

**CITY OF SOUTH GATE  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER** Maria Davila, Mayor called a Regular City Council meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Dr. Albert Roman, Interim ELAC President

**ROLL CALL** Carmen Avalos, City Clerk

**PRESENT** Mayor Maria Davila, Vice Mayor Al Rios, Council Member Maria del Pilar Avalos, Council Member Denise Diaz and Council Member Gil Hurtado; City Treasurer Gregory Martinez, Interim City Manager Chris Jeffers, City Attorney Raul F. Salinas

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**CDBG**

The City Council conducted a Public Hearing and unanimously adopted Resolution No. 2020-40-CC entitled - A Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate, California, receiving and approving the Program Year 2019-2020 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) and authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to submit the CAPER to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development by motion of Council Member Avalos and seconded by Council Member Hurtado.

Paul Adams gave a brief introduction on this item and introduced Ana Marie from Avant-Garde, Inc.

Ana Maire, Avant-Garde, Inc. and Diane Guevara, Acting Housing Manager gave a presentation on this item.

Mayor Davila opened the public hearing and asked if anyone in the audience wishes to speak on this item.

Bash, Freddie's Market asked if these types of funds available for the businesses that are part of the Tweedy Mile Association that have been hurt by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Paul Adams explained that the item before Council tonight is regarding last year's activities. The City does have a business assistance grant program which will be beginning soon. Also, the City has additional money coming next year for the façade improvement program and these issues will come before Council in January.

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CDBG CONT'D

Seeing no one come forward, Mayor Davila closed the public hearing.

**Roll Call:** Mayor Davila, yes; Vice Mayor Rios, yes; Council Member Diaz, yes; Council Member Hurtado, yes; Council Member Avalos, yes.

DEVIATE FROM  
THE AGENDA

At this time, there being no objections, Mayor Davila stated that items 12 and 13 would be considered out of its regular agenda order.

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BUDGET

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

- a. Reviewed and discussed staffs recommendation on the various amendments proposed in the Fiscal Year 2020/21 Fall Revise Budget;
- b. Provided direction regarding the Budget Subcommittee's recommendation on various amendments for the Fiscal Year 2020/21 Fall Revise Budget; and
- c. Approved staffs recommended budget amendments and/or any other amendments the City Council deems appropriate.

**Roll Call:** Mayor Davila, yes; Vice Mayor Rios, yes; Council Member Diaz, yes; Council Member Hurtado, yes; Council Member Avalos, yes.

EXCUSED FROM  
MEETING

At this time, Vice Mayor Rios, was excused from the meeting and did not vote on Item 13.

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STRATEGIC PLAN

The City Council unanimously received and filed the City of South Gate Economic Development Strategic Plan Progress Update for Fiscal Year 2019/20, containing priorities and actions taken to improve the City's economic development efforts by motion of Council Member Hurtado and seconded by Mayor Davila.

**Roll Call:** Mayor Davila, yes; Vice Mayor Rios, absent; Council Member Diaz, yes; Council Member Hurtado, yes; Council Member Avalos, yes.

REJOINED MEETING

Vice Mayor Rios rejoined the City Council during Comments from the Audience.



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### COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Adolfo Varas announced that he will be hosting his 5<sup>th</sup> annual toy giveaway on December 21<sup>st</sup>.

Robert Montalvo played a recording concerning a resident and their involvement with the Taste of Compton. Mr. Montalvo stated his concerns with Council Member Hurtado.

Liz Ruiz, Nebraska Avenue, updated the City Council on the steering committee meeting for the South Coast Air Quality Management District she attended.

Virginia Johnson spoke on the color scheme of the businesses in the Hollydale area and the behavior of community members at Council Meetings. Ms. Johnson wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Anna, Chamber of Commerce, thanked the community for supporting the National Small Business Day. The Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a 12 day of Christmas toy drive.

Josh Barron thanked the nonprofits that work in our community for their hard work and he invited the community to join the Parks and Recreation Commission Zoom meeting for December.

Cyndi Esquivel wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Ms. Esquivel addressed the comments made regarding the Taste of Compton.

Jovanna Laborin, 3372 Seminole Avenue, addressed the comments made regarding the Taste of Compton and the behavior of City Commissioners.

Scarlett spoke on the behavior of the community during the Council Meetings.

City Clerk Avalos read the following emails:

Natasha Martinez responded to the racial comments made at the last City Council Meetings.

Angie Garcia is concerned with the behavior of one of Council Member Diaz's Commissioners.

### REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

Steve Costley, Interim Parks and Recreation Director wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

Randy Davis, Chief of Police reported that the Police Department raised about \$40,000 for youth programs and projects.

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### REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS CONT'D

Paul Adams, Interim Community Development Director announced that the Tweedy Mile will be hosting a ham distribution on December 20 and the Azalea Shopping Center will be hosting a drive through toy give away. Staff is working with the Chamber of Commerce to get small business grant program started again before the Holidays.

