

**CITY OF SOUTH GATE  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES  
TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER** Jorge Morales, Mayor called a Regular City Council meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

**INVOCATION** Pastor Chuck Brady

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Noah De La Paz, Student at International Studies Learning Center

**ROLL CALL** Carmen Avalos, City Clerk

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

**LATE** City Treasurer Gregory Martinez

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**PROCLAMATIONS** The City Council issued a Proclamation declaring the month of April as Autism awareness month to encourage residents to become aware of autism indicators, seek early intervention and support those living with autism.

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**PROCLAMATIONS** The City Council issued a Proclamation declaring the month of May as CalFresh Awareness month to promote the benefits of the CalFresh Program to increase access and participation for low-income households.

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**PRESENTATIONS** The City Council presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Noah De La Paz for winning the Senior Division Technology Award in the Artificial Intelligence World Championship on May 18, 2019.

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**PRESENTATIONS** The City Council presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the South Gate Community Environmental Health Action Team for their outstanding efforts to increase community awareness of indoor and outdoor air quality issues.

**5**  
**PRESENTATIONS** The City Council presented Certificates of Appreciation to the South East High School Jaguars Cheer Team for taking 1st place in the CIF Los Angeles City Section, Division 2, Traditional Competitive Cheerleading Championship on April 27, 2019, and for being the first team in the entire Eastern Region.

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### DEVIATE FROM THE AGENDA

At this time, there being no objections, Mayor Morales stated that item 18 would be considered out of its regular agenda order.

### 18 STREET SWEEPING

The City Council considered:

- a. Approving an Agreement with CleanStreet Inc. to provide citywide street sweeping services in an amount not-to-exceed \$626,020 annually for FY 2019/20 thru FY 2021/22 and \$638,540 annually for FY 2022/23 through FY 2023/24, for a five-year term with an option to extend by two additional years;
- b. Considering amending the agreement to add street sweeping services on holidays, including New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Martin Luther King Day, Cesar Chavez Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day, at an additional cost of \$15,200 annually; and
- c. Authorizing the Mayor to execute the Agreement in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

City Council directed staff to renegotiate with all 3 vendors for a 5-year contract. The vendors will provide their proposals to include only 2019 low emission street sweepers and discuss the possibility of wrapping the vehicle with the City Logo. Subcontracting of the services will not be allowed without the approval of the City Council.

### DEVIATE FROM THE AGENDA

At this time, there being no objections, Mayor Morales stated that Comments from the Audience & Reports and Comments from City Officials would be considered out of its regular agenda order.

### COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Mayor Morales requested this item be moved forward to allow the Boy Scouts the opportunity to earn their merit badge in public speaking.

Raul F. Salinas, City Attorney stated that the road to Eagle is difficult and one of the required merit badges is in communication and it requires the Boy Scout to speak for a certain amount of time before the public. One of the best attributes available to the Boy Scouts is that opportunity to build confidence by speaking to people you never met or talked to before and this is their opportunity.

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### COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE CONT'D

Robert Montalvo, 9815 Virginia Avenue, said that during the past 5 weeks the Boy Scouts have given three (3) speeches and presentations. They are versed in Robert's Rules of Order and parliamentary procedures. Mr. Montalvo thanked Vice Mayor Diaz, Mr. Flad and Veronica for organizing this opportunity for them to give their final speeches.

The Boy Scouts of Troop 468 gave their speeches to earn their merit badges.

### EXCUSED FROM MEETING

At this time, 9:08 p.m., Vice Mayor Diaz, was excused from the meeting and departed from the Council Chambers.

### COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE CONT'D

Virginia Johnson, 5751 McKinley Avenue, said that she attended the May 18<sup>th</sup> Forum for the Homeless at South Gate Park and spoke on the lack of incentives to have the homeless choose to change their lives because these programs provide services at no or low cost. She was concerned with the fact that no City Council members attended this meeting and the only elected official that was present was Greg Martinez. Ms. Johnson was also disappointed with the electorate that is supposed to be concerned with issues facing South Gate and how it will so obviously affect them. The people who did attend were people who were against putting homeless housing in our neighborhoods but we all know this conversation is mute and this will be done whether the voters want it or not. Ms. Johnson felt the Joe Perez, Director of Community Development did an excellent job of fielding questions and thanked him for his efforts.

