

**CITY OF SOUTH GATE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Maria Davila called a Regular City Council meeting to order at 6:41 p.m.

INVOCATION Pastor Anthony Kidd of Community of Faith Bible Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Maria Hernandez, VAPA student

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; Art Cervantes, Director of Public Works, City Attorney Raul Salinas

LATE Gregory Martinez, City Treasurer

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CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION** The City Council unanimously presented Certificates of Appreciation to Maria Hernandez and Jessica Nava, students at Visual and Performing Arts High School at the Legacy Learning Complex, in recognition for winning the Show Search Competition on June 11, 2017.

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CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION** The City Council unanimously presented Certificates of Appreciation to the South Gate Police Department Neighborhood Watch Block Captains in recognition of hosting neighborhood gatherings during National Night Out on August 1, 2017.

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FINANCIAL MGMT** The City Council conducted a Public Hearing and unanimously adopted Resolution No. 7779 entitled – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate amending Resolution No. 7668 -Schedule of Fees establishing new fees for passport and notary services offered in the Office of the City Clerk by motion of Vice Mayor Bernal and seconded by Council Member Rios.

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DEVELOPMENT

The City Council conducted a Public Hearing and unanimously approved A and B by motion of Council Member Morales and seconded by Mayor Davila as amended;

- a. Finding that the project is Categorically Exempt under Class 32 (In-Fill Projects) Section 15332 of the California Environmental Quality Act; and
- b. Adopting Resolution No. 7780 entitled - Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate approving Density Bonus Permit No. 2017-01 allowing an additional five units to Path Villas at South Gate housing development at 5610 Imperial Hwy.

Amendment: To add the following condition of two full time dedicated staff to provide case management services on the premsis.

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LAW ENFORCEMENT

The City Council conducted a Public Hearing and unanimously authorized the utilization of the 2017 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Funds from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance Grant Funds, for sworn personnel overtime expenses for homeless outreach, special events and unexpected investigations (\$19,948), and the purchase of equipment for the Police Department Fitness and Wellness Center (\$20,000) by motion of Mayor Davila and seconded by Council Member Diaz.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Bill De Witt, 5485 Gardendale Street was approached by an organization that operates a museum in Albuquerque, New Mexico and would like to use some items from our museum regarding Dr. Seaborg's work. He would like to have the opportunity to meet with staff and have their recommendations reported back to City Council.

Virginia Johnson, 5751 McKinley Avenue spoke on recently approved assembly bills.

Nick Godoy, 8611 San Gabriel Avenue spoke on the 1cent sales tax and would like to see it overturned. He also spoke about parking issues and cars blocking the driveways.

REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

Council Member Diaz attended the CrossFit fundraiser for the Police Officer Department and thanked the Multicultural Women's Club for the work they do to raise funds for our youth.

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REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

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City Treasurer Martinez asked if we could adjourn this meeting in memory of Beatriz Varela Zavala long time resident of the City of South Gate.

Council Member Rios announced a Know Your Rights Event at the South Gate Campus at East Los Angeles College, at South Gate Park we will be having a Hispanic Heritage Fiesta in October and the Pat Brown institute from Cal State Los Angeles is hosting a transportation summit which will take place on November 9th.

Council Member Morales attended the California Contract Cities Board Meeting and September 13-15 he will be attending the League of California Cities in Sacramento. There is an effort in Sacramento to repeal SB 1 and SB 1000 died.

Vice Mayor Bernal thanked everyone for their well wishes during her ear surgery.

Mayor Davila thanked everyone who supported the Multicultural Woman's Club fundraiser. She attended the school celebrative meeting and met the new principals that were there. Mayor Davila is looking forward to working with the Chamber of Commerce to start "Coffee with the Mayor."

CONSENT CALENDAR

Agenda Items 6, 7, 8, 9, 13, and 15 were unanimously approved by motion of Mayor Davila and seconded by Council Member Morales. Items 10, 11, 12, and 14 were removed for separate discussion.

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PERSONNEL RECRUITMENT & SELECTION

The City Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 7781 entitled - A Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate amending Resolution No. 6454 -Salary Resolution and Position Classification Plan to create the position of Senior Traffic Engineer in the Public Works Department, to approve the corresponding job specification, and to update the appropriate salary pay table during consideration of the Consent Calendar.

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REVENUE & TAXATION

The City Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 7782 entitled - Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate approving and adopting the annual Gann Appropriations Limit for Fiscal Year 2017/18 during consideration of the Consent Calendar.

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CITY CLERK RECORDS MGMT PROGRAM

The City Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 7783 entitled - A Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate amending Resolution No. 7212 -Records Retention Schedule, adding new categories of records to the schedule during consideration of the Consent Calendar.

