

**CITY OF SOUTH GATE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Maria Davila called a Regular City Council meeting to order at 6:39 p.m.

INVOCATION Council Member Morales led the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Color Guard Troop 468 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL Carmen Avalos, City Clerk

PRESENT Mayor Maria Davila, Vice Mayor Maria Belen Bernal, Council Member Denise Dias, Council Member Jorge Morales and Council Member Al Rios; City Treasurer Gregory Martinez, City Manager Mike Flad, City Attorney Raul F. Salinas

**1
PROCLAMATION/
STREETS/SIDEWALKS/
LANDSCAPING**

The City Council unanimously issued a Proclamation declaring April 28, 2017, as the first National Arbor Day Celebration in the City; and

- a. Authorized staff to submit an application to the National Arbor Day Foundation for consideration of designating the City as a Tree City USA community.

**2
PROCLAMATION**

The City Council issued a Proclamation declaring the month of May as Older Americans Month and presents it to Pat Sarmiento, this year's honoree.

**3
CERTIFICATES OF
APPRECIATION**

The City Council presented Certificates of Appreciation to members of the South Gate High School Girls Varsity Soccer Team for winning the LA City Division III Championship title.

**4
CITY COUNCIL
APPOINTMENTS**

The City Council made the following appointments to City Commissions and Committees; the appointments were ratified by a majority vote of the City Council.

Council Member Morales reaffirmed his appointments to the various commissions and committees of the people who are currently serving.

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CITY COUNCIL

APPOINTMENTS CONT'D

Sylvia Masushige was unanimously appointed to the Planning Commission by motion of Council Member Diaz and seconded by Mayor Davila.

Tyler Morrison was unanimously appointed to the Parks and Commission by motion of Council Member Diaz and seconded by Mayor Davila.

Irene Jensen was unanimously appointed to the Civil Service Commission by motion of Council Member Diaz and seconded by Mayor Davila.

Miguel Morales was unanimously appointed to the Citizens' Advisory Committee by motion of Council Member Diaz and seconded by Mayor Davila.

Mayor Davila reaffirmed her appointments to the various commissions and committees of the people who are currently serving.

Gil Hurtado was unanimously appointed to the Planning Commission by motion of Council Member Rios and seconded by Council Member Morales.

Joshua Barron was unanimously appointed to the Parks and Commission by motion of Council Member Rios and seconded by Council Member Morales.

Juan Mendez was unanimously appointed to the Civil Service Commission by motion of Council Member Rios and seconded by Council Member Morales.

Angelica Martinez was unanimously appointed to the Citizens' Advisory Committee by motion of Council Member Rios and seconded by Council Member Morales.

Vice Mayor Bernal reaffirmed her appointments to the various commissions and committees of the people who are currently serving.

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CITY COUNCIL

APPOINTMENTS

The City Council made the following appointments to outside boards and agencies; the appointments were ratified by a majority vote of the City Council.

Vice Mayor Bernal was unanimously appointed as City Council Auditor by motion of Mayor Davila and seconded by Council Member Morales.

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CITY COUNCIL

APPOINTMENTS CONT'D

Mayor Davila was appointed as the representative to the Gateway Cities Council of Governments, by motion of Council Member Morales and seconded by Vice Mayor Bernal.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Davila, abstained; Vice Mayor Bernal, yes; Council Member Rios, yes; Council Member Morales, yes; Council Member Diaz, yes.

Council Member Rios was appointed as the alternate to the Gateway Cities Council of Governments, by motion of Mayor Davila and seconded by Council Member Morales.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Davila, yes; Vice Mayor Bernal, yes; Council Member Rios, abstained; Council Member Morales, yes; Council Member Diaz, yes.

Vice Mayor Bernal was appointed as the representative to the HUB Cities Consortium, by motion of by motion of Mayor Davila and seconded by Council Member Morales.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Davila, yes; Vice Mayor Bernal, abstained; Council Member Rios, yes; Council Member Morales, yes; Council Member Diaz, yes.

