

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

Tuesday, March 23, 2021

3/23/2021 - Minutes

I. Call To Order/Roll Call

CALL TO ORDER Maria Davila, Mayor called a Special City Council meeting to order at 5:30 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 5:35 p.m. and reconvened at 6:29 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. Gabriela Perez Negrete v. City of South Gate, et al.
- b. Rosemarie Mendoza, et al. v. City of Los Angeles, et al.
- c. Christopher J. Tindall v. City of South Gate
- d. George Schrader v. City of South Gate (WCAB)

Item 1(a) is a slip and fall suit on a City sidewalk. The City Council received a report by the City Attorney's Office and on a motion that was made by Councilwoman Avalos and seconded by Council Member Hurtado and on a vote of 5-0, the City Council authorized the defense of this litigation by the City Attorney.

On item 1(b), the City Council received a request by the City Attorney to authorize the defense of this litigation by outside counsel the law firm of Rothans, Carpenter & Dumont and upon completion of that recommendations there was a motion made by Council Member Hurtado and seconded by Councilwoman Avalos and the vote was 5-0 to formalize the retention of that law firm.

Item 1(c) is a tort claim filed by an individual and the City Council received a report by the City Attorney's Office and upon completion of that report there was a motion made by Council Member Hurtado and seconded by Mayor Davila to deny the claim and the

vote of 5-0.

On item 1(d), the City Council received a report by the City's outside counsel handling the matter. There was a presentation made and upon completion of that presentation there was a motion made by Councilwoman Avalos and by Council Member Hurtado and on a vote of 5-0, City Council approved a tentative settlement of that case. The amount of that settlement is not being disclosed at this time as the agreement has yet to be finalized and receive court approval. Once that happens the amount will be subject to disclosure pursuant to the Brown Act.

V. Adjournment

Mayor Davila unanimously adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m. and seconded Council Member Hurtado.

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

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