

# CITY OF SOUTH GATE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 24, 2020

3/24/2020 - Minutes

## I. City Officials

CALL TO ORDER M. Belén Bernal, Mayor called a Regular City Council meeting to order at 6:55 p.m.

INVOCATION Mike Flad, City Manager

PLEDGE OF  
ALLEGIANCE Raul F. Salinas, City Attorney

ROLL CALL Carmen Avalos, City Clerk

PRESENT Mayor M. Belén Bernal, Vice Mayor Denise Diaz, Council Member Al Rios, Council Member Maria Davila and Council Member Bill De Witt; City Treasurer Gregory Martinez, City Manager Mike Flad, City Attorney Raul F. Salinas

## II. COVID-19 Meeting Procedures

## III. Meeting Compensation Disclosure

## IV. Public Hearings

### **1. The Americans With Disabilities Act Self Evaluation And Transition Plan Will Be Continued To The City Council Meeting Of April 28, 2020**

The City Council opened the public hearing regarding the proposed Americans with Disabilities Act Self Evaluation and Transition Plan, City Project No. 538-ARC, and will continue said public hearing to the regularly scheduled City Council Meeting of April 28, 2020.

Item 1 was unanimously continued to April 28, 2020 by motion of Council Member Rios and seconded by Vice Mayor Diaz.

### **2. The Citizens Advisory Committee's (CAC) List Of Recommended CDBG Projects And Allocations Will Be Continued To The City Council Meeting Of April 28, 2020**

The City Council opened the public hearing regarding projects and allocations eligible for funding from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program for Fiscal Year 2020/21 and continued said public hearing to the regularly scheduled City Council meeting of April 28, 2020.

Item 2 was unanimously continued to April 28, 2020 by motion of Council Member De Witt and seconded by Council Member Davila.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Bernal, yes; Vice Mayor Diaz, yes; Council Member Davila, yes; Council Member De Witt, yes; Council Member Rios, yes.

## **V. Comments From The Audience**

Paul Voettin, advised the Council about a homeless problem behind his property on Beaumont adjacent to the 710 Freeway.

Virginia Johnson, informed the Council of the passing of James Manuel.

Nick Godoy, 8611 San Gabriel Avenue, expressed his concerns about the Memorial Day Celebrations. He inquired on what the City's plan before it was too late to organize.

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

Mike Flad, City Manager requested each Department Head wait to speak about their own responses to the COVID-19 outbreak when that item came up on the agenda.

Mayor Bernal asked is any of her colleagues had anything to report or if their comments were directed to the COVID-19 matter.

Council Member De Witt thanked everyone and said that it had been a pleasure working with them all. All other Council Members deferred until the COVID-19 item on the agenda.

## **VII. Consent Calendar Items**

Agenda Items 3 and 4 were unanimously approved by motion of Council Member De Witt and seconded by Council Member Rios. Item 5 was pulled for separate discussion.

### **3. Amendment No. 1 To Contract No. 3448 With PATH Villas South Gate, LP, Modifying The Construction Commencement Date For The Supportive Housing Project To Be Located At 5610 Imperial Highway**

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

a. Found this 60-unit permanent supportive housing project (Project) to be located at 5610 Imperial Highway is Categorically Exempt under Section 1506 I(b)(3) (General Rule Exemption) of the California Environmental Quality Act;

b. Approved Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. 3448, Density Bonus Housing Agreement with Path Villas at South Gate, LP modifying the construction commencement date for the Project;

c. Authorized the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 1 in a form acceptable to the City Attorney; and

d. Authorized the Mayor to execute the Estoppel Certificate certifying the City's approval of Amendment No. 1, in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

### **4. Annual Housing Element Progress Report**

The City Council approved A and B during Consent Calendar.

a. Received and filed Housing Element Annual Progress Report for calendar year 2019; and

b. Directed staff to provide a copy of the Housing Element Annual Progress Report to

the State Department of Housing and Community Development.

## **5. Minutes**

The City Council approved the Regular Meeting minutes of March 10, 2020 by motion of Mayor Bernal and seconded by Council Member De Witt.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Bernal, yes; Vice Mayor Diaz, yes; Council Member Davila, abstain; Council Member De Witt, yes; Council Member Rios, yes.