Severiano Campos, 8467 San Vincente Avenue, spoke on a neighbor that is running a business from his home and complained about the noise.

Nick Godoy, 8611 San Gabriel Avenue, spoke on Memorial Day and the ceremony at the Park.

### REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

Raul F. Salinas, City Attorney said that it takes a lot for the Boy Scouts to come up and speak. It is hard for anyone to get up before the public and speak about themselves. Mr. Salinas mentioned that sometimes people come out to make a public comment but leave before hearing Council's responses. We just had this happen with the gentlemen with the air blower. It's not to be forgotten that everyone has the right to free speech and we gave him that right.

Greg Martinez, City Treasurer complimented the Boys Scouts on their speeches. He invited all the Council Members to the Tweedy Mile Street Fair.

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### REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

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Carmen Avalos, City Clerk reminded everyone that there is a Special General Election on June 4<sup>th</sup>. Polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. The County and NALEO is hosting a meeting to discuss the new voting systems and what is coming in 2020. On May 29<sup>th</sup> there will be a census meeting at the park from 8:30 p.m. to 12:00 noon.

Council Member Davila responded to Ms. Johnson's comments and said that at the previous Council Meeting the City Council did inform the public that they were attending a Contract Cities Conference that conflicted with the Homeless forum. The meeting was recorded on Facebook and the Council were able to see the forum. Sometimes the Council does not receive advanced notice of when meetings will be held and if there had been a little notice maybe the Council could have changed their schedule so that at least some of the Council was available.

Council Member Rios said that while he was at the Contract Cities Conference he attended a meeting regarding homelessness. On June 15<sup>th</sup> at Southeast Middle School, GRID, which is a nonprofit that is bringing electric hybrid cars to the area. Council Member Rios attended a census meeting and the City did not get the Census Office we were promised. It is going to the City of Commerce because of a real estate situation.

Council Member Bernal said that there were a lot of great workshops at the Contract Cities Conference. She wanted to assure the community that this Council has done the best that they can do so far to make sure that our voices are heard. If the County proceeds as they are continuing to do, it is not something that South Gate's Council can control. However she hopes that the Counties representatives reach out to us. Our Council reached out to them last year and there was no success in terms of having a meeting. She believes it is disrespectful, because she is primarily a resident.

Council Member Bernal attended the Los Angeles League of Conservation Voters. After the conference she found that being a Latina, local elected, from these communities around the 710 corridor there are not too many of these type of people at these types of conversations and she feels that this is unfortunate because we are at a corridor where we should be caring about this.

Council Member Bernal thanked Mr. Cervantes and congratulated him on Public Works Week. She also thanked Mr. Godoy for his leadership on Memorial Day. If the local organizations are not willing to continue she feels that the City will make a strong initiative to continue to honor our Veterans the way they deserve.

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CONT'D

Mayor Morales reported that he attended the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Latino Business Awards and Maria Salinas was awarded with the Inspirational Leader of the Year Award. They also honored Tierra Coffee and there were lots of shout-outs to the City. He thanked his colleagues for allowing him to bring the Autism Awareness item to tonight's meeting. He hopes that we can work with the Chamber of Commerce to bring awareness to businesses to help these families. He attended the Public Works Rodeo Week and appreciated how they brought children in to learn about careers in Public Works.

Mayor Morales attended the County Sanitation Board Meeting. This group has been meeting with their employee's regarding negotiations and the contract did not pass at this meeting. He attended the City's Memorial Day Celebration. He would like staff to reach out to more Veteran's in the community and have them take part in the festivities. He announced that he completed his year as President of Contract Cities and that SB50 was killed. Today he and the Vice Mayor were at a press conference that addresses the environmental impacts that face our communities.

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CITY COUNCIL

The City Council opened the public hearing, to consider taking public testimony concerning the proposed Ordinance amending certain Sections of the South Gate Municipal Code regarding the use of the City Seal, and the Public Hearing was continued to the next City Council Meeting of June 11, 2019.

Mayor Morales opened the Public Hearing and asked if anyone in the audience wishes to speak on this item. Seeing no one step forward; Mayor Morales closed the Public Hearing.

