

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

Tuesday, July 23, 2019

7/23/2019 - Minutes

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

CALL TO ORDER Jorge Morales, Mayor called a Regular City Council meeting to order at 6:43 p.m.

INVOCATION Aldair Bardales, Chaplain of Boy Scout Troop 468

PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE Eagle Scouts from Troop 468

ROLL CALL Carmen Avalos, City Clerk

II. City Officials

PRESENT Mayor Jorge Morales, Vice Mayor Denise Diaz, Council Member Al Rios, Council Member Maria Davila and Council Member María Belén Bernal; City Treasurer Gregory Martinez, City Manager Michael Flad, City Attorney Raul Salinas

III. Meeting Compensation Disclosure

IV. Proclamations, Certificates, Introductions And Ceremonial Actions

1. Proclamations To Eagle Scouts From Troop 468 In Recognition For Attaining The Highest Rank In Scouting

The City Council issued Proclamations to Eagle Scouts from Troop 468 in recognition for their outstanding achievement in attaining the highest rank in Scouting.

2. Certificate Of Appreciation To Principal Rogelio Sanchez, Jr., In Recognition Of His Outstanding Leadership And Accomplishments

The City Council presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Principal Rogelio Sanchez, Jr., in recognition of his outstanding leadership and accomplishments in having a 100% graduation rate with a 94% acceptance rate to a college/university at Alliance Judy Ivie Burton Technology Academy High School.

3. Certificates Of Appreciation To Police Officers Aaron Krisman And Arturo Macias For Their Life Saving Measures

The City Council presented Certificates of Appreciation to South Gate Police Officers Aaron Krisman and Arturo Macias in recognition of their life saving measures while assisting a severely injured resident.

4. Introduction Of The City's New And Promotional Full-Time Employees

The City Council will allow staff to introduce the new and promotional full-time employees hired or promoted between April 1, 2019 and June 30, 2019.

This item was continued to the City Council meeting of August 13, 2019.

V. Comments From The Audience

Bill De Witt, 5485 Gardendale congratulated the Public Works Department for the work on Firestone Boulevard. He asked the City Council to look into the property that is owned by the Los Angeles County School District on Gardendale and Paramount. This property has been vacant for many years and he would like to see some development in that area.

Gabriela Cid, Congresswomen Nanette Barragán updated the community Central Metal Inc. located in Walnut Park and the process to try to clean the contaminated soil in the area. On August 9th the Congresswomen will be hosting a Senior Health Fair at the Carson Community Center. She also stated that South Gate is one of the hardest areas to count for the upcoming Census and the Congresswomen is trying to commit more resources assist with the count.

Virginia Johnson, 5751 McKinley Avenue stated that Cristina Garcia, Assembly Member was doing a good job fighting for the people and is disappointed local Mayors for spending so much money on parties that they call conferences. This conference was held in Hawaii and California had the largest showing of Mayors in the United States.

John Montalvo, 9815 Virginia Avenue thanked the City Attorney for assisting with the Boy Scouts recognition today and thanked Council for supporting Relay for Life. Mr. Montalvo knows that there are grants out there for Veterans and would like to see this money benefit South Gate. He would like to see more funding going towards the security in the Parks.

Henry Gonzalez, 10210 Alexander Avenue shared his support and involvement with Boy Scouts. Mr. Gonzalez spoke about Esperanza Holguin and her work in the City.

Lenard, 9601 Bowman spoke about a tree stump in front of his house.

Alice Cueto, 2911 Willow Place agrees with Virginia Johnson and stated that the Mayors Conference is a waste of tax funds. She spoke about an email she received on July 14th that was sent by the Police Department and how it made her feel unsafe.

Julie Hernandez Chan, Hollydale and Weaver Libraries she thanked everyone for the successful grand reopening of the Hollydale Library.

VI. Reports And Comments From City Officials

Randy Davis, Chief of Police responded to the comments regarding the email and assumed it is in regards to enforcing immigration laws. He assured the public that the operations of the Police Department have not changed in any way. The reason for the posting on the website was due to concerns from residents which they assumed South Gate Police were pulling over people to ask them their immigration status. All the crimes that were mentioned tonight are still enforced by the Police Department.

Raul F. Salinas, City Attorney spoke about Dr. Frank Mesa who was one of the people that tonight's City Council will adjourn in memory of.

Carmen Avalos, City Clerk reminded everyone that if they have open committees the 460s are due next week. Also, the County has sent out an email to the elections officials letting us know that estimates on the cost of the election will not be available until after August 5th.

Greg Martinez, City Treasurer spoke on some of the challenges that Boy Scouts must overcome to reach Eagle Scouts.

Council Member Rios stated that there will be an art festival at the Los Angeles River in South Gate July 27th. He stressed how important the Census is and how South Gate will be getting a kiosk to assist with the counting. The election is coming in March and he believes that East Los Angeles College will be a voting center at the main campus.

Council Member Bernal said that earlier this week she and Council Member Davila attended the nonprofit workshop that was held by the SELA Collaborative. The workshop focused on compliance. She congratulated the Chamber of Commerce on their installation of officers and continued hard work for the community.

Council Member Davila attended ICA conference, the Relay for Life, the employee's barbeque and the SELA Collaborative.

