

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

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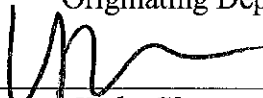
*City of South Gate*  
CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA BILL

For the Regular Meeting of: June 28, 2022

Originating Department: Office of the City Clerk

City Clerk:

  
Yodit Glaze

Interim City Manager:

  
Chris Jeffers

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**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 May 2, 2022
- B. Approving the Special Meeting minutes of May 25, 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  
CONTINUED FROM  
APRIL 26 to MAY 2, 2022  
MINUTES  
MONDAY, MAY 2, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER** Al Rios, Mayor called a Special City Council Meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

**ROLL CALL** Debbie McEvilly, 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; City Treasurer Gregory Martinez; Interim City Manager Chris Jeffers, City Attorney Counsel Raul F. Salinas

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**COMMISSIONS** The City Council unanimously conducted a public hearing and approved waiving the reading in full and introduced Ordinance No. 2022-03-CC entitled - Ordinance of the City Council of the City of South Gate 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 by motion of Vice Mayor Avalos and seconded by Council Member Hurtado.

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

Mayor Rios opened the Public Hearing at 6:35 p.m. Seeing no one come forward Mayor Rios closed the Public Hearing at 6:36 p.m.

**COMMENTS FROM  
THE AUDIENCE** Claudia Layton, resident, complained about excess noise and shaking at her residence.

Virginia Johnson stated that there would be a public hearing tonight on the Community Development block grant money and a public hearing for accessory dwelling units, but both are not on the agenda. She was wondering if they had been redacted in the legal notices of the Telegram and the date reset. Also, she is still trying to clear up the permit issue for vendors, three weeks ago she spoke at a council meeting about a cart at corner of Paramount and Lauderdale next to City property. The cart was cooking on the sidewalk, blocking pedestrian access, as well as posting illegal signage all over the utility poles and fences. Then, a shabby looking catering truck from 10 am - 10 pm at the same corner with even more tables or umbrellas. Even with the state mandate, the City can put limits

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MAY 02, 2022**

**COMMENTS FROM  
THE AUDIENCE  
CONT'D**

on procedures to preserve public safety and blight deterrence violations. Lastly, we are waiting far too long for the City website to be up and running with the agendas to be posted and sent directly to resident emails and it needs to clearly notify residents of city events and council meetings.

Blanca Diaz came to ask for help and support in getting a crossing guard for the streets that cross Willow Elementary school on Willow and Santa Fe. They need this urgently because the cars pass by very fast and there are a lot of kids that cross the streets by themselves.

Christine, Willow Elementary School supports Ms. Diaz's request and is also concerned with speeding in this area.

Mr. Dominguez would like to use general fund money to restore and rebuild the buildings on Tweedy Boulevard. He would like Council Members to break away from the old ways of thinking and have these buildings redone.

Liz Ruiz encourages people to reach out to the organization that is taking a lead in putting together the urban orchard so that the people have a say and vote on the murals and which they would like to see.

The audible was unclear for this caller through Zoom.

Mr. Montalvo spoke on the website. He stated that the templet was good but now is taking too long to a finished product. The dust is now forming to rocks and the website needs to be finished three weeks ago. He wants items to not be included on the consent calendar and all items should be discussed.

**REPORTS AND COMMENTS  
FROM CITY OFFICIALS**

Chris Jeffers, Interim City Manager explained that the Police Department sent out a notice to food vendors and the City has thirteen licensed food vendors. They reinstated the rules in English and Spanish, vendors have two weeks to read it and comply. For the pushcart there is a process for permitting and once the City Attorney reviews this matter, he will meet with the Police Department and Code Enforcement. Also, the difficulty to get licensing right now is the county health department because the state does say that they must have a health permit and county does require a certain type of pushcart for health reasons.

Mr. Jeffers explained the reason for the "pardon the dust" page on website is because they are continuing to add to the webpage and putting it all together. Staff is trying to find a way to make the process easier.

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**REPORTS AND COMMENTS  
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**CONT'D**

Steve Costley, Interim Director of Parks and Recreation provided an update to the public on the upcoming events happening at the Parks including Earth Day and Memorial Day.

Meredith Elguira, Director of Community Development provided an overview of the new queuing system so residents and contractors can make an appointment online or at the City Hall kiosk.

