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City of South Gate

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For the Regular Meeting of: <u>June 14, 2022</u> Originating Department: <u>Office of the City Clerk</u>

City Clerk:

Yodit Glaze

Interim City Manager:

Chris J

SUBJECT:

APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

PURPOSE:

To historically preserve the events of the City Council Meetings.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: The City Council will consider:

- A. Approving the Special Meeting minutes of March 21, 2022
- B. Approving the Special Meeting minutes of April 19, 2022
- C. Approving the Regular Meeting minutes of April 26, 2022
- D. Approving the Special Meeting minutes of May 10, 2022

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

ANALYSIS: The minutes are provided to the City Council on the Wednesday prior to their regular business meeting. Amendments should be provided to the City Clerk's Office within 24 hours of a City Council Meeting so that verification of the record and corrections are made accordingly. A revised document will be provided to the City Council prior to the Meeting.

BACKGROUND: The minutes typically describe the events of the meeting and may include a list of attendees, a statement of the issues considered by the participants, and related responses or decisions for the issues.

ATTACHMENTS: City Council Minutes

CITY OF SOUTH GATE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2022

CALL TO ORDER	Al Rios, Mayor called a Special City Council meeting to order at 4:37 p.m.		
ROLL CALL	Carmen Avalos, City Clerk		
PRESENT	Mayor Al Rios, Vice Mayor Maria del Pilar Avalos, Council Member Maria Davila, Council Member Denise Diaz, and Council Member Gil Hurtado; Interim City Manager Chris Jeffers, City Attorney Raul F. Salinas		
ABSENT	Gregory Martinez, City Treasurer		
	The City Council engaged in a general discussion between the City's Congressional Representative (Honorable Congresswoman Nanette Barragan) and the South Gate City Council relating to matters of mutual interest. No formal action was undertaken as this was a general conversation of mutual legislative matters.		
	Council Member Hurtado unanimously adjourned the meeting at 5:23 p.m and seconded Mayor Rios.		
PASSED and APPRO	OVED this 14 th day of June 2022.		
	ATTEST:		
Al Rios, Mayor	Yodit Glaze, City Clerk		

CITY OF SOUTH GATE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

Al Rios, Mayor called a Special City Council Meeting to order at 6:00

p.m.

ROLL CALL

Sonia Guerrero, Records Coordinator

PRESENT

Mayor Al Rios, Vice Mayor Maria del Pilar Avalos, Council Member Maria Davila, Council Member Denise Diaz; and Council Member Gil Hurtado; City Treasurer Gregory Martinez, Interim City Manager Chris Jeffers, City Attorney Counsel Raul F. Salinas

SOLID WASTE MGMT

The City Council heard a presentation by HF&H Consultants, LLC. ("HF&H") along with staff relating to the initial evaluation of the solid waste services proposals received from USA Waste of California, Inc. (Waste Management), Universal Waste Systems, Inc., and NASA Services, Inc. Upon the conclusion of the presentations by HF&H, the submitting proposers, and comments from the public, the City Council will consider giving direction on further negotiations with a single vendor or multiple vendors as well as general areas to be discussed with those selected vendors.

Vice Mayor Avalos made a motion to continue negations with all three vendors and Council member Davila seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Council Member Diaz, yes; Council Member Davila, yes; Vice Mayor Avalos, yes; Mayor Rios, yes; Council Member Hurtado, recused

A Statement from Council Member Hurtado was read into the record. Council Member Hurtado is recusing himself from this meeting in an abundance of caution until he receives formal advice from the FPPC (Fair Political Practice Committee). He has asked the commission if he can participate in the selection of a vendor for the City's disposal operations as one of the proposed company's is close to his residency. Council Member Hurtado will not participate in the meeting but will be listening. The Council meeting proceeded with four council members.

Debbie Morris, HF&H Consultants provided a presentation on the process of the project.

Vice Mayor Avalos asked if currently we are providing the service of litter container collection and oil filtration program. She also wanted to know what the cost for the current litter collection and the oil filtration system that we have in place.

