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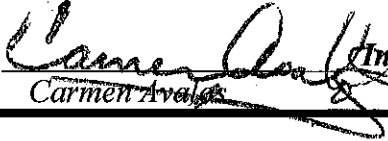
*City of South Gate*  
CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA BILL

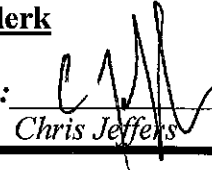
For the Regular Meeting of: July 27, 2021

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 Regular and Special Meeting minutes of June 22, 2021

**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

**CITY OF SOUTH GATE  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JUNE 22, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER** Al Rios, Mayor called a Regular City Council meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

**INVOCATION** Reverend Sean Pica from Redeemer Lutheran Church

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Joshua Barron, Parks & Recreation Commissioner

**ROLL CALL** Carmen Avalos, City Clerk

**PRESENT** Mayor Al Rios, Vice Mayor Maria del Pilar Avalos, Council Member Maria Davila, 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 the 4th of July 2021 as Independence Day in honor and celebration of our nation's 245th birthday.

**2**  
**PROCLAMATIONS** The City Council issued a Proclamation declaring July 2021 as Parks Make Life Better! Month.

**EXCUSED FROM MEETING** At this time, Council Member Diaz, was excused from the meeting and left the call.

**3**  
**PROCLAMATIONS** The City Council issued a Proclamation declaring July 2021 as National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month.

**4**  
**PRESENTATIONS** The City Council presented Certificates of Appreciation to Naud Avellaneda, Angel Ayala, Bryan Bonilla, Briana Guerra, Liza Lopez, Axel Perez, Ashley Rivas and Arianna Sanabria.

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**PERSONNEL RECURITMENT** The City Council considered allowing staff to introduce the new and promotional full-time employees hired or promoted during May 2021.

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**COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS** Council Member Maria Davila appointed Angela Lucero to the Tweedy Mile Advisory Board; the appointment was ratified by a majority vote of the City Council by motion of Council Member Davila and seconded by Council Member Hurtado.

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

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### **WATER**

The City Council conducted a Public Hearing and approved A, B, and C by motion of Council Member Hurtado and Council Member Davila.

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

- a. Received and filed a presentation of the City's 2020 Urban Water Management Plan and Water Shortage Contingency Plan;
- b. Adopted Resolution No. 2021-26-CC entitled - A Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate, California, adopting the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan to comply with the Urban Water Management Planning Act (California Water Code Division 6, Part 2.6, Sections 10610 through 10657) as mandated in California; and
- c. Adopted Resolution No. 2021-27-CC entitled - A Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate, California, adopting the 2020 Water Shortage Contingency Plan to comply with the Urban Water Management Planning Act (California Water Code Division 6, Part 2.6, Sections 10610 through 10657) as mandated in California.

Art Cervantes, Public Works Director and Shahnawaz "Shahn" Ahmad, SA Associates provided the presentation for this item.

Council Member Hurtado requested at a future meeting Council can receive information on the impact of population growth.

Mayor Rios opened the Public Hearing. Seeing no one come forward the Mayor closed the Public Hearing.

Mayor Rios encouraged the public to conserve water and would like to see an outreach program for the residents.

Vice Mayor Avalos asked if staff has already made plans for a public outreach program.

Mr. Cervantes stated that public outreach is included with the recommendation and will continue to look at future projects.

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### COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

The South Gate librarians announced that the Hollydale Library is reopened to provide select in person services. Additionally, sidewalk services will continue.

Virginia Johnson, 5751 McKinley Avenue, spoke about the dismantling of the museum and transit housing (700 residential units), retail and office spaces. She also thanked the police department for the confiscation of illegal fireworks in area 5.

Octavio Cesar Martinez, United Metal Recyclers of California spoke on the importance of metal recyclers.

Robert Montalvo stated that the American Legion will be hosting a COVID vaccination site on Friday, June 25<sup>th</sup>. He also reported that there is a scam going around the City with landlords charging application fees to possible renters with no chance of getting the rental.

Andrea Paulino, Hollydale resident, stated that she recently received the new South Gate Connect and suggested that it include information for residents on the City's municipal codes.

Chris Jeffers, City Manger stated that he will contact Parks staff and update Council on the status of the library. Staff is monitoring the situation with the property in the City of Downey and once we have complete information, we will be able to respond. Council Member Hurtado has also been in contact with the Council Members of Downey.

### REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM CITY STAFF

Jackie Acosta, Director of Administrative Services spoke about her 6 years working at the City as she leaves this week to go on to another position.

