

CITY OF SOUTH GATE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, July 13, 2021

7/13/2021 - 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 6:36 p.m.

INVOCATION Reverend Marta Moscoso, Faith and Hope Lutheran Church

PLEDGE OF

ALLEGIANCE Girl Scout Troop 1553

ROLL CALL Sonia Guerrero, Recording Secretary

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 Clerk Carmen Avalos City Treasurer Gregory Martinez; Interim City Manager Chris Jeffers, City Attorney/Special Legal Counsel Raul F. Salinas

III. Meeting Compensation Disclosure

IV. Public Hearings

1A The City Council presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Lisa Bautista. Mrs. Bautista has worked in the South Gate Police Department for 35 years as a dispatcher.

1. Ordinance Amending Section 13.100 (Solid Waste Handling And Recycling Services)

The City Council conducted a Public Hearing and unanimously approved A and B by motion of Vice Mayor Avalos and seconded by Council Member Davila.

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

a. Waived the reading in full and introduced Ordinance No. 2021-08-CC entitled – An

Ordinance of the City Council of the City of South Gate, California adding Part 8. Recycling of Commercial Solid Waste and Organic Waste, and Sections 13.100.430 (Definitions), 13.100.440 (Commercial Solid Waste Recycling), 13.100.450 (Organic Waste Recycling), 13.100.460 (Fees) and 13.100.470 (Enforcement Provisions), to Chapter 13.100 (Solid Waste Handling and Recycling Services), of Title 13 (Franchises), of the South Gate Municipal Code; and

b. Accepted the determination that the proposed amendment is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Gladis Deras, Public Works provided the report for this item.

Mayor Rios opened the public hearing

Liz Ruiz, Kauffman is looking forward to having the green bins and asked what the additional charges would be for the service.

Ms. Deras responded that currently this is only applicable for commercial businesses and multi family businesses of five units or more.

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

Chris Jeffers, City Manager stated that for residential service it will be covered under SB1383 and staff will be working on this program within the next year.

Raul Salinas, City Attorney explained the enforcement process.

Council Member Diaz asked how the education process will work for the businesses, especially the small businesses owners.

Ms. Deras stated that a letter regarding AB341 was sent last month, and a second letter will be mailed out if approved.

Council Member Hurtado stated that these assembly bills passed a long time ago. Why has it taken the City so long to enforce this program.

Ms. Deras explained that the City has been in compliance. The City recently updated the waste hauler contract to meet these requirements. The issue is that the quantity of businesses complying with this is so low that the State has now requested that something be done to enforce these bills.

Council Member Hurtado asked what the penalties for the businesses that are not in compliance.

Ms. Deras stated that there is a fine of \$71.74 if they do not subscribe to a service. The fine is higher than the fee to receive the service.

Council Member Hurtado asked if there are fines charged the City for being noncompliant.

Mr. Jeffers responded that in all pieces of legislature there is a mechanism in place for Cal Recycle to levy fines, but they want to put communities on a path of compliance.

Mayor Rios asked when the City started enforcing the program and what is the percentage of businesses in compliance.

Ms. Deras responded that for AB341 there are a total of 566 customers and 396 customers are not in compliance. For AB1826 a total of 1,279 customers and 1,265 are not in compliance.

Vice Mayor Avalos asked where the City falls in the spectrum of compliance.

Mr. Jeffers responded that Cal Recycle have given us a list of compliance measures and this item is one of those measures to move forward with.

V. Comments From The Audience

Virginia Johnson, 5751 McKinley spoke on the City of Downey meeting regarding the new housing development on Garfield which was postponed due to technical problems. She encouraged a few of the City Council members to attend to voice how this will affect the east side of South Gate. Also, she addressed her concerns of after over 20 years of having low counts of Code Enforcement Officers in our City of 100,000 people that at last night's Special Council proceedings the staff and council do not need more than five code enforcement officers.

Jesus Miranda, 8466 San Vincente recommended to the City Council that they consider stopping the sale of fireworks.

Andrea Paulino, Area 5 resident has concerns with the accidents on Garfield Avenue near Circle Park. She stated that many of the homes in her neighborhood are not being kept up, especially the lawns and the cars parked on the lawn. She wants to know what it takes to get Code Enforcement to look at this area.

Thomas Buckley is happy with setup for the City Council meeting to include in person and zoom.

