

CITY OF SOUTH GATE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, July 27, 2021

7/27/2021 - 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 6:40 p.m.

INVOCATION: Bishop Juan Carlos Mendez, Centro Cristiano Bet El

PLEDGE OF

ALLEGIANCE: William Stracker, Deputy City Engineer

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. Proclamations, Certificates, Introductions And Ceremonial Actions

1. Presentation By Speaker Of The Assembly Anthony Rendon On Funding Appropriation Award And Ongoing Legislative Items

The City Council heard a presentation from Speaker of the Assembly.

2. Introduction Of New And Promotional Full-Time Employees

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

V. Comments From The Audience

Henry Gonzalez states his position as the VP of South Gate's youth football team, the Aztecs. Mr. Gonzalez is looking for a place for their program to settle. The program was started in 1990 and had 2 generations join back. Mr. Gonzalez is looking forward to potential long-term and short-term projects for a home field.

Bill De Witt supports Henry's efforts to continue the expansion of the youth football program. Mr. De Witt is the current treasurer of the museum and stated that he will be receiving a check from City of South Gate totaling the amount of \$14,000. It was decided to write the check and give it back to the community, specifically the city parks.

Joseph Ruiz spoke on behalf of the youth football program. Mr. Ruiz states that the program has been expanding for 30 years and at one point there was about 100-200 members. He added that the program has been affected by Covid-19 and struggled to maintain balance. Mr. Ruiz highlighted that the program has helped keep children off the streets and created a family community. Mr. Ruiz suggests the idea of naming a field after Henry C. Gonzalez.

Roger spoke on the behalf of the youth football team, and his experience being part of the program. He attended Cal Poly and became a P.E teacher and football coach at Southeast High School. Roger believes it is important for the youth to find a place to find home. He states that the youth have lost structure since Covid started, and they are suffering. Roger expressed that the youth program brings discipline and balance.

Steve Medina is in support of the youth program receiving a home. He believes that Mr. Gonzalez should get recognized for his efforts towards the community. Mr. Medina stated a concern that many students believe that going to schools in Downey provide them with better opportunities. He wants the youth program to have a home here in their city.

Ramon Altamirano is the current Southeast football's head varsity coach and is speaking on behalf of the youth program. Mr. Altamirano states that Mr. Gonzalez was always present rain or shine with his program and continues to make a change for the young to make better decisions. For this reason, he believes that having a field would be beneficial to the enrichment of the youth in South Gate.

Mr. Dominguez followed up on the last City Council meeting vote regarding GATE, and the funding of the GATE. Mr. Dominguez expresses concern about the council choosing option B, after the Vice Major spoke and had made points that Mr. Dominguez agreed with. Mr. Dominguez states that he understands the thoughtfulness and consideration of drivers and residents, however, believes that the numbers should influence the vote.

Danny Wong, athletic director from Texas spoke in support of Aztec football team and practice fields.

Angie spoke about her concerns regarding City Clerk Avalos working for another city. She would like to see the position be appointed and not elected.

Patricia Camacho, Congresswoman Barragan Office updated everyone on the work of the Congresswoman in Washington and funding for local projects.

Adolfo Varas, thanked Vice Mayor Avalos and Council Member Hurtado for attending the grand opening of Glam Nails and Spa. He is also concerned with City Clerk Avalos working for another city and not attending South Gate Council Meetings.

Robert Montalvo thanked Chief Davis for his years of service to South Gate. Mr. Montalvo supports the efforts of the Aztec youth football league. Finally, he asked about the status of

a request he made to look into waiving the business license fee for this year.

Liz Ruiz thanked Chief Davis for his support of her work with feral cats. She is also concerned with the City Clerk moonlighting on other jobs and possible lawsuits against the City because she is not doing her job.

Cindy Esquivel and Candice thanked Chief Davis for his years of service to South Gate.

Josh Barron thanked Chief Davis for his years of service for the City of South Gate. He also updated the community on activities going on at the Parks. He also supports the efforts of the Aztec youth football league.

VI. Reports And Comments From City Officials

Steve Costley, Interim Director of Parks and Recreation announced that there is a small lending library put up by Assembly Member Rendon's Office in the front of the Seaborg House. Vaccine Clinics have been available at South Gate Park and a mobile clinic has been onsite for the Concert in the Parks events.

Grace Martin, Interim Director of Community Development reminded everyone that there will be a Housing Workshop tomorrow at City Hall.

Chris Jeffers, Interim City Manager stated that the City of South Gate submitted a document in response to the Public Hearing held in the City of Downey on their Specific Plan Document and submitted a letter of opposition in response to SB9 to the Senate.

