

**CITY OF SOUTH GATE  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2018**

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Bernal called a Regular City Council meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

**INVOCATION** Father Eduardo Bresciani, Saint Margaret's Church

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Daniel Romo, Legacy High School Student

**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, Assistant City Manager/Director of Public Works Art Cervantes, City Attorney Raul Salinas

**LATE** Greg Martinez, City Treasurer arrived at the dais at 7:05 p.m.

**ABSENT** Michael Flad, City Manager

**1 PRESENTATIONS** The City Council issued a Certificate of Appreciation to Daniel Romo for participating in Mayor Bernal's South Gate Mentors Initiative during the month of November.

**2 TITLE 11** The City Council unanimously approved A and B by motion of Mayor Bernal and seconded by Council Member Davila.

- a. Waived the reading in full and introducing Ordinance No. 2355 entitled – Ordinance of the City Council of the City of South Gate, California amending Table 11.51-1 (Application and Review Authority), Figure 11.51-1 (Administrative Permit Process), Figure 11.51-2 (Discretionary Permit Process A), Figure 11.5 1-3 (Discretionary Permit Process B), and adding Figure 11.51-4 (Discretionary Permit Process C), to Section 11.51.030 (Review Types and Responsibilities), of Chapter 11.51 (Permits and Procedures), of Title 11 (Zoning), of the South Gate Municipal Code to adopt a revised administrative and discretionary review process and revised thresholds for potential development projects citywide; and
- b. Received and filed a proposed handout summarizing the Development Review Process (Design Review Flow Chart).

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### TITLE 11

The City Council unanimously waived the reading in full and introduced Ordinance No. 2356 entitled Ordinance of the City Council of the City of South Gate, California amending Subsection A. 2. iii. (Method of Notice), of Section 11.50.020 (Public Hearing Notification), of Chapter 11.50 (Administration), of Title 11 (Zoning), of the South Gate Municipal Code to increase minimum radius distance requirements for public hearing notices from 300 feet to 1,000 feet. approved by motion of Mayor Bernal and seconded by Council Member Davila

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### TITLE 2

The City Council unanimously waived the reading in full and introduced Ordinance No. 2357 entitled - Ordinance of the City Council of the City of South Gate, California amending certain Sections and Chapters of the South Gate Municipal Code pertaining to a Sidewalk Vending Program in compliance with Senate Bill 946 (Lara) by motion of Council Member Davila and seconded by Mayor Bernal.

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### BUSINESS LICENSE

The City Council unanimously accepted the relinquishment of a Dance Hall Public - Business Owned Permit for the Hound Bar located at 4626 Firestone Boulevard, as submitted by the owner of the Hound Bar by motion of Mayor Bernal and seconded by Council Member Rios.

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### POLICE DEPT

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

- a. Authorized utilization of the 2018 Traffic Enforcement Program Grant Funds from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) for Police Department personnel overtime, training and equipment;
- b. Ratified the Grant Agreement (Contract No. 3488) Grant Number PTI9116, with the State of California Office of Traffic Safety for utilization of these grant funds;
- c. Authorized the Mayor to execute the Grant Agreement in a form acceptable to the City Attorney;
- d. Increased the Fiscal Year 2018/19 revenue projection in the OTS Grant Fund, Account No. 231-4624 by \$130,000; and
- e. Appropriated \$130,000 to the Fiscal Year 2018/19 OTS Grand Fund budget as follows: \$120,567 in Account No. 231-556-21-5111, \$5,698 in Account No. 231-556-21-6204 and \$3,735 in Account No. 231-556-21-6340.

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### COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Resident, 5055 St. James Avenue wanted to thank Mr. Perez regarding a fall on a raised sidewalk. He also stated that he doesn't understand mandates on the housing, homeless and vendors. He doesn't understand why the City Council cannot say no to the Governor.

