

**CITY OF SOUTH GATE**  
**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER** M. Belén Bernal, Mayor called a Regular City Council meeting to order at 6:47 p.m.

**INVOCATION** Pastor Bobby Scott, Community of Faith Bible Church

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** 1st Sergeant Cliff Henderson

**ROLL CALL** Greg Martinez, City Treasurer

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

**LATE** Carmen Avalos, City Clerk arrived at 7:05 p.m.

**1**  
**PROCLAMATIONS** The City Council unanimously issued Proclamations declaring November 11, 2019, as Veterans Day in honor of the men and women who served in the Armed Forces; and will present the Proclamations to the City's organizations that support veterans.

**RECESS** The City Council recessed at 7:18 p.m., and reconvened at 7:28 p.m., with all Members of Council present.

**2**  
**PROCLAMATIONS** The City Council unanimously issued a Proclamation declaring November 12, 2019, as Law Enforcement Records and Support Personnel Day in the City of South Gate.

**3**  
**PROCLAMATIONS** The City Council unanimously issued a Proclamation declaring Saturday, November 30, 2019, as Small Business Saturday.

**4**  
**APPOINTMENTS** The City Council considered filling vacancies and making changes to appointees serving on City Commissions/Committees; appointments must be ratified by a majority vote of the City Council.

The City Council unanimously requested that this item be placed on the November 26<sup>th</sup> City Council agenda.

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POLICE**

The City Council conducted a Public Hearing and unanimously approved A, B and C by Mayor Bernal and seconded by Council Member Davila.

- a. Accepted the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Funds, in the amount of \$2,970, for Mental Health Training for Police Department personnel;
- b. Increased the Fiscal Year 2019/20 Law Enforcement Grants Fund revenue projection in Account Number 231-4629 (Law Enforcement Grants Fund BSCC Edward Byrne Grant) by \$2,970, from \$0 to \$2,970; and
- c. Amended the Fiscal Year 2019/20 Law Enforcement Grants Fund budget by appropriating \$2,970 to Account No. 231-560-21-6340 (Law Enforcement Grants Fund 2019 Edward Byrne Grant (Mental Health) - Training) to cover the cost of mental health training for law enforcement personnel.

Mayor Bernal opened the public hearing and asked if anyone in the audience wishes to speak on this item. Seeing no come forward, Mayor Bernal closed the public hearing.

**DEVIATE FROM  
THE AGENDA**

At this time, there being no objections, Mayor Bernal stated that item 14 would be considered out of its regular agenda order.

**14  
STREET FAIRS**

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

- a. Approved Event License Agreement (Contract No. 3359) with the Tweedy Mile Association to produce the Annual Tweedy Street Fair Festival for a term of three years;
- b. Authorized the Mayor to execute the Agreement in a form acceptable to the City Attorney; and
- c. Appointed the Director of Community Development as the City Agent to act on behalf of the City in matters required for the successful execution of this Agreement.

Mayor Bernal requested that staff provided a detailed report on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July carnival.

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### COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Virginia Johnson, 5751 McKinley Avenue, thanked Public Works and Community Development for removing the mobile container in front of the 7-11 store in Hollydale. She also thanked the Mayor for discussing elected officials speaking out on social media at the last Council Meeting. She spoke about the Rancho Los Amigos Project meeting in Downey that many South Gate residents attended. Lastly, she reported that there is a sidewalk vendor for the past month walking down the middle of the street, honking her horn loudly. This vendor does not have a license.

Armando Velasquez, 3365 Independence Avenue, spoke about bringing the Kiwanis Club back to the City of South Gate.

Mr. Nayola, 8422 Victoria Avenue, spoke about parking and street repairs on Tenaya Avenue and would like the area to be posted no parking on holidays.

Ramiro Ramirez, Victor Lopez, Salvador Moreno agree with Mr. Nayola.

Rosa Lazano, 10514 San Vincente Avenue, spoke about parking and street repairs on San Vincente Avenue.

Bill Wallace, 8823 Beaudine Avenue, spoke on crime in his neighborhood.

Fabiola Inzunza, 9542 Bowman Avenue, spoke on DACA and SB225. She also stated that there is no application on the City's website for residents to apply for commissions.

Nick Godoy, 8611 San Gabriel Avenue, spoke on the vendors on the street with no permits. He reported to Public Works that there is a tattered American flag in front of Pete's Burgers and wants to see it replaced. Lastly, at Ardmore and San Gabriel a vehicle jumped the curb and hit the fence.

### REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

Joe Perez, Community Development Director said that there will be a community meeting on November 13, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers to discuss the County's Draft Environmental Impact Report for a new 650,000 square feet buildings in the Rancho Los Amigos south campus area. This property is owned by the County of Los Angeles within the City of Downey.

Steve Costley, Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation, thanked City Council for attending the Halloween Events at the Parks.

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### REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

CONT'D

Randy Davis, Chief of Police, responded to the residents' concerns about the signage for holiday parking. The Police Department is working with Public Works to address these concerns.

Mike Flad, City Manager, reported that he participated in a tour of the Los Angeles River. A good portion of the Los Angeles River cuts through South Gate and one of the key components was an eight mile gap in the River which is a potential pedestrian walkway or bike path.

Raul Salinas, City Attorney spoke on the DACA Supreme Court hearing.

Greg Martinez, City Treasurer spoke on holiday parking issues.

Carmen Avalos, City Clerk, informed the public that the nomination period for our upcoming election is underway. If people are interested in obtaining papers she asked that people make appointments since there are many changes in the paperwork now that we are working with the county. The nomination period will close on December 6<sup>th</sup> and if an incumbent does not pull then it extends to December 11<sup>th</sup>.

Council Member De Witt said that he has received several calls from residents that rent in our community and they indicate that even though they have paid there are current on their rent they are being evicted. He thinks there is a potential problem because of the new state law that is going in and takes effect at the first of the year in regards to raising rents. He thanked Southern California Edison for helping to clean up the area on Scott Street, Southern Avenue and Garfield Avenue. He enjoyed the Halloween events at the Park and had a great time.

Council Member Rios spoke on the rent issues facing our residents. On Thursday Metro's Service Council is meeting and HUB Cities will be approving their budget this week. He thanked Mayor Bernal and Vice Mayor Diaz for the WELL Regional Water meeting that was held here. He also attended the opening of the new middle school, International Global Studies and East Los Angeles College is going to have a Work Force Center on campus.

Council Member Davila also attended the opening of the middle school. She stated that their international language will be Japanese and that the Padres Unidos parent group worked hard to get schools built in our area. At the ribbon cutting Padres Unidos was recognized for their 20 years of service. Council Member Davila attended a couple of Dia de Los Muertos events, the Pow Wow honoring the Veterans and Halloween at the park.

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**REPORTS AND COMMENTS  
FROM CITY OFFICIALS**

**CONT'D**

Council Member Davila inquired with Public Works what the tree trimming schedule was for California Avenue to Otis Street on the south side of Tweedy Boulevard.

Vice Mayor Diaz spoke on speed bumps that were installed in Lynwood and asked staff to take a look at these. She thinks it would be helpful for the residents if they knew how streets are prioritized for repairs. Council Member Diaz thanked Council for supporting Mayor Bernal and herself on the water education program for local elected officials.

Vice Mayor Diaz reported on the delegation from the state department where she traveled to Croatia and Hungary. While on the trip she met with several delegates in Washington DC and reported on her meetings.

Vice Mayor Diaz will be attending the Vector Control Meeting this week and the National Cities meeting on November 20, 21 and 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Council Member Davila reported on an event at the Park that assisted small businesses get in touch with attorneys. About 59 people attended this event.

Mayor Bernal thanked staff for their work on various community meetings that happened recently. She had a tour of South Gate Park and some of the aging lights and pathways. Mayor Bernal reported on various water issues that face the State and water bonds.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Agenda Items 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 were unanimously approved by motion of Mayor Bernal and seconded by Council Member Rios. Items 6 and 7 were pulled for separate discussion.

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**CENSUS**

The City Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 7892 entitled – A Resolution of the City Council of City of South Gate authorizing the City Manager to execute a subaward agreement with the County of Los Angeles to receive grant funds to be used for Census 2020 education and outreach activities by motion of Mayor Bernal and seconded by Council Member Davila.

