

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

**Tuesday, June 25, 2019**

6/25/2019 - Minutes

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

CALL TO ORDER Denise Diaz, Vice Mayor called a Regular City Council meeting to order at 6:48 p.m.

INVOCATION Randall Davis, Chief of Police

PLEDGE OF

ALLEGIANCE John Robert Montalvo, Vice Commander of the American Legion Post #335

ROLL CALL Carmen Avalos, City Clerk

**II. City Officials**

PRESENT Vice Mayor Denise Diaz, Council Member Al Rios, Council Member Maria Davila and Council Member María Belén Bernal; City Treasurer Gregory Martinez, Assistant City Manager Arturo Cervantes, City Attorney Raul F. Salinas

LATE Mayor Jorge Morales arrived at 7:21 p.m.

City Manager Michael Flad arrived at 7:22 p.m.

**III. Meeting Compensation Disclosure**

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

**1. Proclamation In Recognition And Celebration Of The American Legion's 100th Anniversary**

The City Council issued a Proclamation to the American Legion Post #335 in recognition and celebration of the organization's 100th Anniversary.

**2. Proclamation Declaring The Fourth Of July 2019, As Independence Day In Honor And Celebration Of The Nation's 243rd Birthday**

The City Council issued a Proclamation declaring the Fourth of July 2019, as Independence Day in honor and celebration of the nation's 243rd birthday.

**3. Proclamation Declaring The Month Of July 2019, As "Parks Make Life Better" Month**

The City Council issued a Proclamation declaring the month of July 2019, as "Parks Make Life Better" Month.

**4. Certificates Of Appreciation To Residents In Recognition For Beautifying And Maintaining Their Homes**

The City Council presented a Certificate of Appreciation, lawn sign, and Azalea plant

to the 12 residents selected by the Planning Commission in recognition of their efforts to beautify and maintain their homes.

## **V. Public Hearings**

### **5. Resolution Amending The Schedule Of Fees To Apply A 2.51% Increase To Residential Refuse Collection And Recycling Services Rates For Fiscal Year 2019/20**

The City Council conducted a public hearing and adopted Resolution No. 7872 entitled - A Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate, California, amending Resolution No. 7838 (Schedule of Fees), to apply a 2.51% increase to the residential refuse collection and recycling services rates for Fiscal Year 2019/2020 by motion of Council Member Bernal and seconded by Council Member Davila.

Art Cervantes, Assistant City Manager/Director of Public Works gave a brief summary of the item.

Vice Mayor Diaz opened the Public Hearing and asked if anyone in the audience would like to speak on this item.

Virginia Johnson, 5751 McKinley Avenue said that she is confused that if City Council is not voting to approve the fees because it is automatic, what does it mean to change the fees.

Mr. Cervantes responded that the schedule of fees contains the fees that are applied by the City. One of the fees that are listed are those that Waste Management charges. On behalf of Waste Management the City collects for the residential accounts. This year's fees are in the schedule of fees. To change the schedule of fees it requires the adoption of a Resolution by City Council.

Nick Godoy, 8611 San Gabriel Avenue asked if the 2.5% is applied to both the refuse collection and the recycling collection. This would make it a 5% increase.

Seeing no one else come forward, Vice Mayor Diaz closed the Public Hearing.

Mr. Cervantes responded that the 2.51% applies to all the rates that Waste Management charges. This includes the residential rates and recycling rates as well. It is not 2.51 plus 2.51 because there is more than one service. It is just 2.51% across the board.

Council Member Rios asked if it is an ongoing process that happens every year. That 2.51% is close to .46¢.

## **VI. Consent Calendar Items**

Agenda Items 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14 were unanimously approved by motion of Council Member Davila and seconded by Council Member Bernal.

### **6. Ordinance No. 2362 Amending Certain Subsections Of Sections In Chapter 1.02 (City Seal) Of The Municipal Code Regarding Use Of The City Seal**

The City Council waived the reading in full and unanimously adopted Ordinance No. 2362 entitled – Ordinance of the City Council of the City of South Gate, California, amending certain Subsections of Sections 1.02.040 (Prohibited Uses of City Seal),

1.02.050 (Authorized Uses of City Seal), and 1.02.060 (Specially Permitted Uses of the City Seal), of Chapter 1.02 (City Seal), of Title 1 (Administration and Personnel), of the South Gate Municipal Code regarding use of the City Seal during Consent Calendar.

