

**SOUTH GATE CITY COUNCIL
SOUTH GATE HOUSING AUTHORITY
SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION OF
THE CITY OF SOUTH GATE**

**SPECIAL JOINT BUDGET MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 16, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER Al Rios, Mayor/Chairperson called the Special Joint Budget Meeting of the South Gate City Council to order at 6:06 pm.

ROLL CALL Carmen Avalos, City Clerk

PRESENT Mayor/Chairperson Al Rios, Vice Mayor/Vice Chairperson Maria del Pilar Avalos, Council/Agency Member Maria Davila, Council/Agency Member Denise Diaz and Council/Agency Member Gil Hurtado; City Treasurer Gregory Martinez; Interim City Manager/Interim Executive Director Chris Jeffers, City Attorney/Authority Council Raul F. Salinas

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BUDGET**

The City Council, South Gate Housing Authority and the Successor Agency to the Community Development Commission of the City of South Gate

- a. Received and filed various presentations regarding the Proposed Municipal Budgets for Fiscal Year 2021/22 for these entities, and the 5-year Capital Improvement Program; and
- b. Continued this meeting to August 23, 2021, for budget review and discussion prior to the legislative bodies of these entities considering the formal adoption of the Municipal Budgets for Fiscal Year 2021/22.

Chris Jeffers, Interim City Manager explained the process that the departments will be presenting their budgets this evening.

Mr. Jeffers presented the City Council budget.

Carmen Avalos, City Clerk presented the budget for the Office of the City Clerk.

Greg Martinez, City Treasurer and the Interim City Manager presented the budget for the City Treasurer's Office.

Raul F. Salinas, City Attorney presented the budget for the City Attorney's Office.

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BUDGET CONT'D

Mr. Jeffers presented the budget for the City Manager's Office.

Giselle Mares, Acting Management Analyst presented the Community Promotion budget.

Joshua Barron questioned the City Clerk's proposed increase of 2 part-time staff members and suggested that the city look into more web-based training to save money.

Robert Montalvo questioned the \$28,000.00 spent on car allowance when COVID restricted all travel. He also questioned air fare, hotel accommodations, communications, and phone.

Mario Dominguez questioned the expenditures of the City.

Council Member Diaz questioned last years funding for the youth media program and was the money reallocated. She also asked for status on the receptionist position for the information booth and would like to see the City Clerk's Office positions be paid internships for the college youth.

Council Member Davila also asked for status on why the two park time employees were not hired. She also agrees that a paid internship for the City Clerk's Office is a better option then part-time staff.

Council Member Hurtado asked for clarification on personnel items in the City Council budget. Also, he agrees that a paid internship for the City Clerk's Office is a better option then part-time staff. He questioned what the City's lobbyist is doing to address traffic in our City generated by having two ports in our area. He inquired if enough is being done by our lobbyist to represent the City and with COVID. He asked for a status update on spending with the Tweedy Mile.

Mayor Rios is hesitant on having internships because of the amount of staff time that would go into training. He thinks that cities that have lobbyist are doing better because of the information that they provide. He asked for qualification on how the City Treasurer and Finance work together.

Vice Mayor Avalos thanked the audience that spoke today. She thinks that the budget requests heard today are very reasonable in comparison to the last year's budget.

Carmen Avalos, City Clerk explained the need for the two receptionist positions to streamline services for the residents.

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Mr. Jeffers also explained that the difference in the budget for the City Clerk's Office as it relates to the election costs that happen every other year.

Mr. Jeffers continued to break down the line items questioned in the presentation.

RECESS

The City Council recessed at 8:09 p.m., and reconvened at 8:31 p.m., with all Members of Council present.

Kingsley Okereke, Interim Director of Administrative Services and Kim Sao, Deputy Director of Administrative Services presented the budget for Administrative Services.

Joshua Barron asked for clarification for the Business License supplies and services budget, service charge on the debit/credit cards, and the carryover for large projects.

Mario Dominguez asked for clarification on why the City's current fiscal year budget had a large increase from the last fiscal year. Questioned why the City Clerk is looking to hire young adults instead of people who are older and more established.

Vice Mayor Avalos asked what the difference between the Secretary, Senior Secretary and Clerk Typist positions is.

Mayor Davila asked for clarification on the differences in the types of mowers.

Council Member Hurtado asked for clarification on the transfer out items on the budget, workers compensation, liability claims, Utility Authority, the Street Lighting/Landscape and Sewer funds.

Staff provided a break down on the different line items questioned in the presentation.

Vice Mayor Avalos asked staff to look into the budget for the car allowance allocated to Human Resources.

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ADJOURNMENT

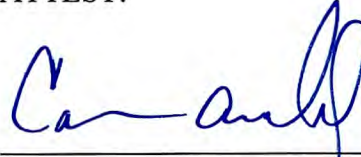
Mayor Rios unanimously adjourned the meeting at 9:45 p.m. and seconded by Vice Mayor Avalos.

PASSED and **APPROVED** this 9th day of November 2021.

ATTEST:



Al Rios, Mayor/Chairperson



Carmen Avalos, City Clerk