

**CITY OF SOUTH GATE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Maria Davila called a Regular City Council Meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

INVOCATION: Reverend Sean Pica. Redeemer Lutheran Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Girl Scouts Troop 16325

ROLL CALL: Greg Martinez, City Treasurer

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

LATE: Carmen Avalos, City Clerk

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LICENSES & PERMITS**

The City Council conducted a Public Hearing to waive the reading in full and introducing Ordinance No. 2340 entitled – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of South Gate, California granting a ten (10) year franchise to LT Pipeline, Inc., a California Corporation, to lay and use pipelines and appurtenances in, on, along, across, upon and under the public streets, as the same now or may hereafter exist, within the City for the purpose of transmitting and distributing oil or products thereof, for any lawful purpose by motion of Mayor Davila and seconded by Council Member Diaz. Council Member Morales abstained from voting on this item.

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

Mayor Davila opened the Public Hearing and asked if anyone in the audience wishes to speak on this item.

Nick Godoy, 8611 San Gabriel Avenue stated that he didn't have an issue with the 10-year franchise agreement.

Bibi Verducco, 9621 Alexander Avenue inquired about obtaining an updated Environmental Impact Report and the impact on the community.

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1 LICENSES & PERMITS CONT'D

Mayor Davila closed the Public Hearing. City Manager Flad stated this is an underground pipeline that has been there for decades and is empty. There is no need for any additional environmental reporting.

Council Member Rios asked if there were any plans to use this line.

Art Cervantes, Public Works Director stated that this pipeline is one of the backup lines to their facility. While it is not in use at the moment, it is located in a place that would allow the opportunity for future use.

Vice Mayor Bernal asked if this pipeline was used during the last leasing period and if a 10-year period standard.

Art Cervantes, Director of Public Works responded that the line has not been used for 30-years and there is no plan as of now to use this line. The municipal code allows us to award for up to 25 years. In the past we have been following either 5 or 10 years depending on our prior franchise agreements that have been set up. In this particular case we are recommending a 10 year agreement, which is considered standard for its purpose.

Vice Mayor Bernal asked if the last agreement was for a 10-year agreement as well.

Mr. Cervantes answered that the last agreement was for 5-year but a request was made that we extend it to a 10-year. There were some discussions on the City's ability to fund our oversight and management expenses and they agreed to pay the additional fees, so it is cost neutral and we were able to extend the extra 5 years.

DEVIATE FROM THE AGENDA

At this time, there being no objections, Mayor Davila stated that item 2 would be considered out of its regular agenda order.

2 AZALEA SHOPPING

The City Council unanimously ratified the actions taken by City staff in tendering a letter dated on or about May 31, 2017, accepting Primestor Development's, Inc., offer as stated in its letter dated April 5, 2017 by motion of Mayor Davila and seconded by Council Member Morales; and

- a. Adopted Resolution No. 7775 entitled - A Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate accepting receipt of payment from a recapitalization of the azalea Regional Shopping Center; and

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AZALEA SHOPPING
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- b. Authorized the City Manager to accept and deposit the approximate sum of \$5,046,948 into the City's General Fund, subject to certain closing adjustments with the understanding that said funds are and will remain unappropriated pending further action by the City Council; and
- c. Authorized the City Manager, or his designee, to execute all related documentation, in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Bishop Juan Carlos Mendez, 9641 Virginia Avenue expressed his disappointment in Council Member Diaz and her lack of participation in the Churches in Action meetings and also her choice in Parks and Recreation Commissioner.

Eva Ledezma, 9312 Victoria Avenue expressed her concern with Council Member Diaz and her choice for Parks and Recreation Commissioner and his lack of respect for others.

Yvonne Lonze, 9410 State Street, Apt. C is concerned about Council Member Diaz and feels that she needs to have guidance from her fellow Council Members so she can try to improve the City. She also is concerned with her choice for the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Tracy Brolin, 9929 Pinehurst Avenue read a letter on behalf of Pater Don Bruszer regarding his concerns with Mr. Morrison of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Bibi Verduco, 9621 Alexander Avenue spoke on the Caltrans Environmental Impact Report for Firestone Boulevard. She would like the City Council to support her request to Caltrans to extend the public review time for this document.

