

**CITY OF SOUTH GATE  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER** Jorge Morales, Mayor called a Regular City Council meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

**INVOCATION** Raul Salinas, City Attorney

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Ethan Quiroga, South Gate Resident

**ROLL CALL** Carmen Avalos, City Clerk

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

**ABSENT** Council Member Maria Davila

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**PRESENTATIONS** The City Council presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Ethan Quiroga in recognition for taking 3rd place in the USA Boxing Pee-Wee Division at the 2019 National Junior Olympics.

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**APPOINTMENTS** The City Council allowed staff to introduce the new and promotional full-time employees hired or promoted between April 1, 2019 and June 30, 2019.

**COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

Virginia Johnson, 5751 McKinley Avenue, spoke on AB516 which limits the Police Department from issuing citations and towing vehicles left on the street for more than 72 hours.

Candice Esquivel, 9520 Hildreth Avenue, took responsibility for taking the picture on May 4<sup>th</sup> of Mr. Montalvo's daughter at the American Legions bar.

Leonard Brown expressed remarks against communist and socialism. He gave China as an example of current policies.

Cynthia Esquivel, 4718 Tweedy Boulevard, spoke on issues regarding JAA and current Parks Commissioners.

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### COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE CON'D

Nick Godoy, 8611 San Gabriel Avenue, addressed sweeper issues on San Gabriel Avenue. He stated that he left messages with staff and never received a response. He also spoke about a program that provides funding options for college tuition in Nevada and would like to know if a program can start in California.

Jovanna Laborin, 3152 ½ Sequoia Drive read a letter from her brother Tony Cortez denouncing the actions of both Denise Diaz and John Montalvo.

Gil Hurtado, 10001 W. Frontage Road #215, spoke on the accusations recently made against him and his work in the City.

John Montalvo, 9815 Virginia Avenue, apologized to Vice Mayor Diaz for any issues caused. He added that he was searching for the truth and transparency.

Melissa Alvarado, 10306 Hunt Avenue, spoke on the running trails, restrooms and parking lanes at South Gate Park.

Juan Cortez, 9637 Salt Lake Avenue, stated that there are many people in his area that use drugs. When he calls the police, they take so long to come that the drug users are gone by the time the police get there. He also reported that there are too many people that bring dogs to South Gate Park.

### REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

Paul Adams, Director of Parks and Recreation said that movies in the Parks have started and this week they will be showing "Bumblebee."

Carmen Avalos, City Clerk provided an update for the City's next election in March.

Council Member Bernal attended the SCAG meeting and they discussed RHNA (Regional Housing Needs Assessment). She was proud of the community building during National Night Out. She believes in transparency and honesty. It is her way to serve the community in her best capacity.

Vice Mayor Diaz attended the Conference of Mayors with two of South Gate's youth and she would like to take 4 or 5 more youths next year. She is a part of USC's local leaders where she learned about the County's budget.

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### REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

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Vice Mayor Diaz stated that she had emailed staff and requested a meeting with the JAA to provide clarity. She is the type of person that when she see's talent in someone she wants to give them that opportunity to show their potential. She appreciates the work her commissioners have done and the volunteers in the community from JAA.

Mayor Morales received a long text message from a resident regarding the North side of Hollydale Park.

Paul Adams, Director of Parks and Recreation stated that there is a landscaping project in this area and Hollydale Park will be an ongoing project for many years.

#### CONSENT CALENDAR

Agenda Items 3, 5, 6 and 7 were unanimously approved by motion of Council Member Bernal and seconded by Council Member Rios. Item 4 was pulled for discussion.

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#### APPOINTMENTS

The City Council adopted Resolution No. 7877 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 Street and Sewer Superintendent position in the Public Works Department during Consent Calendar.

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#### POLICE

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

- a. Approved Addendum No. 4 to Contract No. 3130, Master Equity Lease Agreement with Enterprise FM Trust to include the lease of a 2019 Jeep Grand Cherokee Laredo for the Police Department Services Division for a term of three years in the total amount of \$28,274 (\$9,425 per year);
- b. Approved the purchase of the emergency safety equipment, radio and installation for this vehicle in the amount of \$10,110; and
- c. Authorized the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 4 in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

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QUARTERLY REPORTS      The City Council received and filed the Quarterly Investment Report for the quarter ending June 30, 2019 during Consent Calendar.

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CHAKEMCO ST  
WATER MAIN              The City Council approved A and B during Consent Calendar.

- a.      Accepted completion of construction, effective July 22, 2019, of the Chakemco Street Water Main, City Project No. 606-WTR performed by Steven Doreck Equipment Rentals, Inc.; and
- b.      Directed the City Clerk to file the Notice of Completion with the Los Angeles County Registrar Recorder's Office.

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MINUTES                      The City Council approved the Special and Regular meeting minutes of July 23, 2019 during Consent Calendar.

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WARRANTS                  The City Council approved the Warrants and Cancellations for August 13, 2019 by motion of Council Auditor Bernal and seconded by Council Member Rios.

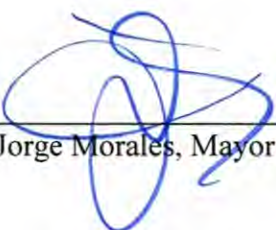
Total of Checks:	\$3,493,587.71
Voids	\$ (2,524.67)
Total of Payroll Deductions:	<u>\$ (400,878.76)</u>
Grand Total:	\$3,090,184.28

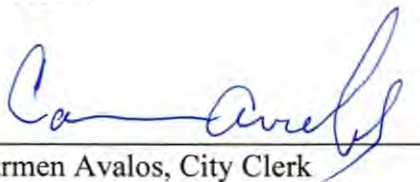
Cancellations: 80723, 83902, 83942, 83996, 84089

ADJOURNMENT              Mayor Morales adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m. by motion of Vice Mayor Diaz and seconded by Council Member Bernal.

**PASSED** and **APPROVED** this 27<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019.

ATTEST:

  
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Jorge Morales, Mayor

  
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Carmen Avalos, City Clerk