

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE
TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2020**

8/18/2020 - Minutes

Call To Order/Roll Call

CALL TO ORDER The regular meeting of the Budget Subcommittee of the City of South Gate was called to order by Al Rios, Vice Mayor at 5:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL Carmen Avalos, City Clerk

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS

PRESENT Vice Mayor Al Rios, Council Member Maria del Pilar Avalos, City Treasurer Greg Martinez, Jackie Acosta, Director of Administrative Services

ABSENT Kim Sao, Deputy Director of Administrative Services

COVID 19 Meeting Procedures

Meeting Compensation Disclosure

1. Sources Of City Revenues

The Budget Subcommittee reviewed and discussed sources of City revenues.

Jackie Acosta, Director of Administrative Services gave a presentation on City revenues and stated that the Budget Subcommittee meetings are a way to educate City Council and the public about the City Budget. Any recommendations that the subcommittee wants to make always goes back for a full Council decision.

Carmen Avalos, City Clerk read into the record an email received from Christopher who is against raising taxes and fees. He supports defunding the Police Department and reallocating the funds to other City budgets.

Carmen Avalos, City Clerk read into the record an email received from Amanda Tapia who supports defunding the Police Department.

Carmen Avalos, City Clerk read into the record an email received from Isami M. who supports defunding the Police Department by 20%.

Carmen Avalos, City Clerk read into the record an email received from Cassandra Perez who supports defunding the Police Department.

Vice Mayor Rios asked if anyone in the audience wants to speak on this item.

A resident stated that he supports Proposition 13. He understands that it is bad for the revenue of the City but it protects the residents. South Gate does not have a budget problem, South Gate has a spending problem.

Ms. Chavez spoke in support of defunding the Police Department.

Adolfo Varas spoke in support of using reserves during an emergency. He stated that we shouldn't be focusing on cutting the Police Department because we are in a pandemic and our funds should be used to support our residents.

Carmen Avalos, City Clerk read into the record an email received from Alejandra Leon who supports Proposition 15 on the November 2020 ballot and urges City Council to advocate the passing of this proposition.

RECESS Prior to the conclusion of item 1, the Budget Subcommittee recessed at 7:21 p.m., and reconvened at 7:28 p.m., with all Members of the Subcommittee present.

Julie supports defunding the Police Department.

Kent supports marijuana dispensaries and the possibility of bringing these businesses into the City as a revenue source. He is also in support of defunding the Police Department.

2. Potential New And/Or Increased Revenues

The Budget Subcommittee reviewed and discussed potential new and/or increased revenues.

Jackie Acosta, Director of Administrative Services gave a presentation on potential new and/or increased revenues.

Carmen Avalos, City Clerk read into the record an email received from Daniela who is against utility user taxes. She wants to see big businesses carry the burden of higher taxes and supports defunding the Police Department.

Council Member Avalos would like to review the franchise fees being charged to companies like Southern California Edison and other utilities as a possible source of revenues.

City Treasurer Martinez would like to review the cap on the business license charges and would like to know if this would have to go to the voters or if it would be council action.

Vice Mayor Rios suggested for an upcoming Budget Subcommittee meeting to have a presentation on retirements and CALPERS.

Ms. Acosta explained that for the next few meetings she will bring before the Budget Subcommittee, department presentations but will start working on a report regarding retirements as well. She stated that the Parks and Recreation Department would be the first Department to present at the next meeting.

Council Member Avalos and Vice Mayor Rios suggested that they would rather hear from Public Works or Community Development because of the fact that due to the pandemic the Parks Department has not been able to provide services to our residents.

Vice Mayor Rios also suggested finding out how surrounding cities are dealing with the pandemic and budget shortfalls.

Vice Mayor Rios asked if anyone in the audience wants to speak on this item seeing no one come forward the Vice Mayor closed the public comments.

Adjournment

Vice Mayor Rios unanimously adjourned the meeting at 8:26 p.m. seconded by Council Member Avalos.

PASSED and APPROVED this 15th day of September 2020.