

**CITY OF SOUTH GATE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Maria Davila called a Regular City Council meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

INVOCATION Pastor Nick Garife, Gateway Assembly Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Virginia Johnson, Longtime Resident

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; Art Cervantes, Director of Public Works, City Attorney Raul Salinas

LATE Gregory Martinez, City Treasurer

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FEES

The City Council conducted a Public Hearing and unanimously adopted Resolution No. 7778 entitled – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate amending Resolution No. 7717 (Schedule of Fees) to apply a 2.71% increase to the residential refuse collection rates for Fiscal Year 2017/18 by motion of Mayor Davila and seconded by Council Member Morales.

Art Cervantes, Director of Public Works stated that the City has a contract with Waste Management for solid waste collection. Waste Management provides a number of services including those for residential and commercial customers. As part of their contract they are entitled for an annual increase. This Resolution covers the increase to the residential collection rate as this is billed by the City.

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

Virginia Johnson, 5751 McKinley Avenue asked if residents will be receiving a third trash bin for organic material and if e-waste is included.

Mayor Davila closed the Public Hearing and Mr. Cervantes responded that organic service is a separate service that applies to businesses and in terms of residential it applies to properties with five units or more. It is not applying to the schedule of fees tonight. With regards to e-waste it is part of the services Waste Management continues to provide and the increase to the fee is the 2.71% which is all inclusive for all these services that the residents receive.

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FEES CONTINUED

Council Member Rios asked about a pilot program for green waste.

Mr. Cervantes stated that as part of Waste Management's services currently we are not providing green waste to our residents. Cal Recycle has a bill that passed some time ago that requires green waste to be diverted from landfills. Right now the City is complying with the program through LARA which is a regional organization. We do have a pilot program because Cal Recycle has requested that the City consider it as a possibility and as part of our recycling services. The pilot program is impacting two residential areas wherein we are providing a free service to about 400 homes for collecting green waste. Once the pilot program is completed we will analyze the collected data and then make a recommendation to the Council as to the feasibility of the program implementation.

Council Member Morales asked the City Manager if there are other contracts that require the City to have an automatic CPI increase and there reason for such contracts.

Michael Flad, City Manager responded that part of the reason for including a CPI is for long term contracts. This initial contract was for about twenty years and typically for most long term contracts the vendor request to add in some guarantees to cover increases in fuel and labor costs.

Raul Salinas, City Attorney, stated that one of the reasons for the CPI is that it allows the residents the benefits of lower service costs. What we have done in the past is that we have negotiated for requesting in lieu of Waste Management raising their prices we have allowed Waste Management to extend their contract. This contract is coming up in a couple years and Council can give direction to the City Manager on how to handle upcoming negotiations.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Virginia Johnson, 5751 McKinley Avenue said that a few residents of South Gate attended the Eco-Rapid Transit meeting to learn more about the train station in South Gate. The presentation was more for the City of Paramount except for one station on Century in Hollydale. There will be an EIR report on Rancho Los Amigos in the City of Downey in August.

She is hoping to find out more about the police chase on Gardendale Street and Industrial Avenue. She called the City on another matter and found out that the City is down to 3 code enforcement officers.

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COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE CONTINUED

Nick Godoy, 8611 San Miguel Avenue he stated that Public Works did a good job with the new street markings and also mentioned that there is a problem at City Hall with people not being able to see other people coming down the hallway. Mr. Godoy almost had a collision with a motorcycle officer because of poor visibility for the vehicles leaving the Police Station driveway. Going to the park and also stated that the bus stop blocks the visibility of oncoming traffic.

Bash, 3433 Tweedy Boulevard wanted to thank Council and Staff for the programs that have helped the businesses on Tweedy Boulevard.

REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

Randy Davis, Chief of Police stated that the incident that happened over on the east side of town was a robbery that occurred in the City of Whittier. The four suspects involved and the chase pursuit took place through the City of Whittier and ended up in South Gate. South Gate along with Downey police officers assisted the City of Whittier in taking three of four suspects into custody. There was no significant use of force or incident in the City of South Gate.

Council Member Diaz reported that she attended the ICRMA and also attended the ICA meeting. Along with Mayor Davila, we attended the southeast fellow's graduation. We also attended the roundtable meeting with Hilda Solis and the grand opening of the Alta Med facility. She thanked the Public Works Department for giving her a tour of the Corporate Yard and the well facilities.