SOLID WASTE MGMT CONT'D

Art Cervantes, Director of Public Works responded that yes, these services are already in place, and are more cost effective than recycling. The current cost is somewhere over 11 thousand dollars compared to what is being proposed and is unaware of the cost for the oil filtration system as it is provided to the entire region with the city being the host.

Council Member Diaz inquired on the salary range of the workers (including drivers) and if they are unionized? Also, she is big on quality and sustainable jobs that have a purchasing home power because they sometimes become members of the community.

Ms. Morris reported that NASA and UWS are non-union, and Waste Management is unionized.

Council Member Davila stated that she believes community engagement is very important. She wants to be sure that whichever company is chosen that they are willing to be involved with the community.

Judy Gregory provided the presentation from NASA. The owners and general manager were present. They discussed the history, development, services, and industry experience of the company. They have had smooth and successful experiences with transitioning with new contracts. Ms. Gregory explained the services they offer. NASA has the disposal capacity of over 150 thousand tons per year guaranteed of disposal capacity dedicated solely to South Gate. Also, a guaranteed diversion rate of 40%, new carts, bins, vehicles, equipment throughout, and SB939 compliant program. NASA also meets the requirement for organic procurement for SB1833 and all additional programs that are required and outlined in the proposal. They have worked closely with food generating businesses and have helped set up food donation programs with clients that divert 1.2 pounds of edible food that goes to those that need it most. They understand the new SB1388 regulations "inside and out", they have been meeting with cities to fulfill the regulations and be the best.

In terms of proposal enhancements, Ms. Morris discussed some of the things that they are providing to the schools and community (educational opportunities), they are open to other programs and suggestions from City staff and Council. Also, if the City wants to bundle other services that where not included in proposal, they are open to that and other negotiations, as well as open to rebalancing the rate so that it can best serve the city.

RECESS

The City Council recessed at 7:00 p.m., and reconvened at 7:04 p.m., with five (5) Members of Council present.

1 SOLID WASTE MGMT CONT'D

Mark Blackburn, President of UWS presented the company's history and description of operations in California, New Mexico, and Arizona. He discussed customer service experiences and operations. They have a team of fifteen that make sure that everyone is onboarded properly, receive proper service and training for the new programs. He presented that transition plan and how they envision the plan rolling out and explained a few of their software programs that they use to exchange information, track deliveries or exchanges and monitor driver safety.

To conclude his presentation, they offered to raise the host fee and tipping fee at local facility by one dollar a ton. They have offered to turn the South Gate office to a full-service center facility for the residents to make payments, ask questions and concerns. They offer a five-thousand-dollar scholarship program for the local schools and minimum of twenty thousand dollars a year in sponsorship money for City events. They also have a liquid waste division, which offers free portable toilets and sinks for events. Lastly, they offer a driving program where they pay to help train local South Gate residents to become drivers.

Mike Hammers new area Vice President and President of USA Waste of California began their presentation with the resources they have in California include, multiple recycling facilities, landfills, and they have multiple organic divergent facilities that allow them to handle the City's needs.

Mr. Hammers introduced Eric Contero who explained scholarship opportunities and other local investments that can help the community of South Gate.

Mr. Hammers explained their approach for a solution regarding illegal dumping, such as, access to facility locations so that residents can dump bulky items. In terms of carbon footprint, having a local facility allows them to reduce the number of miles they drive to dump trash. They do not have to travel outside of the city to dispose of recycling, organics, or trash. They will be committing an additional \$200 thousand dollars a year in host fees on top of contractual fees to the city. That equals up to 6 million dollars over the ten-year period. This can help the City's General Funds and provide youth programs, maintenance, and other type of development within the city.

USA Waste of California plans to have an active social media presence to learn from customers, this also allows them to do better and train their drivers. They will have a full website about recycling and one website is specifically tailored to the City of South Gate. The launch of the W11 app will allow for people to order containers, check when trash and recycling is going to be picked up and can receive education about the services they provide.