Virginia Johnson, 5751 McKinley Avenue is concerned with Mr. Morrison being appointed as a Parks and Recreation Commissioner and feels the City should be putting more effort into getting the audio files on the website for both the Planning and Parks Commissions.

Nick Godoy, 8611 San Gabriel Avenue spoke on the people electing Council Member Diaz and her right to appoint Mr. Morrison to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Henry C. Gonzalez, 10210 Alexander Avenue stated that all Council Members have the right to choose their Commissioners. They should have open communication when between everyone but Commissioners need to remember they represent both the Council Member and the City.

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COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE CONT'D

John Preill, 9305 Victoria Avenue spoke on the appointment of Mr. Morrison.

REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

Greg Martinez, City Treasurer stated that the numbers have been released for South Gate's homeless population. South Gate has a current homeless count of 158 for 2017.

Council Member Diaz thanked Paul Adams and the Parks Department for the Movies at the Park. She also announced that the golf course has extended hours and would love to see more people out there using the golf course.

Council Member Morales attended the League of California Cities meeting where he was sworn in again as State Director.

Vice Mayor Bernal attended various National Night Out events and she thanked the residents and the Police Departments for the hard work that goes into hosting these events. She also spoke on the Parks and Planning Commissions having the audio of their minutes online, keeping the community clean and the reports regarding the parking lot for DD's Fashion.

Vice Mayor Bernal stated that as Council Members we read reports from the different commission meetings and I noticed that the Parks Commission accepts reports from various non-profits and other groups that we work with and I wanted to see if this statement is something that should be taken out of the reports because staff can neither audit or confirm the accuracy of the report however with some agencies I do believe we have right to audit their records.

Mayor Davila also attended various National Night Out events and would like to recognize the captains that hosted the event at a future City Council Meeting.

The Mayor attended the unveiling of a General Motors plaque at South East High School and attended the Director's boat tour with the Sanitation District that show how the recycled water goes back to the ocean and she took seven residents with her. She had a meeting with the Los Angeles Unified School District Local Superintendent Mr. Jose Huerta and was informed that South Gate has five new principals. Primestor will host their back pack giveaway on August 13th. The mayor invited residents to attend the Tweedy Boulevard specific plan meeting on August 17th at South Gate Park.

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CONSENT CALENDAR Agenda Items 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, and 11 were unanimously approved by motion of Mayor Davila and seconded by Council Member Morales. Items 2, 6 and 12 were removed for separate discussion.

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CITY MEMBERSHIPS The City Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 7776 entitled - A Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate, California, designating City Council Member Jorge Morales to serve as the City's voting delegate and Mayor Maria Davila as the City's alternate voting delegate at the 2017 League of California Cities Annual Conference September 13 through 15, 2017 during consideration of the consent calendar.

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WATER The City Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 7777 – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate, California, appointing the Director of Public Works/City Engineer Arturo Cervantes as the Primary Board Member, and Water Division Manager Christopher Castillo, Senior Engineer Gladis Deras and Assistant Engineer Guillermo Petra as the Alternate Board Members to serve on the Los Angeles Gateway Region Integrated Regional Water Management Joint Powers Authority (GWMA) Governing Board for a two-year term beginning October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2019 during consideration of the consent calendar.

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STREETS/SIDEWALKS/
LANDSCAPING The City Council unanimously approved a Professional Services Agreement (Contract No. 3352) with The Trust for Public Land to provide project management, design and construction support services for the Urban Orchard Project, City Project No. 539-PRK, in an amount not-to-exceed \$381,350 during consideration of the consent calendar; and

a. Authorized the Mayor to execute the Agreement in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

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STREETS/SIDEWALKS/
LANDSCAPING The City Council unanimously approved an Agreement (Contract No. 3353) with M.C. Alyea Construction necessary for the construction of the parking lot improvements at the southeast corner of Imperial Highway and Garfield Place, City Project No. 565-GEN, in an amount not-to-exceed \$75,648 by motion of Council Member Morales and seconded by Mayor Davila; and

a. Approved the Notice of Exemption for the parking lot improvements at the southeast corner of Imperial Highway and Garfield Place, City Project No. 565-GEN, and directing the City Clerk to file it with the Los Angeles County Recorder's Office; and

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STREETS/SIDEWALKS/
LANDSCAPING
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b. Authorized the Mayor to execute the Agreement in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

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Item #7 was removed from the agenda.

