

**CITY OF SOUTH GATE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER Maria Davila, Mayor called a Regular City Council meeting to order at 6:50 p.m.

INVOCATION Pastor Anthony Kidd of Community of Faith Bible Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Martin Torrea

ROLL CALL Carmen Avalos, City Clerk

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

ABSENT Council Member Denise Diaz

LATE City Treasurer Gregory Martinez

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PROCLAMATIONS City Council issued a Proclamation declaring March 2018 as American Red Cross Awareness Month.

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PRESENTATIONS The City Council issued a Certificate of Appreciation to Martin Torrea in recognition for his heroism in thwarting an attack by a gunman.

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SAFETY ELEMENT The City Council conducted a Public Hearing and adopted Resolution No. 7800 entitled - A Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate, California, amending Resolution No. 7345 by adopting and adding the Safety Element, describing the City's efforts to prepare for and respond to emergencies, to Chapter 13 to the South Gate General Plan 2035 by motion of Council Member Morales and seconded by Vice Mayor Bernal.

Joe Perez, Director of Community Development and Aaron Pfannenstiel from Placeworks provided a presentation about the Safety Element. The Safety Element has gone before the Planning Commission and they recommend approval.

Mayor Davila opened the Public Hearing seeing no one come forward Mayor Davila closed the Public Hearing.

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3 SAFETY ELEMENT CONTINUED

Council Member Morales asked that if there was a disaster in South Gate we have beds for about 2% of the population. Is this addressed in the report?

Aaron responded that it is not addressed in the safety report; this should be addressed in the City's Emergency Operations Plan. The goal of most cities is to work with the Red Cross on these issues. Los Angeles County is broken down into areas and South Gate is part of Area E. In times of disaster we coordinate amongst each other to provide for the residents.

Council Member Morales asked about the evacuation routes for South Gate in case of an emergency and flood areas.

Mr. Pfannenstiel stated that Firestone Boulevard is an evacuation route but it is not a disaster route. We would like to elevate Firestone Boulevard to a disaster route, which would allow the County to be responsible for clearing the Boulevard so the City can focus on other streets allowing for more evacuation routes. The Army Corps of Engineering is working on improving the dams and increasing the size which would improve the likelihood that a failure would not occur.

Vice Mayor Bernal asked if this includes conversations with businesses/companies to sign on as potential safe areas.

Mr. Perez said that there would be many opportunities for us to work with the private sector. These are areas that we would hone in on once we start working on the local hazardous mitigation plans/operation plan.

Council Member Rios asked about the regional area's that coordinate together.

Mr. Pfannenstiel stated that the County of Los Angeles has broken themselves into areas based on geographic proximity. The City of South Gate is in Area E and includes about 20 other cities. The emergency coordinators meet to plan for a disaster.

Mike Flad, City Manager explained that we have our own emergency operations center and our currently rehabbing the facility in the Police Department. He continued to inform Council of the different levels of responsibilities and protocols within the government. For emergencies a City must be prepared with multiple plans and options to handle any type of disaster of safety hazard.

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SAFETY ELEMENT
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Greg Martinez, City Treasurer stated that when Katerina hit we put together donations of equipment with the Police Department and went with Bill DeWitt and four other officers to tour the area. As we were driving in people were being evacuated out. It was incredible. This is very real, things do happen and very quickly they overcome a City.

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CDBG

The City Council conducted a Public Hearing and approved items A and B by motion of Council Member Morales and seconded by Council Member Rios.

- a. The recommended Citizen's Advisory Committee's list of proposed projects and allocations for Community Development Block Grant funds for fiscal year 2018/19; and
- b. Determine the amounts to be appropriated per project from the \$1,335,324 Community Development Block Grant funding for fiscal year 2018/19.

Joe Perez, Director of Community Development proved Council with a brief explanation of this item.

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

Jeff Failer, Director for Help Line youth counseling was concerned about the reduction.

Steve Lila, 5600 Nebraska, Bell Shelter

Lost Angeles requested to give the group an opportunity

Francisco Carillo with Congresswoman Nanette Barragan's office spoke about CDBG funding and asked for support considering President Trump wants to do away with it.

Mayor Davila closed the Public Hearing.

Council Member Rios asked how many of the organizations are from South Gate.

Mr. Perez stated that there are only a certain percentage of our allocations that goes to these sorts of groups and that was \$195,000.00. This limits what the CAC allocates and these are their recommendations to the City Council.

