

**CITY OF SOUTH GATE  
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, February 9, 2021**

2/9/2021 - Minutes

**I. Call To Order/Roll Call**

CALL TO ORDER Maria Davila, Mayor called a Special City Council meeting to order at 5:42 p.m.

ROLL CALL Carmen Avalos, City Clerk

**II. City Officials**

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

**COVID 19 Meeting Procedures**

**III. Meeting Compensation Disclosure**

**IV. Closed Session: (ATTY)**

The Council Members recessed into Closed Session at 5:42 p.m. and reconvened at 6:34 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. Ernie Gonzalez v. Linda Aceves, et al.
- b. Nallely Rincon v. City of South Gate, et al.
- c. Romina G. Garcia & Jason Sarabia v. City of South Gate

On item 1(a), the City Council received a report by the City Attorney with respect to a lawsuit filed against the City and Ms. Aceves. On a motion made by Council Member Hurtado and seconded by Councilwoman Avalos and on a vote of 5-0, the City Council authorized a defense of the action on behalf of the City as well as Ms. Aceves.

Item 1(b) is a lawsuit filed against the City of South Gate and County of Los Angeles alleging a pothole on one of the City's streets and that Ms. Rincon suffered injury as result in stepping into the pothole. The City Council received a report by the City Attorney with respect to that lawsuit and on a motion made by Mayor Davila and seconded Vice Mayor Rios and on a vote of 5-0, the City Council authorized the defense of that case.

Item 1(c) is a tort claim that has not yet been turned into a lawsuit. The City Council received a report by the City Attorney with respect to the allegations found in the tort claim. Upon completion of that presentation and on a motion made by Council

Member Hurtado and seconded by Councilwoman Avalos and on a vote of 5-0, the City Council denied and rejected that claim.

## **V. Special Meeting Adjournment**

Mayor Davila unanimously adjourned the meeting at 6:39 p.m. and seconded Council Member Hurtado.

**PASSED** and **APPROVED** this 23rd day of February 2021.

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