John Montalvo, 9815 Virginia Avenue asked, what is the formula for market rate housing in South Gate, and what is the City's definition for a strong and sustainable neighborhood. He also asked what is the testing protocol for contaminated water with the River Project and the protocol that would be used for a flash flood or contamination spill. He could not believe that this City Council did not recognize the Veterans on Veterans Day.

Virginia Johnson, 5751 McKinley Avenue doesn't understand why the WAVE Newspapers are always late delivering to the libraries. She also spoke about a Downey Town Hall meeting that discussed the American Legion Project.

Adolfo Varas, 3375 Wisconsin Avenue is very excited about the WRD program "WET" which is a water education program for teachers. He is sad that the American Legion is gone but at the end of day we do have homeless issues and I see a City that is telling Veterans they have to leave. He feels that the City of South Gate didn't do enough. He is also hosting a Christmas Toy Drive at the American Legion Hall on California Avenue.

Nick Godoy, 8611 San Miguel Avenue stated that it still bothers him that there was a comment made about real men wear pink. During his time wearing pink meant being unmanly and as a member of a military family he takes offense by this statement.

Myra Garcia, 2828 Ardmore Avenue spoke on the various problems on Ardmore Avenue, including graffiti, trash, parking, problems with the neighbors, the maintenance of the railroad area, and lack of law enforcement.

### REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

Joe Perez, Director of Community Development stated that there will be a community meeting December 19<sup>th</sup> to provide the community with an update on the former American Legion site.

Paul Adams, Director of Parks and Recreation said that the Holiday Tree Lighting is this Thursday.

Darren Arakawa, South Gate Police Captain said that the Santa Cop will be on December 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> and the Police Navidad will be December 13<sup>th</sup>.

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### REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

#### CONTINUED

Greg Martinez, City Treasurer said that there will be filming an episode of SWAT at his work this week and also a Dodge Commercial was filmed there. Also, Tweedy Mile will be hosting a posada on December 6<sup>th</sup> and on December 16<sup>th</sup> there will be Christmas on the Boulevard toy give away.

Carmen Avalos, City Clerk said that there will be a notice sent out next week to all the voters informing them of the election date change and she updated everyone on election changes coming forward.

Mayor Bernal introduced Daniel Romo from Legacy High School who is her first participate in her mentorship program.

Council Member Diaz urged everyone that especially during the holidays to check up on your elderly neighbors. Last year she had the opportunity to deliver hot food to seniors and wants to be involved again this year.

She was asked to become a board member to the South East Community Development Corporation. This year we plan to have a podcast studio so the youth can share their stories. We had our retreat two weeks ago where we brainstormed how to tackle that digital divide that exists in the South East.

Council Member Diaz also was a part of the River LA – River Stories. She thanked the Police Department for the Family Day in the Park and the Community Development for the work on the Cities branding project. She attended the Halloween Contest at City Hall and loves the work ethic and team building that our employees show.

Council Member Rios attended the Pow Wow for Native American Veterans. We also had a pool dedication to honor Patricia Mitchell, South Gate Employee that has passed away and a dedication ceremony for Legacy High School baseball fields. He attended a breakfast held by LA First Five that assist children before they start kindergarten. He is also on the Metro Committee for Gateway Cities, which is looking at rerouting the buses and rails in Los Angeles County.

Council Member Davila she attended many of the same events as her colleagues attended. She said that the pool dedication was a very emotional day and Family Day in the Park was an amazing event. She thanked staff for the work on the branding of the City. Halloween is a great event and to see all departments participate and come together is a lot of fun. NAVA was this week and it has grown so much. They come to celebrate the veterans and for them to choose South Gate to celebrate is a great honor. She requested that as Council we have input for the parking near the East Los Angeles College.

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## REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

### CONTINUED

Vice Mayor Morales was out of the country for the past 10 days and missed a lot of great events. He invited his Council colleagues and staff to attend the next California Contract Cities board meeting on Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup> being held at Universal Studios.

