopted Resolution No. 2021-26-CC entitled - A Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate, California, adopting the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan to comply with the Urban Water Management Planning Act (California Water Code Division 6, Part 2.6, Sections 10610 through 10657) as mandated in California; and
- c. Adopted Resolution No. 2021-27-CC entitled - A Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate, California, adopting the 2020 Water Shortage Contingency Plan to comply with the Urban Water Management Planning Act (California Water Code Division 6, Part 2.6, Sections 10610 through 10657) as mandated in California.

Art Cervantes, Public Works Director and Shahnawaz "Shahn" Ahmad, SA Associates

provided the presentation for this item.

Council Member Hurtado requested at a future meeting Council can receive information on the impact of population growth.

Mayor Rios opened the Public Hearing. Seeing no one come forward the Mayor closed the Public Hearing.

Mayor Rios encouraged the public to conserve water and would like to see an outreach program for the residents.

Vice Mayor Avalos asked if staff has already made plans for a public outreach program.

Mr. Cervantes stated that public outreach is included with the recommendation and will continue to look at future projects.

VI. Comments From The Audience

The South Gate librarians announced that the Hollydale Library is reopened to provide select in person services. Additionally, sidewalk services will continue.

Virginia Johnson, 5751 McKinley Avenue, spoke about the dismantling of the museum and transit housing (700 residential units), retail and office spaces. She also thanked the police department for the confiscation of illegal fireworks in area 5.

Octavio Cesar Martinez, United Metal Recyclers of California spoke on the importance of metal recyclers.

Robert Montalvo stated that the American Legion will be hosting a COVID vaccination site on Friday, June 25th. He also reported that there is a scam going around the City with landlords charging application fees to possible renters with no chance of getting the rental.

Andrea Paulino, Hollydale resident, stated that she recently received the new South Gate Connect and suggested that it include information for residents on the City's municipal codes.

Chris Jeffers, City Manger stated that he will contact Parks staff and update Council on the status of the library. Staff is monitoring the situation with the property in the City of Downey and once we have complete information, we will be able to respond. Council Member Hurtado has also been in contact with the Council Members of Downey.

VII. Reports And Comments From City Officials

Jackie Acosta, Director of Administrative Services spoke about her 6 years working at the City as she leaves this week to go on to another position.

Carmen Avalos, City Clerk, thanked Ms. Acosta for her hard work during her time with the City. Ms. Avalos stated that the new public records request system has gone live and updated Council on the upcoming 2022 election. Lastly, Ms. Avalos stated that she was

selected by the Los Angeles Register Recorders Office to look at various systems for political filings.

Raul F. Salinas, City Attorney thanked Ms. Acosta for her work during her time with the City.

Greg Martinez, City Treasurer also thanked Ms. Acosta for her hard work and dedication. Mr. Martinez also stated that the PR Case site that he works for is closing and they are looking to find permanent housing for many of the homeless people that are clients with his site.

Council Member Davila attended South Gate Middle School's graduation ceremony and there is a new CEO at METRO.

Council Member Davila also would like to have an update on the City's Museum and thanked Ms. Acosta for her dedication to the City.

Council Member Hurtado thanked Ms. Acosta for her work with the City and spoke about illegal dumping near the railroad tracks.

Council Member Hurtado stated that JAA is reopening as well as other local youth organizations. Due to COVID restrictions JAA will not be able to have a basketball season this year but they will have a second baseball season. At the high school level all three teams made the softball playoffs and Legacy High School won the City Championship. He encourages everyone to support youth sports.

Vice Mayor Avalos had nothing to report on her outside commissions but wished all the fathers that work for the City a happy belated Father's Day. The Vice Mayor also thanked Ms. Acosta for her dedication.

Mayor Rios also thanked Ms. Acosta for her work with the City. Mayor Rios attended the Northgate grand opening. He encouraged residents to get vaccinated and there is money still available at the State level for rental relief.

VIII. Consent Calendar Items

Agenda Items 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16 and 17 were approved by motion of Council Member Davila and seconded by Council Member Hurtado. Item 13 will be brought back at a future City Council Meeting.

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

8. Ordinance No. 2021-06-CC Changing The City's Municipal Election Date The November Statewide General Election Cycle, Effective 2022

The City Council waived the reading in full and adopted Ordinance No. 2021-06-CC entitled - Ordinance of the City Council of the City of South Gate, California, changing the date of the City's General Municipal Election from the March Statewide Primary Election cycle to the November Statewide General Election cycle, effective in 2022,

and continuing thereafter in even numbered years during consent calendar.

9. Ordinance No. 2021-07-CC Authorizing The City's Public, Educational, And Governmental Programming Access Support Fee

The City Council waived the reading in full and adopted Ordinance No. 2021-07-CC entitled - An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of South Gate, California, establishing the City's public, educational, and governmental programming access support fee on state-franchised video service providers operating within the City of South Gate during consent calendar.

