

CITY OF SOUTH GATE  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

9/28/2021 - 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 6:31 p.m.

INVOCATION        Bishop Juan Carlos Mendez, Centro Cristiano Bet-El Church

PLEDGE OF

ALLEGIANCE       Nancy Elizarraras, Police Officer

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; Interim City Manager Chris Jeffers, City Attorney/Special Legal Counsel Raul F. Salinas

LATE        City Clerk Carmen Avalos and City Treasurer Gregory Martinez

**III. Meeting Compensation Disclosure**

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

**1. Proclamation Declaring October 6, 2021, As California Clean Air Day**

The City Council issued a Proclamation declaring October 6, 2021, as California Clean Air Day in the City of South Gate.

**2. Proclamation Declaring October 11-15, 2021 Code Enforcement Officer Appreciation Week**

The City Council issued a Proclamation declaring the week of October 11 - 15, 2021, as Code Enforcement Officer Appreciation Week in the City of South Gate.

**3. Proclamation Declaring October 2021 As National Domestic Violence Awareness Month**

The City Council issued a Proclamation declaring the month of October 2021, as

National Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the City of South Gate.

#### **4. Proclamation Declaring October 2021 As National Bullying Prevention Month**

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#### **5. Proclamation Declaring October 2021 As National Breast Cancer Awareness Month**

The City Council issued a Proclamation declaring the month of October 2021 as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month in the City of South Gate.

#### **6. Proclamation Declaring October 2021 As Crime Prevention Month**

The City Council issued a Proclamation declaring the month of October 2021, as Crime Prevention Month in the City of South Gate.

#### **7. Introduction Of Promoted Employee**

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

### **V. Public Hearings**

#### **8. Ordinance Amending Section 1.52.081 (Electronic Filing) To Chapter 1.52 (Municipal Elections) Of Title 1 (Administration And Personnel) To Allow For Electronic Filing Of 700 Forms**

The City Council conducted a Public Hearing to consider waiving the reading in full and introducing Ordinance No. 2021-09-CC entitled - An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of South Gate, California, adding Section 1.52.081 (Electronic Filing) to Chapter 1.52 (Municipal Elections) of Title 1 (Administration and Personnel), of the South Gate Municipal Code relating to electronic filing of Campaign Statements and Statements of Economic Interest (Form 700) by motion of Vice Mayor Avalos and seconded by Council Member Hurtado.

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

Carmen Avalos, City Clerk presented the staff report for this item.

The Mayor opened the public hearing at 10:12 p.m.

Adolfo Varas asked if the funding for this system comes from the City Clerk's Budget.

Ms. Avalos responded yes.

The Mayor closed the public hearing at 10:17 p.m.

Council Member Hurtado asked if a person is on multiple commissions would you need to file multiple times or just once.

Ms. Avalos responded that it would depend on the agency you will have to file with.

## **VI. Item Moved Up From Reports, Recommendations And Requests (Per City Council Direction At Sept. 14, 2021 Meeting)**

### **9. Citywide Parking Study, City Project No. 590-RPT**

The City Council considered:

- a. Receiving and filing a presentation of the Citywide Parking Study; and
- b. Approving the Citywide Parking Study and its Priority Tool Kit.

This item was continued to the City Council Meeting of October 12, 2021.

## **VII. Comments From The Audience**

Adolfo Varas announced that there will be an upcoming food distribution, hand sanitizer and face masks give away the last Saturday of the month.

Mr. Dominguez commended the Police Department, Code Enforcement and the South Gate schools. He also has concerns about the employees of new businesses being paid fair wages.

Andrea Paulino informed the Council that the City of Downey is putting in a PATH facility at Rancho Los Amigos even though there is one only a half mile away. She doesn't understand why the City is allowing all these programs to be put in one area. She continued that she has lived in the City of South Gate for 33 years and has never seen more homes and businesses look like garbage.

Robert Montalvo asked if the stop signs near the parks can have the flashing lights added to them. He spoke on the political support of the Council Members. Mr. Montalvo is the commander of the American Legion Post 335 in South Gate and we support Darren Arakawa for the next Police Chief.

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

Steve Costley, Acting Director of Parks & Recreation announced the Art Walk on Saturday, October 2nd.

Darren Arakawa, Acting Chief of Police announced that on Wednesday, October 6th is National Coffee with a Cop Day and Saturday, October 9th is Family Day in the Park.

Raul F. Salinas, City Attorney was in Las Vegas this morning and had the privilege to be on stage with the SBA Administrator Isabella Guzman speaking about digital equity.

Council Member Diaz reported on the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, Watershed Authority and League of California Cities meetings she attended.

Council Member Hurtado stated that he is disappointed in the changes within the USPS delivery schedule. He wants to place an item on the agenda regarding the infrastructure issues within the City. The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health is getting very strict with youth programs. AYSO decided not to continue with their program at this time, South Gate Youth Football had to let go of several couches because they don't want to comply with the requirements and JAA is turning away children because they also do not have enough couches. He also stated that the baseball fields need to be repaired before someone gets hurt and he would like to see if the City can work with South Gate High School to allow practicing on the baseball fields for their team.

Vice Mayor Avalos reported on the League of Cities conference she attended.

Mayor Rios reminded everyone to conserve water and rental assistance is still available until the end of September.

## **IX. Consent Calendar Items**

Agenda Items 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16 were approved by motion of Vice Mayor Avalos and seconded by Council Member Hurtado.