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CDBG

The City Council conducted a Public Hearing and adopted Resolution No. 7864 entitled – Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate, California, receiving and approving the program year 2019-2020 Action Plan and authorizing the execution of all necessary documents for the submittal of said plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development by motion of Council Member Bernal and seconded by Council Member Davila. Vice Mayor Diaz was absent.

Mike Flad, City Manager gave a brief report on this item.

Joe Perez, Community Development Director reported to Council that they will be adding about \$52,000.00 into South Gate Park Fencing. We will take this item and the additional funding back to the CAC to give their recommendation. If they approve we will go ahead and fund it or if they have some other recommendation we will bring that back before City

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CDBG CONT'D

Council. We did this early this year with the Seaborg House and we are following the same procedure now.

Council Member Davila asked if the \$52,000.00 was coming from another program.

Mr. Perez stated that we are not having to reduce funding from any other group and we actually received more funding from HUD then we anticipated. It will not negatively impact any other program.

Mayor Morales opened the Public Hearing and asked if anyone in the audience wishes to speak on this item.

Virginia Johnson, 5751 McKinley Avenue asked if the money was for the Public or the nonprofits.

Seeing no one step forward; Mayor Morales closed the Public Hearing.

Mayor Morales asked why the money is not being allocated to the nonprofit section of funding.

Mr. Perez responded that there are two categories, one is non-public service and the other is public service projects. If it were to go towards the public service projects there is limited to 15% of the allocation and wouldn't amount to much. We recommend that it be put into a non-public service where we can make more of an impact.

Council Member Rios asked when -we would get an opportunity to help some of the students that attend career schools since there is no financial aid for them.

Mr. Perez explained the process for when we are soliciting interest in these funds and at that time, they will have an opportunity along with the other groups that are interested in applying for these funds.

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STREET LIGHTING  
& LANDSCAPE

The City Council conducted a Public Hearing and adopted Resolution No. 7865 entitled – Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate, California, ordering the levy of the Fiscal Year 2019/20 Annual Assessment for the Street Lighting and Landscaping Maintenance District No. 1 was unanimously approved by motion of Council Member Davila and seconded by Council Member Rios. Vice Mayor Diaz was absent.

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### STREET LIGHTING & LANDSCAPE CONT'D

Mike Flad, City Manager gave a brief presentation on this item

Mayor Morales opened the Public Hearing and asked if anyone in the audience wishes to speak on this item. Seeing no one step forward; Mayor Morales closed the Public Hearing.

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### BUDGET

The City Council conducted a Public Hearing to consider:

- a. Hearing an additional presentation on the proposed Fiscal Year 2019/20 Municipal Budget from the City Manager and Director of Administrative Services;
- b. Approving the personnel changes proposed in the Fiscal Year 2019/20 Municipal Budget as described in this Agenda Bill; and
- c. Adopting a Resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2019/20 Municipal Budget.

Mike Flad, City Manager and Jackie Acosta, Director of Administrative Services gave a brief presentation on this item.

Mayor Morales opened the Public Hearing and asked if anyone in the audience wishes to speak on this item. Seeing no one step forward; Mayor Morales closed the Public Hearing.

Council Member Davila asked if there is any other funds except General Fund that is available to cover the cost of the Crossing Guard Program.

Mr. Flad responded that the General Fund is what most cities use when the City covers the cost of the program. Some cities run a volunteer program but the most reliable program is having paid crossing guards.

Council Member Davila asked if the 20 new vehicles that are in the budget include police cars.

Ms. Acosta stated that about 10 of the vehicles are for the Parks Department and 2 are from the assist forfeiture funds which are the police cars.

Council Member Bernal asked if LAUSD funds the crossing guards within their district.

Mr. Flad answered that he did not believe they do.

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### BUDGET CONT'D

Council Member Bernal asked out of the positions that were funded last fiscal year, how many were filled. She would like to see more officers on the street then using the money for overtime.

Mr. Flad will get that information and forward it to Council.

Council Member Bernal requested that this item be continued to the City Council Meeting of June 11, 2019 to allow for more time to review and have all members of the City Council at the meeting.

Council Member Rios spoke on health care, negotiations and PERS. He also asked what the total cost is for the crossing guards.

Ms. Acosta answered that the cost is about \$350,000.00 a year and we only have about \$130,000.00 from ticket revenue.

The City Council directed staff to continue the Public Hearing to the City Council Meeting of June 11, 2019 by motion of Council Member Bernal and seconded by Council Member Davila. Vice Mayor Diaz was absent.