Christina Montalvo, spoke on upcoming events coming to the City of South Gate including a vaccination clinic and backpack giveaway.

Cindy Esquivel, spoke about the fights happening at the skate park in South Gate Park.

Clarissa Ortega, Assemblymember Rendon's Office, updated the public on funds being allocated to the City for upcoming projects. They will also be hosting a Youth Leadership Program and an appointee workshop.

Josh Barron, 8819 Beaudine, is concerned with the condition of Area 5 and the parking situation of this area. He also informed the audience of the upcoming events at South Gate Park and encouraged the community to voice their opinions on the budget for Tweedy Mile.

Armando Velazquez stated that the Kiwanis Club will have their first hybrid meeting with free tacos to all in attendance this Monday.

Adolfo Varas, 10313 Jackson Avenue announced that there is a new business opening on July 17 called Glam Nails and Spa.

Resident is concerned with the City increasing expenditures and revenue and not cutting back on expenditures.

Robert Montalvo encouraged people to donate blood as there is currently a shortage and the problems that the Aztec Football program are having getting a response from Council and staff. Lastly, he spoke about the behavior of a Councilmember and lack of support by that Councilmember for the police department.

Jasmine thanked the City Council for continuing the Zoom meetings.

Liz Ruiz thanked the City Council for continuing the Zoom meetings and is looking forward to more community involvement.

An email was read into the record from David Smith regarding traffic problems on Garfield Avenue between Imperial Highway and Southern Avenue by Sonia Guerrero, Recording Secretary.

VI. Reports And Comments From City Officials

Randy Davis, Chief of Police stated that the Police Department has added extra patrol to the Garfield Avenue area to address the concerns regarding this area. He has also been working with Code Enforcement to address issues that involve both divisions.

Chris Jeffers, Interim City Manager stated most of the budget presentation that was made yesterday is available online.

Steve Costley, Interim Parks and Recreation Director stated that staff will be meeting with the Police Department and the City Manager's Office to discuss enforcement rules at the skate park.

Mr. Costley announced that Concert's in the Park have been very successful and believes that the attendance has doubled since past year's events. During the concerts there will be a mobile vaccination clinic parked next to the Sports Center. The pool is now open again and the fitness center is starting to accept new memberships.

Grace Martin, Interim Community Development Director stated that on July 28th the City will be holding a joint housing workshop between the Planning Commission and the City Council at 6:00 p.m.

Greg Martinez, City Treasurer, spoke on the challenges of working with the homeless.

Council Member Diaz reported on the possible expansion of the 710 freeway and the work that Council Member Davila has done representing South Gate. Council Member Diaz was appointed to the Water Conservation Authority and requested staff to follow up with

the Water Shed Authority regarding project completion dates. She attended a Zoom meeting with the Regional Water Board concerning a MS4 permit where the compliance price tag would affect our residents. SELA is having a book drive to help the migrant children at the Fairplex. There is a nonprofit that Justin Bieber has, "One Love Day" and they have selected three cities (Lynwood, Cudahy, and South Gate) to host a community cleanup around the area.

Council Member Hurtado went on a ride along and he was impressed with every member of the staff. One of the things we were dealing with were illegal fireworks. Children and people with autism are affected by all the loud noise that is produced by the fireworks. The people that are lighting the fireworks are having a great time but the impact to the community can be harmful. On July 12, Mr. Jeffers and Council Member Hurtado had a very productive meeting with the Union Pacific Railroad. They are working on an agreement that either allows staff to go on the property to clean and remove graffiti or a way to notify railroad staff to clean the area themselves.

A few months ago, Council Member Hurtado raised the issue of speeding on Garfield Avenue. Our Police Department is doing what they can, but we really need to look into this area. He suggested staff reach out to several cities in the SELA area to calibrate with State representatives about the housing requirements that are being imposed unfairly in our dense area. Lastly, Council Member Hurtado asked that staff look into the plants at the bus stops in Area 5. They are so small they cannot be seen unless you are looking down inside the planters.

Council Member Davila welcomed everyone to our first in person Council Meeting at City Hall since COVID. She discussed all the changes recently in personnel and all the recruiting that the City is doing. Council Member Diaz discussed the activities during the Metro meeting. Widening the 710 would displace many people but this is no longer an option and would like to see further discussion regarding the Alameda Corridor as an option.

