

**CITY OF SOUTH GATE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER María Belén Bernal, Mayor called a Regular City Council meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

INVOCATION Reverend Sean Pica, Redeemer Lutheran Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Sean Palos, Crime Prevention Specialist

ROLL CALL Gregory Martinez, City Treasurer

PRESENT Mayor María Belén Bernal, Vice Mayor Denise Diaz, Council Member Al Rios, and Council Member Maria Davila; City Treasurer Gregory Martinez, City Manager Mike Flad, City Attorney Raul F. Salinas

LATE Carmen Avalos, City Clerk

1 PRESENTATIONS The City Council issued a Proclamation declaring the month of October 2019, as National Crime Prevention Month in the City of South Gate.

2 PROCLAMATIONS The City Council issued a Proclamation declaring the month of October 2019, as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the City of South Gate.

3 PROCLAMATIONS The City Council issued a Proclamation declaring the month of October 2019 as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

4 PROCLAMATIONS The City Council issued a Proclamation declaring October 7 through 11, 2019, as Code Enforcement Officer Appreciation Week in the City of South Gate.

5 PROCLAMATIONS The City Council issued a Proclamation declaring October 23 through 31, 2019, as National Red Ribbon Week in the City of South Gate.

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CITY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

The City Council made the following appointments to outside boards and agencies to fill vacancies and make changes.

Mayor Bernal motioned and Council Member Rios seconded to have Council Member Davila serve as City Council Auditor.

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

Council Member Davila motioned and Council Member Rios seconded to have Mayor Bernal serve as Representative to the County Sanitation District.

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

Council Member Davila motioned and Council Member Rios seconded to have Mayor Bernal serve as Representative to the Los Angeles County City Selection.

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

Vice Mayor Diaz motioned and Mayor Bernal seconded to have Council Member Rios serve as Representative to the California Contract Cities Association.

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

Mayor Bernal motioned and Council Member Davila seconded to have Vice Mayor Diaz serve as Alternate to the California Contract Cities Association.

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

Mayor Bernal motioned and Council Member Rios seconded to have Council Member Davila serve as Alternate to the Southeast Community Development Corporation.

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

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COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Jesus Nunez, LAUSD Community of Schools Administrator for South Gate, stated that they have embarked on a new philosophy for this district. By having our office here in South Gate it brings connectivity to the community. He also introduced a few members of the staff.

Carolina Medina and Mario Medina spoke on the LGBT community and organizations that help with counseling.

Gloria Rodriguez, Huntington Park, spoke in support of the LGBT community.

Leticia Vasquez, representative of the Central Basin Municipal Water District, spoke on meter charges. She would like to come before Council and talk about the programs/benefits that the City gets as being part of the Central Basin Municipal Water District.

Eddie Martinez, Huntington Park, spoke on LGBT community and support groups available in the community.

Enith Moreno, spoke on support for the LGBT community.

Lily Ortega, 10431 Hildreth Avenue, spoke on support for the LGBT community in the area.

Lina Rubalcava, 8614 Evergreen Avenue, thanked the Vice Mayor for her support of the LGBT community.

Virginia Johnson, 5751 McKinley Avenue, stated that there is a large warehouse container blocking several parking spaces at the 7-11 on Garfield Avenue. Also behind the 7-11 in the east alley there is another extremely large commercial trash container blocking the public right of way. She also spoke on AB68 which allows a massive increase to the number of accessory dwelling space units. She concluded by asking if there could be a report out on an item that went before Closed Session regarding a religious organization that giving away marijuana for donations and will it be able to continue.

Nick Godoy, 8611 San Gabriel Avenue, spoke about the street sweepers and parking on Ardmore.

Patricia Camacho, Congresswomen Barragan's Office, she invited everyone to attend the 2nd annual Veteran's Welcome Home Event.

Greg Martinez, requested that the City Council place an item on the agenda to audit the JAA to see if the JAA is meeting their contractual obligations to the City.

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REPORTS AND COMMENTS

FROM CITY OFFICIALS

Carmen Avalos, City Clerk explained the process for the vacant seat for the City Council. At the September 24th meeting the City Council opened a period for individuals to apply to be appointed to the City Council vacancy. On September 25th the position opened and on October 7th at 5:00 p.m. it closed. The City Clerk's Office received eight applications. The opening was done as any City bid project and we had member of the public in attendance. The list was then published on the City's website to inform the public who applied and what was submitted. At tonight's meeting the City Council received a packet of applicants and the only part that was omitted was the signature so we keep in compliance with the mandates from the state. There will be a Special City Council Meeting on Tuesday, October 15th at 5:30 p.m. During this meeting City Council will have the opportunity to interview the candidates that applied. The City Council will make the appointment at the end of the deliberate.