SOLID WASTE MGMT
CONT'D

Mr. Hammers introduced Armando Bracamontes who is the district manager and will be presenting the next slides. Mr. Bracamontes discussed the opportunity for hiring locally, if given contract they would be able to open new job roles.

Rodolfo Mata, Waste Management Employee, stated that he has worked for Waste Management for seventeen years after leaving the military and servicing the City of South Gate for five years.

South Gate resident is concerned about these companies going bankrupt and explained that there was a trash company that went bankrupt many years ago and stopped collecting. He is not pushing any company but enjoyed the presentations and looks forward to visiting a few of the facilities to make sure they are what they say they are.

Hector Ramirez is a shop steward and stated that he likes the respect that is given in South Gate as driver. Every morning they have huddles where they talk about the safety of customers and their employees.

Marco Furias, Waste Management Employee, stated that he has children that go to South Gate High School, and he has worked for Waste Management for over twenty years and emphasized that the company spends money to make sure that they are teaching safety for the children, residents, and other people that are in the area.

Virginia Johnson would like to see more philanthropy from USA Waste Management but the cost to the residents is the most important aspect of the waste hauling contract. She pointed out that NASA had three legal violations. One was a 209, 216, and 221 and is hoping that they are resolved. The neighbors of UWS have been complaining about the smell for the past five years. Lastly Ms. Johnson stated that the current waste company (USA Waste Management) has been providing great service and good customer service and believes that they do a good job of fulfilling new waste laws.

Mario Dominguez was very impressed with UWS's presentation. Waste management is very good all year but when it comes to holidays, they are a mess, they give residents a day where trash pickup is postponed a day to give workers a break but after the day, they pick up trash and still show up on the scheduled pick-up day to pick up trash. The next day, they say they are going to pick up recycling but then they forget, and they service some streets but not others. He says there is a lack of communications during the holidays and that during the presentation no one discussed e-waste (laptop, desktop, phones). He suggested that Council should consider which company is going to give residents a decent and fair price.

SOLID WASTE MGMT CONT'D

Jerry Brown is a member of the South Gate Chamber of Commerce and stated that Waste Management is a great service, and they are involved in the community.

Thomas Buckley, South Gate resident, feels that there is a connection between South Gate residents and US Waste Management. He stated that a child who had autism wanted to drive and see what the trash trucks can do, and they gave him a VIP tour of the truck. He explained that US Waste Management is the only hauler with experience in South Gate and experience is priceless.

Rene Galvez resident of South Gate for ten-years, stated that his experience with Waste Management has always been great even when they called for bulky item pick up. Also, like that they give back to the community and fundraise for Southeast High School athletic teams and donate toys during the holidays.

Robert Montalvo stated that presentations were great and thinks that Waste Management is the logical choice. They hold a lot of events in the city and the work they put into the community is amazing.

Erwin Salmeron supports Waste Management, and they are a great service for South Gate.

Elizbeth Zamora supports Waste Management and is proud of the work they have done in the city. Her father is also an employee which makes her also proud.

Greg stated that with waste management they have been very good to the community in many ways, they have decent trucks, reliable pick-ups, green trucks that cause less pollution, and they give and grow with the community.

Ennet Vialobo, Waste Management employee for twenty-eight years and district manager stated that during her years working for Waste Management, she has seen the technology and service change as well as diversity and empowerment. She is proud to work for waste management and hopes they can continue servicing for the community.

Chris Jeffers, City Manager explained the importance of transparency and having council meetings to present the information to the public.

Ms. Morris responded to an audience question that E-waste is included in bulky item pick up.

SOLIÐ WASTE MGMT CONT'Ð

Vice Mayor Avalos acknowledged each of the presenters on their presentations. Her priorities are minimizing customer rates both residential and commercial. Customer service is also key because we have multigenerational families and seniors (some have disabilities/hard of hearing). Therefore, great customer service is key. Lastly maximizing recycling and divergence compliance we must make sure that the city is complying with what the State requires. Waste management has been great, but enhancements were offered when city was emerging an RFP, this should be done year-round. Community involvement is important, but customer rates and service are very important along with compliance.