Mr. Jeffers thanked Chief Davis on behalf of staff for his work with the City of South Gate.

Raul F. Salinas thanked Chief Davis for his work with the City of South Gate.

Council Member Davila stated her support for the Aztec Youth Football Organization and honoring Council Member Gonzalez. Council Member Davila requested that staff look into the use of golf course and report back to Council.

Council Member Diaz thanked Mr. De Witt for his dedication for the City of South Gate and supports the Aztec Youth Football Organization and honoring Council Member Gonzalez. She thanked the Police Department for support of clean up this past Saturday and the youth participants where able to go to a Justin Bieber concert. She announced that there is a Krispy Kreme fundraiser to help a local South Gate student raise money to pay for his airline ticket to get to Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

Council Member Hurtado also supports the Aztec Youth Football Organization and honoring Council Member Gonzalez. Council Member Hurtado attend the ICFA meeting, and they are working on some funding mechanisms for housing opportunities throughout the State of California.

Council Member Hurtado attended the City of Downey meeting to voice his concerns about the project bordering the Hollydale area and the project is at a minimum of over 700 units. He also encouraged everyone to consider getting vaccinated and appreciates the fact that the City Manager addressed the concerns of SB9.

Each member of the City Council wished Chief Davis success with his retirement and thanked him for his years of service to the City of South Gate.

City Treasurer Martinez and City Clerk Avalos wished Chief Davis success with his retirement and thanked him for his years of service to the City of South Gate.

Carmen Avalos, City Clerk stated that she attended a City Clerk's Summit to discuss the upcoming recall election and local vote centers. She reminded everyone that has an active committee that the Form 460 is due August 2nd. At the June 22nd City Council Meeting the City Council adopted a Resolution to change the current election cycle. The next election will be November 2022 and the voters will be receiving a post card sent out by the County of Los Angeles and City of South Gate informing them of the change.

Vice Mayor Avalos stated her support for the Aztec Youth Football Organization and honoring Council Member Gonzalez. The Vice Mayor encouraged residents to get vaccinated and continue to wear a mask.

Mayor Rios stated his support for the Aztec Youth Football Organization and honoring Council Member Gonzalez. The Mayor encouraged the residents to get vaccinated and to save water. The reserve for the water is low and we could be facing serious shortages.

There are going to be a few more budget meetings coming up and we welcome feedback on the process. On August 3rd ELAC will be having an open house and will be using some State funding to reduce the cost of tuition.

RECESS The City Council recessed at 8:55 p.m., and reconvened at 9:00 p.m., with 4 Members of Council present

VII. Consent Calendar Items

Agenda Items 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13 and 14 were unanimously approved by motion of Council Member Davila and seconded by Council Member Hurtado. Item 8 was pulled for separate discussion.

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

3. Ordinance No. 2021-08-CC Amending Section 13.100 (Solid Waste Handling And Recycling Services)

The City Council unanimously waived the reading in full and adopted Ordinance No. 2021-08-CC entitled - An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of South Gate, California to add 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 during the consent calendar.

4. Resolution Amending Salary Resolution 6454 To Update Job Specification

For Equipment Maintenance Superintendent

The City Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 2021-32-CC 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 update the job specification of the Equipment Maintenance Superintendent position in the Public Works Department during the consent calendar.

5. Resolution Amending Budget For Fiscal Year 2021/22

The City Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 2021-33-CC entitled - A Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate, California amending the budget to the Fiscal Year 2021/22 Annual Action Plan to incorporate additional Community Development Block Grant funding in the amount of \$21,419.

6. Amendment No. 2 To Contract No. 3410 With Parkwood Landscape, Inc. For Landscape Maintenance Services

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

- a. Amendment No. 2 to Contract No. 3410 with Parkwood Landscape Maintenance, Inc., extending landscaping maintenance services through October 31, 2021, on a month-to-month basis, retroactively effective July 1, 2021, and increasing the scope of work for steam cleaning maintenance services of bus shelters, benches and sidewalks on Firestone Boulevard, Atlantic Avenue and Long Beach Boulevard, retroactively effective May 10, 2021, for an amount not-to-exceed \$91,908; and
- b. Authorized the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 2 in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

7. Agreement With MV Cheng & Associates For Additional Staffing Services

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

- a. Professional Services Agreement (Contract No. 2021-94-CC) with MV Cheng & Associates for the procurement of professional financial and accounting staff on an as-needed and temporary basis through June 30, 2022, in an amount not-to-exceed \$300,000; and
- b. Authorized the Mayor to execute the Professional Services Agreement in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

