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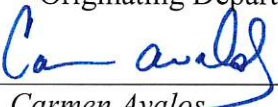
City of South Gate  
CITY COUNCIL


CITY OF SOUTH GATE  
OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

AGENDA BILL

For the Regular Meeting of: March 23, 2021

Originating Department: Office of the City Clerk

Department Director:   
Carmen Avalos

Interim City Manager:   
Chris Jeffers

**SUBJECT:** APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**PURPOSE:** To historically preserve the events of the City Council Meetings.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

- A. Approve the Joint Special Meeting minutes of February 17, 2021.
- B. Approve the Regular Meeting and Special Meeting minutes of March 9, 2021; and,

**FISCAL IMPACT:** None.

**ANALYSIS:** The minutes are provided to the City Council on the Wednesday prior to their regular business meeting. Amendments should be provided to the City Clerk's Office within 24 hours of a City Council Meeting so that verification of the record and corrections are made accordingly. A revised document will be provided to the City Council prior to the Meeting.

**BACKGROUND:** The minutes typically describe the events of the meeting and may include a list of attendees, a statement of the issues considered by the participants, and related responses or decisions for the issues.

**ATTACHMENTS:** City Council Minutes

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SOUTH GATE CITY COUNCIL JOINING  
A PORTION OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES JOINT SPECIAL  
MEETING MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2021**

- CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Davila and President Veres called a Joint Special meeting at 5:34 p.m.
- ROLL CALL** City Clerk Avalos/ Board Secretary Orozco
- CITY COUNCIL** Mayor Maria Davila, Vice Mayor Al Rios, Council Members Maria del Pilar Avalos, Gil Hurtado Denise Diaz, City Clerk Carmen Avalos Interim City Manager Chris Jeffers, City Attorney Raul F. Salinas
- BOARD OF TRUSTEES** President Steven F. Veres (Seat No. 2), Vice President Gabriel Buelna, Ph.D., (Seat No. 6), 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President David Vela (Seat No. 3), Board Members Mike Fong (Seat No. 7), Andra Hoffman (Seat No. 1), Nichelle Henderson (Seat No. 5), Ernest H. Moreno (Seat No. 4), Student Trustee Elias Geronimo, Chancellor Francisco C. Rodriguez, Ph.D, General Council Jeffrey Prieto
- FLAG SALUTE** Mayor Maria Davila
- COMMENTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES**
- Mayor Davila, Vice Mayor Rios and Council Members Avalos, Diaz and Hurtado introduced themselves and thanked the LACCD Board of Trustees and Chancellor Rodriguez for this collaboration.
- The Board of Trustees are happy to have this joint meeting and look forward to great things in the future.
- Mayor Davila asked President Veres to allow Carmen Avalos the City Clerk who has done great things for the community to speak.
- City Clerk Avalos is happy to know there is a community college in the southeast area. She thanked Mayor Davila and President Veres for allowing her to speak.
- EXCUSED FROM MEETING** At this time, 6:02 p.m., Council Member Hurtado, was excused from the meeting.

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PRESENTATION

A presentation by East Los Angeles College on the South Gate Educational Center Master Plan was provided.

**PASSED** and **APPROVED** this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March 2021.

ATTEST:

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Maria Davila, Mayor

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Carmen Avalos, City Clerk

**CITY OF SOUTH GATE  
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES  
TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER** Maria Davila, Mayor called a Special City Council meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

**ROLL CALL** Carmen Avalos, City Clerk

**PRESENT** Mayor Maria Davila, Vice Mayor Al Rios, Council Member Maria del Pilar Avalos, Council Member Denise Diaz and Council Member Gil Hurtado; Interim City Manager Chris Jeffers, City Attorney Raul F. Salinas

**ABSENT** City Treasurer Gregory Martinez

**CLOSED SESSION** Raul F. Salinas, City Attorney stated that due to a conflict of interest, he will not be participating on Item 1a.