Carmen Avalos, City Clerk, thanked Ms. Acosta for her hard work during her time with the City. Ms. Avalos stated that the new public records request system has gone live and updated Council on the upcoming 2022 election. Lastly, Ms. Avalos stated that she was selected by the Los Angeles Register Recorders Office to look at various systems for political filings.

Raul F. Salinas, City Attorney thanked Ms. Acosta for her work during her time with the City.

Greg Martinez, City Treasurer also thanked Ms. Acosta for her hard work and dedication. Mr. Martinez also stated that the PR Case site that he works for is closing and they are looking to find permanent housing for many of the homeless people that are clients with his site.

## REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 22, 2021

### REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM CITY STAFF CONT'D

Council Member Davila attended South Gate Middle School's graduation ceremony and there is a new CEO at METRO.

Council Member Davila also would like to have an update on the City's Museum and thanked Ms. Acosta for her dedication to the City.

Council Member Hurtado thanked Ms. Acosta for her work with the City and spoke about illegal dumping near the railroad tracks.

Council Member Hurtado stated that JAA is reopening as well as other local youth organizations. Due to COVID restrictions JAA will not be able to have a basketball season this year but they will have a second baseball season. At the high school level all three teams made the softball playoffs and Legacy High School won the City Championship. He encourages everyone to support youth sports.

Vice Mayor Avalos had nothing to report on her outside commissions but wished all the fathers that work for the City a happy belated Father's Day. The Vice Mayor also thanked Ms. Acosta for her dedication.

Mayor Rios also thanked Ms. Acosta for her work with the City. Mayor Rios attended the Northgate grand opening. He encouraged residents to get vaccinated and there is money still available at the State level for rental relief.

### CONSENT CALENDAR

Agenda Items 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16 and 17 were approved by motion of Council Member Davila and seconded by Council Member Hurtado. Item 13 will be brought back at a future City Council Meeting.

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

### 8 ELECTION ADMIN

The City Council waived the reading in full and adopted Ordinance No. 2021-06-CC entitled - Ordinance of the City Council of the City of South Gate, California, changing the date of the City's General Municipal Election from the March Statewide Primary Election cycle to the November Statewide General Election cycle, effective in 2022, and continuing thereafter in even numbered years during consent calendar.

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### PUBLIC ACCESS CORPORATION

The City Council waived the reading in full and adopted Ordinance No. 2021-07-CC entitled - An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of South Gate, California, establishing the City's public, educational, and governmental programming access support fee on state-franchised video service providers operating within the City of South Gate during consent calendar.

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### EMERGENCY/DISASTER PLANNING/PROGRAMS

The City Council adopted Resolution No. 2021-28-CC entitled - A 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.

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### PERSONNEL BENEFITS/RETIREMENT

The City Council adopted Resolution No. 2021-29-CC entitled - A Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate, California approving and adopting compensation tables and benefits for Executive Management Contract Employees hired after July 1, 2021 during consent calendar.

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### STREETS/SIDEWALKS LANDSCAPING

The City Council adopted Resolution No. 2021-30-CC entitled - A Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate, California adopting the Local Streets and Roads Funding Program Project List for Fiscal Year 2021/22 to program \$1,863,456 in Senate Bill 1 funds to the Citywide Sidewalk Improvements Project Phase VIII, City Project No. 683-ST; the Long Beach Boulevard Pedestrian and Median Improvements Project, City Project No. 515-ST; the Citywide Residential Resurfacing Project Phase II, City Project No. 661-ST; and the Citywide Residential Resurfacing Project Phase III, City Project No. 684-ST, in compliance with Senate Bill 1 requirements during consent calendar.

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### PERSONNEL ADMIN

The City Council considered adopting a Resolution amending Resolution No. 6454 (Salary Resolution and Position Classification Plan) updating the job specification of the Equipment Maintenance Superintendent position in the Public Works Department.

Item 13 was removed from the Consent Calendar and will be brought back at a future City Council Meeting.

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### DEEDS & EASEMENTS

The Council approved A and B during consent calendar.

- a. Accepted the Grant Deed (#193) from Gratitude RE, LLC to secure a 3-foot swath of right-of-way for street purposes along Long Beach Boulevard; and
- b. Authorized the Mayor to execute the Certificates of Acceptance in forms acceptable to the City Attorney.