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**COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS**

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

- a. Approved Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. 3524 with RSG, Inc., extending the scope of work to include the development of a Community Facilities Inventory in an amount not to exceed \$13,885;

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COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS  
CONT'D**

- b. Appropriated \$13,885 from the unassigned UDAG Fund Balance to Account Number 262 603-41-6101 (UDAG Fund - Professional Services) to fund the cost of this Amendment; and
- c. Authorized the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 1 in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

**8  
SPORTS CENTER**

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

- a. Approved Purchase Order with Herk Edwards, Inc., for the purchase and installation of Telescoping Hussey Bleachers at the Marvin Cole Gymnasium and the Patricia G. Mitchell Swim Stadium through the government pricing program in the amount of \$400,000, which includes \$359,932.00 for bleachers and installation and \$40,068 in contingency;
- b. Authorized the City's Purchasing Division to issue a Purchase Order for this project in accordance with the City's purchasing ordinance and policies; and
- c. Authorized the Director of Parks & Recreation to execute any additional documents as may be required to properly implement and manage this purchase and installation.

**9  
SKY LIGHT  
REPLACEMENT**

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

- a. Approved Purchase Order with DFS Flooring for the restriping of the parking lots at South Gate Park through the Sourcewell government pricing program at a cost of \$66,475;
- b. Appropriated \$66,475 from the Building & Infrastructure Maintenance Fund to Account Number 524-460-61-9100 (Building & Infrastructure Maintenance Fund - Parks & Recreation - Facility Improvements) to fund the cost of restriping the parking lots;
- c. Authorized the City's Purchasing Division to issue a Purchase Order for this item in accordance with the City's purchasing ordinance and policies; and
- d. Authorized the Director of Parks & Recreation to execute any additional documents as may be required to properly implement and manage this purchase.

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**10  
COMPUTER  
INFORMATION  
SERVICES**

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

- a. Approved a Purchase Order with Pulsiam for the renewal of the software maintenance and support services for the Police Department in the amount of \$106,014.09, for Fiscal Year 2019/20; and
- b. Authorized the City's Purchasing Division staff to issue a Purchase Order for this purchase in accordance with the City's purchasing ordinance and policies.

**11  
ATLANTIC STREET  
IMPROVEMENT**

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

- a. Amended the Capital Improvement Program to add the Curb Ramp Modifications at 10145 Atlantic Avenue, City Project No. 644-ST, necessary to resolve an issue involving ADA compliance; and
- b. Appropriated \$20,000 in Measure M Funds to Account No. 311-790-31-9475 to fully fund the Curb Ramp Modifications at 10145 Atlantic Avenue, City Project No. 644-ST.

**12  
MINUTES**

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

- a. The Special Meeting minutes of October 15, 2019; and
- b. The Regular Meeting and Special Meeting minutes of October 22, 2019.

**13  
HOUSING ORD**

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

- a. Received and filed presentation of the proposed inclusionary housing ordinance; and
- b. Discussed and directed staff and consultants to proceed with preparation of an inclusionary housing ordinance for consideration by the Planning Commission and City Council in early 2020.

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15  
FIXED ROUTE  
FOR BUSES

The City Council considered:

- a. Approving a Purchase Order with Creative Bus Sales for the purchase of three Starcraft Class E buses for the GATE Fixed Route Program in the amount of \$447,555.84, through the Cal Act purchasing program, to replace buses that have reached and exceeded their useful life span;
- b. Authorizing the City's Purchasing Division to issue a Purchase Order for this purchase in accordance with the City's purchasing ordinance and policies; and
- c. Authorizing the Director of Parks & Recreation to execute any additional documents as may be required to properly implement and manage this purchase.

This item will be brought back at a future meeting including information on gas versus electric buses.

16.  
WARRANTS

The City Council unanimously approved the Warrants and Cancellations for November 12, 2019 by motion of Council Auditor Davila and seconded by Mayor Bernal.

Total of Checks:	\$3,135,032.61
Voids	\$ (163,513.50)
Total of Payroll Deductions:	<u>\$ (654,277.59)</u>
Grand Total:	\$2,317,241.52

Cancellations: 83935, 85196, 85147

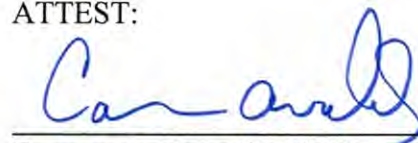
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Bernal adjourned the meeting at 10:21 p.m. and seconded by Council Member Davila.

**PASSED** and **APPROVED** this 10th day of December, 2019.

ATTEST:

  
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M. Belén Bernal, Mayor

  
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Carmen Avalos, City Clerk