

**CITY OF SOUTH GATE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
TUESDAY, JULY 25, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Maria Davila called a Regular City Council meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

INVOCATION Father Eduardo Bresciani, St. Margaret's Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Esperanza Galvan Trejo, Relay For Life Co-event Lead

ROLL CALL Carmen Avalos, City Clerk

PRESENT: Mayor Maria Davila, Vice Mayor Maria Belen Bernal, Council Member Denise Dias, Council Member Jorge Morales and Council Member Al Rios; City Treasurer Greg Martinez, Art Cervantes, Director of Public Works, City Attorney Raul Salinas

ABSENT: City Manager Mike Flad

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CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION** The City Council unanimously presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Astro Aluminum Treating Company, Inc., for being named the top related business for quality leadership in Quality Magazine as well as for celebrating its 50th anniversary.

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CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION** The City Council unanimously presented Certificates of Appreciation to the teams who participated in the Relay for Life of South Gate-Lynwood 24-hour walk/run event on July 15, 2017.

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PERSONNEL** The City Council unanimously allowed staff to introduce the new and promotional full-time employees hired or promoted between April 1, 2017 and June 30, 2017.

DEVIATE FROM AGENDA ORDER At this time, there being no objections Mayor Davila stated that item 10 would be considered out of its regular agenda order.

EXCUSED FROM ITEM 10 At this time, Council Member Morales was excused from participating on item 10 and departed from the Council Chambers.

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10 HOLLYDALE PARKS MASTER PLANS

The City Council allowed a representative from David Volz Design Landscape Architect, Inc., to make a presentation on the proposed Hollydale Parks Master Plans by motion of Council Member Rios and seconded by Council Member Diaz; and

- a. Adopted the Hollydale Parks Master Plans.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Davila, yes; Vice Mayor Bernal, yes; Council Member Diaz, yes; Council Member Rios, yes.

REJOINED MEETING

Council Member Morales rejoined the Council prior to Comments from the Audience.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Virginia Johnson, 5751 McKinley Avenue spoke on President Trump and news reports concerning Muslim policy's that were brought up by a resident at a previous City Council Meeting. She also attended the special meeting regarding the Marijuana Act and the effects it will have on the City and our residents.

Bill Wallace, 8823 Beaudine Avenue stated that the City of Downey is spending money to refurbish Brookshire Avenue and that street is currently in very good condition while South Gate refuses to invest in streets like Miller Way that are unsafe for motorists to drive on.

A Willow Place resident complained about making several attempts to enroll in a weight loss program at South Gate Park and was denied enrollment because they only allow Spanish speaking individuals to take part. She wants to see that matter remedied.

Paul Adams, Director of Parks and Recreation responded that this program is offered by a private company that only rents the City facility.

REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

Joe Perez, Director of Community Development reminded everyone of the upcoming Community Meetings which will include retail development on Firestone Boulevard and the Tweedy Specific Plan.

Randy Davis, Chief of Police reminded everyone about the schedule for August 1st, 2017, National Night Out.

Paul Adams, Director of Parks and Recreation spoke on the Youth Employment Program, the revitalization of the Azalea Festival and the upcoming Boy Scout Breakfast.

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REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM

CITY OFFICIALS CONT'D

Art Cervantes, Director of Public Works said that we have been looking for grant funding for the repair of Miller Way but they haven't been able to secure funds at this time.

Council Member Morales reported that California Contract Cities worked on its 2017-2018 goals for the organization.

Vice Mayor Belen reported that HUB Cities had 2 layoffs/early retirements and that the non-profit is looking at working with a recycling center that would provide funding and work force opportunities. She felt that the Special City Council Meeting regarding the Marijuana Act was a very neutral on the opportunities as well as the concerns for Cities. Her daughter is participating in a summer science camp at South Gate Park and would like to see more of these programs offered. She would like to look into opportunities for funding options available for residents to make these programs more affordable.

Mayor Davila reported that Vector Control has a new Vector Mobile that already has a full schedule of schools to visit. Mayor Davila has finished her two-year as Chairperson for the Eco Rapid Transit Board and is proud of her colleges as they were able to secure funding. The Mariachi Diva's will be the last performance for Concert in the Parks series and we will be starting Movies in the Park. She said that the organizations that participate by using our facilities and the City can't tell them how to run their organizations but they provide a needed service that the community is asking for. However, we need to look into providing opportunities in English too.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Agenda Items 5, 8, and 9 were approved by motion of Mayor Davila and seconded by Council Member Morales. Items 4, 6, and 7 were removed for separate discussion.

