

CITY OF SOUTH GATE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2018

CALL TO ORDER Mayor María Belén Bernal called a Regular City Council meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

INVOCATION Council Member Maria Davila

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Laura Maldonado, Family Violence Program Coordinator

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; City Treasurer Greg Martinez, City Manager Michael Flad, City Attorney Raul Salinas

ABSENT Carmen Avalos, City Clerk

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PROCLAMATIONS The City Council issued a Proclamation declaring the month of October 2018, as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the City of South Gate.

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PROCLAMATIONS The City Council issued a Proclamation declaring the month of October 2018, as Crime Prevention Month in the City of South Gate.

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PROCLAMATIONS The City Council issued a Proclamation declaring October 23 through 31, 2018, as National Red Ribbon Week in the City of South Gate.

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PRESENTATIONS The City Council allowed Southeast High School students to conduct presentations of their learning experience of the 331 Senate District Young Senators Program and presented Certificates of Appreciation to these students for their participation and completion of the Young Senators Program.

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BUSINESS LICENSE

The City Council conducted a Public Hearing to consider:

- a. Conducting a six-month compliance review of the Dance Hall Permit for the Hound Bar, located at 4626 Firestone Boulevard; and
- b. Approving Condition of Approval No. 24 to extend the compliance review period for an additional six months to April 9, 2019.

Joe Perez, Director of Community Development gave a brief overview of this item, explained the 6-month review process and informed the City Council of the results.

Daisy Rubio, 8969 Annetta Avenue informed the Council that she has called the police department over nine times since the opening of the bar. She also states that there is racing in the area of the bar. She would like to see limits on the days and times that the bar is open.

Anabelle Garcia, 8916 Annetta Avenue stated that the neighborhood is worse now that the Hound Bar has opened. Within the last six months they are experiencing loitering, parking issues and very loud noise during the time that the bar is open. She feels that the conditions that were set by the Council were not followed by the bar and the bar even had a taco truck in the parking lot.

Joel Bernal, 8915 Annetta Avenue stated that all the concerns that the neighbors brought before Council previously have happened. The neighbors are having problems with the patrons of the bar urinating on the streets, loud noise and loitering after 2:00 a.m.

Resident, 8919 Annetta Avenue spoke about the condition of the neighborhood after the bar opened.

Nora, 4656 Firestone Boulevard said that since the bar has opened she feels that the owner Ms. Martinez has done a wonderful job of keeping up the property and feels that the property value of the area has gone up since the opening of the Hound Bar.

Mayor Bernal asked when a business owner comes in and opens a business with an older building, what does the City hold them accountable for?

Mr. Perez responded that we encourage business owners to check with the City before they decide to do any interior improvements. We can work with them to see if they need to obtain a permit or not.

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Mayor Bernal asked when we have patrons that stay at the business longer than operating hours, what exactly can we fine someone with if they are in fact intoxicated in public?

Captain Teeple responded that if they have an open container we can issue them a citation and they would have to appear in court. If they are too intoxicated to care for themselves we could take them into custody or get some means for them to be removed from that location but that is for severe intoxication not someone that has merely been drinking. If someone stays at a parking lot after business hours that would be up to a resident to report if they feel their peace is being disturbed and we would ask them to leave.

Mayor Bernal asked that if staff is requesting for an additional 6-month review time what would be the alternative option.

Mr. Perez responded that the alternative option would be to allow the business owner to operate under the existing permit without the existing 6-month review period. Another option that City Council has is to add or modify any other conditions that you might see and we would then bring that back as another public hearing notifying both the business owner and surrounding neighbors what those specific changes would be.

Mr. Perez gave a brief summary of what happened at the January Public Hearing.

Council Member Diaz stated that she agrees that we need to add a no loitering sign in the parking lot and believes that the business needs additional security guard outside the bar.

Council Member Davila stated that on the staff report it only shows nine calls for police service.

Captain Teeple responded that the nine calls is the total number of calls to that specific address for police service during that six-month review period.

Council Member Davila would like to review the hours of operation during the week days and shorten the hours for Monday – Thursday to close at midnight.

Mayor Bernal requested a report highlighting the items that were in compliance with the conditional use permit.

Council Member Rios requested that the business owner come to the podium and make a comment.

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Mayor Bernal allowed the request.

Lupe, owner of the Hound Bar stated she does take her business seriously and the complaints that were made tonight. She believes that she has been making a positive impact on the community. She says that she is willing to negotiate the hours for Monday, Tuesday and Sunday but the neighbors need to realize that it's a business and she has a lot invested in the bar. She is also willing to discuss extra security in the parking lot and provide her personal cell phone to the neighbors but feels like from the very beginning she is being attacked by the community.