Council Member Diaz thanked all the residents for attending and thanked all the employees of the refuse companies for their work during COVID. She clarified that e-waste is included in the bulky item pick-up and that community involvement especially with the youth is important.

Council Member Davila thanked each vendor for being part of the process. She stated that rates are important because South Gate has a lot of working-class families and multiple families in one home. One thing she would like to see is an annual shredding event because there are so many documents, and they are just thrown in the trash. It is also important for businesses to participate in the community. Waste Management has done a lot of services for the community with toy drives and food give aways during COVID. Council Member Davila also thanked the refuse employees for their work during the pandemic.

Council Member Hurtado explained that the city is familiar with what Waste Management has to offer and hopes that the new vendors can provide new trucks that produce less pollution. He expressed concern for supply change because of the time limit, he is unsure if the chosen vendor will have enough time to gear up fast enough to start in January. Another concern is if the vendors have the capacity to deliver the service they are offering. He would like to hear more on how they weigh customer experience, service, and rate. Also, he explained that this meeting was to get public comment, hear from vendors, and to give some direction to staff in terms of moving forward. Council Member Hurtado would like to work with all three vendors and asked for opinions from other council members.

Vice Mayor Avalos asked if the moratorium is now lifted.

Mayor Rios answered yes now that we have had the public outreach. We will contact the vendors and facilities so that they can best represent the service they provide.

ADJOURNMENT	Vice Mayor Avalos adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m. and seconded Council Member Davila.		
PASSED and AP	PROVED this 14 th day	of June 2022.	
		ATTEST:	
Al Rios, Mayor		Yodit Glaze, City Clerk	

CITY OF SOUTH GATE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING **MINUTES TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER

Al Rios, Mayor called a Regular City Council Meeting to order at 6:37

p.m.

INVOCATION

Bishop Ismael Martin del Campo, Empower Apostolic Assembly Church

PLEDGE OF

ALLEGIANCE

Susan Janer, Past Azalea Queen & Centennial Committee Member

ROLL CALL

Sonia Guerrero, Recording Secretary

PRESENT

Mayor Al Rios, Vice Mayor Maria del Pilar Avalos, Council Member Maria Davila, and Council Member Gil Hurtado; City Treasurer Gregory Martinez, Interim City Manager Chris Jeffers, City Attorney Counsel Raul

F. Salinas

ABSENT

Council Member Denise Diaz

CERTIFICATES

The City Council presented Certificates of Appreciation to the South Gate High School Girls Varsity Soccer Team for winning their respective championship title at the 2022 CIF Los Angeles City Section Division III Soccer Competition.

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PROCLAMATIONS

The City Council issued a Proclamation declaring the month of May as Older Americans Month.

PERSONNEL

The City Council introduced the newly hired, full-time employees who were hired in the month of March 2022.

COMMISSIONS

The City Council conducted a public hearing to consider waiving the reading in full and introducing an Ordinance creating Chapter 1.61 (Senior Citizens' Advisory Commission) to Title 1 (Administration and Personnel), of the South Gate Municipal Code to establish a Senior Citizens' Advisory Commission and subsequent Sections 1,61,010 to 1.61.090.

Mayor Rios opened the Public Hearing and seeing no one come forward closed the Public Hearing. Item 4 was continued to the May 2, 2022, Continued Regular City Council Meeting by motion of Council Member Davila and seconded by Council Member Hurtado.

COMMISSIONS CONT'D

Roll Call: Council Member Davila, yes; Council Member Hurtado, yes; Vice Mayor Avalos, yes; Mayor Rios, yes; Council Member Diaz, absent

The City Council continued the April 26, 2022, Regular City Council Meeting to the May 2, 2022, Continued Regular City Council Meeting by motion of Council Member Davila and seconded by Council Member Hurtado. No further items were discussed.