4 PERSONNEL

The City Council unanimously waived the reading in full and adopted Ordinance No. 2334 - An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of South Gate, California, authorizing an Amendment to the Contract between the Board of Administration of the California Public Employees' Retirement System and the City Council of the City of South Gate by motion of Council Member Morales and seconded by Council Member Diaz; and

- a. Authorized the Mayor to execute the Amendment in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

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HOUSING PROGRAM

The City Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 7772 - A Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate, California, authorizing the submission of a request for extension of time to complete State of California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) grant funded activities under the CalHome program during consideration of the Consent Calendar; and

- a. Authorized the Mayor to execute a formal letter to HCD requesting the extension.

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POLITICAL SUPPORT

The City Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 7773 - A Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate, California, supporting the California Public Utilities Commission's Energy Upgrade California initiative "Do Your Thing" by motion of Mayor Davila and seconded by Vice Mayor Bernal.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Davila, yes; Vice Mayor Bernal, yes; Council Member Morales, abstained; Council Member Diaz, yes; Council Member Rios, yes.

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AZALEA SHOPPING

The City Council considered ratifying the actions taken by City staff in tendering a letter dated on or about May 31, 2017, accepting Primestor Development's, Inc., offer as stated in its letter dated April 5, 2017 which was continued to a future City Council meeting;

- a. Adopting a Resolution - accepting receipt of payment from a recapitalization of the azalea Regional Shopping Center;
- b. Authorizing the City Manager to accept and deposit the approximate sum of \$5,046,948 into the City's General Fund, subject to certain closing adjustments with the understanding that said funds are and will remain unappropriated pending further action by the City Council; and
- c. Authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to execute all related documentation, in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

City Attorney Salinas explained this matter was placed on the Agenda understanding that the City was under the impression that the transaction had already closed. However, the City did not want to wait an additional two weeks for the proposed \$5 million to be deposited. The City was later given notice that the transaction did not close and hence recommending that this matter be taken off calendar from this agenda but will be brought back at to the next meeting after the item has closed.

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ENGINEERING

The City Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 7774 - A Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate, California, approving the Master Agreement (Contract 3349), Administering Agency-State Agreement for Federal-Aid Projects, No. 07-5257F15 with the State of California Department of Transportation, and authorizing the City Manager and the Director of Public Works/City Engineer to execute Program Supplement Agreements and other related documents for federal-aid projects was approved during consideration of the Consent Calendar; and

- a. Authorized the Mayor to execute the Agreement in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

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WATER WELLS

The City Council unanimously approved Amendment No. 3 to Contract No. 2597 with General Pump Company, Inc., to perform expedited, on an as-needed basis, emergency repairs and major maintenance work of water production facilities, for a three-year term, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 annually was approved during consideration of the Consent Calendar; and

- a. Authorized the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 3 in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

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CITY COUNCIL

The City Council unanimously considered adopting the following documents was continued to the next Regular City Council Meeting of August 11, 2017:

- a. City Council Expectations of Staff;
- b. How the City Council Works Together;
- c. City Council Goals for Fiscal Year 2017/18; and
- d. Legislative Platform for Fiscal Year 2017/18.

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FIRESTONE IMPROVEMENTS

The City Council unanimously approved Amendment No. 2 to Contract No. 3081 with Willdan Engineering to add East Los Streetscapers to the contract to design, manufacture and install six public art sculptures along Firestone Boulevard as part of the Firestone Boulevard Regional Corridor Capacity Enhancements project, Alameda Street to Hunt Avenue, City Project No. 476-TRF, in an amount not to exceed \$246,000 by motion of Mayor Davila and seconded by Council Member Rios; and

- a. Authorizing the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 2 in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

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WARRANTS

The City Council unanimously approved the Warrants and Cancellations for July 25, 2017 by motion of Vice Mayor Bernal and seconded by Mayor Davila.

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| Total of Checks: | \$3,880,845.31 |
| Voids | \$ (1,489.90) |
| Total of Payroll Deductions: | <u>\$ (343,465.23)</u> |
| Grand Total: | \$3,535,890.18 |

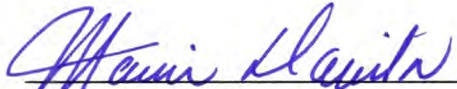
Cancellations: 71934, 72456, 72472

ADJOURNMENT

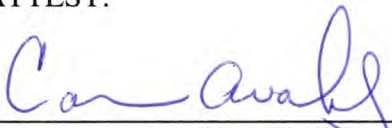
Mayor Davila unanimously adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m. in memory of Gerald Days, father of Jackie Acosta, Director of Administrative Services and seconded by Vice Mayor Bernal.

PASSED and **APPROVED** this 12th day of September, 2017.

ATTEST:



Maria Davila, Mayor



Carmen Avalos, City Clerk