

**CITY OF SOUTH GATE  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JUNE 26, 2018**

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor María Belén called a Regular City Council meeting to order at 6:48 p.m.

**INVOCATION** Pastor Trejo, South Gate Church of Christ

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Police Department Citizen Academy Graduate

**ROLL CALL** Gregory Martinez, City Treasurer

**PRESENT** Mayor María Belén Bernal, Council Member Denise Diaz, Council Member Maria Davila, and Council Member Al Rios; City Manager Michael Flad, City Attorney Raul Salinas

**LATE** Carmen Avalos, City Clerk

**ABSENT** Vice Mayor Jorge Morales

**1**  
**PROCLAMATIONS** The City Council issued a Proclamation declaring the month of July as “Parks Make Life Better!” Month in the City of South Gate.

**2**  
**PROCLAMATIONS** The City Council issued a Proclamation declaring the Fourth of July 2018 as Independence Day in honor and celebration of the 242nd birthday of the United States.

**3**  
**PRESENTATIONS** The City Council presented Certificates of Appreciation to the South Gate Police Department Citizen Academy graduates in recognition of completing the five week academy training.

**4**  
**TITLE 11 (SIGNS)** The City Council conducted a Public Hearing, waived the reading in full and introduced Ordinance No. 2353 entitled – Ordinance of the City Council of the City of South Gate adding Section 11.36 (Signs) of Title 11 (Zoning), of the South Gate Municipal Code by motion of Council Member Davila and seconded by Mayor Bernal. Vice Mayor Morales was absent.

Joe Perez, Community Development Director gave a brief presentation on this item.

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TITLE 11 (SIGNS)  
CONT'D

Mayor Bernal opened the public hearing.

Virginia Johnson, 5751 McKinley Avenue is happy that the City prohibits the flags and inflatables that block the sidewalk and is hoping that the City prohibits flashing signs.

Mayor Bernal asked if anyone else in the audience wishes to speak on this item. Seeing no one step forward; Mayor Bernal closed the public hearing.

Mayor Bernal stated that our current ordinance prohibits the flashing signs and this new ordinance keeps that regulation. She asked if businesses that are currently in violation receive notices so they know to correct it.

Mr. Perez responded that they would have due process and we would go through our standard noticing procedure.

Council Member Davila asked if there is a citation process for people who put up paper signs on posts advertising for events.

Mr. Perez responded that there is an administrative citation process but the challenge with that is finding those that are doing it. You need some evidence of who is posting the signs before a citation can be issued. Many of the posters have phone numbers and not addresses.

Art Cervantes, Public Works Director stated that at this time the crews are just removing them and not investigating the signs for the purpose of issuing citations.

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SAFETY &  
ENVIRONMENTAL

The City Council conducted a Public Hearing and adopted Resolution No. 7819 entitled – Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate adopting the updated Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, describing the City's efforts to prepare for and respond to emergencies by motion of Mayor Bernal and seconded by Council Member Davila. Vice Mayor Morales was absent.

Aaron Pfannenstiel from Placeworks provided a presentation about the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Mayor Bernal opened the Public Hearing and asked if anyone else in the audience wishes to speak on this item. Seeing no one step forward; Mayor Bernal closed the public hearing.

Council Member Rios asked if there have been any significant enhancements to this Plan from the last one.

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SAFETY &  
ENVIRONMENTAL  
CONT'D

Mr. Pfannenstiel responded that we made sure that it was easy to understand and what activities the City has available to take. We made sure that this document can mitigate into Staff's everyday activity.

DEVIATE FROM  
THE AGENDA

At this time, there being no objections, Mayor Bernal stated that item 19 and item 25 would be considered out of its regular agenda order.

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MASTER PLAN

The City Council approved 1, 2, and 3 as amended by motion of Mayor Bernal and seconded by Council Member Davila. Vice Mayor Morales was absent.