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

### **10. Resolution Adopting The Clarification Of Authority Granted The City Manager As Personnel Officer**

The City Council adopted Resolution No. 2021-43-CC entitled A Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate, California, clarifying the authority granted the City Manager under South Gate Municipal Code Section 1.24.150 (Personnel Officer) during Consent Calendar.

### **11. Resolution Extending The Local Emergency As A Result Of The Ongoing Coronavirus Disease 2019 Pandemic**

The City Council adopted Resolution No. 2021-44-CC entitled - 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.

### **12. Resolution Authorizing Modification Of Requirements Of CA Vehicle Code Section 22514 To Reduce Parking Restrictions Near Fire Hydrants**

The City Council approved items, A, B, & C during Consent Calendar.

a. Resolution No. 2021-45-CC entitled - Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate, California, authorizing a modification to the requirements of California Vehicle Code Section 22514, to reduce the stopping, parking or standing distance

restriction from 15 feet to at least 5 feet on both sides of a fire hydrant, where necessary to increase parking capacity;

b. Authorized the Director of Public Works to reduce the length of red curb adjacent to fire hydrants from 15 feet to at least 5 feet on both sides of a fire hydrant, on an as-needed basis, where necessary to create additional on-street parking spaces; and

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

### **13. Resolution Accepting Grant Deed For PATH Villas South Gate LP**

The City Council approved items, A & B during Consent Calendar.

a. Grant Deed No. 194 from PATH Villas South Gate, LP, as necessary to secure a 13-foot-wide swath of property along Imperial Highway for roadway purposes; and

b. Authorized the Mayor to execute the Certificate of Acceptance in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

### **14. Agreements With Security Signal Devices, Inc., (SSD) For Additional Equipment And Security Services**

The City Council approved items, A, B, C, & D during Consent Calendar.

a. The proposed agreement (Contract No. 2021-125-CC) with Security Signal Devices, Inc. ("SSD") for the purchase, installation, and monitoring of additional cameras and security devices for a total cost not to exceed \$137,132;

b. Appropriated \$58,159 from the unrestricted fund balance in the Building & Infrastructure Maintenance Fund, \$29,342 from the unrestricted fund balance in the Water Fund, \$14,671 from the unrestricted fund balance in the Sewer Fund, and \$14,671 from the unrestricted fund balance in the Refuse Fund, for a total of \$116,843 to Account No. 524-401-61-9100 (BIM - Facility Improvements) for the purchase of equipment.

c. Appropriated \$20,289 from the unrestricted CDBG Fund to Account No. 243-634-61-6101 (CDBG Fund - Professional Services) for security monitoring services; and

d. Authorizing the Mayor to execute the agreements in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

### **15. Amendment No. 2 To Contract No. 3378 Metro For Measure R Funding For The Firestone Boulevard City Project No. 476-TRF**

The City Council approved items, A & B during Consent Calendar.

a. Amendment No. 2 to Contract No. 3378 Measure R Funding Agreement with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority ("Metro") retroactively extending the lapsing date from June 30, 2021 to June 30, 2022, for the Firestone

Boulevard Regional Corridor Capacity Enhancement Phase II Project, City Project No. 476-TRF, Metro Project ID No. MR306.33; and

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

### **16. Amendment No. 2 To Contract No. 3158 With Etrak Recreation Software, LLC., Extending Service**

The City Council approved items, A & B during Consent Calendar.

a. Amendment No. 2 to Contract No. 3158 with "eTrak plus", now doing business as "etrak Recreation Software, LLC.," extending the term from January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2023; and

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

### **17. Item Was Removed From The Agenda**

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

### **18. Ordinance Adopting A Moratorium On Permits And/Or Licenses For New Schools**

The City Council considered adopting an Interim Urgency Ordinance adopting as an urgency measure by the City Council of the City of South Gate, imposing a moratorium on the approval of permits, licenses, variances and entitlements for the establishment of new or expansion of existing school uses within the City's commercial and industrial zones.

Mayor Rios recused himself from participating on this item because he is a teacher at a local community college.

This item did not get the support to move forward due to lack of a 4/5th vote.

### **19. American Rescue Plan Act Allocation**

The City Council:

a. Considered proposed programs/projects to be funded in Fiscal Year 2021-22 with American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds; and

b. Authorizing necessary budget appropriation and adjustments to implement approved programs/projects totaling \$21,561,290; and

c. Directing staff to seek appropriate proposals from qualified third-party providers for designated social services eligible under the ARPA guidelines.

This item was continued to the City Council Meeting of October 12, 2021.

## **20. Warrant Register For September 28, 2021**

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

a. Check No. 93793 from September 14, 2021, Check No. 93597 from August 24, 2021, Check No 93439 from August 10, 2021; and

b. The Warrant Register for September 28, 2021

Total of Checks: \$9,976,723.89

Voids: \$ (703.00)

Total of Payroll Deductions \$ (327,614.15)

Grand Total: \$9,648,406.74

Cancellations: 93891, 94042, 94043

## **XI. Adjournment**

Mayor Rios adjourned the meeting in memory of Ernesto Angulo, uncle of Mayor Rios and Jose Aguilar, friend of Vice Mayor Avalos 11:05 p.m. and seconded by Vice Mayor Avalos.

**PASSED** and **APPROVED** this 26th day of October 2021.

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