Kristopher Ryan, Director of Administrative Services stated that he is the newly appointed Director of Administrative Services and comes from the City of Laguna Beach where he was the Finance Officer. He is looking forward to working with the community, Council Members, and staff.

Darren Arakawa, Chief of Police stated that in the early morning of Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup> the Gonzales family suffered tremendous loss when one of our own passed away in a car collision in the City of Norwalk. Detective Alexis Gonzales was 25 years old when he passed away. He was a South Gate resident and police officer who cared for his community and family. He was a hometown hero.

Raul F. Salinas, City Attorney has nothing to report but acknowledged the wonderful tribute the Police Department did for Alexis Gonzales.

Council Member Davila attended an event at Legacy High School to celebrate the tenth anniversary and members of Padres Unidos. Legacy STEM, a group of students from Legacy High School will be going to the Netherlands to participate in a competition and she would like to acknowledge them when they return. Lastly, she also shared a few words about Alexis Gonzales and read a letter that he wrote when he applied to the police academy.

Council Member Diaz acknowledged the South Gate High School cheer team for making it to CIF and got second place. Also, she sits on the Greater Los Angeles Vector Control where they celebrated seventy years. Council Member Diaz also shared her condolences to the family and Police Department for Officer Gonzales.

Council Member Hurtado stated that as a Council Member they must look at every opportunity to provide the best opportunities for the residents and businesses they can. The trash hauling contract should not be interpreted that they are unhappy with contractor. We owe it to the community to see what other companies offer. One of the trash hauling companies that has turned in a proposal is close to his home, and he is seeking legal counsel to see if this is a conflict. They did respond that he could not participate because of the proximity to his home, and he will not be participating in

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**REPORTS AND COMMENTS  
FROM CITY OFFICIALS**

**CONT'D**

trash hauling contract. He also addressed comments of corruption and advises people who believe this to bring those concerns or evidence to the District Attorney to investigate because it hurts the integrity of the process. Council Member Hurtado also shared his condolences to the family and Police Department for Officer Gonzales.

Vice Mayor Avalos acknowledged the difficult situation that the Police Department has gone through and shared a few words about Officer Alexis Gonzales.

Mayor Rios also shared a few words about Officer Alexis Gonzales. The Mayor invited the community to the National Day of Prayer this Wednesday in front of City Hall. He spoke on the drought and is going to see what we can do to conserve water. Tomorrow at East Los Angeles College there will be a press conference at noon to announce that the college received almost a thousand dollars for the health mobile lab to train healthcare workers.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Agenda Items 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 were unanimously approved by motion of Vice Mayor Avalos and seconded by Council Member Davila. Council Member Hurtado recused himself on item 13.

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

Agenda Item 13 was approved by Vice Mayor Avalos and seconded by Council Member Davila.

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

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**PARKS**

The City Council unanimously approved A and B during the Consent Calendar.

- a. Resolution No. 2022-19- CC entitled - Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate 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. Authorized 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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**STREETS**

The City Council unanimously approved A and B during the Consent Calendar.

- a. Resolution No. 2022-20-CC entitled - Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate 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. Resolution No. 2022-21-CC entitled - Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate 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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**CITY FACILITIES**

The City Council unanimously approved A and B during Consent Calendar.

- a. Approved Agreement (Contract No. 2022-24-CC) 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. Authorized the Mayor to execute the Agreement in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

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**WATER**

The City Council unanimously approved A and B during Consent Calendar.

- a. Agreement (Contract No. 2022-25-CC) 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. Authorized the Mayor to execute the Professional Services Agreement in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

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- ASSESSMENT DISTRICTS** The City Council unanimously approved A and B during Consent Calendar.
- a. Agreement (Contract No. 2022-26-CC) with South Gate Chamber of Commerce for Small Business Assistance services rendered in Fiscal Year 2022/2023; and
  - b. Authorized the Mayor to execute the Agreement in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

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- PURCHASING** The City Council unanimously approved A, B, C and D during Consent calendar.
- a. 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. The purchase of related equipment in an amount not-to-exceed \$7,010;
  - c. Appropriated \$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;
  - d. Appropriated \$10,429 in unreserved General Fund monies to Account No. 100-604-29-6202 for the purchase of the necessary equipment.