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

### **6. Resolution Ratifying Declaration Of Existence Of A Local Emergency As A Result Of The Spread Of The COVID-19**

The City Council adopted Resolution No. 2020-07-CC entitled - A Resolution of the City Council of City of South Gate ratifying the declaration of the existence of a local emergency within the City as a result of the spread of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 as declared by the City's Director of Emergency Services on March 18, 2020 by motion of Mayor Bernal and seconded by Council Member Davila.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Bernal, yes; Vice Mayor Diaz, yes; Council Member Davila, yes; Council Member De Witt, Absent; Council Member Rios, yes.

Vice Mayor Diaz requested that the operating hours for the Senior Call Center be added to the flyer. She also requested that staff reach out to the markets to try to control the amount of traffic in there stores and practice better social distancing between people. She would like information on a testing station by working with Alta-Med and would like staff to try to control the groups of people that are getting together for parties and social activities.

Mayor Bernal inquired of staff what steps we can take as a City to enact a curfew.

The City Manager explained that typically a curfew is a time based. In that situation City Council then decides what the action is needed. We are experiencing gathering during the day time and the parties that are taking place are within peoples own private property. Typically with any curfew it is usually to deter looting or theft and we are not experiencing these issues. The State and County laws allow for travel. In order to enact a curfew you would still need to allow travel to get food, medical assistance and work commute. Then we would be in a situation where people would be traveling and we would need to be contacting a great number of folks to determine why they are traveling.

Chief Davis added that typically speaking this situation doesn't fit into the category of enacting a curfew but curfews on the whole are more counterproductive. He has been out in the field for the past seven days or so and he has talked to people that have been gathering at the park because they were not educated on what they were and were not able to do. He feels that with a little more time staff should be able to work with businesses and people to handle most of these issues without enacting a curfew.

At this point the City Council agreed that now is not the time to enact a curfew but something to consider if needed in the future.

Council Member Davila asked that all flyers distributed to the public be in English and

Spanish.

Mayor Bernal asked staff what will be the consequence for non-compliance businesses. Mayor Garcetti is considering the possibility of turning off power and water. Is this something we are considering?

Joe Perez, Director of Community Development stated that it appeared to him that the City is making progress by reaching out to the businesses and the City has not reached that point.

Greg Martinez, City Treasurer suggested that we need to have a discussion on the effect of these events and the impact this will have on our budget.

### **7. Resolution Ratifying Issuance Of Executive Order No. 03.18.2020 Restricting Eviction Of Commercial And Residential Tenants Due To The Spread Of The COVID-19**

The City Council considered adopting Resolution No. 2020-08-CC entitled - A Resolution of the City Council of City of South Gate ratifying the issuance of Executive Order No. 03.18.2020 by the Director of Emergency Services restricting eviction of commercial and residential tenants due to the spread of the Coronavirus Disease 2019.

Council Member De Witt excused himself from the teleconference due to a conflict of interest and did not participate in the discussion or vote of this item.

Staff's recommendation were approved by motion of Mayor Bernal and seconded by Vice Mayor Diaz.

The City Council directed the City Manager to issue a new executive order to reflect an extension to be made to May 31, 2020 by motion of Mayor Bernal and seconded by Vice Mayor Diaz.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Bernal, yes; Vice Mayor Diaz, yes; Council Member Davila, yes; Council Member De Witt, Absent; Council Member Rios, yes.

### **8. Warrant Register For March 24, 2020**

The City Council unanimously approved the Warrants and Cancellations for March 24, 2020 by motion of Council Auditor Davila and seconded by Council Member De Witt

Total of Checks: \$1,890,885.15  
Voids: \$ 0.00  
Total Payroll Deductions: (\$ 350,997.55)  
Grand Total: \$1,539,887.60

ROLL CALL: Mayor Bernal, yes; Vice Mayor Diaz, yes; Council Member Davila, abstain; Council Member De Witt, yes; Council Member Rios, yes.

## **IX. Adjournment**

Mayor Bernal adjourned the meeting at 9:36 p.m. and seconded by Vice Mayor Diaz.

**PASSED** and **APPROVED** this 21st day of April, 2020.

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