

**CITY OF SOUTH GATE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor María Belén Bernal called a Regular City Council meeting to order at 6:44 p.m.

INVOCATION: Pastor Ernesto Trejo, South Gate Church of Christ

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Naomi Nixon, South Gate resident

ROLL CALL Greg Martinez, City Treasurer

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

ABSENT: Council Member Maria Davila

LATE: Carmen Avalos, City Clerk arrived at the dais at 6:53 p.m.

1.
PRESENTATIONS Vice Mayor Morales appointed Naomi Nixon to the Parks & Recreation Commission to fill a vacancy; the appointment will be ratified by a majority vote of the City Council by motion of Vice Mayor Morales and seconded by Mayor Bernal.

2.
POLICE The City Council conduct a Public Hearing approving A, B and C by motion of Vice Mayor Morales and seconded by Mayor Bernal.

a. Authorizing utilization of 2018 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Funds, in the amount of \$43,038.00, from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance Grant Funds, for the purchase of fitness equipment for the Police Department Fitness and Wellness Center;

b. Increasing the FY 2018/19 revenue projection in account number 231-4620 (Police Grants - Edward Byrne Memorial Grant) by \$18,038.00, from \$25,000.00 to \$43,038.00; and

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2.

POLICE CONTD

c. Amending the FY 2018/19 Police Grants Fund budget by appropriating an additional \$2,458.00 to account number 231-554-21-9005 (Machinery & Equipment), and transferring \$40,000.00 from account number 231-554-21-5111 (Overtime Sworn) and \$580.00 from account number 231-554-21-5220 (Medicare) to account number 231-554-21-9005 (Machinery & Equipment).

Randy Davis, Chief of Police gave a brief presentation on this item.

Council Member Rios asked how the wellness center is planned on being utilized.

Chief Davis incorporated staff's input into what type of equipment would be installed. The plan was to tailor this project so that we don't go six months or a year from now and think retrospectively we should have done this. He mentioned that there is about six to eight weeks of construction left.

Mayor Bernal asked what this grant has been used for in the past.

Chief Davis responded that it was used for overtime and various police operations such as traffic.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Carrie Monroe, 9533 Hunt Avenue is concerned with the image of South Gate. She stated that the Walmart in South Gate has all the merchandise locked up and feels that they treat the residents as if they are thieves. She also feels we need more officers at South Gate Park.

Gabriela Cid from Congresswomen Barragán's Office provided an update on August events.

Virginia Johnson, 5751 McKinley Avenue reminded everyone about the community meeting for Area 5 in the Auditorium on September 6.

Nick Godoy, 8611 San Gabriel Avenue spoke on traffic and parking issues on San Gabriel.

Tyler Morrison, 9824 S. Alameda Street spoke on the lack of Wi-Fi in City Hall.

Melissa Garcia, 2828 Ardmore Avenue is concerned with the safety and cleanliness of the City.

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COMMENTS FROM STAFF

Joe Perez, Director of Community Development also reminded everyone on the community meeting at South Gate Park. He spoke on the Grand Opening of Wendy's and Jersey Mikes.

Randy Davis, Chief of Police stated that the RING doorbell program is accessible to every resident in the City of South Gate.

Greg Martinez, City Treasurer thanked Paul Adams for a very successful Boy Scout Hut Committee Meeting. He also talked about the strategic planning that the city is starting for their computer system and at Walmart he is finding that all the merchandise is locked up and feels that we should have the same service that is provided in Walmart's that are in other cities.

Council Member Diaz attended the HUB Cities meeting, "A River for All" community event, the Urban Orchard Community Open House and on Sunday we did celebrate the 19th amendment which is the voting rights for women. She encourages women to become mentors and is hopefully that women will continue to succeed.

Council Member Rios stated that he is a part of the SELA Collaborative which consists of eight nonprofit organizations. Their main mission is to promote civic engagement, to build nonprofit capacity and promoting regional identity. They had a transportation policy round table that was well attended. Metro is doing some good things and informed everyone that Metro has a survey on their website and encouraged everyone to fill it out. He also shared that he experienced that same situation with Walmart and agrees that the situation is frustrating.

Vice Mayor Morales attended that California Contract Cities board meeting and the monthly City Manager's meeting. He also attended the League of California Cities Board of Directors meeting, the Urban Orchard Community Meeting and the Speaker's backpack giveaway.

Mayor Bernal attended the American Legion meeting in Hollydale and that evening was recognition of the fact that when people come together they can do great things. She stressed that no matter who is on South Gate's Council the real power lies on the residents and being able to continue to advocate on behalf of your community. She also attended Ms. Reed's viewing. It was very touching to see the friendships that build in our community. She asked staff look into the lighting on Pinehurst at South Gate Park. She understands that this section is near residents but it is very dark and near the scouting area where there are lots of children. She requested that staff look into scheduling a meeting with the management of Walmart to discuss our residents concerns.

