

**CITY OF SOUTH GATE  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JULY 10, 2018**

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor María Belén called a Regular City Council meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

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

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

**ROLL CALL** Carmen Avalos, City Clerk

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

**1 PRESENTATIONS** The City Council presented Certificates of Appreciation to the sponsors of 2018 Spring Fit 5K in recognition of their generous donations for the event.

**DEVIATE FROM THE AGENDA** At this time, there being no objections, Mayor Bernal stated that comments from the audience would be considered out of its regular agenda order.

**COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE** Virginia Johnson, 5751 McKinley Avenue spoke on an article in the Wave Newspaper of a possible new homeless project at Gardendale Avenue and Garfield Avenue.

Maria Navarro, 9411 San Antonio Avenue she is in support of the instructor at the Sports Center returning to teach the spin class.

Guadalupe Chavez, 9300 Annetta Avenue she is in support of the instructor at the Sports Center and wants to know why she was terminated.

Karina Franco, 10237 Downey Avenue she is also in support of the instructor at the Sports Center. She witnessed the event and felt the instructor was treated unfairly.

Angela Lesero, 10311 San Jose Avenue spoke in support of Marina, instructor at the Sports Center.

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### COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE CONT'D

Sylvia Segura, 9331 Madison Avenue spoke in support of Marina, instructor at the Sports Center and witnessed the incident. She felt the instructor was treated unjustly.

Angela Alvarez, 9401 Bowman Avenue spoke in support of Marina, instructor at the Sport Center.

Gabriela Cid, Congresswomen Nanette Barragan's Office gave a report on the events coming up that will be hosted by the Congresswoman's office.

Juana Cuellar, 11113 State Street spoke in support of Marina, instructor at the Sports Center. She feels that the supervisors at the Sports Center do not do a good job. They do not have the rooms available and ready for the classes. For the most part I do not want to even step foot in the Sports Center because she feels that the staff has targeted her as a problem.

Julissa Cuellar, 4907 Southern Lane spoke in support of Marina, instructor at the Sports Center. It feels that the Sports Center staff is not thinking about the community instead they focus on petty arguments that have nothing to do with our fitness goals.

Rick Morton, resident of South Gate spoke in support of Marina, instructor at the Sports Center.

Sandra Aguilar, 2445 Hope Street spoke in support of Marina, instructor at the Sports Center. All she would like to see a fair process because everyone deserves that.

Nick Godoy, 8611 San Gabriel Avenue spoke about fireworks and said that he called the police due to illegal fireworks and the solider from South Gate that was recently killed in Afghanistan.

Mayor Bernal explained to the public that during comments from the Audience the City Council is not allowed to conduct a back and forth conversation, but she and Council Member Davila met with the City Manager and the Parks Director to request that an investigation be conducted to be sure there was a thorough investigation was conducted.

### 2 TITLE 11 DESIGN REVIEW

The City Council conducted a Public Hearing to consider waiving the reading in full and introducing an Ordinance amending Table 11.51-1 (Application and Review Authority), of Section 11.51.030 (Review Types and Responsibilities), and 11.51.060 (Design Review), of Chapter 11.51 (Permits and Procedures), of Title 11 (Zoning), of the South Gate Municipal Code adopting a revised discretionary review process and thresholds for potential new development projects citywide.

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TITLE 11 CONT'D

Joe Perez, Director of Public Works gave a presentation on this item.

Mayor Bernal opened the Public Hearing. Seeing no one step forward; Mayor Bernal closed the public hearing.

Mayor Bernal asked how the review process would be handled at the beginning before going to the Planning Commission.

Mr. Perez stated that most large developments begin with him and after the initial meeting then the Senior Planner comes in to work out the nuts and bolts. After this the process would begin and referred to the Planning Commission.

Mayor Bernal and Vice Mayor Morales would like to see a published document that details the time lines and requirements for projects.

Mayor Bernal asked for clarification on what would come before Council.

Mr. Perez stated that these are identified in the code. Each project is designated by area, zone and usage. There are very specific identified usages that already require a review by the Planning Commission as opposed to administrative overlook. We are not recommending any changes to those.