Vice Mayor Diaz attended the Assembly member's coffee. She met with several community partners to discuss supporting robotic teams in our community. She will be taking two youths from the City of South Gate to the US Conference of Mayors Youth Summit. One student from Legacy High School and one student from South Gate High School.

Mayor Morales attended the Grand Reopening of the Hollydale Library and encouraged everyone to visit. He also mentioned a new Greek Restaurant opening in Hollydale.

RECESS The City Council recessed at 8:28 p.m. and reconvened at 8:36 p.m., with all Members of Council present.

VII. Consent Calendar Items

Agenda Items 5, 6, 7, 8, and 12 are were unanimously approved by motion of Council Member Davila and seconded by Vice Mayor Diaz. Items 10 and 11 were pulled for discussion.

5. Resolution Creating The Job Specification For The Position Of Executive Assistant To The Chief Of Police And Updating The Salary Pay Table

The City Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 7873 entitled - A Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate, California, amending Resolution No. 6454 (Salary Resolution and Position Classification Plan) to create the job specification for the position of Executive Assistant to the Police Chief in the Police Department and to update the appropriate salary pay table during Consent Calendar.

6. Resolution Authorizing Application, Submittal And Receipt Of SB 2 Planning Grants Program Funds To Streamline Housing Approvals And Accelerate Housing Production

The City Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 7874 entitled - A Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate, California, authorizing application, submittal and receipt of Senate Bill No. 2 (Atkins), Planning Grants Program funds through the Department of Housing and Community Development for the preparation of plans and processes to streamline housing approvals and accelerate housing production during Consent Calendar.

7. Resolution Approving The City's Transit Services Division Title VI Program Update For The GATE

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

a. Adopted Resolution No. 7875 entitled - A Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate, California, approving the City of South Gate Transit Services Division Title VI Program Update (Program Update) for the GATE Fixed Route Services, effective July 23, 2019; and

b. Directed staff to submit and implement the Title VI Program Update.

8. Amendment No. I To Contract No. 3243 With West Coast Arborists, Inc., Extending Citywide Tree Maintenance Services For One Year

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

a. Approved Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. 3243 with West Coast Arborist, Inc., extending the term of the contract from August 1, 2019 through July 31, 2020 and increasing the contract amount by \$515,000 for Citywide Tree Maintenance Services; and

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

9. This Item Was Removed From The Agenda.

10. Agreement With Inter-Sky Custom Skylights & Daylighting, Inc., For The Sports Center Roof Skylight Panel Replacement

The City Council unanimously approved A and B by motion of Council Member Bernal and seconded by Council Member Davila.

a. Approved an Agreement (Contract No. 3545) with Inter-Sky Custom Skylights & Daylighting, Inc., for the construction of the Sports Center Roof Skylight Panel Replacement, City Project No. 586-ARC (Project), in an amount not-to-exceed \$355,030;

b. Transferred \$90,000 from the Building & Infrastructure Maintenance Fund, Account No. 524-460-61-9100 to Project Account No. 311-790-61-9460 to fully fund the Project;

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

d. Approved the Notice of Exemption (NOE) for the construction of the Project; and

e. Directed the City Clerk to file the NOE with the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder's Office.

11. Concession Agreement With The South Gate Junior Athletic Association For Food Vending Services

The City Council considered receiving and filing a new Concession Agreement with the South Gate Junior Athletic Association to provide food vending services to South Gate Park patrons, for a term of three years.

A motion was made to incorporate the comments of the City Council and then as long as the contract is acceptable through the normal City contract process, Paul Adams, Parks and Recreation Director may approve the JAA Contract by Council Member Bernal and seconded by Mayor Morales.

12. Minutes

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

- a. Approving the Regular Meeting and Special Meeting minutes of June 25, 2019;
- b. Approving the Special Meeting minutes of July 2, 2019; and
- c. Approving the Regular Meeting and Special Meeting minutes of July 9, 2019.

VIII. Reports, Recommendations And Requests

13. Resolution Establishing The South Gate Complete Count Committee For The 2020 Census And Appointing Members To Serve

The City Council unanimously approved A and B by motion of Council Member Rios and seconded by Council Member Davila.

- a. Adopted Resolution No. 7876 entitled - A Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate, California, establishing the South Gate Complete Count Committee (CCC) for the 2020 United States Census to increase awareness and increase census participation, and appointing members to serve on the CCC; and
- b. Approved the formation of a 2020 Census Steering Committee to help guide the decision making process of the South Gate Complete Count Committee, and approve recommended members to serve on the Steering Committee.

14. Warrant Register For July 23, 2019

The City Council unanimously approved the Warrants and Cancellations for July 23, 2019 by motion of Council Auditor Bernal and seconded by Council Member Rios.

Total of Checks: \$1,818,538.54
Voids \$ (45,000.00)
Total of Payroll Deductions: \$ (260,840.56)
Grand Total: \$1,512,697.98

Cancellations: 83768

IX. Adjournment

Mayor Morales unanimously adjourned the meeting at 9:46 p.m. in memory of Espie Holguin, long time South Gate resident; Dr. Frank Meza; Henry Lozano, Chief of Staff for decades for former congressmen Ed Roybal and Xavier Becerra; and Cynthia Duprey, former longtime employee, by motion of Council Member Davila and seconded by Council Member Rios.

PASSED and APPROVED this 13th day of August, 2019.

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

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