The Council Members recessed into Closed Session at 5:35 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. with all Members of Council present. City Attorney Salinas reported the following:

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - PENDING LITIGATION

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a), 54954.9(b)(3)(C)

- a. City of South Gate v. County of Los Angeles
- b. Jesus Arroyo v. City of South Gate

For Item 1a the City Council received a presentation from outside counsel. Upon the conclusion of the presentation the City Council approved the tolling agreement with the County of Los Angeles subject to certain changes to be made by outside counsel and subject to approval by the County of Los Angeles by motion of Vice Mayor Rios and seconded by Council Member Avalos. The vote was 5 to 0.

For Item 1b the City Council received a presentation from the City Attorney. Upon conclusion of the presentation the City Council denied the claim by motion of Mayor Davila and seconded by Council Member Hurtado. The vote was 5 to 0.

**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 9, 2021**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Davila unanimously adjourned the meeting at 6:31 p.m. and seconded Council Member Hurtado.

**PASSED** and **APPROVED** this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March 2021.

ATTEST:

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Maria Davila, Mayor

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Carmen Avalos, City Clerk

**CITY OF SOUTH GATE  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES  
TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER** Maria Davila, Mayor called a Regular City Council meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

**INVOCATION** Raul F. Salinas, City Attorney

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Randall Davis, Chief of Police

**ROLL CALL** Carmen Avalos, City Clerk

**PRESENT** Mayor Maria Davila, Vice Mayor Al Rios, Council Member Maria del Pilar Avalos, Council Member Denise Diaz and Council Member Gil Hurtado; City Treasurer Gregory Martinez, Interim City Manager Chris Jeffers, City Attorney Raul F. Salinas

**1**  
**PROCLAMATIONS** The City Council issued a Proclamation declaring March 2021 as American Red Cross Month recognizing volunteers and donors who give of their time and resources to help those who need a helping hand.

**2**  
**PROCLAMATIONS** The City Council issued a Proclamation declaring March 2021 as Women's History Month to recognize women's contributions to society.

**3**  
**TITLE 9** The City Council conducted a Public Hearing and approved A and B by motion of Council Member Avalos and seconded by Council Member Hurtado.

- a. Waived the reading in full and introduced Ordinance No. 2021-02-CC entitled - Ordinance of the City Council of the City of South Gate, California, repealing Section 9.46.030 (Public Interest Agreements), in its entirety, of Chapter 9.46 (Development Impact Fee), to Title 9 (Buildings), of the South Gate Municipal Code; and
- b. Accepted the determination that the proposed amendment is Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act.

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

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 9, 2021

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TITLE 9 CONT'D

Chris Jeffers, Interim City Manager provided a presentation for this item.

Mayor Davila opened the public hearing and asked if anyone in the audience wishes to speak on this item.

Virginia Johnson, 5751 McKinley Avenue, stated that she hopes that the impact fee will also be charged to the thousands of homeless units mandated by the state for South Gate. These units will definitely have an impact on the City's infrastructure.

Seeing no one else come forward, Mayor Davila closed the public hearing.

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FEES

The City Council conducted a Public Hearing and adopted Resolution No. 2021-11-CC entitled - A Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate, California, amending Resolution No. 7668 (Schedule of Fees) to repeal the fee assessed for an individual or entity to file a liability claim form by motion of Mayor Davila and seconded by Vice Mayor Rios.

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

Chris Jeffers, Interim City Manager provided a presentation for this item.

Mayor Davila opened the public hearing and asked if anyone in the audience wishes to speak on this item.

Thomas Buckley and Robert Montalvo support this fee being eliminated.

Seeing no one else come forward, Mayor Davila closed the public hearing.

COMMENTS FROM  
THE AUDIENCE

Robert Montalvo, commented on statements made by Council Member Hurtado during a City Council Meeting.

Art Alvarez, Aldrich Road commented on reckless driving on Legacy Lane behind his home.

Virginia Johnson, commented on the behavior of Council Member Diaz regarding what Ms. Johnson feels are racist statements. She is also looking forward to hear the report from Mayor Davila and Vice Mayor Rios after attending the next Metro meeting that will discuss low income rider program. Ms. Johnson stated that the City Council needs to put a stop to all these false accusations being made by the public during the meetings.

## REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 9, 2021

### COMMENTS FROM

#### THE AUDIENCE CONT'D

Liz Ruiz, Kauffman Avenue, recapped the community meeting for AB167 and informed the public of the upcoming Chicxs Rockerxs SELA virtual program.

Alex Gonzalez, appreciates the work Council Member Diaz and Council Member Hurtado do on social media. Mr. Gonzalez hopes to see more vaccine sites for this area.

Candice is disturbed with comments made at tonight's meeting and asked Council Member Diaz to address her commissioner about his actions. Candice thanked Council Member Hurtado, Mayor Davila and Commissioner Barron for their work towards getting vaccines for this area. She also read a letter from the doctors of the People's Corner thanking Council for their work.

Josh Barron, Parks and Recreation Commissioner invited the public to come to the park Friday night for drive-in movie event.

Carmen Avalos, City Clerk read the following emails into the record.

Amy Luu and Julie Hernandez-Chan, Community Library Managers highlighted the services the library is offering during the pandemic.

Amanda Tapia appreciates the presentation on the crime trends in South Gate but noted that most violent crimes have decreased and supports the Police Department budget being reduced.

Natasha Dominguez reminded Vice Mayor Rios and Council Member Avalos of the recommendations for the budget. She would like to see it move forward when the budget is decided for this Fiscal Year.

April Villanueva thanked all of the Council Members for their hard work this year.

### REPORTS AND COMMENTS

#### FROM CITY OFFICIALS

Steve Costley, Interim Parks and Recreation Director stated that the Parks hosted a mobile vaccine clinic that started on Friday and ended Wednesday. Working with Supervisor Solis's Office on Friday there was a food distribution program for 2,000 people. As of this week the testing center in the park has process over 117,000 COVID-19 tests.

Randy Davis, Chief of Police stated that he made note of Mr. Alvarez's concerns and the Police Department is aware of the situation. Chief Davis will speak with his officers and we hope to have a positive impact on the traffic issues. On March 20<sup>th</sup> the Police Department will be hosting a catalytic converter etching event at South Gate Park.



## REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 9, 2021

### REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

#### CONT'D

Art Cervantes, Director of Public Works responded to the community's questions regarding the purchase of imported water from the Central Basin to help with the recent water discoloration in various areas of the City.

Chris Jeffers, Interim City Manager spoke on the vaccination efforts by the City Council and Community Organizations.

Council Member Avalos thanked Mr. Jeffers for his organization of mobile vaccination clinic.

Council Member Diaz stated that she was reappointed to the County Library Commission and recognized the women of the community for National Women's Day. She recommended that the Council give a certificate of appreciation to Dr. Wilma Franco for her work on the mobile vaccination clinic. Council Member Diaz also recognized the support of the City of Lynwood who took 40 South Gate seniors to get vaccinated.

Council Member Hurtado also thanked all the local elected officials from our surrounding area for their support for the mobile vaccination clinic. He also thanked the Police Department that assisted with getting the word out to the homeless community about the clinic.

Council Member Hurtado stated that he has been getting a lot of complaints about speeding on Garfield Avenue and would like staff to look into this.

Vice Mayor Rios acknowledged the efforts of all working this weekend at the testing site, vaccine center and the food distribution site. On March 25<sup>th</sup> there will be a LAUSD Town Hall Meeting at 5:00 p.m. He will be attending Thursday's Metro meeting to discuss no fee bus transportation for certain people. Through HUB Cities over 30 youth from our community were employed at the virtual job fair.

Mayor Davila also acknowledged the efforts of all working this weekend at the testing site, vaccine center and the food distribution site.

Mayor Davila announced that there will be a COVID Memorial on Saturday at 5:30 pm in front of City Hall. It will be shown through Zoom.

#### CONSENT CALENDAR

Agenda Items 5, 6, 9 and 10 were unanimously approved by motion of Mayor Davila and seconded by Council Member Avalos. Items 7 and 8 were pulled for separate discussion.