Council Member Rios stated that in his understanding the threshold of responsibility is being shifted from administrative to the Planning Commission.

Mr. Perez stated that any item that would go to the Planning Commission, it is staff's job to vet whatever the use is and place the conditions of approval to make sure that it is a successful project and is not going to negatively impact surrounding usage. We then take that to the Planning Commission and have a recommendation. In some cases it might need additional studies like a traffic study or an environmental analysis.

Council Member Rios asked how this change affects the Community Development Department.

Mr. Perez stated that if this were adopted it would be the time to prepare an agenda bill to send notices out to surrounding property owners and present at the Planning Commission meetings.

Council Member Rios asked what would be the delay time for the projects.

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TITLE 11 CONT'D

Mr. Perez answered that it would depend on the project. Usually when staff completes their analysis, it is simply putting together the report and noticing. That is usually a matter of weeks not months.

Mike Flad, City Manager added that not only do businesses and residents have the right to appeal the Planning Commission but so does the City Council.

Mayor Bernal stated that if we can commit to having updates for the City Council on a regular basis and have this update added to the process.

Mayor Bernal motioned to approve amending the ordinance to keep the design review process at the administrative level however bring forward the density bonus specific plan zoning amendments to the City Council. He noted that there is a process that is publicized online and that a quarterly report will be brought to the City Council.

Mr. Flad clarified that instead of adding time to a project you will get a quarterly update on what project are coming forward. In terms of the administrative side, one of the main concerns was the lack of certainty and lack of understanding that there is a set process but by putting it on the website makes it available to everybody. This makes the process more understandable and provides the Council and the public with what is happening.

Raul Salinas, City Attorney stated that this item is before City Council as an introduction of an Ordinance. If you decide to make changes to the motion, you should bring it back with the guidance that you are giving staff and City Manager because you would have to publish the reading again. At that time you can decide if you would like to vote on the item.

Vice Mayor Morales asked Mayor Bernal what portion she wanted to bring before the City Council and not the Planning Commission.

Mayor Bernal responded that whenever development wants to bring a density bonus to the current development for a change in the specific plan or zoning amendment. She feels that those are significant enough to where they should come back to the City Council.

Mr. Perez stated that is consistent with what is in the zoning code and what is required. Essentially there would be no change.

Mr. Flad said that we are "daylighting the process" with the addition of the quarterly report and the addition of online documentation.

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### TITLE 11 CONT'D

Mayor Bernal said that we will bring this item back with the additions that were discussed tonight.

Council Member Rios asked if this item will go before the Planning Commission again.

Mr. Perez stated he will make certain it happens.

This item was continued to a future City Council Meeting.

### COMMENTS FROM STAFF

Carmen Avalos, City Clerk will be attending a City Clerk's seminar as part of a review of election procedures.

Mike Flad, City Manager stated that Funeraria Del Angel South Gate across the street from City Hall will be hosting a BBQ for Public Servants Appreciation.

Council Member Diaz attended the League Conference for new elected officials.

Council Member Davila shared that at the Council of Governments meeting she was elected to the executive board as second Vice President and also she received a text from Speaker Anthony Rendon indicating he had appointed her to the California Transit Financing Authority.

Council Member Rios also attended the League Conference for new elected officials.

Council Member Davila also invited everyone to the Relay for Life on July 21<sup>st</sup> at South Gate Park.

Vice Mayor Morales stated that he attended the League of California Cities Board of Directors meeting where they went over their strategic goals and discussed legislature matters including taxes, SB1 transportation funds, and Prop 47 and 57.

Mayor Bernal spoke on the relationship between residents, staff and the City Council. She attended the Independence Day Celebration and said that it was very well attended and very beautiful. She believes it is not always necessary to buy the boxes of fireworks when you can visit the park and see the beautiful fireworks. She understands that there is not a report tonight but is hoping the Chief will have an update soon.

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### COMMENTS FROM STAFF CONT'D

Randy Davis, Chief of Police stated that his report will be done by the end of the week but he will say that as of the last couple of years we have seen a reduction. Even though in some areas there does not appear to be a reduction, there has been a 43% reduction in calls for service.