Mayor Bernal asked if after each candidate is interviewed, the candidates will be able to come back into the room and hear City Council deliberate.

Mike Flad, City Manager responded that once all candidates have been interviewed they will be allowed to return to the Chambers.

Ms. Avalos stated that she had many questions about Council's involvement with the applications and she stated that the Council had zero involvement in terms of the process itself. It was handled by the City Clerk's Office, the City Attorney's Office, and the City Administration and Human Resources Offices.

Ms. Avalos stated that the City Clerk's Office held two candidate information meetings in preparation for the 2020 Election. She will also be attending the City Clerk Summit hosted by the County to provide information on what the process and cost is looking like for March 3, 2020 election. The nomination period will be opening next month on November 11th.

Greg Martinez, City Treasurer, said that he woke up sick last Friday and was not able to attend the Homeless meeting but was glad that Mayor Bernal was able to attend.

Mike Flad, City Manager, stated that staff is asking for Agenda Item 17 be removed to a future meeting.

Raul F. Salinas, City Attorney, responded to Ms. Johnson's question about the Closed Session item. The City filed a law suit against a marijuana dispensary which claims that it is operating as a church and that it is asking for donations for any marijuana that is provided to any alleged church members. The City of South Gate filed a law suit at the beginning of August to cease the operations. The Court has issued a temporary

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restraining order. The City then moved to seek a preliminary injunction and are waiting for that ruling.

Joe Perez, Director of Community Development, said that there will be another Business 101 workshop this Thursday evening at South Gate Park. The City is also assisting with a Small Business Legal Academy on November 9th at South Gate Park.

Paul Adams, Director of Parks and Recreation, will be having a Special Olympic Tournament and we have two Halloween Haunt one at South Gate Park and one at Hollydale Park. On November 3rd the Women's Club is hosting the Dia de Los Muertos celebration at South Gate Park.

Randy Davis, Chief of Police, said that this Saturday, October 12th at Southeast High School we have the explorers graduation from the academy.

Council Member Davila thanked the speakers that spoke on the LGBT community and that they have her support. She also thanked Vice Mayor Diaz for her work. She said that we need to continue to put the word out on Breast Cancer Awareness and support the families in need.

Council Member Rios said that we need to continue to support the LGBT community and thanked Council Member Diaz for bringing this topic forward. He attended a rent control round table meeting and the Gateway Service Metro Council. Speaker Anthony Rendon hosted movies on the river and also a State of the State address this Friday in Lakewood.

Vice Mayor Diaz said that she was appointed to the Latino caucus for the League of California Cities. She approached Walmart to help with visiting seniors during the Holidays. She invited her fellow Council Members to join her and it will be a two day event with Walmart and the Police Officer Association starting on December 6th.

Vice Mayor Diaz thanked the supporters of the LGBT community that were in attendance tonight and her plans to work with other organizations to provide support in the Southeast Area for LGBT community.

Mayor Bernal has requested that the month of October be anti-bullying month. She also thanked Vice Mayor Diaz for her work with the LGBT community. The Mayor attended a Water Education for Latino Leaders meeting with the Vice Mayor. She also attended a SCAG Community Economic and Housing Development Committee, which she was appointed to with the Gateway COG, South Gate High School Homecoming and the Southeast Water Collation.

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As part of the Southeast Water Coalition (SEWC) the City of South Gate did sign on along with twelve (12) other cities oppose the retail meter charge. Along with a lot of other cities we have these connections to receive water from Central Basin, however we do not access the water. Some of the other cities that are involved with the law suit are Cerritos, City of Commerce, Downey, Huntington Park, Lakewood, Norwalk, Paramount and a couple more. The City of Commerce will be the lead agency.

Lastly, the Mayor attended a Weekend to End Homelessness that was held in the City of Norwalk. The City of Norwalk has a social services department which has three assigned staff members that are assigned to the issue of homelessness. Homelessness is a regional and national issue. We need to continue to look at inconclusive housing while maintaining safety.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Agenda Items 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, and 15 were unanimously approved by motion of Mayor Bernal and seconded by Vice Mayor Diaz. Item 14 was removed from the agenda by Staff.

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ELECTIONS

The City Council approved A, B, C, and D during Consent Calendar.

- a. Adopted Resolution No. 7886 entitled – A Resolution of the City Council of City of South Gate calling for the Holding of a General Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2020, for the Election of Certain Officers and Requesting the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles to Consolidate the Election with any and all Elections also called to be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 and Requesting the Board to Render Specified Services to the City Relating to the Conduct of a General Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2020;
- b. Adopted Resolution No. 7887 entitled – A Resolution of the City Council of City of South Gate adopting Regulations for Candidates for Elective Office Pertaining to Candidates' Statement Submitted to the Voters at the General Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2020; and
- c. Adopted Resolution No. 7888 entitled – A Resolution of the City Council of City of South Gate resolving a Tie Vote by Lot using the Coin Toss Method for Elective Offices in the event of a Tie Vote at the March 3, 2020 Municipal Election.
- d. Authorized the City Clerk to issue a Notice of a General Municipal

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Election to be held on March 3, 2020.