Mayor Bernal attended Family Day in the Park and thanked staff for their work and also attended the NAVA event in South Gate Park. She stated that she received some emails requesting that large events are not held when it is Election Day. It made the process confusing for residents that were there to vote. She also received comments that some of the voting machines were not working. She asked the City Clerk to confirm with the county and find out how many machines were in the City and how many were not working so we can prepare for 2020. She attended the County Sanitation meeting which she received an update on negotiations and the ICA Independent Cities Association Board Meeting which they are planning their Public Safety Seminar that will take place in January.

### CONSENT CALENDAR

Agenda Items 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 14 were unanimously approved by motion of Mayor Bernal and seconded by Council Member Davila. Items 12 and 13 were pulled for separate discussion.

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### SEWER

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

- a. Approved Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. 3314 with Kennedy/Jenks Consultants extending the term of the contract through June 30, 2019, to complete the Water, Sewer and Recycled Water Master Plans, City Project No. 510-WTR, at no additional cost; and
- b. Authorized the Mayor to execute Amendment No.1 in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

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### LEGAL SERVICES

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

- a. Approved Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. 3379 with Telecom Law Firm, P.C., extending specialized legal services on wireless and wired telecommunication law through October 10, 2019; and
- b. Authorized the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 1 in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

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### SEWER

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

- a. Approved an Agreement (Contract No. 3489) with Hadronex, Inc., DBA SmartCover Systems Inc., for maintenance and operation of the SmartCover System, for a three-year term and total amount not to-exceed \$106,920; and
- b. Authorized the Mayor to execute the Agreement in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

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### POLICE

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

- a. Approved Purchase Order with Pulsiam for the renewal of the software maintenance and support services for the Police Department's Computer Aided Dispatch and Records Management Systems for Fiscal Year 2018/19; and
- b. Authorized the City's Purchasing Division staff to issue a Purchase Order in the amount of \$102,925.90, for this purchase.

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### BUDGET ADMIN

The City Council unanimously approved the carryover of open purchase orders and unspent budget appropriations from Fiscal Year 2017/18 to Fiscal Year 2018/19 to the account numbers detailed in Exhibit A to pay for purchase orders, projects and ongoing capital improvement projects that were not completed as of June 30, 2018 during consent calendar.

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### POLITICAL SUPPORT

The City Council unanimously authorized the Mayor to execute a letter to the Los Angeles County Metro Board of Directors stating the City Council's support for the exploration of a West Santa Ana Branch transit station at the confluence of the LA River and Rio Rondo Channel in the City of South Gate by motion of Mayor Bernal and seconded by Council Member Rios.

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### MINUTES

The City Council approved the Regular Meeting minutes of October 23, 2018 by motion of Council Member Davila and seconded by Council Member Rios.

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

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**14  
COMMUNITY  
PROMOTION**

The City Council unanimously received and filed report on the Azalea Queen and Grand Marshal Recognition program recommendations by the Subcommittee during consent calendar.

**15  
PRESENTATION**

The City Council unanimously received and filed a presentation from the Water Replenishment District on their regional Groundwater Contamination Prevention Program by motion of Council Member Davila and seconded by Mayor Bernal.

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WARRANTS AND  
CANCELLATIONS**

The City Council unanimously approved the Warrants and Cancellations for November 27, 2018 by motion of Council Auditor Davila and seconded by Mayor Bernal.

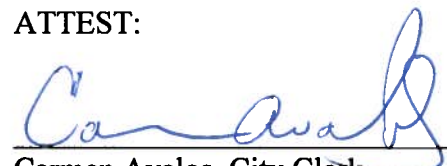
Total of Checks:	\$1,843,040.07
Voids:	(\$ 0.00)
Total Payroll Deductions:	<u>\$ 230,396.48</u>
Grand Total:	\$1,612,643.59

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Bernal unanimously adjourned the meeting at 9:42 p.m. seconded by Council Member Davila.

**PASSED and APPROVED** this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2019.

  
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María Belén Bernal, Mayor

ATTEST:  
  
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Carmen Avalos, City Clerk

