

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

Tuesday, April 27, 2021

4/27/2021 - Minutes

I. Call To Order/Roll Call

CALL TO ORDER Al Rios, Mayor called a Special City Council meeting to order at 5:55 p.m.

ROLL CALL Sonia Guerrero, Recording Secretary

II. City Officials

PRESENT Mayor Al Rios, Vice Mayor Maria del Pilar Avalos, Council Member Maria Davila, Council Member Denise Diaz and Council Member Gil Hurtado; City Clerk Carmen Avalos, 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 5:59 p.m. and reconvened at 6:26 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. Gerardo Arguello v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
- b. Debra Collins v. City of South Gate, et al.
- c. Maria Guadalupe Morales v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
- d. Carlos Fernandez v. City of South Gate (WCAB)

On item 1(a), the City Council considered the retention of the Collins and Collins firm. This item will be reviewed for approval in the opened session as part of the consent calendar by City Council. In closed session Council agreed to waive any conflict of interest in the event that the Collins firm is eventually retained by the City of South Gate

and also authorized the Interim City Manager to execute any and all documents to waive any conflict of interest due to the joint representation in any related documentation that pertain to the joint representation. The motion was made by Council Member Davila and seconded by Council Member Hurtado and the vote was 5-0.

Items 1(b) & (c) were considered jointly. There was a presentation given by the City Attorney. There was a motion made by Council Member Hurtado and seconded by Vice Mayor Avalos and on a vote of 5-0, the City Council authorized the City Attorney to defend both of those litigations. The litigations involve slip and falls that occurred in City property.

On item 1(d), the City Council received a report by the City's outside Workers' Compensation attorney and upon completion of that presentation there was a motion to approve a settlement. The motion was made by Council Member Hurtado and seconded by Vice Mayor Avalos and the vote was 5-0. The amount of the settlement will not be disclosed at this time because the agreement has not been finalized but it will be subject of disclosure in accordance with the Brown Act at the proper time.

V. Special Meeting Adjournment

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

PASSED and **APPROVED** this 22nd day of June 2021.

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