

**CITY OF SOUTH GATE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER Mayor María Belén Bernal called a Regular City Council meeting to order at 6:49 p.m.

INVOCATION Reverend Sean Pica, Redeemer Lutheran Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Jimmy So, Equipment Mechanic

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

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PROCLAMATION The City Council unanimously issued a Proclamation declaring Saturday, November 24, 2018, as Small Business Saturday.

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PERSONNEL RECRUITMENT & SELECTION The City Council unanimously allowed staff to introduce the new and promotional full-time employees hired or promoted between July 1, 2018 and September 30, 2018, and one from the prior quarter that was missed last time.

3
COMMISSION FOR SOUTH GATE YOUTH The City Council unanimously appointed Yodit Glaze to the Commission for South Gate Youth by motion of Council Member Davila and seconded by Mayor Bernal.

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BUSINESS LICENSE ADMIN The City Council unanimously conducted a Public Hearing, took public testimony, and continued this item to the regularly scheduled City Council meeting of November 27, 2018 by motion of Mayor Bernal and seconded by Council Member Davila.

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BUSINESS LICENSE ADMIN CONT'D

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

Joe Bernal, 8915 Annetta Avenue stated that just a few days after the City Council Meeting there was a disturbance in the parking lot of the Hound Bar. They have also brought in food trucks on the residential streets. The owner has moved the food truck to the parking lot.

Daisy Rubio, 8916 Annetta Avenue spoke on the noise and altercations that are happening at the bar. She asked for clarification on what will be discussed at the November 27th meeting.

Mayor Bernal asked Mr. Perez to explain the process for the next meeting.

Mr. Perez stated that the issue that is being reviewed is specifically the Dance Hall Permit that was issued by the City Council with the provision that after six-months the permit would be reviewed.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Tom Hall, 10505 St. James Avenue stated the City should be commended for hiring great employees. He stated being robbed in Downey several weeks ago and realized he didn't have a driver's license. He called the South Gate Police Department and spoke to a dispatcher. The dispatcher was very helpful and knowledgeable.

Mr. Hall stated people are speeding on St. James Avenue and is asking for something to be done.

Patricia Dueñas, Deeble Street stated that her street is being destroyed by utility workers and is wondering when the street will get the permanent concrete.

Martha Vargas, San Gabriel Avenue is concerned that San Gabriel is a one-way street and would like to start a petition to remove the one-way street.

Denise Campos, Public Affairs Manager for SoCal Gas for the City of South Gate provided an update on emission goals.

Mayor Bernal asked Ms. Campos to email the information.

Nick Godoy, 8611 San Gabriel Avenue stated that three meetings ago he requested a meeting with City Manager, Police Chief, Sgt. Brown and the Mayor. He is asking the Mayor to direct City Manager to schedule a meeting.

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COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Mr. Godoy stated that many proclamations were issued today, but none for Veteran's Day.

Tony Reco thanked Council for everything they do.

City Clerk Avalos informed Council that a letter was submitted from Consuelo Godoy requesting it be read into the record as she was not able to be present tonight.

Honoring Veterans on a 100th Anniversary Celebration
11-11-11

On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, a World War I ceasefire was declared between the Allies and Germany. Initially called Armistice Day, it is known today as Veterans Day and pays tribute to all American veterans, both living and deceased.

This Sunday – exactly 100 years following the ceasefire of what was to be “the war to end all wars” – presents a meaningful opportunity for each of us to remember and reflect. Many men and women have served and sacrificed. Thousands of you have loved ones – both family and friends – who are in the military or tragically, lost their lives in the name of protecting our precious freedom. And then we must also remember those who returned as wounded warriors.

Every Veterans Day brings inspirational parades and moving ceremonies. Yet it also offers time to pause and appreciate the depth and scope of what it means to step forward in uniform and answer the call without hesitation. It offers a heartfelt time to humbly say thank you.

This weekend, on this very special anniversary, let's remember to thank the countless brave men and women of our armed forces.

Consuelo A. Godoy

Mayor Bernal thanked City Clerk Avalos for reading the letter into the record.

REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

Jackie Acosta, Director of Administrative Services had nothing to report.

Arturo Cervantes, Assistant City Manager/Director of Public Works had nothing to report.

Joe Perez, Director of Community Development had nothing to report.

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REPORTS AND COMMENTS

FROM CITY OFFICIALS

Paul Adams, Director of Parks & Recreation highlighted upcoming community events.

Randy Davis, Chief of Police had nothing to report.

Mike Flad, City Manager had nothing to report.

Gregory Martinez, City Treasurer had the pleasure working with the water crew as they were replacing the water meters.

Raul F. Salinas, City Attorney stated that two great community leaders passed away within the last week. The first one was Leo Estrada. Mr. Estrada was an urban planning professor and during the 1980's and 1990's he looked at statistics of our voting path and made sure that our first district was carved out which led to a legal fight which then led to a first Latina on the County Board of Supervisors, Gloria Molina being appointed.

The second person Antonio Gonzalez was also in the same field. Mr. Gonzalez was the leader of the Southwest Voter Registration Project.

Mayor Bernal thanked City Attorney Salinas for his comments and for their lives to opening the door for many Latinos to follow.

Carmen Avalos, City Clerk spoke about the November 6th election and the different ballots.

Mayor Bernal introduced Daniel Romo who is participating in the Mayor's Mentors Initiative.

Council Member Diaz urges everyone to check-in on your elderly neighbors. She had the opportunity last year, thanks to Mr. Adams and Human Services Association visited and delivered warm meals for two days to the elderly residents. She is asking Council to join on the project.

Council Member Diaz was asked to become a board member for the Southeast Community Development Corporation, Andy Carrasco from the gas company recruited her. This corporation tackles the digital divide that exist in the Southeast.

Council Member Diaz was part of River LA Stories. She thanked the Police Department for the Family Day at the Park event and Community Development & Staff for the branding of South Gate.

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Council Member Diaz was selected to participate in WELL (Water Education for Latino Leaders) as part of the water policy academy and starts in January.

Council Member Diaz was asked to be part of focus group with the California Endowment USC and California League. There was six councilmembers and spoke about issues and challenges that our communities face.

Council Member Diaz attended the Halloween contest for the second year and had a great time. She loves the work ethic, team building and encourages everyone to continue.

Council Member Rios attended the N.A.V.A.'s Pow Wow (Native American Veteran's Association), the pool dedication for Patricia Mitchell at the South Gate Park on Saturday, November 10th.

Council Member Rios attended an event at Legacy High School where three fields were dedicated and we will be able to use those fields when not in use by the school. The LA County had an event on work force development at the Girl's Clubhouse.

Council Member Rios stated that the National League of Cities had their event in LA. Unfortunately, he couldn't attend. He was able to attend a breakfast held by First 5 Los Angeles. This organization deals with preschool kids.

Council Member Rios is a board member on the Metro Service Council for Gateway Cities and Metro is looking at re-routing its bus routes and rails.

Council Member Rios is a board member on the SELA Collaborative in the southeast which consist of eight cities and two unincorporated areas.

Council Member Davila attended the Patricia Mitchell pool dedication, Legacy High School fields' dedication and the Family Day at the Park event. She thanked City Staff for their hard work during the branding of South Gate. She had a great time during the Halloween event.

Council Member Davila attended the N.A.V.A.'s Pow Wow and thanked the veterans for our freedom.

Council Member Davila would like to receive information on ELAC's groundbreaking project and permit Council to have input regarding parking.

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Vice Mayor Morales was out of the country for 10 days, so missed a lot of great events. He was at his last class in Sacramento for USC this weekend. Once he turns in his twenty page paper, he'll be a graduate from USC.

Vice Mayor Morales invited his colleagues and staff to attend the next California Contract Cities board meeting on Wednesday, November 28th at Universal Studios. There will be a VIP tour from 5 to 6 p.m. followed by the reception at 6:00 p.m. His son turns 4-years old next week.