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CONSENT CALENDAR

Agenda Items 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 were unanimously approved by motion of Council Member Davila and seconded by Mayor Bernal. Item 3 was pulled for separate discussion.

3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The City Council adopted Resolution No. 7827 entitled – Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate, amending the City's Conflict of Interest Code for designated City personnel, adopting by reference Section 18730 of the California Code of Regulations by motion of Mayor Bernal and seconded by Vice Mayor Morales.

4. RECYCLING

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

a. Approved Amendment No. 3 to Contract No. 2373 with Construction and Demolition Recycling, Inc., formerly known as Interior Removal Specialists, Inc., extending the term of the Agreement through June 30, 2021, to collect permit fees in accordance with Section 2.08.450 B of the South Gate Municipal Code; and

b. Authorized the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 3 in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

5. CITY HALL IMPROVEMENTS

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

a. Approved an Agreement (**Contract No. 3471**) with Eric Bridge doing business as Huntington Beach Electric to construct the South Gate City Hall Lighting Improvements Project (Project), City Project No. 502-ARC in an amount not-to-exceed \$72,570;

b. Authorized the Mayor to execute the Agreement in a form acceptable to the City Attorney; and

c. Approved the Notice of Exemption for the construction of the South Gate City Hall Lighting Improvements Project, City Project 502-ARC and direct the City Clerk to file it with the Los Angeles County Recorder's Office.

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6.
POLICE

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

- a. Approved an Agreement (**Contract No. 3472**) with RS Construction & Development, Inc., for the construction of the South Gate Police Department Bathroom Facilities (BF) Repair Project, City Project No. 598-ARC, in an amount not-to-exceed \$147,974;
- b. Appropriated \$198,974 from the unassigned fund balance in the Asset Forfeiture Fund to Account No. 235-570-21-9100, to fund the South Gate Police Department RF Repair Project; and
- c. Authorized the Mayor to execute the Agreement in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

7.
INVESTMENT

The City Council adopted the City's Annual Statement of Investment Policy during consideration of the Consent Calendar.

8.
QUARTERLY REPORT

The City Council received and filed the Quarterly Investment Report for the quarter ended March 31, 2018 during consideration of the Consent Calendar.

9.
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The City Council received and filed the Quarterly Investment Report for the quarter ended June 30, 2018 during consideration of the Consent Calendar.

10.
HOUSING ELEMENT

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

- a. Receiving and filing the Housing Element Annual Progress Reports for calendar years 2014-2017; and
- b. Directing staff to provide copies of the Housing Element Annual Progress Reports to the State Department of Housing and Community Development.

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**11.
MINUTES**

The City Council approved the Special and Regular Meeting minutes of August 14, 2018 during consideration of the Consent Calendar.

**12.
CITY HALL
FACILITIES**

The City Council considered:

- a. Approving an Agreement (**Contract No. _____**) with Aid Builders, Inc., to construct the Seaborg House Relocation Project (Project), City Project No. 531-ARC, in an amount not-to exceed \$369,000;
- b. Appropriating \$300,000 from the unassigned fund balance in the Park Enhancement Fund to Account No. 311-790-69-9424 to fully fund the Project;
- c. Authorizing the Mayor to execute the Agreement in a form acceptable to the City Attorney; and
- d. Approving the Notice of Exemption for the construction of the Project and directing the City Clerk to file it with the Los Angeles County Recorder's Office.

This item was continued to the meeting of September 11th. Staff will provide information on the legal requirements that the City must meet for the restoration of this property.

**13.
CDBG**

The City Council considered allowing Graduate students from the University of Southern California provide an overview of their City of South Gate Strategic Plan: FY 2018-2022.

This item was continued.

**14.
WARRANTS**

The City Council approved the Warrants and Cancellations for August 28, 2018 by motion of Mayor Bernal and seconded by Vice Mayor Morales.

Total of Checks:	\$3,026,378.86
Voids:	(\$ 161.25)
Total of Payroll Deductions:	<u>\$ 323,947.38</u>
Grand Total:	\$2,702,270.23

Cancellations: 75845, 75897, 75925

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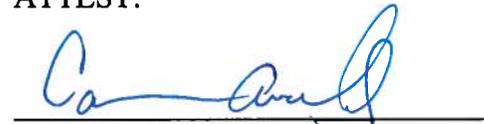
ADJOURNMENT Mayor Bernal adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m. seconded by Vice Mayor Morales.

PASSED and **APPROVED** this 25th day of September, 2018.



María Belén Bernal, Mayor

ATTEST:



Carmen Avalos, City Clerk