

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

Tuesday, February 9, 2021

3/9/2021 - 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. 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.

For a signed copy of the minutes for this meeting please contact the City Clerk's Office:
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