Council Member Davila asked the Chief how many pounds of illegal fireworks were confiscated by police.

The Chief responded that the largest incident that occurred was 2,000 pounds of fireworks. On a report that was received about a person selling fireworks out of the back of a truck in the Hollydale area and arrested both the seller and the buyer of the fireworks. We need to coordinate with other states as these fireworks are not coming from California.

Vice Mayor Avalos is sorry to hear what happened to the Girl Scouts and said that those fireworks sounded more like bombs. This is something that needs to be reviewed as a Council. As for the RENA Housing Numbers the Vice Mayor believes the League is looking into a lawsuit against the state. Other than that, she has enjoyed being at the park watching the concerts in the park but reminded the public that the Delta variant is still out there and is more contagious than the original COVID virus. The numbers continue to climb within the County of Los Angeles.

Mayor Rios thanked staff for their work during these past 18 months and welcomed everyone back. The Mayor spoke about all the various funding opportunities coming to the City for projects and relief as we continue to put the community first.

RECESS The City Council recessed at 8:42 p.m., and reconvened at 8:50 p.m., with all Members of Council present.

VII. Consent Calendar Items

Agenda Items 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12 and 13 were unanimously approved by motion of Council Member Diaz and seconded by Council Member Hurtado. City Manager Jeffers made a correction on Item 3 stating that the staff report listed a cost of \$29,000.00 but the actual cost is \$54,000.00 for the environmental review. It is still all paid for by the grant SB2. Items 6 and 10 was pulled for separate discussion.

Roll Call: Council Member Diaz, yes; Council Member Davila, yes (Item 7 Council Member Davila, recused); Council Member Hurtado, yes; Vice Mayor Avalos, yes; Mayor Rios, yes

2. Side Letter Of Agreement With The South Gate Police Officers' Association Pertaining To Accrued Unused Vacation And Holiday Time

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

- a. Side Letter of Agreement (Contract No. 2021-90-CC) with the South Gate Police Officers' Association regarding accrued unused vacation and holiday leaves; and
- b. Authorized the Mayor to execute the Side Letter of Agreement in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

3. Agreement With Blodgett Baylosis Environmental Planning For The Gateway District Specific Plan Environmental Study

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

- a. Contract No. 2021-91-CC with Blodgett Baylosis Environmental Planning to prepare an Environmental Impact Report for the Gateway District Specific Plan, in an amount not-to-exceed \$29,750; and
- b. Authorized the Mayor to execute the Contract in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

4. Amendment No. 3 To Contract No. 2020-22-AC With ClientFirst Technology Consulting, LLC For Continued IT Project Management Services

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

- a. Amendment No. 3 to Contract No. 2020-22-AC with ClientFirst Technology Consulting, LLC, retroactively effective July 1, 2021, for continued project management services for the implementation of the Technology Master Plan, through March 31, 2022, in an amount not-to-exceed \$99,625;
- b. Authorized the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 3 in a form acceptable to the City

Attorney.

5. Agreement With General Pump Company., For Water Well Maintenance Services

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

- a. Contract No. 2021-92-CC with General Pump Company, Inc., to perform well maintenance services on an as-needed basis, 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.

6. Amendment With Tetra Tech For Additional Design And Construction Support Services For The Garfield Avenue Complete Street Improvement Project

The City Council considered approved A and B during consent calendar by motion of Council Member Davila and seconded by Council Member Diaz. Council Member Hurtado recused himself.

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

- a. Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. 2020-10-CC with TetraTech, to provide additional Right of Way Certification Design Services in the amount of \$41,190, retroactively effective June 21, 2021, and extending the term of the contract through December 31, 2022, to provide design and construction support services on the Garfield Avenue Complete Street Improvement Project, City Project No. 564-ST; 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. 3500 With Iteris For Additional Design Services For Tweedy Boulevard Signal Synchronization Project

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

- a. Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. 3500 with Iteris, Inc., extending the term through December 31, 2023 and adding design services of the Tweedy Boulevard Signal Synchronization Project, LAMTA ID F7309, City Project No. 514-TRF, in an amount not-to-exceed \$17,320; and
- b. Authorized the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 1 in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

8. Amendment No. 2 To Contract No. 3229 With The Pun Group, LLC For Additional Independent Financial Audit Services

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

- a. Amendment No. 2 to Contract No. 3229 with The Pun Group, LLP, extending independent financial audit services for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2021 in the amount not-to-exceed \$69,555; and
- b. Authorized the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 2 in the form acceptable to the City Attorney.