- 1) Approved the draft report for the Parks & Recreation Master Plan ten-year update; and
- 2) Adopted the additional recommendations by the Parks & Recreation Commission as included in the report; and
- 3) Directed staff to explore local funding options such as a local Parks bond measure and the implementation of a Quimby Ordinance and return with recommendations for consideration by the City Council.

**AMENDMENT:** Amend the Parks & Recreation Master Plan to include the restoration of the Boy Scout Huts instead of the construction of a new youth leadership lodge. Staff will come back to City Council with recommendations for restoring the Boy Scout Huts and research various funding sources including funding sources for Historical Landmarks.

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SCHOOL ISSUES

The City Council authorized staff to prepare a letter on behalf of the entire Council to the Los Angeles Unified School District opposing the proposed co-location of elementary students at South East High School and requesting further information regarding this matter by motion of Mayor Bernal and seconded by Council Member Davila. Vice Mayor Morales was absent.

COMMENTS FROM  
THE AUDIENCE

Bridget Carbajal, invited everyone to attend the upcoming Relay for Life on July 21, 2018 at South Gate Park.

Oscar Bardales, 4216 Firestone Boulevard spoke on the Firestone Boulevard Project and the parking issues for the businesses.

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### COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE CONT'D

Antonio Carrillo requested that something be done on Ardmore and Santa Fe to Ardmore and Otis to support a walking path and beautify the area.

Nick Godoy, 8611 San Gabriel Avenue spoke about traffic issues around the 710 onramps. He also spoke about his life and money.

### COMMENTS FROM STAFF

Paul Adams, reminded everyone about the July 4<sup>th</sup> activities in the Parks.

Greg Martinez, City Treasurer spoke about the homeless meeting that took place at the park. The new homeless count numbers will be released in July.

Council Member Diaz said that she attended both the HUB Cities and Vector Control meetings. She wished everyone a happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Council Member Rios stated that he will be leaving early tomorrow to attend the League of Cities meeting.

Council Member Davila shared that South Gate Middle School is partnering with Google to help both the students and the parents be safe on the internet. Eco Rapid Transit will have their summit on October 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>. She also attended the Council of Governments retreat on Avalon with the Mayor.

Mayor Bernal requested that staff outreach to the City of Whittier to inquire about how they improved the walking path near the railroad tracks and how it was funded. She stated that this was her first time attending the Council of Governments retreat and strongly believed it had much potential for creating a regional voice.

### CONSENT CALENDAR

Agenda Items 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18 were approved by motion of Council Member Davila and seconded by Mayor Bernal. Vice Mayor Morales was absent. Items 12, 15, and 17 were pulled for separate discussion.

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### TITLE 11

The City Council waived the reading in full and adopted Ordinance No. 2350 entitled – Ordinance of the City Council of the City of South Gate amending Chapter 11.15 (C-2 Restricted Commercial Zone) Section 11.15.010 (Permitted Uses) of Title 11 (Zoning), of the South Gate Municipal Code to allow fitness facilities with the approval of a Conditional Use Permit during consideration of the Consent Calendar.

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**TITLE 11**

The City Council waived the reading in full and adopted Ordinance No. 2351 entitled – Ordinance of the City Council of the City of South Gate amending Sections 11.21.030 (Land Use Permissions Tables) Table 11.21.-4(A) (Footnotes Commercial Industrial Zones Allowed Land Uses) of Chapter 11.21 (Land Use Types) of Title 11 (Zoning), of the South Gate Municipal Code during consideration of the Consent Calendar.

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**TITLE 7**

The City Council waived the reading in full and adopted Ordinance No. 2352 entitled – Ordinance of the City Council of the City of South Gate repealing Ordinance No. 2257, Title 7 (Public Safety and Morals), Chapter 7.76 (Residency Restrictions for Sex Offenders), in its entirety, of the South Gate Municipal Code during consideration of the Consent Calendar.

