

**CITY OF SOUTH GATE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER Mayor María Belén Bernal called a Regular City Council meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

INVOCATION Randall Davis, Chief of Police

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Al Rios, City Council Member

ROLL CALL Carmen Avalos, City Clerk

PRESENT Mayor María Belén Bernal, Vice Mayor Jorge Morales, Council Member Denise Diaz, Council Member Maria Davila, and Council Member Al Rios; City Treasurer Greg Martinez, Director of Community Development Joe Perez, City Attorney Raul Salinas

ABSENT City Manager Michael Flad (Joe Perez, Director of Community Development in for Mr. Flad)

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PROCLAMATIONS The City Council issued a Proclamation declaring the month of October 2018 as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

DEVIATE FROM THE AGENDA At this time, there being no objections, Mayor Bernal stated that item 5 would be considered out of its regular agenda order.

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YOUTH EMPLOYMENT The City Council unanimously received and filed an update report on the results of the 2018 Summer Youth Employment and Job Training Programs by motion of Mayor Bernal and seconded by Council Member Davila.

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APPOINTMENTS The City Council unanimously made appointments to the Citizens Advisory Committee to fill vacancies; the appointments were ratified by a majority vote of the City Council by motion of Council Member Davila and seconded by Council Member Rios.

Council Member Diaz appointed Arely Garcia, Lea Hernandez and Yodit Glaze, Vice Mayor Morales appointed Candice Esquivel, and Mayor Bernal appointed Jovanna Cortez.

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COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Helan Jullian, Thunderbird Villa stated her concerns with South Gate's public transportation services.

Nick Godoy, 8611 San Gabriel Avenue complained about Police Department lack of traffic law adherence and parking issues on his street.

Fernando Madrigal, Alta Med Representative will have a free flu shot clinic on October 11th from 10 am to 2 pm at the Astro Aluminum plant and are looking into providing the same service at Family Day in the Park.

Janet Torres, 10311 San Juan Avenue stated that the Chamber of Commerce will be having a Family Night out for the Dragon Flame Restaurant on September 29th and a seminar on apartment laws and regulations also on September 29th. She also mentioned that one of their members Reverend Doctor John Lewis passed away and wanted to recognize his works.

Adolfo Varas, 3375 Wisconsin Avenue is accepting applications for his annual turkey drive. He also feels that there needs to be more acknowledgment and support for the LGBT community in South Gate.

COMMENTS FROM STAFF

Randy Davis, Chief of Police said that the Los Angeles County Fair has ended and we had several organization at the Pink Patch booth selling merchandise that the proceeds will go to the City of Hope.

Raul Salinas, City Attorney explained the Brown Act and how it pertains to public comment and the restrictions placed upon the City Council's ability to respond.

Carmen Avalos, City Clerk stated that today was National Voter's Registration Day and the last day to register is October 22nd for the November election.

Council Member Diaz attended the Movie on the River Bed Event and the Hub Cities Committee Meeting.

Council Member Rios attended the League of California Cities and highlighted what the City of Long Beach is doing. He also is a Gateway Cities representative and attended his first meeting.

Council Member Davila also attended the League of California Cities Conference.

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COMMENTS FROM STAFF CONT'D

Vice Mayor Morales reported on the League of California Cities Conference.

Mayor Bernal also reported on the League of California Cities. She attended Greenspan's 90th anniversary with Council Member Davila and Council Member Rios. Earlier today, Mayor Bernal met with staff to discuss partner organizations and potential audits to ensure that all parties are upholding their part of the deal. She and the Chief visited Walmart and stated that she was expecting to see big cages with locks. She was pleasantly surprised when the manager informed them that they have implemented new strategies to safe guard their merchandise and is hiring more staff. It is true that if you want to go to the counter to buy formula for example we will have to ring a buzzer and an employee will come. They have increased security inside and outside the store.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Agenda Items 3, 6, 8 and 9 were unanimously approved by motion of Vice Mayor Morales and seconded by Council Member Davila.