Council Member Morales attended the California Contract Cities Board of Directors meeting and are working with the League of California Cities to make sure that the county created this new commission to address public safety issues.

Council Member Rios attended a job fair hosted by the Chamber of Commerce and the Tweedy Mile Specific Plan meeting. Council Member Rios had the opportunity to attend a meeting hosted by Speaker of the Assembly Anthony Rendon and another meeting with Hilda Solis.

Vice Mayor Belen commended the Chamber of Commerce for hosting the job fair. She also attended the HUB Cities meeting which listened to what they did for the internship program specifically for Huntington Park and they are going to present what they did for South Gate at their next meeting. She was happy to learn that they are doing a direct partnership with HUB Cities the foundation which is the non-profit organization. The City contributed \$100,000.00 for the youth programming this summer but

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**REPORTS AND
COMMENTS FROM
CITY OFFICIALS
CONTINUED**

we know that it is not sustainable and we need to find a way to see what is sustainable.

Mayor Davila reported that she attended the Vector Control Meeting. They discussed the danger of mosquitos and asked public to be sure their your home had no standing water. She also attended the opening of Altamed and the health fair that they also hosted. They gave away over 200 backpacks for the children. The Career Expo was a very well attended event and shows how many people are still looking for work. She attended the L.A. Cities roundtable it was well attended by South Gate.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Agenda Items 3, 8, and 9 were unanimously approved by motion of Mayor Davila and seconded by Council Member Morales. Items 2, 4, 5, 6, and 7 were removed for separate discussion.

**EXCUSED FROM
ITEM 2**

At this time, Council Member Morales was excused from participating on item 2 and departed from the Council Chambers.

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PIPELINE**

The City Council waived the reading in full and unanimously adopted Ordinance No. 2340 entitled – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of South Gate 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 Rios.

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

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POLICE DEPT.**

The City Council unanimously approved Addendum No. 2 to Contract No. 3130 a Master Equity Lease Agreement with Enterprise FM Trust to include the lease of two additional 2017 Ford Explorers for the Police Department for a term of 60 months in the total amount of \$88,925, (\$17,785 per year) during consideration of the consent calendar; and

- a. Approved the purchase of the emergency safety equipment for these two vehicles, in the amount of \$8,445, from Black & White Emergency Vehicles for these unmarked emergency vehicles; and
- b. Authorizing the Mayor to execute Addendum No. 2 in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

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ROOF REPLACEMENT

The City Council unanimously approved an Agreement (Contract 3359) with Best Contracting Services, Inc., for the construction of the South Gate Sports Center Roof Metal Deck Repair and Replacement Project, City Project No. 498-ARC, which is necessary to expand the scope of work of the Sports Center Roof Replacement Project, in an amount not-to-exceed \$1,285,695 by motion of Mayor Davila and seconded by Vice Mayor Bernal; and

- a. Approved Change Order No. 1 to the Agreement to reduce the cost of the project by \$170,015 to complete the project within budget; and
- b. Reimbursed \$13,000 in CDBG funds with unassigned Park Enhancement Funds to the South Gate Park Fence Replacement Project, Account No. 311-790-61-9211, for design work already completed; and
- c. Transferred \$400,000 in CDBG funds from South Gate Park Fence Replacement Project, Account No. 311-790-61-9211 to Account No. 311-790-61-9459 to fund construction; and
- d. Transferred \$169,803 in CDBG Funds from the Citywide Sidewalk Improvement Project Phase V, Account No. 311-790-39-9404 to Account No. 311-790-61-9459 to fund construction; and
- e. Appropriated \$120,000 in undesignated General Funds to Account No. 311-790-61-9459 to fund construction; and
- f. Authorized the Mayor to execute the Agreement in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

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

REJOINED MEETING

City Council Member Morales rejoined the Council Meeting.

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BUILDING PLAN CHECK

The City Council unanimously approved an Agreement (Contract 3360) with Interwest Consulting Group to provide plan check and building inspection services in the amount not to exceed \$1,000,000, for a three-year term by motion of Vice Mayor Bernal and seconded by Mayor Davila; and

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BUILDING PLAN
CHECK CONT'D

- a. Authorized the Mayor to execute the Agreement in a form acceptable to the City Attorney; and
- b. Directed the City Manager or his designee to provide Melad and Associates with written notification of the City's intention to terminate their Agreement on September 30, 2017.