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MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM
ADMIN/STREETS/SIDEWALKS/
LANDSCAPING

The City Council unanimously authorized the Director of Public Works/City Engineer to approve Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 3320 with CJ Concrete Construction, Inc., to construct the Auditorium Entrance Project, City Project No. 581-PRK, and concrete improvements at various locations, including Dr. Glenn T. Seaborg Way, in an amount not-to exceed \$199,875 during consideration of the consent calendar.

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INVESTMENTS

The City Council unanimously received and filed the Quarterly Investment Report for the quarter ended September 30, 2016 during consideration of the Consent Calendar.

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The City Council unanimously received and filed the Quarterly Investment Report for the quarter ended December 31, 2016 during consideration of the Consent Calendar.

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INVESTMENTS

The City Council unanimously received and filed the Quarterly Investment Report for the quarter ended March 31, 2017 during consideration of the Consent Calendar.

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FINANCIAL MGMT

The City Council unanimously adopted the City's Annual Statement of Investment Policy by motion of Mayor Davila and seconded by Council Member Morales.

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CITY COUNCIL

The City Council unanimously adopted the following documents by motion of Council Member Morales and seconded by Mayor Davila:

- a. City Council Expectations of Staff;
- b. How the City Council Works Together;

The City Council unanimously voted to continue the discussion of the following documents to the next regular City Council Meeting of August 22, 2017:

- c. City Council Goals for Fiscal Year 20 17/18; and
- d. Legislative Platform for Fiscal Year 2017/18.

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CITY MEMBERSHIPS

The City Council unanimously received and filed the final report from the joint service delivery and benchmarking project with cities in the Gateway Cities Council of Governments by motion of Mayor Davila and seconded by Council Member Morales.

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COMMUNITY PROMOTION

The City Council considered unanimously approved Parks & Recreation Staff's recommendations on revitalizing future Azalea Festivals as listed below by motion of Council Member Morales and seconded by Council Member Rios:

- a. The 2018 Azalea Festival needs an "anchor" weekend that consists of the following:
 1. Carnival
 2. Music Festival with possible beer & wine garden (outside contractor)
 3. Food Event
 4. Fireworks Show;
- b. Multiple Sports Tournaments on the three preceding weekends organized by local youth sports organizations;
- c. Inclusion of specialty events such as:
 1. Miss South Gate
 2. Miss Azaleita
 3. Fashion Show; and
- d. The Azalea Festival needs to be organized and managed by Parks & Recreation Staff with volunteer assistance from outside organizations to help with events rather than community members organizing and managing the Azalea Festival.

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WARRANTS AND CANCELLATIONS

The City Council unanimously approved the Warrants and Cancellations for August 8, 2017 by motion of Vice Mayor Bernal and seconded by Mayor Davila.

Total of Checks:	\$ 6,680,894.89
Voids	\$ (343.44)
Total of Payroll Deductions:	<u>\$ (303,281.62)</u>
Grand Total:	\$ 6,377,269.83

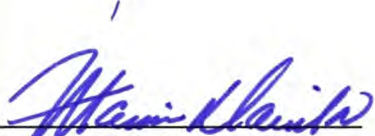
Cancellations: 72458, 72575

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ADJOURNMENT

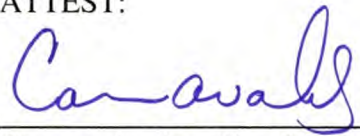
Mayor Davila adjourned the meeting in memory of Safar Ali Nasrollahi at 8:55 p.m. and seconded by Vice Mayor Bernal.

PASSED and **APPROVED** this 14th day of November, 2017.



Maria Davila, Mayor

ATTEST:



Carmen Avalos, City Clerk