

**CITY OF SOUTH GATE  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER** Jorge Morales, Mayor called a Regular City Council meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

**INVOCATION** Pastor Chuck Brady, Redeemer Lutheran Church

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Giselle Mares, Administrative Analyst

**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 Maria Belén Bernal; City Treasurer Gregory Martinez, Acting City Manager/Director of Community Development Joe Perez, City Special Legal Counsel Jerry Ruiz

**ABSENT** City Manager Michael Flad, City Attorney Raul Salinas

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**URBAN REFORESTATION** The City Council conducted a public hearing and approved A, B, and C by motion of Council Member Davila and seconded by Vice Mayor Diaz.

- a. Adopted Resolution No. 7878 entitled - A Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate, California, adopting the Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration, a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, and adopting the Draft Environmental Assessment for the Urban Orchard Demonstration Project, City Project No. 539-PRK, and approving design and construction of this Project;
- b. Directed the City Clerk's to file the Notice of Determination with the Los Angeles County Registrar Recorder's Office and State Clearing House; and
- c. Directed the City Clerk to publish a copy of this Resolution in the Los Angeles WAVE newspaper, as required by law, not less than fifteen (15) days after its adoption.

Art Cervantes, Assistant City Manager/Director of Public Works introduced Mr. Blodgett and explained the process of this Public Hearing.

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### 1 URBAN REFORESTATION CONTINUED

Mark Blodgett, Blodgett Baylosis Environmental and Planning gave a presentation on this item.

Mayor Morales opened the Public Hearing.

Virginia Johnson, 5751 McKinley Avenue, thanked the City for hosting several community meetings on this project. She is concerned about the amount of entrances to the area if there is an emergency.

Mayor Morales closed the Public Hearing.

Council Member Bernal is concerned with the entrance points.

Mr. Cervantes answered that for this first phase of the project, there is one ingress point of access to the public. However, there is a secondary point for emergency service off of Firestone Boulevard. Long term, as expansion occurs, the City will review funding sources for a Bridge Crossing at Southern Avenue.

Council Member Bernal asked if the concerns of the residents and businesses were considered in this process.

Mr. Cervantes answered that there were about 18 public outreach meetings and meetings targeted for the Thunderbird Villa Mobile Home Park residents.

Mayor Morales asked if there were going to be path ways through the park.

Mr. Cervantes answered that when the project was first being developed, it was being developed as mitigation to storm water. As the vision of the Los Angeles River began to develop more funding became available to add additional elements into this project. It is now becoming a passive park with trails, picnic areas, areas where kids will be able to play in water features.

Mayor Morales asked how the utilities are being addressed.

Mr. Cervantes introduced Ms. Robin Marx with the Trust for Public Land.

Ms. Marx responded that there are not any plans currently for the utility lines to go underground. We have engaged the DWP on this item but she believes it is not really an option. It is cost prohibiting to place them underground. The DWP quoted the project at 5 million dollars per tower.



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### 1 URBAN REFORESTATION CONTINUED

Mayor Martinez requested that at a future meeting we draft a letter of support to have these towers placed underground.

Council Member Rios thanked the work that has been done by the Trust for Public Land.

Council Member Bernal requested that we continue to work with the residents and businesses as this project continues.

Council Member Davila thanked staff on the work that has been done on this project. She informed the public that this project is being funded with grant money and not City funds.

### COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Virginia Johnson, 5751 McKinley Avenue expressed her concern for the high expenses on the warrant run.

Janet Torres, 10311 San Juan Avenue, is the Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce and she spoke about the many companies that will be hiring.

Nick Godoy, 8611 San Gabriel Avenue, is concerned about the rails by the freeway and expressed his disappointment with the Police and Public Works Departments for their lack of response.

### REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

Captain Darren Arakawa, Police Department stated that for Labor Day Weekend the Police Department will have a Pedestrian Safety Deployment and a Driver's License/DUI checkpoint.

Joe Perez, Community Development Director stated that we will be cohosting and sponsoring a community meeting on Thursday, August 29<sup>th</sup> designed to give the public an opportunity to provide input on air quality and emissions.

Carmen Avalos, City Clerk stated that on August 28<sup>th</sup> they will be having the SELA Collaborative for the Census in Lynwood.

Greg Martinez, City Treasurer, stated that he also pulled some of the warrants due to the high amounts for review.

Council Member Davila, said that last week all schools are back in session. The International Middle School has opened and have an enrollment of 950 students. This school will be also teaching students Mandarin as an additional language.



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### REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS CONTINUED

Council Member Rios said that there is an agreement with International Middle School that the City can use the baseball fields when not in use by the school. It will be an extension of our Parks. He attended a meeting with METRO regarding the rail lines and buses. He will also be attending the Census roundtable meeting in Lynwood.

Council Member Bernal announced that Speaker Rendon asked her to be a founding board member for the Southeast Arts and Cultural Association which is a nonprofit organization. She attended a meeting with the American Red Cross regarding resources they have to offer.

Vice Mayor Diaz attended two of our Neighborhood Watch Meetings. She and Council Member Davila also attended the California Latino Institute Graduation.

Mayor Morales attended the California Contract Cities Board Meeting and the First Day for the International Middle School.

### CONSENT CALENDAR

Agenda Items 3, 5, 6, 9, and 11 were unanimously approved by motion of Council Member Bernal and seconded by Council Member Davila. Item 4, 7 and 10 were pulled for discussion.