Mayor Bernal wished a happy birthday to Vice Mayor Morales' son. She also congratulated Vice Mayor Morales on his degree.

Mayor Bernal stated that during the Family Day at the Park discussion was had regarding South Gate branding. She also attended the N.A.V.A. event, but left early due to her uncle passing.

Mayor Bernal stated receiving emails from residents during the last election which caused confusion for new voters.

Mayor Bernal attended the County Sanitation Board meeting which they received an update on negotiations which is not yet resolved and the Independent Cities Association Board meeting and are planning their public safety seminar that will take place in January.

Mayor Bernal thanked City Staff for being responsive to her and the community.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Agenda Items 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, and 14 were unanimously approved by motion of Council Member Davila and seconded by Vice Mayor Morales. Items 5, 8, 9, and 13 were pulled for discussion.

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ELECTION ADMIN

The City Council waived further reading in full and unanimously adopted Ordinance No. 2354 entitled – Ordinance of the City Council of the City of South Gate, California, changing its current general municipal election cycle from March 2019 to March 2020 and thereafter in even years to comply with Senate Bill 415, the California Voter Participation Rights Act, and to consolidate future general municipal elections with the statewide election cycle by motion of Mayor Bernal and seconded by Council Member Davila.

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MUNICIPAL CODE ADMIN The City Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 7833 entitled – Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate, California, temporarily suspending the enforcement of issuing administrative citations to allow for limited alcohol beverage consumption during the Commission for South Gate Youth Pageant of the Trees fundraiser event at the South Gate Municipal Auditorium on Saturday, December 1, 2018, from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. during consent calendar.

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PERSONNEL ADMIN The City Council unanimously approved A and B during consent calendar.

- a. Eliminating one Community Service Officer position in the Police Department and add one Business License Inspector position in the Administrative Services Department; and
- b. Adopting Resolution No. 7834 entitled – 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 hourly position of Business License Inspector in the Administrative Services Department, to approve the corresponding job specification, and to update the appropriate salary pay table.

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**COMMUNITY DEV/
HOUSING**

The City Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 7835 entitled – Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate, California, declaring a shelter crisis exists in the City of South Gate pursuant to SB 850 (Chapter 48, Statutes of 2018 and Government Code § 8698.2), and authorizing participation in the Homeless Emergency Aid Program through June 30, 2021 by motion of Council Member Davila and seconded by Vice Mayor Morales.

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**PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION
SYSTEMS MGMT**

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

- a. Approving an Agreement (Contract No. 3483) with Kosmont Companies to provide predevelopment advisory services for the Gateway District, the area located in the vicinity of the future West Santa Ana Branch light rail station at Firestone Boulevard and Atlantic Avenue, in the amount not to exceed \$57,500; and

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PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS MGMT CONT'D

- b. Appropriating \$17,500 from the unassigned General Fund balance to account number 100-603-41-6101 (Professional Services) to fund the unbudgeted amount for this Agreement; and
- c. Authorizing the Mayor to execute the Agreement in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

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DATA PROCESSING SERVICES

The City Council unanimously approved A and B during consent calendar.

- a. Approving Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. 3035 with Icon Enterprises, Inc., D/B/A CivicPlus, extending consulting services for the City's website through August 26, 2019, in an amount not-to-exceed \$18,420; and
- b. Authorizing the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 1 in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

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WATER

The City Council unanimously approved A, B, C, D, and E during consent calendar.

- a. Approving an Agreement (Contract No. 3484) with General Pump Company, Inc., for the Rehabilitation of Well No. 18, City Project No. 592-WTR (Project), in an amount not-to-exceed \$288,225;
- b. Approving carrying over \$300,000 in Water Funds from the Fiscal Year 2017/18 Budget to Fiscal Year 2018/19 Budget, Account No. 411-731-71-9567 (Water Fund - Operations - Rehab of Well No. 18) as necessary to fund construction of the Project;
- c. Appropriating \$70,000 from the unassigned Water Fund balance to Account No. 411-731-71- 9567 (Water Fund - Operations - Rehab of Well No. 18) to fully fund this Project;
- d. Authorizing the Mayor to execute the Agreement in a form acceptable to the City Attorney; and
- e. Approving the Notice of Exemption for this Project, and direct the City Clerk to file it with the Los Angeles County Recorder's Office.