### **7. Community Development Block Grant Program Subrecipient Agreements For Fiscal Year 2019/20**

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

a. Approved Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Subrecipient Agreements for Fiscal Year 2019/20 with:

1. Fair Housing Foundation (Contract No. 3532);
2. Southern California Rehabilitation Services (Contract No. 3533);
3. The Salvation Army (Contract No. 3534);
4. Helpline Youth Counseling (Contract No. 3535);
5. Tweedy Mile Association (Contract No. 3536); and

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

### **8. Amendment No. 1 To Contract No. 3241 With National Plant Services, Inc., Extending The Sanitary Sewer Main Closed Circuit Television Inspection Services**

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

a. Approved Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. 3241 with National Plant Services, Inc., extending the term of the contract by 18-months as necessary to fund services rendered under the Sanitary Sewer Main Closed Circuit Television Inspection Services (CCTV) between March 2, 2018 through August 31, 2019, to meet the State's program requirements, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000; and

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

### **9. Amendment No. 2 To Contract No. 3340 With SAFNA Engineering & Consulting For Project Management Services Of The Water System Improvement Projects**

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

a. Approved Amendment No. 2 to Contract No. 3340 with SAFNA Engineering & Consulting, a division of Heateflex, for project management services necessary for the delivery of water system improvement projects in an amount not-to exceed \$248,000, for an additional one-year term, through June 30, 2020; and

b. Authorized the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 2 in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

**10. Groundwater Pumping Rights Lease Agreement With Rockview Dairies, Inc., To Lease 30 Acre-Foot Of The City's Groundwater Pumping Rights For Fiscal Year 2018/19**

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

a. Approved the Groundwater Pumping Rights Lease Agreement (Contract No. 3537) with Rockview Dairies, Inc. to lease 30 acre-feet of the City's Fiscal Year 2018/2019 groundwater pumping rights, without flex, in the amount of \$5,700; and

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

**11. Agreement With The Los Angeles County Flood Control District Authorizing The City To Modify And Utilize The Bandini Channel For The Urban Orchard Project**

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

a. Approved an Agreement (Contract No. 3538) with the Los Angeles County Flood Control District authorizing the City to modify and utilize the Bandini Channel in accordance with the improvements proposed under the Urban Orchard Project, for a 25-year term, at no cost to the City; and

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

**12. Agreement With Davis Farr LLP For Auditing Services Of The Transient Occupancy Tax Revenue**

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

a. Approved a Professional Services Agreement (Contract No. 3539) with Davis Farr LLP for auditing services of the transient occupancy tax revenue in an amount not to exceed \$82,500; and

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

**13. Amendment 3 To Contract 3307 With MV Cheng & Associates Extending As-Needed Accounting Services Through June 30, 2019**

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

a. Approved Amendment No. 3 to Contract No. 3307 with MV Cheng & Associates extending as-needed accounting services through December 31, 2019; and

b. Authorized the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 3 in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

**14. Minutes**

The City Council unanimously approved the Special Meeting minutes of May 28, 2019 and June 11, 2019.

**VII. Comments From The Audience**

Virginia Johnson, 5751 Mc Kinley Avenue, has noticed many "A" frame signs on the public

right-of-way. These signs block handicap access and the entrances to the buildings. She took pictures of these signs and the majority of them are on Garfield Avenue and Main Street. She does not see this in other Cities so why should we in South Gate have to accept this as normal business practices when it is against our code.

Julie Hernandez Chang and Iris Ilagan from the Leland Weaver and Hollydale Libraries invited everyone to the Library of the Year Celebration on Saturday, June 29th at the Manhattan Beach Library and they also announced that the Grand Reopening of the Hollydale Library will be Saturday, July 13th.

Andrea Palino, 11625 Utah Avenue, thanked Mr. Cervantes for assisting the residents to get their alley ways cleaned up.