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TITLE 7

The City Council adopted Resolution No. 7889 entitled – A Resolution of the City Council of City of South Gate temporarily suspending the enforcement of issuing administrative citations to allow for limited alcohol beverage consumption during the Commission for South Gate Youth Pageant of the Trees fundraiser event at the South Gate Municipal Auditorium on Saturday, December 7, 2019, from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. during Consent Calendar.

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CIS

The City Council approved A and B during Consent Calendar.

- a. Approved Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. 3398 with ViaTRON Systems, Inc., extending retroactively the term and expanding the scope of document scanning services to include the Police Department, through and including June 30, 2020, in an amount not to exceed \$144,810; and
- b. Authorized the Mayor to execute Amendment No. I in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

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CIS

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

- a. Approved Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. 3425 with Edgesoft, Inc., to provide additional software licenses, training, implementation and data hosting, for a three year term, in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 (\$151,400 for the first year and \$24,300 for the second and third years), and extending the term of the original maintenance services for one additional year to run concurrently with the new maintenance services, in an amount not to exceed \$48,000.
- b. Appropriated \$151,400 from the unassigned fund balance of the Information Systems Fund (Fund No. 522) to Account No. 522-305-12-9006 (IS Fund - Computer Equipment & Software); and
- c. Authorized the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 1 in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

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This item was removed from the agenda.

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FIRESTONE

The City Council approved A and B during Consent Calendar.

- a. Approved Amendment No. 3 to Contract No. 3368 with Biggs Cardosa & Associates, Inc., for additional construction management and inspection services for the Firestone Boulevard Regional Corridor Capacity Enhancements Project in an amount not to exceed \$70,540; and
- b. Authorized the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 3 in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

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FLEET MGMT

The City Council received and filed the City's Fleet Management Master Plan during Consent Calendar.

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ENGINEERING

The City Council approved A and B by motion of Mayor Bernal and seconded by Council Member Rios.

- a. Approved staff's recommendation to decline the \$175,000 in grant funds from the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee offered through the South Coast Air Quality Management District for the construction of the Compressed Natural Gas Fueling Station that is no longer necessary; and
- b. Authorized the Assistant City Manager/Director of Public Works to notify the South Coast Air Quality Management District of the rejection of the grant funds.

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MINUTES

The City Council approved the Regular Meeting and Special Meeting minutes of September 10, 2019.

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WIRELESS

The City Council approved Item C regarding the AT&T cell tower lease at South Gate Park by motion of Mayor Bernal and seconded by Council Member Davila.

- a. Approving AT&T's request to reduce the monthly lease rate by \$143.15, reduce the CPI to 1.8% per year, extend the term of the lease for an additional 15 years, extend the guarantee period/early termination to five years, and direct staff and the City Attorney to prepare an amendment to Contract No. 2629 for presentation at a future City Council meeting for approval; **OR**
- b. Approving AT&T's request to reduce the monthly lease rate by

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\$57.50, reduce the CIP to 8% every five years, extend the term of the lease for an additional 15 years, extend the guarantee period/early termination to seven years, and direct staff and the City Attorney to prepare an amendment to Contract No. 2629 for presentation at a future City Council meeting for approval; **OR**

- c. Directed staff to notify AT&T that the City will continue with the current lease agreement under the existing terms through 2034.

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MASTER PLAN

The City Council considered receiving and filing the Technology Master Plan.

This item was removed from the agenda by Staff.

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WARRANTS

The City Council approved the Warrants and Cancellations for October 8, 2019 by motion of Council Auditor Bernal and seconded by Council Member Davila.

Total of Checks:	\$2,208,169.84
Voids	\$ (7,418.13)
Total of Payroll Deductions:	\$ (315,731.70)
Grand Total:	\$1,885,020.01

Cancellations: 80453, 80929, 80947, 80948, 81048, 81055, 81058, 81109, 81259, 81304, 81335, 81382, 81777, 84426, 84391, 84760

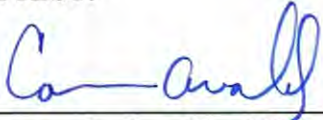
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Bernal adjourned the meeting at 8:56 p.m. by motion of Council Member Davila and seconded by Vice Mayor Diaz.

PASSED and **APPROVED** this 22nd day of October, 2019.



M. Belén Bernal, Mayor

ATTEST:


Carmen Avalos, City Clerk