### CONSENT CALENDAR

Agenda Items 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17 were approved by motion of Council Member Davila and seconded by Council Member Rios. Mayor Morales abstained from items 13 and 17c.

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### PERSONNEL

The City Council adopted Resolution No. 7866 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 reclassify one Senior Grounds Worker position to Senior Park Equipment Mechanic in Parks & Recreation Department, to approve the corresponding job specification and to update the appropriate salary pay tables during consent calendar.

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### PERSONNEL

The City Council considered adopted Resolution No. 7867 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 Water System Lead Operator position to Water Quality and System Lead Operator in the Public Works Department and to update the appropriate salary pay tables during consent calendar.

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### PERSONNEL

The City Council approved A and B during consent calendar.

- a. Adopted Resolution No. 7868 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 job specification of the Equipment Operator position, to eliminate one vacant Equipment Operator position, to reclassify one Street Maintenance Worker to a Sewer Maintenance Worker II, and to reclassify one Street Maintenance Worker to a Sewer Maintenance Worker 1, all in the Public Works Department,

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### PERSONNEL CONT'D

to approve the corresponding job specifications, and to update the appropriate salary pay tables; and

- b. Transfer \$8,805 from account number 214-730-71-5101 (Street Sweeping Fund - Full Time Salaries) to account number 224-780-31-5101 (Measure R Fund - Full Time Salaries) and transfer \$8,333 from account number 214-730-71-5101 (Street Sweeping Fund - Full Time Salaries) to account number 225-780-31-5101 (Measure M Fund - Full Time Salaries) to fund the Equipment Operator position.

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### ENERGY PROGRAM

The City Council adopted Resolution No. 7869 entitled - A Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate, California, supporting balanced energy solutions, and local control of energy solutions, to provide the City the decision-making authority to allow all technologies and energy resources to power buildings and vehicle fleets to achieve the State's climate goals during consent calendar.

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### RADIOS

The City Council approved A and B during consent calendar.

- a. Approving Amendment No. 2 to Contract No. 2873 with Bear Communications, Inc., (successor-in-interest to Advanced Electronics, Inc.) extending maintenance services and a related Federal Communications Commission channel sharing license for the City's radio communication system in the amount of \$111,165, for an additional three year term, through June 30, 2022; and
- b. Authorize the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 2 in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

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CITY HALL

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

- a. Approved an Agreement (Contract No. 3526) with Cinbad Industry, Inc., for the construction of the City Hall Public Corridor Floor Improvements, City Project No. 567-ARC (Project), in the amount not-to-exceed \$86,125;
- 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 Project and direct the City Clerk to file it with the Los Angeles County Registrar Recorder's Office.

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TRAFFIC SIGNAL

The City Council approved A and B during consent calendar.

- a. Approved a Cooperative Agreement (Contract No. 3527) with the City of Downey for traffic signal upgrades at the Paramount Boulevard and Gardendale Street Intersection; and
- b. Authorized the Mayor to execute the Agreement in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

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MINUTES

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

- a. Approved the Special Budget Meeting minutes of May 5, 2019;
- b. Approved the Special Meeting minutes of May 5, 2019; and
- c. Approved the Regular Meeting minutes and Special Meeting minutes of May 14, 2019.

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WARRANTS

The City Council approved the Warrants and Cancellations for May 28, 2019 by motion of Council Auditor Bernal and seconded by Council Member Davila.

Total of Checks:	\$2,202,217.79
Voids	\$ (19,565.69)
Total of Payroll Deductions:	<u>\$ (290,522.79)</u>
Grand Total:	\$1,892,129.31

Cancellations: 82377, 82452, 82491, 82584, 82655

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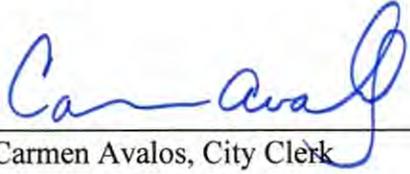
**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Morales adjourned the meeting at 10:37 p.m., by motion of Council Member Davila and seconded by Council Member Rios.

**PASSED** and **APPROVED** this 9<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2019.

ATTEST:

  
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Jorge Morales, Mayor

  
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Carmen Avalos, City Clerk