9. Purchase Order With VectorUSA For The Purchase Of Core Data Network Switches, Licensing And Maintenance

The City Council unanimously approved authorizing the issuance of a Purchase Order to VectorUSA, in the amount of \$199,866.69, for the purchase of core data network switches for City Hall and the Police Department, licensing, three years of maintenance and the necessary network design, implementation and training services during consent calendar.

10. Investment Report Ending March 31, 2021

The City Council unanimously approved receiving and filing the Quarterly Investment Report for the quarter ended March 31, 2021 by motion of Council Member Davila and seconded by Council Member Hurtado.

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

11. Investment Report Ending December 31, 2020

The City Council unanimously approved receiving and filing the Quarterly Investment Report for the quarter ended December 31, 2020 during consent calendar.

12. Investment Report Ending September 30, 2020

The City Council unanimously approved receiving and filing the Quarterly Investment Report for the quarter ended September 30, 2020 during consent calendar.

13. Minutes

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

- a. Regular Meeting minutes of May 25, 2021;
- b. Special Meeting minutes of June 1, 2021; and
- c. Special and Regular Meeting minutes of June 8, 2021.

VIII. Reports, Recommendations And Requests

14. Discussion And Direction Regarding The Fixed Route Services (GATE) Transit Agreement Updates

The City Council unanimously approved A option 1 with the \$18.71 pay and not to exceed the adjusted CPI of 5% by motion of Council Member Diaz and seconded by Council Member Davila.

Council Member Avalos motioned to approve option B. Motioned died due to lack of a second.

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

- a. Further modifying the conditions of approval for Global Paratransit, Inc., consistent with option 1 or option 2 as indicated in their counter proposal email dated June 10, 2021; OR
- b. Approving the Transit Services Agreement with Transportation Concepts for the operation and management of the transit services for the Fixed Route (GATE) Program based on their proposal from the original Request For Proposal response;
- c. Authorizing the Mayor to execute the Agreement in a form acceptable to the City Attorney; and
- d. Authorizing the Director of Parks & Recreation to act as agent for the City under the Agreement and to sign any subsequent documents on behalf of the City as required to properly execute the Agreement, including the lease of any City vehicles as required by the Agreement.

15. Discussion And Direction On A Plan For The Sports Field Lighting For Night Youth Programs At Hollydale Park

The City Council discussed and provide direction regarding the addition of sports specific field lighting at Hollydale Regional Park.

Item 15 will be brought back in 30 days with a report to bring back options for the City Council to review.

16. West Santa Ana Branch Report

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

- a. Received and filed an update report of the West Santa Ana Branch Light Rail Project; and
- b. Provided staff with direction as it relates to the draft Master Cooperative Agreement with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority and future fiscal planning.

17. Carryover Of Unspent Budget Appropriations From Fiscal Year 2019/20 To Fiscal Year 2020/21

The City Council unanimously authorized the carryover of unspent budget appropriations from Fiscal Year 2019/20 to Fiscal Year 2020/21 in the account numbers detailed in Exhibit A of the Staff Report by motion of Vice Mayor Avalos and seconded by Council Member Davila.

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

18. Warrants

The City Council unanimously approved (except for Warrants 92718 and 93074) by motion of Vice Mayor Avalos and seconded by Council Member Davila.

- a. Approving Check No. 92718 from June 8, 2021;
- b. Approving Check Nos. 92838 and 92932 from June 22, 2021; and
- c. Approving the Warrant Register for July 13, 2021

Total of Checks:	\$2,941,931.64
Voids:	\$ (31,928.68)
Total of Payroll Deductions	\$ (329,020.49)
Grand Total:	\$2,580,982.47

Cancellations: Various Stale Dated Checks as Listed in the Staff Report.

IX. Adjournment

Mayor Rios unanimously adjourned the meeting in memory of Socorro Flores Contreras Vice Mayor Avalos' family member and Pete Roman Rodriguez Mayor Rios' nephew, at 11:05 p.m. and seconded by Council Member Hurtado.

PASSED and APPROVED this 10th day of August 2021.

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