Vice Mayor Morales stated that he also lives next door to a bar and would like to see the business owner meet with the residents and work on solutions creating a positive response to the problems. He inquired about the next step.

Raul F. Salinas, City Attorney stated that we received guidance from the City Council to have a no loitering sign, the concept of additional security and working on possibly shortening the hours on operation on weekdays. We heard from the applicant that she is willing to provide her cell phone. The applicant is entitled to have certain due process rights and these conditions still have to be discussed and flushed out in detail between City Staff and the owner because they were not part of the proposed recommendations this item should come back before City Council with a more definite proposal. Because we are going to bring this item back and it was the subject of a public hearing we should provide a date that it will be reviewed by Council.

Michael Flad, City Manager stated his recommendation would be for November 13th.

After receiving direction from the City Council, this item was continued to the City Council meeting of November 13, 2018.

DEVIATE FROM
THE AGENDA

At this time, there being no objections, Mayor Bernal stated that item 10 would be considered out of its regular agenda order.

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HOMELESS

The City Council unanimously approved A and B by motion of Mayor Bernal and seconded by Vice Mayor Morales.

- a. Authorized the Mayor to execute a letter stating the South Gate City Council's opposition to the proposed homeless housing development at the County-owned property located at 11269

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HOMELESS CONT'D

Garfield Avenue in the City of Downey (American Legion Site);
and

- b. Directed the City Manager or his designee to send this letter of opposition to the City of Downey and Los Angeles County Supervisors Janice Hahn and Hilda L. Solis.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Bernal, yes; Vice Mayor Morales, yes; Council Member Davila, yes; Council Member Diaz, yes; Council Member Rios, yes.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Gabriela Cid with Congresswomen Nanette Barragán's Office provided information on the Public Charge Policy.

Virginia Johnson, 5751 McKinley Avenue thanked Paul Adams and parks staff for their assistance in keeping the Hollydale building open to facilitate their meeting. She reported furniture being dumped at Main Street and Garfield. On Thursday, October 11th there will be an Area 5 meeting in Hollydale including information on the American Legion Project. On October 13th at the American Legion there will be a Luau for donations.

Mr. Campos, 8467 San Vincente Avenue spoke about problems with noise and his neighbors.

Mr. and Mrs. Gonzalez, 8461 San Vincente Avenue spoke about problems with neighbors.

Henry Gonzalez, 10007 Stanford Avenue spoke about upcoming homeless meeting (SPA 7) and hopes that the City is represented.

Linda Parsonson, 5780 Main Street spoke on the history of the American Legion property. She believes that there used to be a cemetery on that property and is concerned that not all the bodies have been moved.

Nick Godoy, 8611 San Gabriel Avenue spoke on the continued item regarding the Police station and would like to know why it was not placed on the agenda. He spoke to Paul about Memorial Day and said he would give him an answer by Thursday. He also stated that he mentioned to the Chief about the apartments at 8674 San Gabriel selling drugs.

Gabrielle Garcia and Beatriz Sandoval, United Way thanked Council for their willingness to work on these issues that face the homeless and encourage people to educate themselves on the facts.

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COMMENTS FROM STAFF

Joe Perez, Director of Community Development stated the UWS will be hosting a free compost and mulching event on October 13th.

Greg Martinez, City Treasurer spoke on the SPA 7 meetings and the issues facing communities to deal with homeless issues.

Council Member Diaz stated that along with Council Members Davila and Rios she attended the neighborhood watch meeting at ELAC. She also spoke with a neighbor that she knew that would give her history on South Gate. She requested that Parks look into adding a historical portion to the Azalea Festival because South Gate has so much history and would be willing to work this with community members.

Council Member Davila attended "Coffee with a Cop" and requested that Public Works get more information on a Senate Bill for Water Shut Off. She also attended the School Safety Collaborative Meeting with the Chief, the Captains and South Gate school principals.

Council Member Rios stated that he saw on Facebook several water comments about the cost. He attended the Century Boulevard opening in Watts and on October 19th there will be an event for Breast Cancer Awareness.

Vice Mayor Morales explained SB998 for Water Shut-Off and that this bill wants Water providers to have a public water policy for allowing people different ways to pay their bills so it doesn't come to shut-offs. He attended the California Cities Contract Conference and said that Mike Flad, City Manager was one of the speakers.

