CITY OF SOUTH GATE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

Denise Diaz, Vice Mayor called a Special City Council meeting to order at

5:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Carmen Avalos, City Clerk

PRESENT

Vice Mayor Denise Diaz, Council Member Al Rios, Council Member Maria Davila and Council Member María Belén Bernal; Arturo Cervantes, Assistant City Manager, City Attorney Raul F. Salinas

ABSENT

Mayor Jorge Morales, City Treasurer Greg Martinez, City Manager

Michael Flad

CLOSED SESSION

The Council Members recessed into Closed Session at 5:35 p.m. and reconvened at 6:43 p.m. with four (4) Members of Council present. City Attorney Salinas reported the following:

- 1. <u>CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL PENDING LITIGATION</u> Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a), 54954.9(b)(3)(C)
 - a. Daniel Canizales v. City of South Gate
 - b. Alma Gonzalez Martinez De Castillo v. City of South Gate
 - c. Graciela Carrillo & Abel Mejia v. City of South Gate

Item 1a is a matter of a dismissal. The City entered into a tolling agreement to allow this item to be brought back at a later time by a motion made by Council Member Rios and seconded by Council Member Davila. The vote was 4 to 0 with Mayor Morales not present.

Item 1b is a claim brought against the City. In Closed Session the City Council considered whether to continue litigation or enter into a settlement. On a motion made by Council Member Bernal and seconded by Council Member Davila the City Council authorized the City Attorney's Office to propose a small settlement in that matter. The amount of that settlement will not be disclosed now because the settlement is still the subject of ongoing negotiations.

Item 1c is a tort claim involving a traffic collision and one of the City's vehicles. The City Council moved to deny the claim on a motion made by Council Member Davila and seconded by Council Member Bernal.

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2. <u>CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED</u> LITIGATION

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(c)

Two (2) - Potential Cases

For Item 2 both the City Attorney and Council Member Rios did not participate in the discussion of those items and in their absence the City Council moved forward to discuss with staff. Upon completion of the report, there was no action taken.

3. <u>CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – THREATENED LITIGATION</u>

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(b)(3)(D)&(E)

Two (2) - Potential Cases

For Item 3 there were two potential matters that were discussed in Closed Session. There was a presentation given by the City Attorney and staff in connection with those matters. Upon completion of the report there was no reportable action by the City Council on either one of the matters.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 6:46 by motion of Council Member Bernal and seconded by Council Member Davila.

ATTEST:

PASSED and APPROVED this 23rd day of July, 2019.

Jorge Morales, Mayor

Carmen Avalos, City Clerk