

**CITY OF SOUTH GATE  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Maria Davila called a Regular City Council meeting to order at 6:52 p.m.

**INVOCATION** Pastor Ernesto Trejo, South Gate Church of Christ

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Alondra Garcia, South Gate resident

**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, Special Legal Counsel Jerry Ruiz

**ABSENT** Raul Salinas, City Attorney

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PROCLAMATION** The City Council issued a Proclamation declaring the month of October 2017, as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the City of South Gate.

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PROCLAMATION** The City Council issued a Proclamation declaring the month of October 2017, as Crime Prevention Month in the City of South Gate.

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CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION** The City Council allowed the participants of this year's summer Youth Employment and Job Training Program to provide their feedback and presented them with Certificates of Appreciation for participating and completing the Program.

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COMMUNITY DEV/  
HOUSING** The City Council conducted a Public Hearing and unanimously received and filed the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for program year 2016-2017 by motion of Council Member Morales and seconded by Mayor Davila.

**COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE** Gabriela Cid, Field Representative for Congresswoman Nanette Barragan is providing a monthly report.

Linda Parsons, 5780 Main Street has been attending community meetings regarding the lower LA River.

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### COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE CONT'D

Ms. Parsons is grateful to Danny Duran for clearing out the mule fat at Circle Park and is looking forward to the development of that park.

Maria Cruz, 2510 Indiana Avenue asked if it's legal to convert garages into living quarters. Ms. Cruz asked the Building and Safety division and was informed that it is permitted. She is not in favor of garage conversions due to lack of parking.

Ms. Cruz is also questioning the amount of her water bill.

Nick Godoy, 8611 San Gabriel Avenue stated that once again he has submitted a letter about resending the 1 cent sales tax.

### REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor Davila asked the Director of Community Development to reply to Ms. Cruz's question.

Joe Perez, Director of Community Development stated that an interim ordinance was adopted due to a state law that was passed making it legal to convert garages and other accessory dwelling units into habitable areas. The City's interim ordinance makes it more difficult than the state's law. This item will be brought back for a permanent basis.

Arturo Cervantes, Director of Public Works had nothing to report.

Paul Adams, Director of Parks and Recreation had nothing to report.

Joe Perez, Director of Community Development had nothing to report.

Randy Davis, Chief of Police stated that Laura Maldonado brought domestic violation pens for all electives.

Jackie Acosta, Director of Administrative Services had nothing to report.

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

Carmen Avalos, City Clerk attended a NALEO Higher Education Policy Institute conference. She stated that the City Clerk's Office is now accepting passport applications. She thanked Ms. Parsons for taking such great care of Circle Park.

Greg Martinez, City Treasurer had nothing to report.

Council Member Diaz had nothing to report.

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### REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

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Council Member Morales attended the League of California Contract Cities conference in Sacramento and noted the myriad of presentations regarding SB 649 (small cell towers); housing bills; bond for parks and water recreation.

Council Member Morales will be attending the California Contract Cities conference this weekend. He is the Vice President of that organization and will be President in May.

Council Member Rios had the pleasure of attending a meeting with Local Area LAUSD Superintendant, Mr. Jose Huerta and all principals' from South Gate schools.

Council Member Rios also attended the Chamber and Rotary speaker series. He mentioned that East LA College had a DACA forum. He mentioned an event; Hispanic Fiestas would be taking place at South Gate Park on October 8<sup>th</sup> between 12:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Vice Mayor Bernal commended Council for supporting youth programs. She hopes the City and LAUSD will continue to be partners.

Vice Mayor Bernal spoke about many resources for DACA applicants and seemed hopeful to their future opportunities. She also attended a HUB Cities meeting and received an update regarding work being done with South Gate youth. Lastly, she has received questions regarding the water meter reading and requesting that the public be better informed on the process.

Mayor Davila reported that she, Council Member Diaz, Council Member Morales and City Manager Flad attended the League of California Cities. The City received the Beacon Platinum Level Award.

Mike Flad, City Manager stated that the Beacon Award is the highest award given by the institute for local government which is the local research and development arm of the League of California Cities. The League provides annually awards to cities. Mr. Flad commended the Public Works Department for their hard work.

Mayor Davila stated that she, Council Member Morales and Council Member Rios attended a meeting called "Coffee with the Superintendent." The meeting was well attended. She also attended a COG meeting and the Executive Team made a recommendation for an Executive Director.

Mayor Davila commended the police officers during a stand-off on the weekend. She asked Chief of Police to speak on the matter.

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## REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

### CONT'D

Randy Davis, Chief of Police stated that there was a critical situation on the east side of town with a person dealing with psychiatric and medication issues. After several hours the person voluntarily came out of his house and he was transported to the hospital.