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### STREETS/SIDEWALKS LANDSCAPING

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

- a. Accepted completion of construction, effective April 29, 2021, of the Citywide Sidewalk Improvement Project Phase VII, City Project No. 659-ST, constructed by Vido Samarzich, Inc.;
- b. Approved a transfer of \$54,532 in Measure R Funds from Account No. 311-790-31-9565 (Long Beach Boulevard Street Improvement Project) into Account No. 311-790-39-9479 (Capital Improvements - South Gate Citywide Sidewalk Improvement Project, Phase VII) to fully fund construction and construction management services; and
- c. Directed the City Clerk to file Notice of Completion with Los Angeles County Registrar Recorder's Office.

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### PERSONNEL LABOR RELATIONS

The City Council approved A and B during consent calendar.

- a. Approved a Master Agreement (Contract No. 2021-87-CC) with Robert Half International Inc. for the procurement of temporary staff on an as-needed basis, in an amount not-to-exceed \$300,000 per fiscal year; and
- b. Authorized the Mayor to execute the Master Agreement in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

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MINUTES

The City Council approved A and B during consent calendar.

- a. The Special and Regular Meeting minutes of May 11, 2021; and
- b. The Special Meeting minutes of April 20, April 27, and May 25, 2021.

REJOINED MEETING

Council Member Diaz rejoined the meeting during to the discussion of Item 18.

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EMERGENCY/DISASTER  
PLANNING/PROGRAMS

The City Council approved A and B by motion of Vice Mayor Avalos and seconded by Council Member Davila

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

- a. Received and filed the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 report; and
- b. Provided direction to staff on the proposed use of the City's estimated \$34.5 million allocation from the ARPA. Based on the City Council's direction, staff will prepare appropriate budgetary action for the City Council's consideration at a future meeting.

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WARRANTS

The City Council approved the Warrants except for #92718, # 92932, and #92838 by motion of Vice Mayor Avalos and seconded by Council Member Davila.

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

- a. Approving Check No. 92614 from May 25, 2021;
- b. Approving Check No. 92718 from June 8, 2021; and
- c. Approving the Warrant Register for June 22, 2021



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<b>WARRANTS CONT'D</b>	Total of Checks:	\$2,487,616.07
	Voids:	\$ (1,224.58)
	Total of Payroll Deductions	\$ (408,099.64)
	Grand Total:	\$2,078,291.85

Cancellations: 92422, 92643, 92783, 92893

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Rios unanimously adjourned the meeting in memory of former Lakewood City Manager Howard L. Chambers and Maria de Socorro Rodriguez Hernandez, grandmother of Eric Quintero, Waste Management Employee at 9:16 p.m. by motion of Council Member Davila and seconded by Vice Mayor Avalos.

**PASSED** and **APPROVED** this 27<sup>th</sup> day of July 2021.

ATTEST:

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Al Rios, Mayor

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Carmen Avalos, City Clerk

**CITY OF SOUTH GATE  
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JUNE 22, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER** Al Rios, Mayor called a Special City Council meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

**ROLL CALL** Carmen Avalos, City Clerk

**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 Raul F. Salinas

**ABSENT** City Treasurer Gregory Martinez

**CLOSED SESSION** The Council Members recessed into Closed Session at 5:36 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. Senorina Rendon v. City of South Gate
- b. Marco Alatorre v. City of South Gate, et al.
- c. Lidia Hernandez v. Los Angeles County Fire Department, et al.

Item 1a is a case regarding a slip and fall on a city street. The City of South Gate tendered this claim to the construction company involved with the repairs of the street. The construction company's insurance company settled the case. City Council approved the settlement by the construction company's insurance company by motion of Vice Mayor Avalos and seconded by Council Member Hurtado. The vote was 5 to 0. As part of the motion the City also agreed to dismiss the cross complaint against the construction company and also agreed to accept the repayment of the attorney's fees in the amount of \$28,500 which represents approximately an 80% recovery.

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For Item 1b the City Council received a report from the City Attorney. Upon completion of the report the City Council approved the defense of the litigation on a motion by Council Member Hurtado and seconded by Mayor Rios. The vote was 5 to 0.

For Item 1c the City was dismissed without prejudice when it was determined that no City vehicle was involved as part of that litigation. There is an agreement that allows Ms. Hernandez to file against the City in the future if the facts show otherwise. This agreement was approved by the City Council on a motion by Council Member Davila and seconded by Vice Mayor Avalos. The vote was 5 to 0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Council Member Davila unanimously adjourned the meeting at 6:33 p.m. and seconded Council Member Hurtado.

**PASSED** and **APPROVED** this 27th day of July 2021.

ATTEST:

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Al Rios, Mayor

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Carmen Avalos, City Clerk