Mayor Bernal attended the County Sanitation District meeting, where they are discussing labor negotiations. The Sanitation District wants to meet with Cities that are working on recycled water projects.

### CONSENT CALENDAR

Agenda Items 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, and 9 were unanimously approved by motion of Mayor Bernal and seconded by Council Member Rios. Item 6 was pulled for separate discussion.

### 3 TITLE 11 - SIGNS

The City Council waived further reading and adopted Ordinance No. 2353 entitled – Ordinance of the City Council of the City of South Gate, California, adding Section 11.36 (Signs- General Policies, Provisions, and Procedures), and Sections of Title 11 (Zoning), of the South Gate Municipal Code implementing signage regulations citywide during consideration of the Consent Calendar.

### 4 LEASE AGREEMENT

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

- a. Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. 2931 with Green Wise Soil Technologies, LLC to allow Compressed Natural Gas fueling stations at 10120 Miller Way; and
- b. Authorized the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 1 in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

### 5 CDBG

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

- a. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Subrecipient Agreements for Fiscal Year 2018/19 with:
  1. Fair Housing Foundation (Contract No. 3452);
  2. Southern California Rehabilitation Services (Contract No. 3453);
  3. The Salvation Army (Contract No. 3454);
  4. Helpline Youth Counseling (Contract No. 3455);
  5. Tweedy Mile Association (Contract No. 3456);
  6. HUB Cities (Contract No. 3457); and

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**CDBG CONT'D**

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

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**ANIMAL CONTROL**

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

- a. Amendment No. 4 to Contract No. 3026 with the Southeast Area Animal Control Authority for animal control and sheltering services for Fiscal Year 2018/19; and
- b. Authorized the Mayor to execute the Agreement in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

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**WATER**

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

- a. Agreement (Contract No. 3458) with Steven Doreck Equipment Rentals, Inc., to construct the California Water Main Crossing at Firestone Boulevard (Water Main), City Project No. 594-WTR, in an amount not-to-exceed \$157,395;
- b. Authorized the Mayor to execute the Agreement in a form acceptable to the City Attorney; and
- c. The Notice of Exemption for the replacement of the Water Main and direct the City Clerk to file it with the Los Angeles County Recorder's Office.

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**LA RIVER**

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

- a. Agreement (Contract No. 3459) with the Los Angeles Gateway Regional Integrated Regional Water Management Joint Powers Authority for the cost sharing for the installation of monitoring equipment and monitoring pursuant to the Harbor Toxic Pollutants Total Maximum Daily Loads for a five-year term, for an amount not to exceed \$816 annually; and
- b. Authorized the Mayor to execute the Agreement in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

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**9  
MINUTES**

The City Council unanimously approved the Special and Regular Meeting minutes of June 12, 2018 during consideration of the Consent Calendar.

**DEVIATE FROM  
THE AGENDA**

At this time, there being no objections, Mayor Bernal stated that item 11 would be considered out of its regular agenda order.

**11  
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.

The City Council unanimously approved the Blue Color Palette and recommended the tag line of "So Gate, So Great" by motion of Mayor Bernal and Council Member Davila.

**10  
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 subject was thoroughly discussed, but no action taken.

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WARRANTS**

The City Council unanimously approved the Warrants and Cancellations for July 10, 2018 by motion of Council Auditor Davila and seconded by Council Member Rios.

Total of Checks:	\$5,221,024.12
Voids:	(\$ 0.00)
Total of Payroll Deductions:	<u>\$ 290,374.54</u>
Grand Total:	\$4,930,649.58

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**ADJOURNMENT**

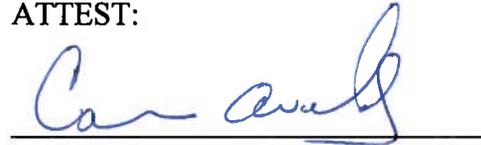
Mayor Bernal unanimously adjourned the meeting at 9:52 p.m. and seconded by Council Member Davila.

**PASSED** and **APPROVED** this 14<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2018.



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María Belén Bernal, Mayor

ATTEST:



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Carmen Avalos, City Clerk