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HOLLYDALE PARK

The City Council **unanimously** approved an Agreement, Contract 3361 with David Volz Design Landscape Architects, Inc., for design and construction documents for the Hollydale Community Park Renovation Project in the amount of \$226,000 by motion of Council Member Morales and seconded by Vice Mayor Bernal; and

- a. Authorized the Mayor to execute the Agreement in a form acceptable to the City Attorney; and
- b. Authorized the Director of Parks & Recreation to approve related services, change orders, required surveys and studies, contingency and reproduction expenses with the remainder of the budgeted amount of \$24,000 for this Project; and
- c. Authorized the Director of Parks and Recreation to execute any additional documents as may be required to properly implement and manage this Project.

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WATER WELLS

The City Council **unanimously** accepted the completion, effective August 21, 2017, of construction of the Elizabeth Reservoir and Booster Pump Station at the Well No. 28 Site and New Well No. 29 at the Santa Fe Tank Site, City Project No. 494-WTR, performed by Canyon Springs Enterprises doing business as RSH Construction Service by motion of Council Member Morales and seconded by Council Member Rios; and

- a. Authorized the Director of Public Works/City Engineer to approve Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 3182 which is necessary to apply costs and credits to the contract and to perform additional construction work, in the net amount of \$90,874; and
- b. Directed the City Clerk to file the Notice of Completion with the Los Angeles County Recorder's Office.

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WATER WELLS

The City Council **unanimously** received and filed the 2016 Water Quality Report concerning detection of 1, 4-Dioxane in Well Nos. 14, 18, 19, and 24 of the City's Water System pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Section 116455. The City's drinking water remains safe for public consumption, as all drinking water quality standards are met during consideration of the Consent Calendar.

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POLITICAL SUPPORT

The City Council **unanimously** authorized the City of South Gate's participation in the Cities for Action campaign to promote federal immigration reform policies during consideration of the Consent Calendar.

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ETHICS POLICY

The City Council **unanimously** adopted the City Council Goals for Fiscal Year 2017/18 and Legislative Platform for Fiscal Year 2017/18 by motion of Mayor Davila and seconded by Council Member Morales.

Vice Mayor Belen requested that Staff add improved communication by including existing boards and commissions and form a fiscal task force or engaging the public in the process of our budget as part of the goals.

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BUDGET

The City Council **unanimously** received and filed the Citywide Work Programs for Fiscal Years 2016/17 and 2017/18 by motion of Mayor Davila and seconded by Council Member Morales.

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DEVELOPMENT

The City Council **unanimously** provided direction regarding possible changes to the City's current residential development standards and review process for private development projects by motion of Mayor Davila and seconded by Council Member Morales.

The City Council directed Staff to schedule a joint meeting with the Planning Commission and look at the different options for any potential reductions in development as currently provided in the Zoning Ordinance. They would like Staff to pay special attention to projects that are adjacent to residential projects and development. Survey other communities on what process they use and check the feasibility of process flexibility and the ability to fast track certain projects.

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CONDITIONAL USE
PERMIT**

The City Council unanimously received and filed a report regarding the six-month compliance review of all conditions of approval for Conditional Use Permit No. 822 for the sale of beer and wine for off-site consumption for Freddy's Market located at 3433 Tweedy Boulevard by motion of Mayor Davila and seconded by Vice Mayor Bernal.

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WARRANTS AND
CANCELLATIONS**

The City Council unanimously approved the Warrants and Cancellations for August 22, 2017, by motion of Vice Mayor Bernal and seconded by Council Member Morales.

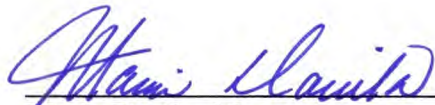
Total of Checks:	\$2,156,453.02
Voids:	\$ (14,364.02)
Total of Payroll Deductions:	<u>\$ 325,431.92</u>
Grand Total:	\$1,816,657.08

Cancellations: 72090, 73149

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Davila unanimously 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