

**CITY OF SOUTH GATE
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Maria Davila called a Special City Council meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL Carmen Avalos, City Clerk

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

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The City Council discussed and provided input on the following strategic planning topics:

- a. City Council Expectations of Staff;
- b. How the City Council Works Together;
- c. City Council Goals for Fiscal Year 2017/18;
- d. Legislative Platform for Fiscal Year 201/18; and
- e. Goal Setting for the Public Access Corporations.

Michael Flad, City Manager began the meeting by explaining the expectations for the City Council.

1. Effective Communication - Best practices are utilized when we include communication.
2. Voice - Council needs to take their role as the public's voice.
3. Reports - Council will be provided with objective analysis in order to provide the best information and various options.
4. Collegiality - Council needs to stick together and speak as one. Do not allow folks to put each other against one another.
5. Respect - Council should expect that staff will play no favorites.

City Manager Flad elaborated on the qualities that make a team work together. He identified common causes, communication and genuine respect. He noted that agreeing to disagree is a good motto to exhibit.

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1. Improve Communication & Civic Engagement
2. Continue Refining the 5 year budget forecast
3. Encourage economic development & workforce development
4. Continue creating and protecting strong and Sustainable neighborhood
5. Continue infrastructure improvements
6. Maintain community based police services

Vice Mayor Bernal requested that we keep focused on accomplishing current goals and then create new ones.

Mayor Davila inquired about the officers on bikes and noted the crimes on Tweedy Blvd.

Council Member Rios inquired about youth employment.

Randy Davis, Chief of Police explained the program and the implementation of it in the next fiscal year.

Paul Adams, Director of Parks and Recreation spoke briefly about youth employment.

Jackie Acosta, Director of Administrative Services apprised the Council about City Council Budget Requests.

City Manager Flad noted they included Youth Employment Program, Tweedy Mile Events, and Boy Scout facility in the 2017-18 goals.

Vice Mayor Bernal requested that moving forward for non-profit support to build capacity and have the City become lead to assist outside entities support non-profits so that the City does not.

Mayor Davila made a suggestion to possibly have the City run it versus Chamber. Vice Mayor Bernal and Council Member Rios made a suggestion on how funding should be presented to City Council from Chamber of Commerce and how the Chamber does its fundraising.

Richard Luna, Assistant to the City Manager provided an overview of the Public Access Corporation (PAC) and what services they offer. The next PAC meeting is scheduled for July.

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The City Council discussed Chapter 1.04 (City Council), of Title 1 (Administration and Personnel), of the South Gate Municipal Code, and, if applicable, provided direction to staff on amending certain sections of the code.

The City Council was given a summary of the issues impacting surrounding cities as it pertains to rules of decorum during scheduled meetings. The result of the on-going disruptions at the surrounding cities meetings prompted the agenda item. Upon a brief explanation from the City Manager, it was determined that the code would remain the same until a need arises to change or amend it, as South Gate does not have the issue at the time.

3 CITY COUNCIL ETHICS POLICY

The City Council unanimously received and filed a presentation by City Attorney Raul F. Salinas on the Ralph M. Brown Act and general ethics guidelines.

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The City Council discussed and, when applicable provided input on the following topics:

- a. Increasing digital communication and outreach
- b. City Council request and staff workflow
- c. Outside boards or commission; and
- d. Training, travel and reimbursable expenditure for City Council Members.

On item 4a, the City Council discussed the need to increase communication outreach to its residents via Facebook, Instagram, and other social media outlets as well as making itself more visible on various platforms.

On item 4b, the City Council requested staff to explore the implementation of youth employment opportunities via several non-profit agencies and organization. Vice Mayor Bernal led the discussion and requested that Paul Adams, Director of Parks and Recreation bring back to Council viable options for youth employment in the City of South Gate. Input was provided by Council Member Rios and Council Member Diaz.

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On item 4c, the City Council appointed Mayor Davila to the I-710 Project with motion made by Council Member Morales, with a second by Vice Mayor Bernal and on a vote of 4 yeases to 1 abstention by Mayor Davila the City Council approved the appointment. The City Council authorized the removal of Council Member Diaz from the Gateway Management Authority by motion of Council Member Morales with a second by Mayor Davila, motion passed unanimously.


On item 4d, the City Council was provided with an overview presentation of the City Council budget. Vice Mayor Bernal recommended that more funding be allocated to training and conference portion of the budget in order to provide growth/educational opportunities to the City Council members.

ADJOURNMENT

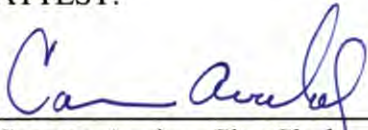
Mayor Davila unanimously adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m. and seconded by Council Member Rios.

PASSED and **APPROVED** this 27th day of February, 2018.

ATTEST:



Maria Davila, Mayor



Carmen Avalos, City Clerk