Mayor Bernal attended the County Sanitation Meeting and her son just started the Tiny Two's program at the Park. Last week Stanford Elementary school visited City Hall and the teacher was so happy to have her students roll play as city leaders. She attended the Bell/South Gate football game at Bell High school. South Gate lost this year but it was a great experience. Mayor Bernal was selected to participate in the Latina Leadership program through golf and will report on this soon.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Agenda Items 7 and 9 were unanimously approved by motion of Council Member Davila and seconded by Vice Mayor Morales. Items 6 and 8 were pulled for discussion.

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PERSONNEL

The City Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 7830 entitled - A Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate, California, amending Resolution No. 6454 (Salary Resolution and Position Classification Plan) to create the position of Assistant City

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Manager/Director of Public Works, to approve the corresponding job specification and to update the appropriate salary pay tables by motion of Mayor Bernal and seconded by Council Member Davila.

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PERSONNEL

The City Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 7831 entitled - A Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate, California, amending Resolution No. 6454 (Salary Resolution and Position Classification Plan) to update the title and job specification of the Property Control Clerk position to Police Property Specialist and to update the appropriate salary pay table during consideration of the Consent Calendar.

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WATER METER

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

- a. Approved an Agreement (Contract No. 3478) with HYM Engineering, Inc., to replace 410 water meters under the Automatic Meter Reading (AMR) Upgrade - Phase 2, City Project No. 573-WTR, in an amount not-to-exceed \$412,965;
- b. Authorized the Mayor to execute the Agreement in a for acceptable to the City Attorney;
- c. Approved the Notice of Exemption for the AMR Upgrade Phase 2, City Project No. 573-WTR; and
- d. Directed the City Clerk to file the Notice of Exemption with the Los Angeles County Recorder's Office.

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MINUTES

The City Council unanimously approved the Special and Regular Meeting minutes of September 25, 2018 during consideration of the Consent Calendar.

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LIBRARIES

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

- a. Approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) (Contract No. 3479) with the County of Los Angeles providing for a one-time, \$25,000 City contribution for building improvements at Hollydale Library and including a provision for on-going Sunday services at Leland R. Weaver Library;

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- b. Appropriated \$25,000 from the unassigned Urban Development Action Grant (UDAG) fund balance to account number 262-603-41-9100 (Facility Improvements), to fund the cost of this MOU; and
- c. Authorized the Mayor to execute the MOU in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

EXCUSED FROM ITEM 12

At this time, Council Member Diaz, was excused from participating on item 12 and departed from the Council Chambers.

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TWEEDY MILE

The City Council appointed Jason Barron to serve on the Tweedy Mile Advisory Board by motion of Council Member Al Rios and seconded by Council Member Davila.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Bernal, yes; Vice Mayor Morales, yes; Council Member Diaz, absent; Council Member Rios, yes; Council Member Davila, yes.

REJOINED MEETING

Council Member Diaz rejoined the Council prior to the discussion of Item 13.

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AZALEA

The City Council considered:

- a. Directing staff to solicit nominations, select the honorees and provide an appropriate recognition ceremony for the Azalea Queen and Grand Marshal as part of the annual Azalea Festival;
- b. Directing staff to work with past honorees and local volunteer organizations to update the Azalea Queen and Grand Marshal recognition program to meet current community interests as approved by the Parks & Recreation Commission; and
- c. Authorizing staff to cancel the Azalea Queen and Grand Marshal recognition program when a minimum of six nominations are not received by the published nomination deadline.

This item was continued to the November 13, 2018 City Council Meeting.

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WARRANTS

The City Council unanimously approved the Warrants and Cancellations for October 9, 2018 by motion of Council Auditor Davila and seconded by Mayor Bernal.

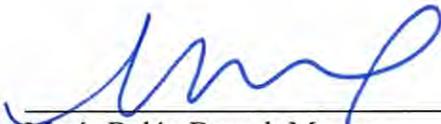
Total of Checks:	\$2,028,767.22
VOIDS:	(\$ 3,650.70)
Total Payroll Deductions:	<u>\$ 290,038.49</u>
Grand Total:	\$1,735,078.03

Cancellations: 77247, 77450, 78932, 78953, 79364

ADJOURNMENT

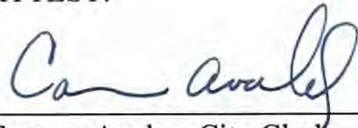
Adjournment in memory of Anita Santarina, wife of Council Member Elito M. Santarina, City of Carson; Araceli Dominguez, longtime resident; and Ellen Mascaro, longtime resident and community businesswoman.

PASSED and APPROVED this 13th day of November, 2018.



María Belén Bernal, Mayor

ATTEST:



Carmen Avalos, City Clerk