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Mike Flad, City Manager said that the key words are advisory and recommendations. City Council is the decision making body. You can spend and make allocations of these funds any way you want. City Council receives staff's recommendations, the advisory committee's recommendation but it is the decision of Council how this money is spent.

Council Member Morales asked why projects like Sidewalk Improvement couldn't be funded by special funds and this would move Graffiti Abatement out of the non-profit portion freeing up money for additional Public Service Projects.

Mr. Flad responded that the money requested for the Sidewalk Improvements already reflects the deduction of special funds. If these funds were not available the request would have been much higher. As for moving Graffiti Abatement you can change categories, Capital Projects stay with Capital Projects and Services must stay with Services.

Mr. Perez explained that Graffiti Abatement must stay under the Public Service Projects because this is the HUD requirement for this activity.

Council Member Morales believes that Council should go with the recommendation of the Citizen's Advisory Committee.

Council Member Rios asked for a point of qualification on the funds for capital improvement projects.

Mr. Perez explained that the chart included in the staff reports lists the eligible uses as stated by the Federal HUD guidelines that are separated apart from the Public Services Projects. These guidelines are why the chart is divided into these two sections. Even though it is a block grant there are guidelines as to how to spend the funds.

Council Member Morales asked where the \$670,090 carry-over came from.

Mr. Perez answered that it is unspent revenue that we receive through annual allocations over the years that we had identified projects but for whatever reason those projects didn't occur or we underspent and you have an accumulation of funds over several years and I'm glad to say that over the last few years we have been spending those funds. Those carryover funds don't help anyone because they need to be programmed. Last year was a big year; we programmed a lot of those funds and also for this year. Some of the carry-over funds are also from money coming in for example on a home loan and then the property is sold the money is put back in this fund.

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Vice Mayor Bernal some of these nonprofits have been recommended year after year to receive money from this source. What are their reporting requirements?

Mr. Perez answered that they provide that information to us. In their proposal they state what their performance measure will be and during the year they turn in information to us to show that they are meeting the requirements.

Vice Mayor Bernal requested what each group has accomplished in the last fiscal year and what is the makeup of the programs. Where else are funds coming from to serve South Gate?

Council Member Morales suggested looking at different funding sources for graffiti abatement next year so more money would be available for other organizations.

Council Member Rios suggested the City look for funding options to support nonprofits in our City.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Resident spoke on issues that he brought up at a previous City Council meeting.

Lindsey Cox invited everyone to attend the Miss South Gate Pageant during the Azalea Festival.

Desiree Soto, 8619 State Street also invited everyone to attend the Miss South Gate Pageant.

Gabriela Cid, representative from Congresswoman Barragan office updated Council on some of the legislation currently in Congress.

A representative from Supervisor Solis's office spoke about upcoming events being held at South Gate Park.

Christina Montalvo, 9815 Virginia Avenue spoke on concerns that were brought to her by residents regarding the Hound Bar and the traffic study on the 8900 block of Hildreth Avenue.

Maria Pana, 8948 San Juan Avenue spoke about the Gate bus routes near Legacy High School and parking issues on her street.

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COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE CONTINUED

Nick Godoy, 8611 San Gabriel Avenue spoke about street repairs on Ardmore that caused an excess of dust on the cars. He also spoke on the sales tax and parking/traffic issues on San Gabriel Avenue.

REPORT AND COMMENTS FROM CITY OFFICIAL

Art Cervantes, Director of Public Works updated City Council on the Cities graffiti program. The City operates the graffiti abatement program seven (7) days a week and remove graffiti within 24 hours after it is reported. Some areas that prove to be a challenge are those areas not within our control like the railroad right of way and one of these types of areas was brought to our attention by Vice Mayor Bernal at a Council Meeting which is along the border of Lynwood. She suggested that we contact Lynwood which we did and now South Gate will be addressing these areas on Monday (both sides) and Lynwood will be addressing these areas on Wednesday (both sides).

Paul Adams, Director of Parks and Recreation reminded everyone that the Azalea festival is coming up and we have made arrangements with our City Attorney's law firm to take 25 South Gate youth (five from each high school) to host workshops on careers in the field of law.

Jackie Acosta, Director of Finance reported that our bond rating has been upgraded on our 2005 pension obligations bonds. It has been raised from an A to an A+ which puts us in the category of upper medium grade. This shows that the City's financial position continues to improve and is considered very stable.

Randy Davis, Chief of Police stated that the Baker to Vegas run is this weekend.