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CITY FACILITIES MGMT

The City Council unanimously approved A, B, and C during consent calendar.

- a. Appropriating \$40,000 from Proposition A Maintenance and Servicing Grant Funds to Account No. 100-471-61-9100 (General Fund - Leased Facilities - Facility Improvements) to fund construction of the Hollydale Resource Center Electrical Upgrades Project (Project); and
- b. Appropriating \$5,000 from the unassigned fund balance of the Building and Infrastructure Maintenance Fund to Account No. 524-471-61-7999 (BIM - Leased Facilities - Transfers Out) to provide additional funding for the construction of the Project; and
- c. Approving the transfer of \$5,000 from the Building and Infrastructure Maintenance Fund, Account No. 524-471-61-7999 (BIM - Leased Facilities - Transfers Out) to the project account in the General Fund, Account No. 100-471-61-9100 (General Fund - Leased Facilities - Facility Improvements).

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**SURPLUS PERSONAL
PROPERTY MGMT**

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

- a. Declaring the items on the attached lists as surplus property; and
- b. Authorizing U.S. Auction Services to sell these surplus items at auction.

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MINUTES

The City Council unanimously approved the Special and Regular Meeting minutes of October 9, 2018 during consent calendar.

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**COMMUNITY
PROMOTION**

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

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15 COMMUNITY PROMOTION CONT'D

- 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.

The City Council will form an Adhoc Subcommittee that will include Mayor Bernal and Council Member Davila. They will meet with staff and report back to City Council with recommendations.

16 PARKS

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

- a. Approving an Agreement (Contract No. 3485) with David Volz Design for design and construction documents for the Circle Park Renovation Project (Project) in the amount of \$321,231;
- b. Appropriating \$375,000 from the unassigned fund balance of the General Fund to Account Number 311-790-61-9217 (Capital Improvement Project);
- c. Authorizing the Mayor to execute the Agreement in a form acceptable to the City Attorney;
- d. Authorizing the Director of Parks & Recreation to approve related services, change orders, required surveys and studies, contingency and reproduction expenses with the remainder of the budgeted amount of \$53,769 for this Project; and
- e. Authorizing the Director of Parks & Recreation to execute any additional documents as may be required to properly implement and manage this Project.

17 COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA/SYSTEMS

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

- a. Approving Lease Financing Agreement (Contract No. 3486) with Bearcomm Inc., for the purchase of 75 Motorola APX 8000 All Band Portable Model, dual-band radios for the South Gate Police Department in the amount of \$459,834, for a three year term; and
- b. Authorizing the Mayor to execute the Lease Financing Agreement in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

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BUDGET ADMIN

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

- a. Receiving and filing the Citywide Work Program for Fiscal Year 2017/18; and
- b. Adopting and approving the Citywide Work Program for Fiscal Year 2018/19.

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**WARRANTS AND
CANCELLATIONS**

The City Council unanimously approved the Warrants and Cancellations for November 13, 2018, by motion of Council Auditor Davila and seconded by Mayor Bernal.

Total of Checks:	\$3,671,457.75
Voids:	(\$ 905.95)
Total Payroll Deductions:	<u>\$ 645,185.29</u>
Grand Total:	\$3,025,366.51

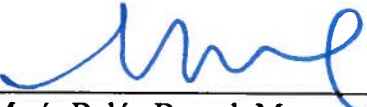
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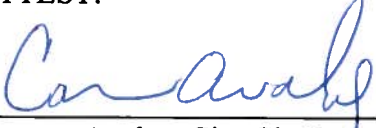
Mayor Bernal unanimously adjourned the meeting at 10:21 p.m. seconded by Council Member Davila.

PASSED and APPROVED this 22nd day of January, 2019.

ATTEST:



María Belén Bernal, Mayor



Carmen Avalos, City Clerk