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**ENERGY SAVINGS**

The City Council approved A and B during consideration of the Consent Calendar. Vice Mayor Morales was absent.

- a. Adopted Resolution No. 7820 entitled – Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate consenting to inclusion of properties within the City’s jurisdiction in the “GSFA Community Facilities District No. 2014-1 (Clean Energy)” which offers financing for Renewable Energy Generation, Energy Efficiency, Water Conservation and Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Improvements and approving associate membership in GSFA Joint Powers Authority; and
- b. Adopted Resolution No. 7821 entitled – Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate consenting to inclusion of properties within the City’s jurisdiction in the “GSFA PACE Program” to Finance Renewable Energy Generation, Energy and Water Efficiency Improvements and Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure and approving associate membership in GSFA Joint Powers Authority.

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**PATH VILLAS**

The City Council approved A and B during consideration of the Consent Calendar. Vice Mayor Morales was absent.

- a. Found that the project is Categorically Exempt under Section 15061 (b)(3)(General Rule Exemption) of the California Environmental Quality Act; and

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### PATH VILLAS CONT'D

- b. Adopted Resolution No. 7822 entitled – Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate approving Density Bonus Housing Agreement (Contract 3448) for the Path Villas at South Gate for a 60-unit supportive housing development at 5610 Imperial Highway.

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### WATER ISSUES

The City Council approved A and B during consideration of the Consent Calendar. Vice Mayor Morales was absent.

- a. Amendment No. 1 to Contract 3340 with SAFNA Engineering & Consulting, a division of Heateflex, for project management services necessary for the delivery of water system improvement projects in an amount not-to-exceed \$248,000; and
- b. Authorized the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 1 in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

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### HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE ELEMENT

The City Council approved A, B, and C by motion of Council Member Davila and seconded by Mayor Bernal. Vice Mayor Morales was absent

- a. Amendment No. 1 to Contract 2902 with WM Curbside, LLC for sponsorship of a Permanent Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility;
- b. Authorized the submittal of a Permit by Rule application to the Los Angeles County Certified Unified Program Agencies; and
- c. Authorized the City Manager to execute Amendment No. 1 in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

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### SIDEWALK PROJECTS

The City Council approved A, B, C and D during consideration of the Consent Calendar. Vice Mayor Morales was absent.

- a. Agreement (Contract 3449) with Timberline Construction, Inc., to secure funding to complete sidewalk repairs under The Boulevard Project, in the amount of \$9,250;
- b. Authorized the Director of Public Works/City Engineer to approve a change order with Griffith Company to complete the sidewalk repairs under The Boulevard Project, in the amount of \$9,250;

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### 13 SIDEWALK PROJECTS CONT'D

- c. Appropriated the \$9,250 to be received from Timberline Construction, Inc. to The Boulevard Project (Account No. 31 1 790-31-9447); and
- d. Authorized the City Manager to execute the Agreement in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

### 14 TECHNOLOGY MASTER PLAN

The City Council approved A and B during consideration of the Consent Calendar. Vice Mayor Morales was absent.

- a. Professional Services Agreement (Contract 3450) with ClientFirst Technology Consulting to perform an assessment of the City's current information services operations and technology infrastructure and to develop a 5-Year Information Technology Master Plan, in the not to-exceed amount of \$59,948; and
- b. Authorized the Mayor to execute an agreement with ClientFirst Technology Consulting in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

### 15 FACILITY MAINTENANCE

The City Council approved A, B, and C by motion of Council Member Rios and seconded by Mayor Bernal. Vice Mayor Morales was absent.

- a. Approved a maintenance agreement (Contract 3451) with Merchants Building Maintenance to provide Custodial and Maintenance Services for the City facilities for a three-year term not-to exceed the amount of \$693,267 (\$231,089 annually); and
- b. Appropriated \$40,761 from the undesignated general fund reserve to the Facility Maintenance Account (Account No. 100-710-12 6702) as necessary to fully fund the first year of the contract amount; and
- c. Authorized the Mayor to execute the Agreement in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

### 16 STRATEGIC PLAN

The City Council considered approving the revised Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Plan during consideration of the Consent Calendar. Vice Mayor Morales was absent.