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- LAW ENFORCEMENT** The City Council unanimously approved A, B, C and D during the Consent Calendar.
- a. 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. The purchase and installation of the emergency safety equipment in the amount of \$4,711.00;
  - c. The purchase and installation of police decals in the amount of \$360.00; and
  - d. Authorized the Mayor to execute Addendum No. 7 in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

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**STREETS**

The City Council unanimously approved A and B during the Consent Calendar.

- a. 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. Authorized the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 2 in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

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**STREETS**

The City Council approved A and B during the Consent Calendar.

- a. 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. Authorized the Assistant City Manager/Director of Public Works to execute Contract Change Order No. 4.

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**HOUSING**

The City Council unanimously approved by motion of Council Member Hurtado and seconded by Council Member Davila.

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

- a. Authorized the Mayor to execute the agreement (Contract No. 2022-27-CC) 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.



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**HOUSING CONT'D**

- 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.

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**APPOINTMENTS**

The City Council unanimously ratified the appointment by Vice Mayor Maria del Pilar Avalos of Ivy Duarte to the Planning Commission by motion of Vice Mayor Avalos and seconded by Council Member Davila.

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

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**WARRANTS**

The City Council unanimously approved the Warrant Register for April 26, 2022, by motion of Vice Mayor Avalos and seconded by Council Member Davila.

Total of Checks:	\$3,752,657.38
Voids:	(\$ 399,598.19)
Total Payroll Deductions:	<u>(\$ 339,294.72)</u>
Grand Total:	\$3,013,764.47

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

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Rios unanimously adjourned in memory of Alexis Gonzalez, South Gate Police Detective at 9:16 p.m., and seconded by Council Member Davila.

**PASSED and APPROVED** this 28<sup>th</sup> day of 2022.

ATTEST:

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Al Rios, Mayor

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Yodit Glaze, City Clerk

**CITY OF SOUTH GATE  
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CONTINUED FROM  
MAY 9<sup>th</sup> & MAY 17<sup>th</sup> to MAY 25, 2022  
MINUTES  
TUESDAY, MAY 25, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER** Al Rios, Mayor called a Special Continued City Council Meeting at 5:32 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; City Treasurer Gregory Martinez, Interim City Manager Chris Jeffers, City Attorney Raul F. Salinas

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INTERVIEW OF CANDIDATES FOR  
APPOINTMENT TO FILL THE  
VACANCY OF SOUTH GATE**

**CITY CLERK POSITION** The City Council:

- a. Interviewed applicants for the vacant elected City Clerk position; and (COMPLETED).
- b. Appointed a qualified applicant.

City Attorney Salinas suggested that the top three candidates be considered for the City Clerk position.

Eight candidates were considered and received the following votes:

Ms. Yodit Glaze - Council Member Davila, Council Member Hurtado and Mayor Rios

Ms. Crystal Tapia - Council Member Davila, Vice Mayor Avalos and Mayor Rios

Ms. Jovanna Laborin - Council Member Davila and Council Member Hurtado

Ms. Maria Claudia Tinajero - Council Member Davila

Ms. Yesenia Martinez - Council Member Diaz

Ms. Stephani Galvez - Council Member Diaz and Mayor Rios

**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING CONTINUED FROM MAY 9<sup>th</sup> and MAY 17<sup>th</sup>  
MINUTES OF MAY 25, 2022**

Ms. Rubidia Lopez - Council Member Hurtado

Ms. Erika Nunez - Vice Mayor Avalos

Vice Mayor Avalos motioned to appoint Ms. Tapia and seconded by Council Member Diaz.

**ROLL CALL:** Council Member Davila, no; Council Member Diaz, yes; Council Member Hurtado, no; Vice Mayor Avalos, yes; Mayor Rios, no

Council Member Davila motioned to appoint Ms. Glaze and seconded by Council Member Diaz.

**ROLL CALL:** Council Member Davila, yes; Council Member Diaz, yes; Council Member Hurtado, yes; Vice Mayor Avalos, no; Mayor Rios, yes

**ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Mayor Avalos unanimously adjourned the meeting at 6:19 p.m. and seconded by Mayor Rios.

**PASSED** and **APPROVED** this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May 2022.

ATTEST:

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Al Rios, Mayor

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Yodit Glaze, City Clerk