

**CITY OF SOUTH GATE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER M. Belén Bernal, Mayor called a Regular City Council meeting to order at 6:47 p.m.

INVOCATION Randall Davis, Chief of Police

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Bill De Witt, Council Member

ROLL CALL Carmen Avalos, City Clerk

PRESENT Mayor M. Belén Bernal, Vice Mayor Denise Diaz Council Member Al Rios, Council Member Maria Davila and Council Member Bill De Witt; City Treasurer Gregory Martinez, Director of Administrative Services Jackie Acosta, City Attorney Raul F. Salinas

ABSENT City Manager Mike Flad

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APPOINTMENTS The City Council filled vacancies and made changes to appointees serving on City Commissions/Committees; appointments were ratified by a majority vote of the City Council.

Vice Mayor Diaz appointed Claudia Sillas to the Citizens Advisory Committee. Council by motion of Council Member Davila and seconded by Council Member De Witt.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Bernal, yes; Vice Mayor Diaz, abstain; Council Member Davila, yes; Council Member Rios, yes; Council Member De Witt, yes.

Council Member De Witt appointed Naomi Nixon to the Parks & Recreation Commission by motion of Mayor Bernal and seconded by Council Member Davila.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Bernal, yes; Vice Mayor Diaz, yes; Council Member Davila, yes; Council Member Rios, yes; Council Member De Witt, abstain.

Council Member Rios appointed Fabiola Inzunza by motion of Council Member Davila and seconded by Mayor Bernal.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Bernal, yes; Vice Mayor Diaz, yes; Council Member Davila, yes; Council Member Rios, abstain; Council Member De Witt, yes.

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COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Nick Godoy, 8611 San Gabriel Avenue, thanked staff for finally giving tickets to those parked illegally.

Armando Velasquez, 3365 Independence Avenue, spoke on restarting the Kiwanis Club in South Gate.

Janet Torres, Executive Director for the South Gate Chamber of Commerce, spoke about the 74th Annual Christmas Parade.

Rudy Morales, South Gate Chamber of Commerce, invited everyone to the Christmas Parade.

Jenisa Mendoza, 10126 San Miguel Avenue, spoke on a teen run newspaper Behind the Gate.

Vincent Kendall, inquired for the need of more vending services at South Gate Park.

Rosalba Perez, 8477 Cypress Avenue, noted concerns about security because she had the battery to her car stolen and would like to request more patrol units.

Greg Martinez, 2603 Ohio Avenue, provided the City Council Members copies of documents that he presented to the Parks Commission regarding the JAA.

Hector Villanneva, 8477 Cypress Avenue, is concerned with crime on Cypress Avenue.

REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

Joe Perez, Director of Community Development, informed everyone that the 11th annual Navidad on Tweedy on December 5th.

Steve Costley, Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation, informed everyone that the Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony will be on December 5th in front of City Hall.

Raul Salinas, City Attorney said that he noticed several new people in the Chambers and they might not be familiar with the limitations and the process of how the meeting operates. Mr. Salinas informed the public that the Council allows the public to come in and speak on any item they would like to discuss. We had a couple of individuals that spoke on the crime on Cypress Avenue but the law does not allow the City Council to go into a significant discussion about the items because they are limited in what can be discussed based on the agenda.

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REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

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Carmen Avalos, City Clerk provided everyone with an update on the upcoming election. She noted that there are eight potential candidates who have pulled nomination papers to run for City Council.

We have had one individual that has submitted documents to file their nomination papers and the deadline to file is December 6th.

Greg Martinez, City Treasurer mentioned that the 11th annual Navidad on Tweedy is coming soon.

Council Member Davila attended the Eco Rapid Transit Meeting and Supervisor Solis, the South Gate Police Association with Mr. C's Towing gave out turkeys to South Gate families. Council Member Davila also attended the ribbon cutting for the Veteran's Affairs at the American Legion. Now Veterans will have a resource center that they can go and get information. The Mayor and Council Member Davila attended a meeting with LAUSD District 5 Board Member Becky Goldberg to discuss a joint agreement for facilities and other ways we can work together.

Council Member De Witt said that at the last Council Meeting there were several residents from San Vincente Avenue. Council Member De Witt went out and spoke with these residents and got a little better idea of the problems on that street. It's a major problem that faces many of our City streets and hopes that the Public Works department will take a look at these areas and find some innovative ways to solve this problem.

Council Member De Witt has attended several meetings regarding a business on Miller Way regarding fumes and dust. Council Member De Witt requested that staff place this item on the agenda for January as it is causing problems for the residents and businesses on Karmont Avenue and Miller Way.

Council Member Rios spoke about the homeless situation during the winter months and is concerned that the local shelter is euthanizing the animals before they get the chance to be adopted.

Vice Mayor Diaz attended Vector Control and she reported that during the year there was 62 cases of West Nile Virus and an increase of 2,500 calls for the mosquitos. Due to the increase Vector Control will be starting a pilot program in this area "Debug the Bug." The Vice Mayor also attended the National League of Cities Conference and went to many of the workshops. She will be visiting South Gate seniors on December 12th and she received support from Walmart. Thirty-eight (38) homes will be getting blankets and slippers donated from Walmart and a meal from Human Services Association. Next week the Vice Mayor will be attended a seminar on Public Financing.

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Mayor Bernal asked Jackie Acosta, Director of Administrative Services to give an overview on the Water Bonds item that was on the Utility Authority Agenda tonight.

Ms. Acosta gave a brief overview of the item.