Council Member Diaz was appointed as the alternate to the HUB Cities Consortium, by motion of by motion of Mayor Davila and seconded by Council Member Morales.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Davila, yes; Vice Mayor Bernal, abstained; Council Member Rios, yes; Council Member Morales, yes; Council Member Diaz, abstained.

Council Member Morales was unanimously appointed as the representative to the Independent Cities Association (ICA), by motion of Mayor Davila and seconded by Vice Mayor Bernal.

Council Member Diaz was unanimously appointed as the alternate to the Independent Cities Association (ICA), by motion of Mayor Davila and seconded by Council Member Morales.

Council Member Morales was appointed as the representative to the Independent Cities Finance Authority, by motion of Mayor Davila and seconded by Council Member Rios.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Davila, yes; Vice Mayor Bernal, yes; Council Member Rios, yes; Council Member Morales, abstained; Council Member Diaz, yes.

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CITY COUNCIL

APPOINTMENTS CONT'D

Council Member Rios was appointed as the alternate to the Independent Cities Finance Authority, by motion of Mayor Davila and seconded by Council Member Morales.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Davila, yes; Vice Mayor Bernal, yes; Council Member Rios, abstained; Council Member Morales, yes; Council Member Diaz, yes.

Council Member Diaz was unanimously appointed as the representative to the Independent Cities Risk Management Authority (ICRMA), by motion of Mayor Davila and seconded by Vice Mayor Bernal.

Council Member Morales was unanimously appointed as the representative to the League of California Cities, by motion of Mayor Davila and seconded by Vice Mayor Bernal.

Vice Mayor Bernal was unanimously appointed as the alternate to the League of California Cities, by motion of Mayor Davila and seconded by Council Member Morales.

Mayor Davila was appointed as the representative to the Southeast Water Coalition Joint Powers Authority (SEWC), by motion of Council Member Morales and seconded by Council Member Rios.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Davila, abstained; Vice Mayor Bernal, yes; Council Member Rios, yes; Council Member Morales, yes; Council Member Diaz, yes.

Council Member Diaz was appointed as the alternate to the Southeast Water Coalition Joint Powers Authority (SEWC), by motion of Mayor Davila and seconded by Council Member Morales.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Davila, yes; Vice Mayor Bernal, yes; Council Member Rios, yes; Council Member Morales, yes; Council Member Diaz, abstained.

Mayor Davila was appointed as the representative to the Eco-Rapid Transit, by motion of Council Member Morales and seconded by Council Member Rios.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Davila, abstained; Vice Mayor Bernal, yes; Council Member Rios, yes; Council Member Morales, yes; Council Member Diaz, yes.

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APPOINTMENTS CONT'D

Council Member Morales was unanimously appointed as the alternate to the Los Angeles County City Selection Committee, by motion of Council Member Rios and seconded by Mayor Davila.

Council Member Morales was unanimously appointed as the representative to the California Contract Cities Association (CCCA), by motion of Mayor Davila and seconded by Vice Mayor Bernal.

Council Member Rios was unanimously appointed as the alternate to the California Contract Cities Association (CCCA), by motion of Mayor Davila and seconded by Council Member Morales.

Mayor Davila was unanimously appointed as the representative to the School Safety Collaborative, by motion of Council Member Morales and seconded by Vice Mayor Bernal.

Council Member Diaz was unanimously appointed as the alternate to the School Safety Collaborative, by motion of Vice Mayor Bernal and seconded by Mayor Davila.

Council Member Diaz was unanimously appointed as the representative to the Gateway Water Management Authority, by motion of Mayor Davila and seconded by Vice Mayor Bernal.

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PARKS

The City Council allowed the South Gate Junior Athletic Association to invite the community to baseball opening day on Saturday, May, 6, 2017, at 10:00 a.m., at South Gate Park.

7

MUNICIPAL CODE ADMIN

The City Council conducted a Public Hearing and unanimously determined that Interim Urgency Ordinance No. 2336 is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act because it has no likelihood of causing a significant effect on the environment; and, pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.17, it implements the provisions of Sections 65852.2 of the Government Code by motion of Vice Mayor Bernal and seconded by Council Member Morales; and

- a. Waived the reading in full and adopted Interim Urgency Ordinance No. 2336 entitled – An Interim Urgency Ordinance of the City Council of the City of South Gate amending Chapter 11.43 (Second Dwelling Units and Accessory Structures), of Title 11 (Zoning), of the South Gate Municipal Code revising the City's second dwelling unit regulations in its entirety.