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COMMUNITY DEV/ HOUSING

The City Council unanimously approved the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Sub-recipient Agreements for Fiscal Year 2017/18 with during consideration of the Consent Calendar:

1. Fair Housing Foundation (Contract 3363);
2. Southern California Rehabilitation Services (Contract 3364);
3. The Salvation Army (Contract 3365);
4. Helpline Youth Counseling (Contract 3366);
5. Tweedy Mile Association (Contract 3367); and
 - a. Authorized the Mayor to execute the Agreements in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

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TRANSPORTATION PLANNING/ADMIN

The City Council unanimously approved an Agreement, Contract 3368 with Biggs Cardosa & Associates, Inc., to provide construction management services for the Firestone Boulevard Regional Corridor Capacity Enhancements Project, Alameda Street to Hunt Avenue, City Project No. 476-TRF, in an amount not-to-exceed \$1,260,027 by motion of Council Member Morales and seconded by Vice Mayor Bernal; and

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

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TRANSPORTATION PLANNING/ADMIN

The City Council unanimously approved Change Order No. 4 to Contract No. 3183 with Reyes Construction, Inc., which is needed to fund the additional improvements that were constructed under the Firestone Boulevard Bridge Widening over the Los Angeles River, Phase 4, Federal Project No. HP21L-5257(016), City Project No. 354-ST, for an amount not-to-exceed \$379,839 by motion of Council Member Morales and seconded by Mayor Davila; and

- a. Authorized the Director of Public Works/City Engineer to execute Change Order No. 4.

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STREETS/SIDEWALKS/
LANDSCAPING

The City Council unanimously adopted the Local Streets and Roads Funding Program Project List for Fiscal Year 2017/18 to comply with Senate Bill 1 requirements by motion of Council Member Morales and seconded by Mayor Davila; and

- a. Appropriated \$562,625 in Senate Bill 1 funds from the Fiscal Year 2017/18 estimated distribution to CDBG Citywide Sidewalk Improvement, Phase V, City Project No. 566-ST.

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PARKING & TRAFFIC

The City Council unanimously accepted the completion, effective June 27, 2017, of construction of the traffic signal improvements at California Avenue and Tweedy Boulevard and at State Street and Firestone Boulevard, performed by Elecnor Belco Electric, Inc. during consideration of the Consent Calendar; and

- a. Directed the City Clerk to file a Notice of Completion with Los Angeles County Recorder's Office.

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CITY MEMBERSHIPS

The City Council unanimously supported the League of California Cities proposed Resolutions for the 2017 Annual Conference by motion of Mayor Davila and seconded by Vice Mayor Bernal:

- a. A Resolution of the League of California Cities calling upon the Governor and Legislature to enter into discussion with League and other public safety stakeholders to identify and implement strategies that will reduce the unintended negative impacts of existing criminal law; and
- b. A Resolution of the League of California Cities supporting Legislation amending Government Code Section 38611 to clarify the definition of local control, providing broad statutory authority for local officials to determine emergency service levels, and direct emergency medical response within their jurisdictions.

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MINUTES

The City Council unanimously approved the Special Meeting minutes of July 18, 2017 and August 1, 2017 during consideration of the Consent Calendar; and

- a. Approved the Special and Regular Meeting minutes of June 13, 2017, June 27, 2017, July 11, 2017 and July 25, 2017.

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16 TOWING POLICIES/ SERVICES

The City Council considered on how to proceed with the current towing and storage services Franchise Agreements with options listed below:

- a. Extending the current non-exclusive Franchise Agreements with both service providers for an additional two years through December of 2019; OR
- b. Extending the current non-exclusive Franchise Agreement with only one of the service providers for an additional two years through December of 2019, and grant an exclusive Franchise Agreement for towing and storage services; OR
- c. Extending the current non-exclusive Franchise Agreement with only one of the service providers for an additional two years through December of 2019, and release a Request For Qualifications (RFQ) for an additional tow provider; OR
- d. Do not extend the current non-exclusive Franchise Agreements for either of the tow providers and release an RFQ for new towing and storage service.

Item B was unanimously approved by motion of Mayor Davila and seconded by Council Member Diaz.

17 CITY COUNCIL

The City Council considered receiving and filing a report regarding public notifications for City meetings, public hearings and development projects.

This item was moved to the City Council meeting of September 26, 2017.

18 WARRANTS AND CANCELLATIONS

The City Council unanimously approved the Warrants and Cancellations for September 12, 2017, by motion of Vice Mayor Bernal and seconded by Mayor Davila

Total of Checks:	\$2,620,393.90
Voids:	\$ (5,408.20)
Total of Payroll Deductions:	<u>\$ 290,107.84</u>
Grand Total:	\$2,324,877.86

Cancellations: 73074, 71852, 71853, 72994

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WALK ON ITEM

At this time the City Attorney walked on an item involving the City of South Gate versus the Los Angeles Unified School District. The basis for this item is that the need to meet in Closed Session arose after the posting of the agenda and because of the deadline set by the school district action needs to be taken before the next regular City Council meeting and because both of those grounds exist, it is appropriate for the City Council to allow this item to be walked on and it needs a 4/5th vote.

Mayor Davila made a motion to walk on this item and seconded by Vice Mayor Bernal.

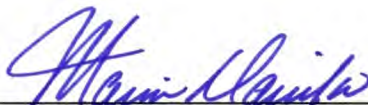
ROLL CALL: Mayor Davila, yes; Vice Mayor Bernal, yes; Council Member Rios, yes; Council Member Morales, yes; Council Member Diaz, yes.

In Closed Session the City Manager, City Attorney and Public Works Director gave a report in regards to the ongoing status of the settlement negotiations that is associated with that negotiation. Upon completion of that report there was no further action taken by the City Council.


ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Davila unanimously adjourned the meeting in memory of Caroline "Etta" Marie Licht, long time South Gate resident and Beatriz Varela Zavala, long time South Gate resident at 11:23 p.m. and seconded by Vice Mayor Bernal.

PASSED and APPROVED this 14th day of November, 2017.



Maria Davila, Mayor

ATTEST:


Carmen Avalos, City Clerk