Mike Flad, City Manager stated that he attended the Public Private Partnership conference with Mayor Davila. During the key note presentation the West Santa Ana Branch as well as the City of Long Beach. These presentations deal with financing options for large budget projects.

Council Member Morales attended the Independent Cities and discussed the Keeping California Safe initiative which is in the process of signature gathering. Chief Davis added that he will be bringing before City Council a Resolution in support of Keeping California Safe.

Council Member Rios attended the meeting regarding the air sensors. A member from AQMD was also there and they offer a higher quality of sensor that they are willing to provide to the City so we can also take it to the next level.

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REPORT AND COMMENTS FROM CITY OFFICIAL

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Vice Mayor Bernal explains her point of view as a Council Member and how she expects the people that do business with the City to have the same high ethical standards that we hold as Council. She also asked about the express lane that Caltrans is looking to add to the 105 freeway and is wondering if South Gate is playing a role in this.

Art Cervantes, Director of Public Works responded that the City has been very involved in this project. Metro has formed a technical advisory committee and the City is a part of that.

Mayor Davila visited a couple of schools for Read across America, the Azalea festival runs all this month. She also did an interview with Channel 34 regarding where South Gate was and where South Gate is now.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Agenda Items 5, 8, and 10 were unanimously approved by motion of Mayor Davila and seconded by Council Member Morales. Items 6, 7, 9, 11, and 12 were removed for separate discussion.

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ZONING

The City Council waived further reading and adopted Ordinance No. 2345 entitled - An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of South Gate, California, amending Table 11.21-1 (Prohibited Land Uses), Table 11.21-3 (Allowed Land Uses, Urban Mixed Use Zones), Table 11.21-4 (Commercial Industrial Zones Allowed Land Uses), Table 11.21 5 (Residential Neighborhood Zones Allowed Land Uses), of Section 11.21.020 (General Requirements), of Chapter 11.21 (Land Use Types), and Section 11.60.160 ("M" Definitions), of Chapter 11.60 (Definitions), of Title 11 (Zoning), of the South Gate Municipal Code to prohibit all commercial marijuana activities and outdoor marijuana cultivation during consideration of the Consent Calendar.

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COMPUTER INFORMATION

The City Council approved items A, B, C, and D by motion of Mayor Davila and seconded by Vice Mayor Bernal.

- a. Agreement (Contract 3425) with EdgeSoft, Inc. to provide a new permit and licensing software system in the amount not to exceed \$435,000 for a three-year term;
 - 1) Amount for first year of the three-year Agreement will not exceed \$339,000 for software licenses, training, implementation, and data hosting;

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6 COMPUTER INFORMATION CONT'D

- 2) Amount for second and third year of the Agreement will not exceed \$48,000 per year for software maintenance and data hosting;
- b. Software License Purchase Agreement (Contract 3425A) with EdgeSoft, Inc.;
- c. Software Maintenance Agreement (Contract 3425B) with EdgeSoft, Inc.; and
- d. Authorized the Mayor to execute the Agreements in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

7 POLICE ADMIN

The City Council approved A, B, C, and D by motion of Council Member Morales and seconded by Council Member Rios.

- a. Addendum No. 3 to Contract No. 3130 (Master Equity Lease Agreement) with Enterprise FM Trust to include the lease of one 2018 Chevrolet Tahoe for the Police Department for a term of 60 months in the total amount of \$59,776.00, (\$11,956.00 per year);
- b. Purchase of the emergency safety equipment for this vehicle, in the amount of \$5,664.00, from Black & White Emergency Vehicles;
- c. Purchase of the radio equipment for this vehicle, in the amount of \$6,680.00, from Motorola Solutions; and
- d. Authorized the Mayor to execute Addendum No. 3 in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

8 TRANSIT SERVICES

The City Council approved A and B during consideration of the Consent Calendar.

- a. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) (Contract 3426) with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) to receive Proposition A Discretionary Incentive funds for the City's transportation programs and services; and
- b. Authorized the Mayor to execute the MOU in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

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ENGINEERING

The City Council considered A, B, and C by motion of Council Member Morales and seconded by Mayor Davila.

- a. Agreement (Contract 3427) with Matrix Consulting Group to prepare the City Fleet Management Plan, City Project No. 589-RPT, in an amount not-to-exceed \$49,800;
- b. Transferred \$24,800 in Water Funds from Account No. 411-731-71-6101 to Account No. 212-713-31-6101 to fully fund the City Fleet Management Plan; and
- c. Authorized the Mayor to execute the Agreement in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

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**CHAKEMCO
IMPROVEMENTS**

The City Council approved A, B, C, D, and E during consideration of the consent calendar.