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MOU SGPMMA

The City Council will consider approving a Side Letter of Agreement with the South Gate Professional and Mid-Management Association

This item was continued to the City Council Meeting of July 10, 2018.

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MINUTES

The City Council considered approved A and B during consideration of the Consent Calendar. Vice Mayor Morales was absent.

- a. Approved the Special Meeting minutes of May 4, 2018; and
- b. Approved the Special and Regular Meeting minutes of May 22, 2018.

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STREET SWEEPING

The City Council considered:

- a. Receiving and filing a presentation from the Director of Public Works/City Engineer on the results of the Street Sweeping Evaluation Project Report; and
- b. Approving “Alternative No. 2 - Outsourcing the Street Sweeping Program” and authorize the Director of Public Works/City Engineer to procure a contract for street sweeping services starting in Fiscal Year 2018/19.

This item was continued to the City Council Meeting of July 10, 2018 by motion of Mayor Bernal and seconded by Council Member Davila. Vice Mayor Morales was absent.

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CITY COUNCIL

The City Council considered:

- a. Selecting a color scheme for the new City logo and tagline to begin the City’s branding initiative;
- b. Providing direction on the roll out plan for the new City logo; and
- c. Authorizing the City Attorney to file the trademark application for the new City logo and tagline.

This item was continued to the City Council Meeting of July 10, 2018 by motion of Mayor Bernal and seconded by Council Member Davila. Vice Mayor Morales was absent.



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PRESENTATIONS**

The City Council considered providing staff with direction regarding the proposed Home Recognition Program.

This item was continued to the City Council Meeting of July 10, 2018 by motion of Mayor Bernal and seconded by Council Member Davila. Vice Mayor Morales was absent.

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CITY COUNCIL**

The City Council considered discussing and providing input on the following strategic planning topics:

- a. City Council expectations of staff;
- b. How the City Council works together; and
- c. City Council goals for Fiscal Year 2018/19.

This item was continued to the City Council Meeting of July 10, 2018 by motion of Mayor Bernal and seconded by Council Member Davila. Vice Mayor Morales was absent.

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BUDGET**

The City Council considered authorizing the carryover of unspent budget appropriations from FY 2016/17 to FY 2017/18 for the funds detailed in Exhibit A.

This item was continued to the City Council Meeting of July 10, 2018 by motion of Mayor Bernal and seconded by Council Member Davila. Vice Mayor Morales was absent.

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WARRANTS AND  
CANCELLATIONS**

The City Council approved the Warrants and Cancellations for June 26, 2018 by motion of Council Auditor Davila and seconded by Mayor Bernal.

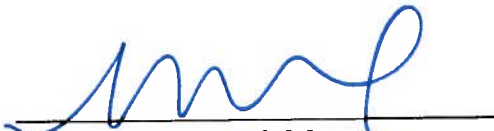
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Voids:	(\$ 2,875.79)
Total of Payroll Deductions:	<u>\$ 337,366.37</u>
Grand Total:	\$1,251,712.54

Cancellations: 77661, 77810, 77864

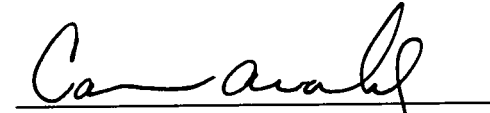
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**ADJOURNMENT** Mayor Bernal unanimously adjourned the meeting at 11:37 p.m. in memory of Yolanda Alvarez, long-time South Gate resident and seconded by Council Member Davila.

**PASSED** and **APPROVED** this 24<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2018.

  
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María Belén Bernal, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Carmen Avalos, City Clerk