

**CITY OF SOUTH GATE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER Maria Davila, Mayor called a Regular City Council meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

INVOCATION Pastor Nick Garife of Gateway Assembly Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Cindy Guzman, Case Analyst for the Fair Housing Authority

ROLL CALL Gregory Martinez, City Treasurer

PRESENT Mayor Maria Davila, Vice Mayor Maria Belen Bernal, Council Member Denise Diaz, Council Member Jorge Morales, and Council Member Al Rios; City Treasurer Gregory Martinez, City Manager Michael Flad, Special Legal Counsel Ruben Smith

ABSENT Carmen Avalos, City Clerk and Raul F. Salinas, City Attorney

Mayor Davila introduced Congresswoman Nanette Diaz Barragan. Congresswoman Barragan gave an update about what is happening in Washington and gave a brief presentation on the Omnibus spending bill that got passed last week in Congress.

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PROCLAMATIONS The City Council issued a Proclamation declaring the month of April 2018 as National Fair Housing Month.

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PROCLAMATIONS The City Council issued a Proclamation declaring the month of April as DMV/Donate Life California Month and encouraging residents to check “yes” to donating organs when applying for or renewing their driver license or ID card.

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TRAFFIC COMMITTEE The City Council conducted a Public Hearing and introduced Ordinance No. 2345 entitled - An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of South Gate, California, dissolving the defunct Traffic Committee by repealing Sections 8.04.040 (Traffic Committee), 8.04.050 (Membership of the Traffic Committee), 8.04.060 (Authority of the Traffic Committee) and 8.04.070 (Meetings, Staff, Agendas, Minutes), of Chapter 8.04 (Traffic Administration), of Title 8 (Traffic), of the South Gate Municipal Code by motion of Vice Mayor Bernal and seconded by Mayor Davila.

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COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Virginia Johnson, 5751 McKinley Avenue thanked Ramona Trejo and Lisa Bautista for their assistance in a matter that she contacted the City with. About six or seven years ago the City had on the agenda a request for purchasing iPads for all Council Members and upper management. At that time it was shot down with a majority no vote. She has seen that almost all Council and upper management have their own iPads or electronic notebooks and she doesn't remember this item being placed on the agenda. She wanted to know if each member of Council bought their own or if it was purchased by the public. Lastly, why are we having density and high rise meetings if California State Legislature is planning to take away our local control with SB27. This allows more density and high rises near all current and planned rail stations within ½ mile from that planned rail station.

Maria Rendon, 8937 Cypress Avenue spoke on the parking issues on Cypress Avenue.

Yvette Castro, William C. Velazquez Institute shared information on storm water and clean water.

Nick Godoy, 8611 San Gabriel Avenue is still waiting for a response from Art Cervantes, Public Works Director about the stinger that went down his block. He also spoke on gun control issues. He is also waiting on a call from the City Manager.

Henry C. Gonzalez, 10210 Alexander Avenue spoke on permit parking on City streets.

Cristina Montalvo, 9815 Virginia Avenue spoke on the graffiti at Circle Park and Senate Bill 827 regarding high rise apartments.

REPORT AND COMMENTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

Paul Adams, Parks and Recreation Director announced that the Azalea Festival is almost over, Easter Fest, the Pitch Hit & Run Competition and our Senior Follies will be this Saturday.

Joe Perez, Community Development Director invited everyone to the Air Sensor Workshop tomorrow evening at City Hall.

Randy Davis, Chief of Police a couple of Sundays ago the Los Angeles County Fire Department did the 2018 Alameda Corridor Transit Authority Drill. On an annual basis Los Angeles County Fire Department takes advantage of a small window of time the rail line is on a slow down after the Chinese New Year and they take advantage of that for training and exercises.

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REPORT AND COMMENTS FROM CITY OFFICIAL CONTINUED

Greg Martinez, City Treasurer thanked the Finance Department for putting together a brochure that shows the South Gate's General Fund revenues, expenditures, fund balance, and investment portfolio.

Council Member Diaz attended the orientation for Vector Control and found it very informative. She also attended the Dolores Huerta filming done by PBS. In honor of "Women's Month" she thanked her colleagues for their support in her first year on Council.

Council Member Rios encouraged the public to participate in the Air Sensor Workshop tomorrow evening at City Hall. He also attended the Car Show and said it was a great event.

In honor of "Women's Month," Vice Mayor Bernal spoke on the accomplishments of working women. She attended the HUB Cities meeting last week and they were selected to specifically work with incarcerated youth in Malibu and Lancaster. They are targeting youth that are not going to be there long term and the goal is to have them learn about financial literacy. Lastly, she stated that both she and her parents will have an Air Quality Sensor.

Mayor Davila also thanked her colleagues for their support and stated that a lot of time women take on a lot of work and not always know when to stop. A lot of young girls look up to us and want to do what we do. Our most important job is to encourage young girls to achieve their goals. She attended the Car Show, Miss South Gate Pageant, Miss Azealita Contest, and at South Gate High School a leadership class. The leadership class focused on what the City is doing to prepare for an active shooter situation. She thanked everyone that attended the State of the City address.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Agenda Items 5 and 6 were unanimously approved by motion of Mayor Davila and seconded by Council Member Morales. Item 4 was removed for separate discussion.