- a. Amended the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) to add the Chakemco Street Improvements, from Atlantic Avenue to Legacy Lane, City Project No. 593-ST;
- b. Agreement (Contract 3428) with Mark Thomas to prepare the design and construction documents for the Chakemco Street Improvements, from Atlantic Avenue to Legacy Lane, City Project No. 593 ST, in an amount not-to-exceed \$96,341;
- c. Appropriated \$1,175,000 from LAUSD funds to Account No. 3 11-790-31-9572 to fund the Chakemco Street Improvements, from Atlantic Avenue to Legacy Lane, City Project No. 593-ST;
- d. Authorized the Director of Administrative Services to transfer \$75,000 of Gas Tax funds from Account No. 311-790-49-9902 to Account No. 311-790-31-9572; and
- e. Authorized the Mayor to execute the Agreement in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

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MOVILITIE

The City Council approved A, B, C, and D by motion of Mayor Davila and seconded by Vice Mayor Bernal.

- a. Master License Agreement (Contract 3429) with Mobilitie, LLC, to install, maintain and operate small cell antennas on City-owned poles in the public right-of-way, for a 10 year term with one renewable term of five-years;
- b. Authorized the Mayor to execute the Master License Agreement in a form acceptable to the City Attorney;
- c. Authorized the City Manager and/or his designee to issue individual Pole Licenses under the Master License Agreement for City-owned poles in the public right-of-way; and
- d. Directed the Director of Administrative Services to deposit the revenue into the General Fund.

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SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS

The City Council approved A, B, and C during consideration of the Consent Calendar.

- a. Accepted as completion of construction, effective October 13, 2017, of the Citywide Sidewalk Improvement Project, Phase IV, City Project No. 542-ST;
- b. Change Order No. 3 to Contract No. 3320 necessary to fund final construction quantities on the project, in an amount not-to-exceed of \$16,000; and
- c. Directed the City Clerk to file a Notice of Completion with Los Angeles County Recorder's Office.

EXCUSED FROM MEETING

At this time, Council Member Morales was excused from the meeting and departed from the Council Chambers.

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FIESTA TAXI

The City Council approved A, B, and C, by motion of Mayor Davila and seconded by Vice Mayor Bernal.

- a. Agreement (Contract 3430) with Fiesta Taxi Cooperative, Inc., doing business as Fiesta Taxi/Ride Yellow to provide Phone-A-Ride services to South Gate seniors and disabled residents for a five-year term;

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FIESTA TAXI
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- b. Authorized the Mayor to execute the Agreement in a form acceptable to the City Attorney; and
- c. Designated the Director of Parks & Recreation or his/her designee (Director) as the City's representative and authorize the Director to execute any future agreements or reports as required for the implementation of this Agreement.

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

RECESS

The City Council recessed at 8:00 p.m., and reconvened at 8:05 p.m., with all members of Council present.

REJOINED MEETING

Council Member Morales rejoined the Council prior to the discussion on this matter.

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WARRANTS AND
CANCELLATIONS**

The City Council considered approving the Warrants and Cancellations for March 13, 2018 by motion of Vice Mayor Bernal and seconded by Mayor Davila.

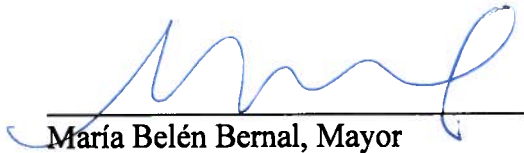
Total of Checks:	\$1,708,704.03
Voids	\$ (5,390.90)
Total of Payroll Deductions:	<u>\$ (276,726.19)</u>
Grand Total:	\$1,426,586.94

Cancellations: 76217, 75575, 75258, 73083, 72541

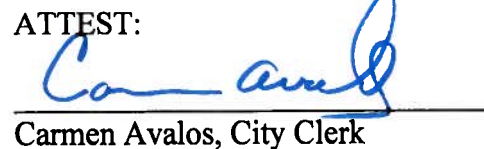
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Davila adjourned the meeting at 10:18 p.m. in memory of Gregory Casillas, Pomona Police Department and seconded by Vice Mayor Bernal.

PASSED and APPROVED this 24th day of April, 2018.



María Belén Bernal, Mayor

ATTEST:


Carmen Avalos, City Clerk