Roll Call: Council Member Davila, yes; Council Member Hurtado, yes; Vice Mayor Avalos, yes; Mayor Rios, yes; Council Member Diaz, absent

CONSENT CALENDAR

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Agenda Items 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 were continued to the May 2, 2022, Continued Regular City Council Meeting.

The City Council considered:

- a. Adopting a Resolution authorizing the application for Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program Grant Funds (Proposition 1 Lower Los Angeles River Program Grant Funds) for the renovation of Circle Park; and
- b. Authorizing the Director of Parks & Recreation to execute, on behalf of the City, all documents required to apply for, accept and implement said grant as approved to form by the City Attorney.

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- a. Adopting a Resolution preliminarily approving the Engineer's Report required for the proceedings of the Fiscal Year 2022/23 Annual Levy and Collection of Assessments within the Street Lighting and Landscape Maintenance District No. 1; and
- b. Adopting Resolution declaring the City's intention to levy and collect assessments under the Fiscal Year 2022/23 Annual Levy and Collection of Assessments within the Street Lighting and Landscape Maintenance District No. 1 and setting a Public Hearing for May 24, 2022.

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The City Council considered:

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- a. Approving an Agreement with E.J. Ward, Inc. through the Sourcewell agreement for the implementation of a fuel management system at City facilities for an amount not-to-exceed \$165,240; and
- b. Authorizing the Mayor to execute the Agreement in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

The City Council considered:

- a. Approving an Agreement with SA Associates to provide professional Engineering Services necessary to prepare the design and construction documents for the Water Main Replacement, Phase 1, City Project No. 689-WTR, for an amount not to exceed \$232,000; and
- b. Authorizing the Mayor to execute the Professional Services Agreement in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

The City Council considered:

- Approving an Agreement with South Gate Chamber of Commerce for Small Business Assistance services rendered in Fiscal Year 2022/2023; and
- b. Authorizing the Mayor to execute the Agreement in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

The City Council considered:

- a. Approving the Purchase Order with the National Auto Fleet Group through Sourcewell for the purchase of a 2022 Ford Escape SE Hybrid vehicle for the Community Development Department, Code Enforcement Division, in an amount not-to-exceed \$33,866;
- b. Approving the purchase of related equipment in an amount not-to-exceed \$7,010;
- c. Appropriating \$30,447 in unreserved South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) Subvention Funds to Account No. 223-610-49-9003 for the purchase of the hybrid vehicle;

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d. Appropriating \$10,429 in unreserved General Fund monies to Account No. 100-604-29-6202 for the purchase of the necessary equipment.

The City Council considered:

- a. Approving Addendum No. 7 to Contract No. 3130 (Master Equity Lease Agreement) with Enterprise FM Trust to include the lease of a 2021 Ford Ranger for the Police Department for a term of 48 months in the total amount of \$28,238.00;
- b. Approving the purchase and installation of the emergency safety equipment in the amount of \$4,711.00;
- c. Approving the purchase and installation of police decals in the amount of \$360.00; and
- d. Authorizing the Mayor to execute Addendum No. 7 in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

The City Council considered:

- a. Approving Amendment No. 2 to Contract No. 2020-55-CC with Southstar Engineering & Consulting, Inc., for additional construction management and inspection services for the construction of street improvements on Garfield Avenue from South City Limit to Jefferson Avenue and Imperial Highway from West City Limit to East City Limit, City Project No. 413-ST, Federal Project No. STPL-5257(030), the Firestone Boulevard and Otis Street Improvements, and the Imperial Highway Center Median, City Project No. 496-ST, Federal Project No. HSIPL-5257(032), in an amount not-to-exceed \$77,259; and
- b. Authorizing the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 2 in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

The City Council considered:

- a. Approving Change Order No. 4 to Contract No. 2021-66-CC with NR Development Inc., to revise the bid quantities and unit costs as necessary to address unforeseen field conditions to the Urban Orchard Project, City Project No. 539-PRK, in a budgetary amount of \$415,968; and
- b. Authorizing the Assistant City Manager/Director of Public Works to execute Contract Change Order No. 4.