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MUNICIPAL CODE
ADMIN CONT'D

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

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LICENSES & PERMITS

The City Council conducted a Public Hearing and unanimously waived the reading in full and introduced Ordinance No. 2337 entitled – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of South Gate granting a ten-year franchise to Pacific Pipeline System, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, to lay and use pipes, ditches, flumes, conduits and appurtenances for transmitting and distributing oil or oil 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, by motion of Mayor Davila and seconded by Council Member Morales.

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COMMUNITY DEV/
HOUSING

The City Council conducted a Public Hearing, and unanimously adopted Resolution No. 7759 entitled – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate, California, receiving and approving the program year 2017-2018 Action Plan and authorizing the execution of all necessary documents for the submittal of said plan to the Department of Housing and Urban Development, by motion of Council Member Morales and seconded by Mayor Davila.

COMMENTS FROM
THE AUDIENCE

Fabian Valencia, 9508 Madison Avenue congratulated the newly elected and re-elected City officials. Mr. Valencia stated attending yesterday's City of South Gate's branding meeting and only three citizens were present. Mr. Valencia is suggesting South Gate residents be the ones to select and provide input on branding instead of hiring professionals for branding ideas.

Richard Rangel, 5142 Wood Avenue requested status on a survey done by the traffic division engineer and mentioned calling the City regarding potholes on Wood Avenue.

Luz Cueva, 9549 State Street, Apt. A is concerned about old school buildings that are known to have termites. The school district is considering a charter school to occupy those buildings. Ms. Cueva asked if the City has any authority on the old buildings and their use. Ms. Cueva is concerned about the increase of homeless hanging around schools.

Dr. Esther Perez, Executive Director and Principal of Valiente College Prep shared some information regarding UCSB fieldtrip for the students of the school and shared the students' experience. She also provided a report by the California Charter School Association in regard to the most recent

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COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE CONT'D

academic outcomes highlighting the successes of charter schools on students of minority backgrounds in the state.

Virginia Johnson, 5751 McKinley Avenue is concerned about bike lanes and gas tax. Ms. Johnson stated that informational videos on South Gate Informed should continue. Ms. Johnson also attended the branding meeting last night.

Nick Godoy, 8611 San Gabriel Avenue is concerned that the veteran resources/ materials are not available at city hall.

REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

Randy Davis, Chief of Police had nothing to report.

Mike Flad, City Manager reminded everyone of Friday's Strategic Planning meeting at the South Gate Park banquet room.

Raul F. Salinas, City Attorney had nothing to report.

Arturo Cervantes, Director of Public Works gave an update on the Firestone Bridge.

Paul Adams, Director of Parks & Recreation apologized to everyone that received the incorrect Memorial Day invitations.

Joe Perez, Director of Community Development mentioned PATH Ventures is hosting an open house on Wednesday, April 26th at 5:00 p.m. at the American Legion on Garfield Avenue. He also mentioned that the Tweedy Boulevard Specific Plan is being considered by the Planning Commission on May 2nd at 7:00 p.m.

Gregory Martinez, City Treasurer mentioned that he worked with a group of people in Area 1 during the Earth Day clean-up event. He thanked the Department of Public Works for assisting.

Mr. Martinez will be attending a three day City Treasurer conference starting tomorrow in Newport Beach. He also, will be attending Friday's Strategic Planning meeting.

Mr. Martinez brought up an issue regarding notifications and stated that this would be an excellent topic to discuss on Friday.

EXCUSED FROM MEETING

At this time, Gregory Martinez, City Treasurer was excused from the meeting and departed from the Council Chambers.

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REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

CONT'D

Carmen Avalos, City Clerk attended the City Clerk's conference that was held in Cathedral City and a Public Records Act training in the City of San Gabriel.