8. Amendment No. 3 To Contract No. 3525 With Southeast Area Animal Control For Animal Control And Sheltering Services

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

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

- a. Amendment No. 2 to Contract No. 3525 with the Southeast Area Animal Control Authority for animal control and sheltering services, retroactively effective July 1, 2021, for an amount not to exceed \$672,617 for Fiscal Year 2021/22; and
- b. Authorized the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 2 in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

9. Agreements With Telecom Law Firm For Specialize Legal Services And Consulting Services

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

- a. Agreement (Contract No. 2021-95-CC) with Telecom Law Firm, P.C. to provide specialized legal services on wireless and wired telecommunication law; and
- b. Agreement (Contract No. 2021-96-CC) with Telecom Law Firm, P.C. to provide wireless consulting services; and
- c. Authorized the Mayor to execute both agreements in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

10. Agreement With The Ports Of Los Angeles And Long Beach To Operate And Maintain Improvements And Structures On The Railroad Rights Of Way

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

- a. Master Joint Revocable Permit No. 17-07 (MJRP) (Contract No. 2021-99-CC) which grants the City rights to operate and maintain certain improvements and structures on the right-of-way underlying the Union Pacific Railroad, which permit is issued by the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, through the Boards of Harbor Commissioners.
- b. Appropriating \$14,420 in Water Funds and \$7,680 Gas Tax Funds to Account No. 411-731-71-6801 to fund the MJRP permit fees; and
- c. Authorizing the Mayor to execute Master Joint Revocable Permit No. 17-07 in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

11. Change Order Nos. 3 And 4 To Contract No 2020-43-CC With Sequel Contractors For Garfield Ave, Imperial Hwy And Firestone At Otis Improvements

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

- a. Contract Change Order No. 3 to Contract No. 2020-43-CC with Sequel Contractors, Inc., to add improvements on the "Garfield Avenue, From South City Limit to Jefferson Avenue, and Imperial Highway, From West City Limit to East City Limit, City Project No. 413-ST, Federal Project No. STPL-5257(030)," in an amount not-to-exceed \$139,120;

- b. Contract Change Order No. 4 to Contract No. 2020-43-CC with Sequel Contractors, Inc., to add improvements on the "Firestone Boulevard and Otis Street Improvements and Imperial Highway Center Median, City Project No. 496-ST, Federal Project No. HSIPL- 5257(032)," in an amount not- to-exceed \$81,439;
- c. Authorized the Assistant City Manager/Director of Public Works to execute Contract Change Order Nos. 3 and 4 to Contract No. 2020-43-CC; and
- d. Authorized the Interim Director of Administrative Services to transfer \$140,000 in Metro Measure R Funds from Account No. 311-790-31-9457 (Capital Projects Fund- Firestone/Otis Widening & Imperial Hwy Median) to Account No. 311-790-31-9433 (Capital Projects Fund- Garfield/ Imperial Street Improvements) to partially fund CCO No. 3 to Contract No. 2020-43-CC.

12. This Item Was Removed From The Agenda.

13. Annual Adoption Of The City's Annual Investment Policy

The City Council unanimously adopted the City's Annual Statement of Investment Policy during consent calendar.

14. Minutes

The City Council unanimously approving the Regular and Special Meeting minutes of June 22, 2021, during consent calendar.

VIII. Reports, Recommendations And Requests

15. FY 2019-20 Audited Annual Comprehensive Financial Report

The City Council unanimously received and filed the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 audited Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and presentation by motion of Council Member Hurtado and seconded by Mayor Rios.

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

16. Proposed Music Festival With Limited Alcohol Service

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

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

- a. The request by Jack Leavitt for a Music Festival Event ("Event") with limited alcohol service at South Gate Park in August/September of 2022;
- b. Directed staff, with the assistance of the City Attorney, to negotiate an agreement with the music festival producer and present the agreement to the City Council for

formal approval at a future City Council Meeting; and

c. Directed staff to prepare a Resolution to include restrictions and conditions of approval to allow limited alcohol service during the Event and present it to the City Council for adoption at a future City Council Meeting.

17. Warrant Register For July 27, 2021

The City Council unanimously approved the Warrant Register for July 27, 2021, by motion of Vice Mayor Avalos and seconded by Council Member Hurtado.

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

Total of Checks:	\$3,605,579.45
Voids:	\$ (4,406.88)
Total of Payroll Deductions (FY 2020/21	\$ (355,483.51)
Total of Payroll Deductions (FY 2021/22)	<u>\$ (341,052.08)</u>
Grand Total:	\$3,255,034.30

Cancellations: 91224, 92792

IX. Adjournment

Council Member Davila unanimously adjourned the meeting at 10:18 p.m. and seconded by Council Member Diaz.

PASSED and APPROVED this 24th 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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