

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

CALL TO ORDER Mayor M. Belén Bernal called a Special City Council meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL Sonia Guerrero, Records Coordinator

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

ABSENT Carmen Avalos, City Clerk

LATE City Treasurer Greg Martinez arrived at 6:15 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION Mayor Bernal asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak on these items.

Virginia Johnson, 5751 McKinley Avenue, stated she was not able to locate 10350 Paramount Boulevard, South Gate on three different maps.

Mayor Bernal asked for the cross street.

Joe Perez, Director of Community Development stated the property is on the southeast corner of Paramount and Gardendale. The former location of the Rancho Market site.

Having no one else come forward, Mayor Bernal closed the audience portion.

The Council Members recessed into Closed Session at 6:06 p.m. and reconvened at 6:46 p.m. with all Members of Council present. City Attorney Salinas reported the following:

- I. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – PENDING LITIGATION
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a), 54954.9(b)(3)(C)
 - a. Maria Lopez, aka Ines Lopez, Imelda Roman, and C.N. a minor v. City of South Gate
 - b. Andre Tupua v. City of South Gate
 - c. Mary Jane Nava v. City of South Gate, et al.
 - d. Lucila Magana v. City of South Gate, et al.
 - e. Betsaida Santana Lucas v. City of South Gate

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CLOSED SESSION CONT'D

Item 1(a) is an accident which occurred with a City employee. The City received a report by the City Attorney Office. A motion made by Council Member De Witt and seconded by Councilwoman Davila and on a vote of 5-0, the City Council moved to deny the claim.

Item 1(b) is a claim filed against the City of South Gate seeking the recovery of \$800,000 because of the disposal of marijuana by the police department and a couple weeks ago the court dismissed that action finding in favor of the City.

The City received a request to resolve that case in exchange of waiver of costs. On a motion made by Councilwoman Davila and seconded by Vice Mayor Diaz and on a vote of 5-0, the City Council moved to accept that settlement proposal.

Item 1(c) is another lawsuit involving an injury on a property not owned by the City of South Gate. After receiving a report by the City Attorney and on a motion made by Councilwoman Davila and seconded by Council Member De Witt and on a vote of 5-0, the City Council moved to deny that claim and authorized the defense of that matter.

Item 1(d) is another injury involving a City sidewalk. The City received a report and at the conclusion of that report and on a motion made by Mayor Bernal and seconded by Council Member De Witt, and on a vote of 4-0 authorized the defense of that matter. Councilwoman Davila stepped out momentarily and did not participate in the vote.

Item 1(e) is a suit that was alleged against the City based on involvement by the police department on behalf of the City of South Gate and the County's Social Welfare Department. The City denied the value of the claim, the validity of the claim and the City prevailed in a federal court action. The matter was dismissed in favor of the City. The City Council received that report without taking any action.

2. CONSIDER THE EVALUATION OF PERFORMANCE OF A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 and 54957.6

- a. City Manager
- b. City Attorney

Item 2 (a) & (b) were deferred in the interest of time. There was no discussion. No action was taken.

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3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8

- a. Property APN: 6264-004-900
Property: 10350 Paramount Boulevard, South Gate, CA 90280
City Negotiator: Michael Flad, City Manager
Negotiating with: Los Angeles County Office of Education
Under Negotiation: Terms of Sale

On item 3(a), the City Council met to discuss ongoing negotiations. The City received a presentation in closed session. There was no action or vote taken in connection with that matter.

ADDENDUM

Addendum to the Special City Council agenda.

4. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(c)

One (1) - Potential Case

Item 4 involved a property owned by the County of Los Angeles. The City Council took that matter in closed session. A report was given by staff. However, there was no action taken in connection with that matter.

Mayor Bernal asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak on these items.

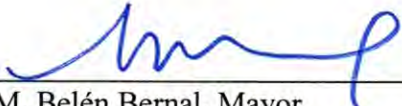
Virginia Johnson, 5751 McKinley Avenue, stated that the property 10350 Paramount Boulevard correct address is 13050 Paramount Boulevard.

Having no one else come forward, Mayor Bernal closed the audience portion.

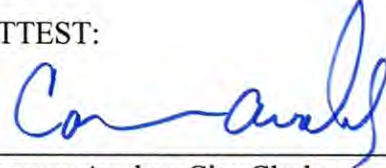
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Bernal unanimously adjourned the meeting at 6:49 p.m. and seconded by Council Member Davila.

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


M. Belén Bernal, Mayor

ATTEST:


Carmen Avalos, City Clerk