

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

**Tuesday, June 22, 2021**

6/22/2021 - Minutes

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

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

**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; Interim City Manager Chris Jeffers, City Attorney Raul F. Salinas

ABSENT            City Treasurer Gregory Martinez

**III. COVID 19 Meeting Procedures**

**IV. Meeting Compensation Disclosure**

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

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.

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.

## **VI. Special Meeting 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.

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