

**CITY OF SOUTH GATE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER Mayor María Belén called a Regular City Council meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

INVOCATION Pastor Anthony Kidd, Community of Faith Bible Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Virginia Johnson, Citizens' Advisory Committee

ROLL CALL Greg Martinez, City Treasurer

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

LATE Carmen Avalos, City Clerk arrived at 6:50 p.m.

EXCUSED FROM THE MEETING City Treasurer Greg Martinez left the dais at 6:54 p.m.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Virginia Johnson, 5751 McKinley Avenue regarding the American Legion and the homeless housing situation.

Antonio Chapa, District Director, Southeast Los Angeles - County of Los Angeles presented an accommodation to the Police Department from Supervisor Solis for National Night Out.

Aldolfo Varas, 3375 Wisconsin Avenue thanked the Mayor for the toys that were donated to the children of South Gate. He also spoke on the American Legion and the homeless housing situation.

COMMENTS FROM STAFF

Joe Perez, Director of Community Development announced that there will be a community meeting tomorrow at 6:00 p.m. where they will be discussing the Garfield and Gardendale site as well as future developments, capital improvement projects and policing issues. He also spoke on the Economic Development Strategy. We have partnered with the California Academy of Economic Development and are bringing in a handful of specialists to converse with and meet with small business owners on August 20th.

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COMMENTS FROM STAFF CONT.

Mike Flad, City Manager spoke on the Gardendale and Garfield site. The City has mailed two letters to the County Supervisor requesting inclusion in the process. We as staff will continue to represent that community and will keep Council informed on upcoming meetings as this will be a very long process. It will be well over a year of planning before there is a developer, design and construction.

Greg Martinez, City Treasurer spoke on different times that surrounding Cities have attempted to impose actions that will affect City of South Gate residents.

Carmen Avalos, City Clerk spoke on Back to School activities. Ms. Avalos updated Council on the Los Angeles County elections. The vendor that the City of South Gate would typically use for elections Martin Chapman went out of business. As a result the County will be absorbing many of these costs. The City of Lakewood as well as other local cities are concerned about cost as their costs will have tripled when the County conducts their elections in March 2019.

Council Member Diaz was on a two week vacation and wishes all our South Gate students a successful year.

Council Member Rios attended the California Latino Leadership graduation. Six of our residents participated in this intense summer program. He also attended the Southeast Census Collaborative Meeting and the next census will be in 2020. The State of California will be contributing 90 million dollars of funding. Currently there are questions regarding immigration questions and how it will be listed on the survey. It is going through the legal process. There will also be a field office here in South Gate. Council Member Rios invited everyone to East Los Angeles College on August 22 for the Career Tech Fair.

Council Member Davila had nothing to report.

Vice Mayor Morales said that tomorrow will be his first meeting as President for the California Contract Cities Association so he will be unable to attend the community meeting in Hollydale.

Mayor Bernal was honored to be able to visit with a young gentleman, Angel Javier Chaidez, who was awarded and recognized for his Eagle Scout work during the summer. She also attended a small tour of the Northgate Market, and the Eat Good Restaurant. During this meeting it was suggested that the City try an Adopt-An-Alley program.

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COMMENTS FROM STAFF CONT.

Mayor Bernal attended the County Sanitation meeting and reported that they are still in labor negotiations with one of their groups and are waiting for a court ruling.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Agenda Items 1 and 3 were unanimously approved by motion of Council Member Davila and seconded by Mayor Bernal. Item 2 was pulled for separate discussion.

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FIRESTONE CAPACITY

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

a. Adopted Resolution No. 7826 entitled – Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate, approving the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Access Agreement (Contract No. 3469) with the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) to convey right-of-way easements for the construction of a new bus turnout and a dedicated right-turn lane within South Gate High School on the Firestone Boulevard Capacity Enhancement Project, City Project No. 476-TRF, Metro Call For Project ID No. F3124;

b. Authorized the Mayor to execute the MOU and Access Agreement in a form acceptable to the City's Special Counsel; and

c. Received and filed the Roadway Improvement Concept for the bus turnout and right-turn lane as accepted by LAUSD.

2

LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

The City Council unanimously authorized the Mayor to execute the comment letter regarding potential impacts related to the West Santa Ana Branch Transit Corridor Project to the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority prior to August 24, 2018 by motion of Council Member Davila and seconded by Mayor Bernal.

3

MINUTES

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

a. Approving the Special Meeting minutes and Special Budget minutes of May 29, 2018; and

b. Approving the Special and Regular Meeting minutes of July 10 and July 24, 2018.

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STREET SWEEPERS

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

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.

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WARRANTS

The City Council unanimously approved the Warrants and Cancellations for August 14, 2018 by motion of Council Auditor Davila and seconded by Mayor Bernal.

Total of Checks:	\$7,380,381.51
Voids:	(\$ 1,796.46)
Total of Payroll Deductions:	<u>\$ 202,049.85</u>
Grand Total:	\$7,176,535.20

Cancellations: 77606, 78236, 78256 and Various Stale Dated Checks as Listed in the Staff Report.

ADJOURNMENT


Council Member Davila unanimously adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m. in memory of Doris Jeanette (Jean) Reed, former City Commissioner and long-time resident seconded by Mayor Bernal.

PASSED and APPROVED this 28th day of August, 2018.

ATTEST:



María Belén Bernal, Mayor



Carmen Avalos, City Clerk