10. Resolution Extending The Local Emergency Due To The Ongoing Coronavirus Disease 2019 Pandemic

The City Council adopted Resolution No. 2021-28-CC entitled - A 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.

11. Resolution Approving Compensation Tables And Benefits For Executive Management Contract Employees Hired After July 1, 2021

The City Council adopted Resolution No. 2021-29-CC entitled - A Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate, California approving and adopting compensation tables and benefits for Executive Management Contract Employees hired after July 1, 2021 during consent calendar.

12. Resolution Adopting Local Streets & Roads Funding Program Project List For Fiscal Year 2021/22

The City Council adopted Resolution No. 2021-30-CC entitled - A Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate, California adopting the Local Streets and Roads Funding Program Project List for Fiscal Year 2021/22 to program \$1,863,456 in Senate Bill 1 funds to the Citywide Sidewalk Improvements Project Phase VIII, City Project No. 683-ST; the Long Beach Boulevard Pedestrian and Median Improvements Project, City Project No. 515-ST; the Citywide Residential Resurfacing Project Phase II, City Project No. 661-ST; and the Citywide Residential Resurfacing Project Phase III, City Project No. 684-ST, in compliance with Senate Bill 1 requirements during consent calendar.

13. Resolution Updating The Job Specification Of The Equipment Maintenance Superintendent Position In Public Works

The City Council considered adopting a Resolution amending Resolution No. 6454 (Salary Resolution and Position Classification Plan) updating the job specification of the Equipment Maintenance Superintendent position in the Public Works Department.

Item 13 was removed from the Consent Calendar and will be brought back at a future City Council Meeting.

14. Grant Deed Of Right-Of-Way Dedication Of 8616 Long Beach Boulevard From Gratitude RE, LLC

The Council approved A and B during consent calendar.

- a. Accepted the Grant Deed (#193) from Gratitude RE, LLC to secure a 3-foot swath of right-of-way for street purposes along Long Beach Boulevard; and
- b. Authorized the Mayor to execute the Certificates of Acceptance in forms acceptable to the City Attorney.

15. Notice Of Completion For The Citywide Sidewalk Improvement Project, Phase VII

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

- a. Accepted completion of construction, effective April 29, 2021, of the Citywide Sidewalk Improvement Project Phase VII, City Project No. 659-ST, constructed by Vido Samarzich, Inc.;
- b. Approved a transfer of \$54,532 in Measure R Funds from Account No. 311-790-31-9565 (Long Beach Boulevard Street Improvement Project) into Account No. 311-790-39-9479 (Capital Improvements - South Gate Citywide Sidewalk Improvement Project, Phase VII) to fully fund construction and construction management services; and
- c. Directed the City Clerk to file Notice of Completion with Los Angeles County Registrar Recorder's Office.

16. Master Agreement With Robert Half International, Inc., For Temporary Staff On An As-Needed Basis

The City Council approved A and B during consent calendar.

- a. Approved a Master Agreement (Contract No. 2021-87-CC) with Robert Half International Inc. for the procurement of temporary staff on an as-needed basis, in an amount not-to-exceed \$300,000 per fiscal year; and
- b. Authorized the Mayor to execute the Master Agreement in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

17. Minutes

The City Council approved A and B during consent calendar.

- a. The Special and Regular Meeting minutes of May 11, 2021; and
- b. The Special Meeting minutes of April 20, April 27, and May 25, 2021.

REJOINED MEETING
discussion of Item 18.

Council Member Diaz rejoined the meeting during to the

IX. Reports, Recommendations And Requests

18. American Rescue Plan Act Plan

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

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

- a. Received and filed the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 report; and
- b. Provided direction to staff on the proposed use of the City's estimated \$34.5 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.

19. Warrants

The City Council approved the Warrants except for #92718, # 92932, and #92838 by motion of Vice Mayor Avalos and seconded by Council Member Davila.

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

- a. Approving Check No. 92614 from May 25, 2021;
- b. Approving Check No. 92718 from June 8, 2021; and
- c. Approving the Warrant Register for June 22, 2021

Total of Checks:	\$2,487,616.07
Voids:	\$ (1,224.58)
Total of Payroll Deductions	\$ (408,099.64)
Grand Total:	\$2,078,291.85

Cancellations: 92422, 92643, 92783, 92893

X. Adjournment

Mayor Rios unanimously adjourned the meeting in memory of former Lakewood City Manager Howard L. Chambers and Maria de Socorro Rodriguez Hernandez, grandmother of Eric Quintero, Waste Management Employee at 9:16 p.m. by motion of Council

Member Davila and seconded by Vice Mayor Avalos.

PASSED and **APPROVED** this 27th day of July 2021.

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