

**CITY OF SOUTH GATE  
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor María Belén Bernal called a Special City Council meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

**ROLL CALL** Sonia Guerrero, Recording Secretary

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

**ABSENT** City Treasurer Greg Martinez

**LATE** Carmen Avalos, City Clerk

**CLOSED SESSION** The Council Members recessed into Closed Session at 5:13 p.m. and reconvened at 6:40 p.m. with all Members of Council present. City Attorney Salinas reported the following:

**1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL –  
PENDING LITIGATION**

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a),  
54954.9(b)(3)(C)

- a. Betsaida Santana Lucas v. Los Angeles County DCFS, et al.
- b. Maria D. Osorio v. City of South Gate
- c. Saul Padilla v. City of Bell Gardens, City of South Gate, County of Los Angeles, et al.
- d. Blanca Ochoa v. City of South Gate

For Item 1a the City Council received a report from the City Attorney and upon completion of the report the City Council authorized the City Attorney to defend the action by motion of Vice Mayor Morales and seconded by Council Member Davila. The vote was 5 to 0.

On Item 1b the City Council received a report from the City Attorney and the City Council authorized the City Attorney to defend the lawsuit by motion of Council Member Davila and seconded by Mayor Bernal. The vote was 5 to 0.

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For Item 1c the City Council received a report from the City Attorney and the City Council authorized the defense of this claim by motion of Council Member Davila and seconded by Council Member Morales. The vote was 5 to 0.

Lastly, for Item 1d after receiving a report from the City Attorney the City Council voted to deny the claim by motion of Council Member Rios and seconded by Mayor Bernal. The vote was 5 to 0.

**2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL –  
ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(c)

One (1) - Potential Case

Outside the presence of the City Attorney to avoid any possible conflict of interest the City Council met with the City Manager and staff to discuss the possibility of bringing a claim against another agency. At this time the agency is not announced because the City is still contemplating whether or not to file litigation. After receiving a report and discussing the matter internally we have been advised by the City Manager that there was no reportable action.

**3. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR**

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

Agency Representation: Michael Flad, City Manager

Unrepresented Employees: Top Management/Department  
Directors

Hourly Employees

Employee Organizations: SGPMMA, SGMEA,  
SGPOA, SGPMA

The City Council received a number of reports by the City Manager with respect to ongoing negotiations involving several of the cities unions. The City Council provided guidance but there was no action taken in closed session.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Council Member Davila unanimously motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 p.m. and seconded by Council Member Rios.

**PASSED** and **APPROVED** this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019.



María Belén Bernal, Mayor

ATTEST:



Carmen Avalos, City Clerk