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PERSONNEL

The City Council unanimously approved A, B, C, D, E, and F by motion of Vice Mayor Bernal and seconded by Mayor Davila.

- a. Approved the change in dental providers from Delta Dental/Delta Allied to Principal Insurance for the PPO and EPO plans and California Dental Network for the DHMO, effective May 1, 2018;
- b. Approved the change in vision providers from VSP to Superior Vision, effective May 1, 2018;

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4 PERSONNEL CONT'D

- c. Approved the change in group life and AD&D insurance from Guardian Insurance to Principal Insurance, effective May 1, 2018;
- d. Approved the implementation of a long-term disability insurance program for full-time city employees with Reliance Standard Insurance;
- e. Directed the Director of Administrative Services to present the proposed agreements at a future City Council meeting for formal approval; and
- f. Authorized the Director of Administrative Services to be the contract administrator for purposes of the day-to-day administration of the subject contracts.

5 ENGINEERING

The City Council unanimously approved A and B during consideration of the Consent Calendar.

- a. Approved Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. 3344 with CivilSource to provide staff augmentation services for an additional 12 months necessary for the delivery of the Capital Improvement Program, in an amount not-to-exceed \$150,000; and
- b. Authorized the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 1 in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

6 MINUTES

The City Council unanimously approved the Special and Regular Meeting minutes of February 13, 2018 and February 27, 2018 during consideration of the Consent Calendar.

7 PARKING ISSUES

The City Council unanimously approved A, B, C and D by motion of Mayor Davila and seconded by Council Member Rios.

- a. Receiving and filing the Hildreth Avenue Traffic Study and Hildreth Avenue Pilot Program, and authorize staff to implement Alternative No. 2, as necessary to mitigate traffic conditions on Hildreth Avenue, between Firestone Boulevard and Southern Avenue;
- b. Amending the Capital Improvement Program to add the Hildreth Avenue Traffic Mitigations Project as necessary to implement Alternative No. 2 and appropriate \$134,000 in Measure M to fund it;

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7 PARKING ISSUES CONT'D

- c. Agreement (Contract 3431) with Willdan Engineering, Inc., to provide design and construction documents for the Hildreth Avenue Traffic Mitigations Project, for an amount not to exceed \$24,000; and
- d. Authorizing the Mayor to execute Agreement in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

8 BICYCLES

The City Council unanimously approved A and B by motion of Mayor Davila and seconded by Council Member Rios.

- a. Agreement (Contract 3432) with OFO US Limite to provide a dockless bike share program, at no cost to the City, for a one year term; and
- b. Authorizing the Mayor to execute the Agreement in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

9 CITY COUNCIL

The City Council considered selecting a new City logo and tagline to begin the City's branding initiative.

Concept #1:



South Gate

~~So close. So real. So home. So Gate.~~

Concept #2:



CITY OF
SOUTH GATE
THE GATE IS ALWAYS OPEN

City Council unanimously approved Concept #1 with the "So" tagline by motion of Mayor Davila and seconded by Council Member Morales.

10 YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

The City Council unanimously approved a limit of \$100,000.00 be budgeted for this project, removing HUB Cities Career Center and to return this item with a budget showing current year savings and a plan for an exit strategy by motion of Vice Mayor Bernal and seconded by Mayor Davila.

- a. Selected from the following organizations to provide Youth Employment and Job Training Programs (Programs) for the Summer of 2018:

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YOUTH EMPLOYMENT
CONT'D**

1. Conservation Corp of Long Beach;
 2. HUB Cities Career Center;
 3. California Latino Leadership Institute;
 4. City of South Gate Internships;
 5. Rise;
- b. Provided guidance on a suggested budget for selected organizations and direct the Administrative Services Director to include these amounts in the Fiscal Year 2018/19 budget; and
- c. Directed the Director of Parks & Recreation to negotiate agreements with the selected organizations and present proposed agreement(s) at a future City Council meeting for formal approval.

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WARRANTS**


The City Council unanimously approved the Warrants for March 27, 2018 by motion of Vice Mayor Bernal and seconded by Mayor Davila.

Total of Checks:	\$2,301,983.35
Voids	\$ (0.00)
Total of Payroll Deductions:	<u>\$ (312,961.57)</u>
Grand Total:	\$1,989,021.78

ADJOURNMENT

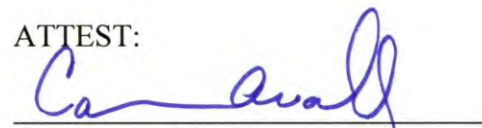
Mayor Davila unanimously adjourned the meeting in memory of Leonard Loera, long-time resident at 10:20 p.m. and seconded by Vice Mayor Bernal.

PASSED and **APPROVED** this 8th day of May, 2018.



María Belén Bernal, Mayor

ATTEST:



Carmen Avalos, City Clerk