The City Council considered:

- a. Authorizing the Mayor to execute the agreement in a form acceptable to the City Attorney, with the understanding that the final term length and the final cost will be updated in a final agreement to reflect the actual start date of the Measure H Innovation Fund pilot program. The actual start date of the pilot program is dependent on the execution of this Agreement by the parties to the pilot program.
- b. A final Reimbursement Agreement for Shelter Beds within the Salvation Army Bell Shelter will return for City Council consideration once the Salvation Army executes the Social Services Collaborator Agreement and the eight LCA1 cities have executed this Reimbursement Agreement for Shelter Beds within the Salvation Army Bell Shelter.

The City Council considered ratifying the appointment by Vice Mayor Maria del Pilar Avalos of Ivy Duarte to the Planning Commission.

The City Council considered:

a. Approving the Warrant Register for April 26, 2022

Total of Checks:

\$3,752,657.38

Voids:

(\$ 399,598.19)

Total Payroll Deductions:

(\$ 339,294,72)

Grand Total:

\$3,013,764.47

Cancellations: 90243, 90409, 90862, 95959, 96531, 96532, 2270

ADJOURNMENT

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Mayor Rios unanimously adjourned in memory of Alexis Gonzalez, South Gate Police Detective at 7:15 p.m., and seconded by Council Member Hurtado.

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PASSED and APPROVED this 14th day of June 2022.

	ATTEST:	
Al Rios, Mayor	Yodit Glaze, City Clerk	

CITY OF SOUTH GATE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

Al Rios, Mayor called a Regular City Council meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Sonia Guerrero, Recording Secretary

PRESENT

Mayor Al Rios, Vice Mayor Maria del Pilar Avalos, Council Member Maria Davila, Council Member Denise Diaz, and Council Member Gil Hurtado; Interim City Manager Chris Jeffers, City Attorney Raul F. Salinas

ABSENT

Gregory Martinez, City Treasurer

CLOSED SESSION

The Council Members recessed into Closed Session at 5:33 p.m. and reconvened at 6:36 p.m. with all Members of Council present. City Attorney Salinas reported the following:

1. <u>CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - PENDING LITIGATION</u>

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a), 54954.9(b)(3)(C)

- a. City of South Gate v. Albert Robles
- b. Jesus Arroyo v. City of South Gate
- c. Juan Carlos Calvillo v. City of South Gate

On item 1(a), City Council received an update with respect to recent court victory in that case and in favor of the City of South Gate. The City Council also gave direction to the City Attorney with respect to one open claim in that matter and on a vote of 5-0, made on a motion by Vice Mayor Avalos and seconded by Council Member Hurtado, the City Council voted to proceed without moving forward on that one additional claim because of the success the city had received on the other remaining aspects of the claim.

On item 1(b), the City Council received a report by the City Attorney with respect to the nature of that claim. And upon completion of that report there was no action taken by the City Council.

Item 1(c) is a claim of alleged excessive force brought against the City of South Gate. There was a presentation made by the City Attorney in that matter and upon completion of that presentation there was a motion made by Council Member Hurtado and seconded by Council Member Davila and on a vote of 5-0, the City Council moved to deny that claim.

2. <u>CONSIDER THE EVALUATION OF PERFORMANCE</u> <u>OF A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE</u>

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1)

a. Interim City Manager

On item 2(a), the City Council received an update, guidance was given to the City Manager and upon completion of that presentation, there was no reportable action taken by the City Council.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Davila adjourned the meeting at 6:38 p.m. and seconded Council Member Hurtado.

PASSED and **APPROVED** this 14th of June 2022.

	ATTEST:		
Al Rios, Mayor	Yodit Glaze, City Clerk	-	