Ms. Avalos stated that the Cerritos College Board has a current vacancy in Area 3 due to Mr. John Paul Drayer resigning. Area 3 covers a small portion of South Gate, large portion of south Downey and Bellflower.

Council Member Diaz is excited to work with her colleagues and for the community.

Council Member Rios had nothing to report at this time.

Council Member Morales attended the League of California Cities Legislation Action Day last week in Sacramento. The league had an opportunity to meet with the governor and talk about SB 1 (Fix Our Roads Bill that raised a lot of fees and taxes on gas and registration). The league testified on a bill (AB 1250) which is an attack on local control. It deals with cities and their ability to be able to contract out any service. This bill would require cities to do a 10-year study on the impacts that it would have in the community from cost to the employees.

Council Member Morales congratulated the newly elected and re-elected City officials. He hopes everyone can work together, leave the politicking to the campaigns and for the next two or four years have the interest of the city first and leave any personal or politics behind.

Vice Mayor Bernal attended a HUB Cities meeting last Thursday and is happy to report that HUB Cities was awarded a two-year contract with the opportunity to extend for three additional two-year terms to work with the County. Vice Mayor Bernal acknowledges that Mr. Joe Martinez the Executive Director for HUB Cities had a great deal to do with the application process.

Council Member Morales congratulated Vice Mayor Bernal because if HUB Cities would have lost the contract that organization would have been decimated.

Vice Mayor Bernal thanked Dr. Perez for sending a photo of her trip with students to Santa Barbara. Vice Mayor Bernal stated that in her current capacity they are organizing a trip for high school students over in the San Pedro/Wilmington area to visit Cal Maritime in Viejo.

Mayor Davila traveled to China last week to review and observe their transportation system.

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RECESS The City Council recessed at 9:12 p.m., and reconvened at 9:19 p.m., with all Members of Council present.

CONSENT CALENDAR Agenda Items 10, 11, 12, 14, and 16 were unanimously approved by motion of Council Member Morales and seconded by Mayor Davila. Items 13 and 15 were pulled for separate discussion.

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SUBDIVISIONS The City Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 7760 entitled – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate approving Final Parcel Map No. 74356 at 10633 Ruchti Road, during consideration of the Consent Calendar.

11
**COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA/
SYSTEMS/UNCLASSIFIED**
USE PERMITS The City Council unanimously approved a License Agreement (Contract No. 3317) with Skyriver Communications, Inc., to install, maintain and operate wireless internet communications facilities on the Salt Lake Water Tower located on real property at 9595 Salt Lake Avenue, South Gate, which will generate revenue for the City in the amount of \$42,000 annually during consideration of the Consent Calendar; and

- a. Directed the Director of Administrative Services to deposit the revenue from the License Agreement into the General Fund; and
- b. Authorized the Mayor to execute the License Agreement in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

12
CITY FACILITIES MGMT The City Council unanimously amended the Capital Improvement Program to add the City Hall Interior Remodel, City Project No. 567-ARC (Project) during consideration of the Consent Calendar; and

- a. Authorized the Director of Administrative Services to transfer \$600,000 in General Funds, budgeted in Account No. 100-701-31-9100 to a new Capital Improvement Program account; and
- b. Approved the Agreement (Contract No. 3319) with FMI Office Space Development, LLC to design, furnish and install office work spaces within the City Hall Interior Remodel, City Project No. 567-ARC, in the amount of \$472,000; and
- c. Authorized the Mayor to execute the Agreement in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

**EXCUSED FROM
ITEM 13**

At this time, Mayor Davila and Vice Mayor Bernal were excused from participating on item 13 and departed from the Council Chambers.

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13 STREETS/SIDEWALKS/ LANDSCAPING

The City Council approved an Agreement (Contract No. 3320) with CJ Concrete Construction, Inc., to construct the Citywide Sidewalk Improvements, Phase IV, City Project No. 542-ST, in an amount not-to-exceed \$310,600 by motion of Council Member Morales and seconded by Council Member Diaz; and

- a. Authorized the Mayor to execute the Agreement in a form acceptable to the City Attorney; and
- b. Approved Change Order No. 1 to reduce the contract amount and scope of work by \$68,240, as necessary to meet budgetary constraints; and
- c. Appropriated \$40,000 in Gas Tax Funds to Account No. 311-790-39-9404; and
- d. Approved the Notice of Exemption for the construction of the Citywide Sidewalk Improvements Phase IV and direct the City Clerk to file it with the Los Angeles County Recorder's Office.