Mayor Bernal attended the Independent Cities Meeting and they are planning for their winter seminar that usually takes place in Santa Barbara. One of the main topics of this seminar is homelessness. The Mayor and Council Member De Witt this week spoke with East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice to discuss what other local cities have done in regards to rent control and financial literacy. The Mayor attended a meeting to look into the possibility of doing a quality of life survey for the community. Lastly, she met with David Recendez from the Teen Court to see the great work done at South Gate High School.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Agenda Items 2, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10 and 11 were unanimously approved by motion of Mayor Bernal and seconded by Council Member Davila. Items 3 and 7 were pulled for separate discussion.

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RECORDS MGMT

The City Council approved A and B during Consent Calendar.

- a. Adopted Resolution No. 7893 entitled – A Resolution of the City Council of City of South Gate authorizing the destruction of obsolete records retained in City Hall and the Police Department pursuant to Government Code 34090 of the Laws of the State of California; and
- b. Destruction subject to final review and approval by the City Attorney.

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TESORO PIPELINE

The City Council considered adopting a Resolution declaring the City's intention to grant a five-year franchise renewal to Tesoro SoCal Pipeline Company LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, to lay and use pipes, ditches, flumes, conduits and appurtenances for transmitting and distributing oil or products thereof, for any and all purposes in, along, across, upon and under the public streets, ways, alleys and places, as the same now or may hereafter exist, within the City of South Gate, and scheduling a Public Hearing for January 14, 2020, to consider the introduction of an Ordinance granting the proposed franchise renewal

This item was continued to the City Council Meeting of January 14, 2020.

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BANK/

INVESTMENT ADMIN

The City Council adopted Resolution 7894 entitled – A Resolution of the City Council of City of South Gate - approving a Debt Management Policy and Continuing Disclosure Undertaking Policy and authorizing certain actions in connection therewith was approved during Consent Calendar.

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COMMUNITY

PROMOTION

The City Council approved A and B during Consent Calendar.

- a. Approved an Agreement (Contract No. 3562) with Tripepi Smith and Associates, Inc., to provide marketing and community outreach services to continue the City’s rebranding efforts, in an amount not-to-exceed \$42,000; and
- b. Authorized the Mayor to execute the Agreement in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

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LONG BEACH

STREET IMPROVEMENT

The City Council approved A and B during Consent Calendar.

- a. Approved an Agreement (Contract No. 3563) with Mark Thomas & Company, Inc., to provide engineering plans, specifications and estimates for the Long Beach Boulevard Green Street Improvement Project, City Project No. 515-ST, in an amount not-to-exceed \$664,592; and
- b. Authorized the Mayor to execute the Agreement in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

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**CITYWIDE SIDEWALK
IMPROVEMENT**

PHASE IV

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

- a. Approved an Agreement (Contract No. 3564) with C J Concrete Construction, Inc., to construct the Citywide Sidewalk Improvement Project, Phase VI, (Project) City Project No. 599-ST, in an amount not-to-exceed \$421,370;
- 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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This item was removed from the agenda.

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ENGINEERING

The City Council approved A and B during Consent Calendar.

- a. Approved Amendment No. 6 to Contract No. 3131 with Willdan Engineering, Inc., extending the term through February 29, 2020, for as-needed engineering services to allow time to finalize a competitive selection process to award a new contract; and
- b. Authorized the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 6 in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

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CITY HALL

The City Council approved A and B during Consent Calendar.

- a. Accepted completion of construction of the South Gate City Hall Lighting Improvements, City Project No. 512-ARC, as completed on November 7, 2019; and
- b. Directed the City Clerk to file a Notice of Completion with the Los Angeles County Registrar Recorder's Office.

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**CITY HALL
COMPLEX**

The City Council approved A and B during Consent Calendar.

- a. Accepted completion of construction, effective October 14, 2019, of the City Hall Public Corridor Floor Improvements, City Project No. 567-ARC, constructed by Cinbad Industry, Inc.; and
- b. Directed the City Clerk to file a Notice of Completion with the Los Angeles County Registrar Recorder's Office.

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COM DEV ADMIN

The City Council received and filed the City of South Gate Economic Development Strategy Plan, FY 2018/19 Year in Review, containing priorities and actions taken to improve the City's economic development efforts by motion of Mayor Bernal and seconded by Council Member Davila.

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COMPUTER
INFORMATION
SERVICES

The City Council continued this item to the City Council Meeting of January 14, 2020 by motion of Council Member Davila and seconded by Council Member Rios.

- a. Receiving and filing a presentation from City staff and ClientFirst Technology Consulting regarding the Technology Master Plan (TMP); and
- b. Discussing and directing staff to start implementing the TMP initiatives.

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WARRANTS

The City Council approved the Warrants and Cancellations for November 26, 2019 by motion of Council Auditor Davila and seconded by Mayor Bernal.


Total of Checks:	\$3,273,124.61
Voids	\$ (6,196.88)
Total of Payroll Deductions:	<u>\$ (325,798.24)</u>
Grand Total:	\$2,941,129.49

Cancellations: 85263, 85534, 85623

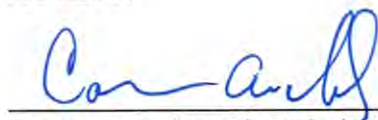
ADJOURNMENT Mayor Bernal unanimously adjourned the meeting at 8:53 p.m. and seconded by Council Member Davila.

PASSED and **APPROVED** this 14th day of January, 2020.

ATTEST:



M. Belén Bernal, Mayor



Carmen Avalos, City Clerk