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This item was removed from the Agenda.

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### CLASSIFICATION

The City Council adopted Resolution No. 7879 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 positions of full-time Intermediate Account Clerk (Police) and part-time Computer Information Systems Aide (Police), to eliminate one vacant full-time Civilian Custody Officer position, to eliminate one vacant part-time Intermediate Account Clerk position, all in the Police Department, to approve the corresponding job specifications, and to update the appropriate salary pay tables during Consent Calendar.

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### PERSONNEL

The City Council adopted Resolution No. 7880 entitled - A Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate, California, amending the Hourly Pay Table to update hourly rates for hourly positions with full-time classification titles, effective June 23, 2019, and to conform to the state minimum wage law, which will go into effect on January 1, 2020 by motion of Council Member Davila and seconded by Council Member Rios.



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**URBAN REFORESTATION** The City Council considered adopting Resolution No. 7881 entitled - A Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate, California, approving the submittal of a grant application by The Trust for Public Land to the California Department of Parks and Recreation for Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Grant Program for the construction of the Urban Orchard Demonstration Project and City agreeing to accept this Project and contract obligations upon completion during Consent Calendar.

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**SEWER VIDEO  
INSPECTION**

The City Council approved A and B during Consent Calendar.

- a. Approved an Agreement (Contract No. 3549) with National Plant Services, Inc., for Sanitary Sewer Main Closed Circuit Television Inspection and As-needed Maintenance Services for a three-year term commencing September 1, 2019, in an annual amount not to exceed \$100,000, for a total amount of \$300,000; and
- b. Authorized the Mayor to execute the Agreement in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

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**TRAFFIC SIGNAL**

The City Council approved A and B was approved as amended by motion of Council Member Davila and seconded by Council Member Bernal.

- a. Approved an Escrow Agreement (Contract No. 3551) with the Los Angeles Community College District to collect the fair share portion of the costs associated with the construction of a traffic signal at the intersection of Firestone Boulevard and Calden Avenue under the Firestone Boulevard Corridor Capacity Enhancement Project, City Project No. 476-TRF, in the amount of \$317,307; and
- b. Authorized the Mayor to execute the Agreement in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

Mayor Morales, Council Member Rios and Special Legal Counsel Jerry Ruiz left the Chamber due to a conflict of interest with this item.

**AMENDMENT:** Change the authorized signature for the Escrow Agreement to Vice Mayor Diaz.

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



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This item was removed from the Agenda.

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### COMPUTERS

The City Council approved A, B and C during Consent Calendar.

- a. Approved Amendment No. 2 to Contract No. 3035 with Icon Enterprises, Inc., D/B/A CivicPlus, extending website maintenance support services through August 26, 2020, in an amount not-to-exceed \$9,703;
- b. Authorized the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 2 in a form acceptable to the City Attorney; and
- c. Appropriated \$9,703 from the unassigned fund balance of the General Fund to Account No. 100-150-44-6101 (Community Promotion - Professional Services).

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### EQUIPMENT

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

- a. Approved the purchase of a new 30 foot Showmobile Mobile Stage from Wenger, Inc., through the Government Pricing Program in the amount of \$174,749;
- b. Appropriated \$185,000 from the unassigned fund balance of the Capital Asset & Equipment Replacement Fund (CAER) to Account Number 523-401-61-9003 (CAER Fund - Parks Administration - Auto/Rolling Stock) to fund the cost of this purchase and additional equipment at a later time;
- c. Authorizing the City's Purchasing Department to issue a Purchase Order for this item in accordance with the City's purchasing ordinance and policies; and
- d. Authorizing the Director of Parks & Recreation to execute any additional documents as may be required to properly implement and manage this purchase.

### RECESS

The City Council recessed at 7:48 p.m., and reconvened at 7:53 p.m., with all Members of Council present

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### MINUTES

The City Council approved the Special and Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of August 13, 2019 during Consent Calendar.

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TOWING

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

- a. Approved Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. 3396 with Mr. C's Towing of South Gate, Inc., for tow and storage services for an additional five year term, with an option for a subsequent two year extension; and
- b. Authorized the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 1 in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

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BUDGET

The City Council considered:

- a. Receiving and filing the Citywide Work Program for Fiscal Year 2018/19; and
- b. Adopting and approving the Citywide Work Program for Fiscal Year 2019/20.

This item was moved to the City Council Meeting of September 10<sup>th</sup>.

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WARRANTS AND  
CANCELLATIONS

The City Council unanimously approved the Warrants and Cancellations for August 27, 2019 by motion of Council Auditor Bernal and seconded by Council Member Davila.

Total of Checks:	\$11,571,578.59
Voids	\$ (1,217.41)
Total of Payroll Deductions:	<u>\$ (355,463.42)</u>
Grand Total:	\$11,214,897.76

Cancellations: 77750, 81164

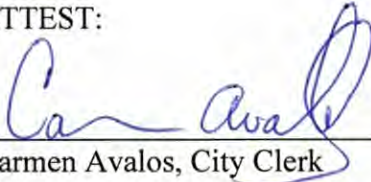
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Morales adjourned the meeting at 8:44 p.m. by motion of Council Member Davila and seconded by Council Member Bernal.

**PASSED** and **APPROVED** this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2019.

  
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Jorge Morales, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Carmen Avalos, City Clerk