### CONSENT CALENDAR

Agenda Items 5, 6, 7, 8, and 11 were unanimously approved by motion of Council Member Morales and seconded by Mayor Davila. Items 9 and 10 were removed for separate discussion.

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### SPORTS CENTER MGMT

The City Council unanimously approved Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. 3245 with Priscila Davila & Associates, Inc., to provide Labor Compliance Services for the second phase of construction on the Sports Center Roof Replacement, City Project No. 498-ARC, in an amount not-to-exceed \$6,850 during consideration of the Consent Calendar; and

- a. Authorized the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 1 in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

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### SPORTS CENTER MGMT

The City Council unanimously approved Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. 3134 with AWS Consultants, Inc., to provide construction observation and inspection services for an additional 70 working days for the second phase of construction of the Sports Center Roof Replacement, City Project No. 498-ARC, for an amount not-to-exceed \$24,640 during consideration of the Consent Calendar; and

- a. Authorized the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 1 in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

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### WATER

The City Council unanimously approved Amendment No. 2 to Contract No. 3179 with Willdan Engineering, Inc., to fund additional construction management and inspection services on the Elizabeth Reservoir and Booster Pump Station at Well No.28 and New Well No. 29 at the Santa Fe Tank, City Project No. 494-WTR, in an amount not-to-exceed \$29,535 during consideration of the Consent Calendar; and

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

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### WATER

The City Council unanimously approved an Agreement, Contract 3369 with Superior Tank Solutions, Inc., for the construction of the Park Reservoir Spray Aeration Treatment System Piping Repair Project, City Project No. 562-WTR, in an amount not-to-exceed \$378,695 during consideration of the Consent Calendar; and

- a. Authorized the Director of Administrative Services to transfer \$200,000 in Water Funds from Account No. 411-731-71-9549 to Account No. 411-731-71-9566, to fully fund the Project; and
- b. Approved the Notice of Exemption for the Project and directing the City Clerk to file it with the Los Angeles County Recorder's Office; and
- c. Authorized the Mayor to execute the Agreement in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

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### PERSONNEL RECRUITMENT & SELECTION

The City Council unanimously approved the transfer of the hourly/part-time Code Enforcement Officer position from the Public Works Department to the Community Development Department's Code Enforcement Division by motion of Vice Mayor Belen and seconded by Council Member Rios; and

- a. Approving the budget transfer from Public Works Department Account No. 212-713-31-5103 to Community Development Department Account No. 212-604-49-5103 in the amount of \$20,553 for the hourly/part-time Code Enforcement Officer position.

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### INVESTMENTS

The City Council unanimously received and filed the Quarterly Investment Report for the quarter ended June 30, 2017 by motion of Council Member Morales and seconded by Mayor Davila.

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### PERSONNEL BENEFITS/ RETIREMENT ADMIN

The City Council unanimously appointed the City Manager as the Alternate Plan Fiduciary for the City's deferred compensation plan during consideration of the Consent Calendar.

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COMMERCIAL ASSESSMENT  
DISTRICTS**

The City Council unanimously approved an Agreement, Contract 3370 with the South Gate Chamber of Commerce for community promotion activities for Fiscal Year 2017/18 in the amount of \$50,000 by motion of Council Member Morales and seconded by Council Member Diaz; and

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

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CITY COUNCIL**

The City Council unanimously received and filed a report regarding public notifications for City meetings, public hearings and development projects by motion of Mayor Davila and seconded by Council Member Morales.

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PROPERTY PROTECTION  
PROGRAM**

The City Council unanimously received and filed a report regarding the City's Pre-Sale Housing Inspection Program by motion of Mayor Davila and seconded by Council Member Diaz.

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WARRANTS AND  
CANCELLATIONS**

The City Council unanimously approved the Warrants and Cancellations for September 26, 2017 by motion of Vice Mayor Bernal and seconded by Mayor Davila.

Total of Checks:	\$3,104,330.25
Voids:	\$ (389.00)
Total of Payroll Deductions:	<u>\$ 311,614.48</u>
Grand Total:	\$2,792,326.77


Cancellations: 73270, 73295, 73423, 73424

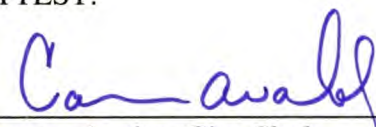
**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Davila unanimously adjourned the meeting at 9:55 p.m. and seconded by Vice Mayor Bernal.

**PASSED and APPROVED** this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017.

ATTEST:

  
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Maria Davila, Mayor

  
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Carmen Avalos, City Clerk