ROLL CALL: Council Member Rios, yes; Council Member Morales, yes; Council Member Diaz, yes; Mayor Davila and Vice Mayor Bernal, were not present for discussion or vote on the matter.

REJOINED MEETING

Mayor Davila and Vice Mayor Bernal rejoined the Council prior to the discussion on this matter.

14 CITY FACILITIES MGMT

The City Council unanimously approved Change Order No. 3 to Contract No. 3226 with A.J. Fistes Corporation as necessary to construct additional improvements under the City Hall Complex and Facilities Improvements, City Project No. 502-ARC, in the amount of \$59,363 during consideration of the Consent Calendar; and

- a. Authorized the Director of Public Works/City Engineer to approve Change Order No. 3.

15 SCHOOLS/EDUCATION

The City Council unanimously received and filed a proposal from LAUSD to install 24 banners; of which, 12 banners are proposed to be installed on Tweedy Boulevard between Atlantic Avenue and Orange Avenue and 12 banners on Atlantic Avenue between Tweedy Boulevard and Wood Avenue, for the purposes of promoting student achievements at Legacy High School and Tweedy Elementary School by motion of Council Member Morales and seconded by Mayor Davila; and

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SCHOOLS/EDUCATION
CONT'D

- a. Approved LAUSD's request to waive Public Works Encroachment Permit Fees for the installation of 24 banners, in the amount of \$3,672; and
- b. Approved LAUSD's request to waive Banner Permit Fees for the installation of 24 banners, in the amount of \$4,200.

16
POLITICAL SUPPORT

The City Council unanimously authorized the Mayor to execute a letter in support of AB 1558 (C. Garcia) to establish a Los Angeles River Ranger program, during consideration of the Consent Calendar.

17
PARKING & TRAFFIC

The City Council unanimously:

- a. Appropriated \$22,855 of unassigned Measure R funds to Account No. 224-780-31-6101 to fund the Atlantic Avenue/Boulevard Corridor Study; and

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

- b. Appointed Mayor Davila to serve as the representative and Council Member Rios as the alternate representative to the Atlantic Avenue/Boulevard Corridor Cities Committee; and

ROLL CALL: Mayor Davila, abstained; Vice Mayor Bernal, yes; Council Member Rios, abstained; Council Member Morales, yes; Council Member Diaz, yes.

- c. Appointed the Director of Public Works/City Engineer as the primary representative and the Assistant City Engineer as the alternate representative to the Atlantic Avenue/Boulevard Corridor Technical Advisory Committee.

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

18
WASTEWATER MGMT

The City Council unanimously considered receiving and filing a presentation by the River and Mountains Conservancy on the progress of the development of the Lower Los Angeles River Revitalization Plan development was continued to the City Council meeting of May 9, 2017.

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WARRANTS AND
CANCELLATIONS**

The City Council unanimously approved the Warrants and Cancellations for April 25, 2017, by motion of Council Member Auditor Bernal and seconded by Mayor Davila.

Total of Checks:	\$2,404,046.47
Voids	\$ (2,401.00)
Total of Payroll Deductions:	<u>\$ (334,653.00)</u>
Grand Total:	\$2,066,992.47


Cancellations: 68008, 69312, 69420

ADJOURNMENT

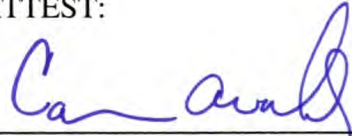
Council Member Morales unanimously adjourned the meeting at 9:45 p.m. and seconded by Vice Mayor Bernal.

PASSED and **APPROVED** this 23rd day of May, 2017.

ATTEST:



Maria Davila, Mayor



Carmen Avalos, City Clerk