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

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 9, 2021**

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CIS

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

- a. Agreement (Contract 2021-16-CC) with Charter Communications Operating, LLC on behalf of Spectrum Enterprise for Fiber Internet Access for a three-year term in the annual amount of \$20,388, for a total of \$61,164 over the three-year term; and
- b. Authorized the Mayor to execute the Agreement in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

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STORM DRAINS

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

- a. Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. 3463 with Ron's Maintenance, Inc., suspending three storm drain catch basin cleaning cycles this Fiscal Year 2020/21 and extending the contract term by one-year to provide the three storm drain catch basin cleaning cycles between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022, to be funded with the remainder of the contract balance in the amount \$40,000; and
- b. Authorized the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 1 in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

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SEWER VIDEO

The City Council unanimously continued this item to the March 23<sup>rd</sup> City Council Meeting.

- a. Approving Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. 3549 with National PlantServices, Inc., suspending Sanitary Sewer Main Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Inspection Services this Fiscal Year 2020/21 and extending the contract term by one-year through August 31, 2023; and
- b. Authorizing the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 1 in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

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STREET  
IMPROVEMENTS

The City Council unanimously approved A, B and C by motion of Council Member Rios and Council Member Avalos.

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

- a. Contract Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 2020-43-CC with Sequel Contractors, Inc., to construct a landscape median between Century Boulevard and Howery Street, under 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), and 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 \$275,182;
- b. Authorized the Director of Administrative Services to transfer \$200,000 in 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 fund Contract Change Order No. 1; and
- c. Authorized the Assistant City Manager/Director of Public Works to execute Contract Change Order No. 1.

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PAC

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

- a. Purchase Order with VMI, Inc., for the purchase and installation of new broadcast equipment for the City's government access cable channel, Channel 3, in the amount of \$34,423;
- b. Appropriated \$34,423 from the unassigned General Fund balance for the purchase and installation; and
- c. Authorized the City's Purchasing Division to issue a Purchase Order for this project in accordance with the City's purchasing ordinance and policies.

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 9, 2021**

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MINUTES

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

- a. The Regular Meeting and Special Meeting minutes of February 23, 2021; and
- b. The Special Meeting minutes of February 25, 2021.

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WELL WATER

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

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

- a. Agreement (Contract No. 2021-17-CC) with Tetra Tech to provide professional engineering services for the preparation of the Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Compliance Study for City Water Wells - City Project No. 666-WTR, in an amount not to exceed \$165,000;
- b. Appropriated \$200,000 from the Water Fund's unrestricted fund balance to Account No. 411-71-731-6101 (Water Fund - Professional Services) to fund the cost of the Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Compliance Study for City Water Wells - City Project No. 666-WTR; and
- c. Authorized the Mayor to execute the Agreement in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

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HISTORICAL INFO

This item was continued to the March 23rd City Council Meeting.

The City Council consider adopting a Resolution establishing the "Centennial Celebration Planning Ad Hoc Committee" to begin making plans for the City's upcoming 100th Anniversary Celebration and appointing members to serve on this Ad Hoc Committee; and

- a. Each City Council Member will appoint two community members to serve as Ad Hoc Committee Members, subject to a majority vote of the City Council; and
- b. Appointing the Director of Parks & Recreation and the Management Analyst from the City Manager's Office as the staff liaisons.

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 9, 2021**

**EXCUSED**

**FROM MEETING**  
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At this time, Council Member Hurtado, was excused from the meeting and departed from the Zoom call.

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**CRIME PREVENTION**

The City Council received and filed the Police Department's Crime Statistics Report for calendar year 2020 by motion of Vice Mayor Rios and Council Member Avalos.

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

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**WARRANTS**

The City Council approved with the exception of #91757 and #512021 by motion of Council Auditor Avalos and seconded by Mayor Davila.

Total of Checks:	\$3,124,136.69
Voids:	(\$ 0.00)
Total Payroll Deductions:	<u>\$ 295,309.36</u>
Grand Total:	\$2,828,827.33

Cancellations: 91792

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Davila adjourned the meeting in memory of JoAnn Bergeman and the South Gate residents that have passed from COVID-19 at 9:37 p.m. and seconded by Council Member Avalos.

**PASSED** and **APPROVED** this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March 2021.

ATTEST:

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Maria Davila, Mayor

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Carmen Avalos, City Clerk