Arthur Rockwell, Focus Media Group said that Focus Media Group partners with cities in Southern California to offer services, amenities and maintenance. They will be entering into a franchise agreement with the City of South Gate for these services. They are currently finalizing the details of the agreement and it should be coming before Council in August.

Eleni, USC School of Public Policy shared information on The Local Leaders Academy which is designed to train elected officials on developing leadership skills. The program begins in August.

Nick Godoy, 8611 San Gabriel Avenue, said that he tried to get a fee waiver for an upcoming American Legion event. The Legion would appreciate the City Council waiving the permit fees.

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

Mike Flad, City Manager said that the Mayor and the City Manager had the opportunity to meet with Frank Uri and different representatives from various performing and physical arts groups around Los Angeles County to discuss the proposed SELA Cultural Center. The cultural arts center is being planned along the Los Angeles River. There is cooperation from the State, County and local level of Governments to provide cultural arts programming and a physical space. It would be located at the confluence point of the Rio Hondo in South Gate.

Carmen Avalos, City Clerk attended the NALEO conference in Miami. It was very exciting to see what is happening across the nation.

Greg Martinez, City Treasurer announced that the homeless number officially came out. The previous year's count was 261, which is up substantially from the year prior. This year our count is 362, which is an increase of over 100% in just two years.

Council Member Davila stated that she and Council Member Rios attended the Council of Government summit where they discussed public partnerships and the homeless issue. There was a lot of information to bring back. She also attended the Rotary Golf Tournament.

Council Member Rios also attended the Council of Government summit and a Grid presentation. Grid is a nonprofit organization that promotes electric cars.

Council Member Rios announced that there will be a SELA Arts Festival at the LA River on

July 27, 2019. On June 26th, Metro is having a transit event at South Gate Park. There will also be an executive boot camp for non-profits on July 19th. Currently they have not announced the location for the boot camp.

Council Member Bernal attended the Independent Cities Association Board Meeting and they are preparing for the summer sessions.

Council Member Bernal met with Communities for Better Environments and Art Cervantes, Assistant City Manager/Director of Public Works today regarding public spaces and the 710 corridor. They understand that we cannot achieve 100% and that there is always room for collaboration. They spoke about local hiring and the need for low income housing.

Council Member Davila wanted to share that ten students from Legacy High School's Steam Program went to Prague for a technology/engineering competition and they won 1st prize. Some of these students missed their graduation so they could compete in this competition.

Vice Mayor Diaz said that there was another young talent that was showcased on ABC. It was a young South Gate resident that beat bullying through boxing.

Vice Mayor Diaz attended the League's Policy Committee and asked for the organization to be more involved with air quality. She also attended the NALEO Conference where one of the main topics was the census.

Mayor Morales spoke about the proposed SELA Cultural Center. He also attended the NALEO Conference and the Mayor felt that the most important part of the conference was the discussion about the census. South Gate has established our Complete Count Committee and he wants to be sure that we are involved to get that 100% count.

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

### **15. Presentation Of The City's Water Master Plan**

The City Council unanimously received and filed a presentation of the City's Water Master Plan from the Department of Public Works by motion of Council Member Bernal and seconded by Council Member Davila.

### **16. Presentation Of The City's Sewer Master Plan**

The City Council unanimously received and filed a presentation of the City's Sewer Master Plan from the Department of Public Works by motion of Council Member Bernal and seconded by Council Member Davila.

### **17. Warrant Register For June 25, 2019**

The City Council unanimously approved the Warrants and Cancellations for June 25, 2019 by motion of Council Auditor Bernal and seconded by Council Member Davila.

Total of Checks: \$2,311,049.81  
Voids \$ (7,386.84)  
Total of Payroll Deductions: \$ (350,130.40)  
Grand Total: \$1,953,532.57

Cancellations: 82372, 82816, 83099, 83116

## **X. Adjournment**

Mayor Morales unanimously adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m., by motion of Council Member Bernal and seconded by Council Member Davila.

**PASSED** and **APPROVED** this 23rd day of July, 2019.

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