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WATER WELL

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

- a. Received and filed a report on the final scope of work and cost for the design and construction support services on 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 provided under Contract No. 2979 with Tetra Tech, Inc.;
- b. Approved Amendment No. 4 to Contract No. 2979 with Tetra Tech, Inc., extending the term of the contract by nine months through March 31, 2019, to provide the time necessary to prepare the project as-built plans; and
- c. Authorized the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 4 in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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

- a. Approved Agreement (Contract No. 3476) with the South Gate Chamber of Commerce for community promotion activities for FY 2018/19 and FY 2019/20 in the amount of \$50,000 per year;

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CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE CONT'D**

- b. Appropriated \$50,000 from the unassigned General Fund balance to account number 100-601-42-6308 (General Fund- Community Development- Civic Engagement) to fund the cost of this agreement; and
- c. Authorized the Mayor to execute the Agreement in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

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FACILITIES**

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

- a. Approved Purchase Order with the Public Restroom Company for purchase, delivery and installation of a pre-manufactured restroom building to replace existing Restroom #5 at South Gate Park near the Walnut Avenue parking lot, in the budgeted amount of \$229,988.00;
- b. Authorized the Mayor to execute the Purchase Order in a form acceptable to the City Attorney;
- c. Authorized the Director of Parks & Recreation to execute all subsequent agreements and documents as required to complete the acquisition and installation of the restroom; and
- d. Approved a contingency of up to \$70,012.00 for inspections, site preparation and project management costs not to exceed the total budgeted amount of \$300,000.00.

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POLICE**

The City Council considered:

- a. Approving Purchase Order with Advanced Exercise for the purchase of fitness equipment for the South Gate Police Department Wellness Center in the total amount of \$58,731.02 as budgeted, which includes the delivery and installation of all purchased equipment; and
- b. Authorizing the Mayor to execute the proposal in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

This item was removed from the agenda by Staff.

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WATER MAIN

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

- a. Accepted the completion of construction, effective August 24, 2018, of the California Avenue Water Main Crossing at Firestone Boulevard, City Project No. 594-WTR, performed by Steven Doreck Equipment Rentals, Inc.; and
- b. Directed the City Clerk to file the Notice of Completion with Los Angeles County Recorder's Office.

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MINUTES

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

- a. Approved the Special and Regular Meeting minutes of August 28, 2018; and
- b. Approved the Special and Regular Meeting minutes of September 11, 2018.

EXCUSED FROM ITEM 10

At this time, Council Member Diaz, was excused from participating on item 10 and departed from the Council Chambers.

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TWEEDY MILE ADVISORY BOARD

The City Council approved the appointment of Melissa Alvarado to the Tweedy Mile Advisory Board by motion of Council Member Rios and seconded by Council Member Davila. The City Council decided to bring this item back to the next City Council meeting. Each Council Member will choose a possible appointee and then by random draw one member will be selected to serve as the 5th member of the Tweedy Mile Advisory Board.

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

- a. City Council Member Rios appointed one person to the Tweedy Mile Advisory Board;
- b. Select a process to appoint the fifth member to the Tweedy Mile Advisory Board; and
- c. Using the selected process, appoint the fifth member to the Tweedy Mile Advisory Board.

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BUDGET**

The City Council approved the appointment of Mayor Bernal, Council Member Rios, City Treasurer Martinez and Jackie Acosta, Director of Administrative Services to the Budget Subcommittee by motion of Council Member Davila and seconded by Vice Mayor Morales. The meeting schedule will be determined at the first official meeting of the subcommittee.

- a. Established a Budget Subcommittee
- b. Made appointments to the Budget Subcommittee
- c. Set a meeting schedule for the Budget Subcommittee

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HOMELESS SERVICES**

The City Council unanimously authorized the City Manager or his designee to provide on-going updates to Neighborhood Watch Captains/Co-Captains in the Hollydale area concerning the potential development of County-owned property located at 11269 Garfield Avenue (American Legion Site) in the City of Downey by motion of Mayor Bernal and seconded by Council Member Davila.

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TRANSIT**

The City Council unanimously received and filed the presentation and report on the West Santa Ana Branch Transit Corridor by motion of Mayor Bernal and seconded by Council Member Rios.

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WARRANTS**

The City Council unanimously approved the Warrants and Cancellations for September 25, 2018 by motion of Council Member Davila and seconded by Council Member Rios.

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| Total of Checks: | \$3,052,106.31 |
| VOIDS: | (\$ 72,243.42) |
| Total of Payroll Deductions: | <u>\$ 391,110.11</u> |
| Grand Total: | \$2,588,752.78 |

Cancellations: 77762, 79106, 79229

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ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Bernal unanimously motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 p.m. and seconded by Council Member Davila.

PASSED and **APPROVED** this 9th day of October, 2018.

ATTEST:



María Belén Bernal, Mayor



Carmen Avalos, City Clerk