Jackie Acosta, Administrative Services Director wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

Chris Jeffers, Interim City Manager received an email stating that the Azalea Shopping Center has cancelled the toy drive due to the State's stay at home order. Mr. Jeffers wished everyone a safe Holiday.

Raul F. Salinas, City Attorney and Carmen Avalos, City Clerk wished everyone a safe and Merry Christmas.

Council Member Hurtado said that he is very grateful that the community is willing to help during these times. Council Member Hurtado wished everyone a Merry Christmas and he urged everyone to stay home this holiday season and shop local to support South Gate business.

Council Member Diaz wished everyone a Happy Holiday and she attended a meeting of the Latino Caucus of the League of California Cities. They discussed the process of getting the COVID vaccine out to the public. She asked the community to celebrate the holidays with their immediate families so next we can celebrate with everyone next year.

Council Member Avalos asked that Council adjourn the meeting in memory of three family members that she has lost and spoke about her first 8 months in office. Council Member Avalos wished everyone Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. This pandemic has been very difficult and asked everyone will continue to follow the CDC guidelines in the hope that New Year will provide a healing to the community.

Vice Mayor Rios stated that we need to put socializing on hold this year and follow the CDC guidelines. He congratulated the Police Department on the success of Pageant of the Trees and Ramona Trejo for retiring from the City after 40 years of service. Northgate is donating 1,000 toys to the children of the community with a drive through event.

Mayor Davila thanked the community for participating in Council Meetings, Staff for their hard work and her fellow Council Members. It has been a very difficult year and she has lost two family members this year. Mayor Davila wished everyone a Merry Christmas and hopes everyone stays safe during this holiday season.



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**CONSENT CALENDAR** Agenda Items 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9 and 10 were unanimously approved by motion of Council Member Avalos and seconded by Mayor Davila. Item 7 was pulled for separate discussion.

**Roll Call:** Mayor Davila, yes; Vice Mayor Rios, yes; Council Member Diaz, yes; Council Member Hurtado, yes; Council Member Avalos, yes.

**2**  
**EMERGENCY PLANNING** The City Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 2020-41-CC - A Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate, California, extending the Local Emergency within the City as a result of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 pandemic surge during Consent Calendar.

**3**  
**CA REGIONAL WATER** The City Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 2020-42-CC - A Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate, California, repealing Resolution No. 7885 and appointing Arturo Cervantes, Assistant City Manager/Director of Public Works as the Primary Board Member, and Gladis Deras, Senior Engineer, and Christopher Castillo, Water Division Manager, as the Alternate Board Members to serve on the Governing Board of the Los Angeles Gateway Region Integrated Regional Water Management Joint Powers Authority effective December 8, 2020, through and including September 30, 2021 during Consent Calendar.

**4**  
**HOUSING LEGACY APT** The City Council unanimously approved A, B, and C during Consent Calendar.

- a. Finding that the Legacy Apartments housing development is Categorical Exempt under Section 15061(b)(3)(General Rule Exemption) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA);
- b. Adopted Resolution No. 2020-43-CC - A Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate, California, approving the Affordable Housing Agreement (Contract No. 2020-112-CC) with 10130 Adella, LLC for the Legacy Apartments, a 78- unit apartment housing development with the inclusion of four very low affordable housing units to be located at 10130 Adella Avenue in the City of South Gate; and
- c. Authorized the Mayor to execute the Agreement in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

**5**  
**PERSONNEL** The City Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 2020-44-CC - A Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate, California, amending the Hourly Pay Table to update the hourly rates to conform to the minimum wage law effective January 1, 2021 during Consent Calendar.

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CIS

The City approved unanimously A and B during Consent Calendar.

- a. Approved a Lease Agreement (Contract No. 2020-113-CC) with Pacific Office Automation, Inc., to lease 20 multi-function copiers to replace the current outdated fleet, for a five-year term, at a monthly lease cost of \$1,558.71, along with maintenance/usage costs of \$0.0059 per black and white copy and \$.04324 per color copy; and
- b. Authorized the Mayor to execute the Lease Agreement in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

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WTR REPLENISHMENT  
WELL DESTRUCTION

The City Council unanimously approved A and B by motion of Council Member Hurtado and seconded by Council Member Avalos.

- a. Approved the Access, License and Reimbursement Agreement (Contract No. 2020-114-CC) with the Water Replenishment District of Southern California to participate in the Well Destruction Program to include inactive Well No. 23, in an amount not to exceed \$43,000; and
- b. Authorized the Mayor to execute the Agreement in a form acceptable to the City's Attorney.

**Roll Call:** Mayor Davila, yes; Vice Mayor Rios, yes; Council Member Diaz, yes; Council Member Hurtado, yes; Council Member Avalos, yes.

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I-710

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

- a. Approved Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. 3333 with Biggs Cardosa Associates, Inc., to prepare environmental documents for a new design concept for the I-710/Firestone Southbound On-ramp Modification Project, City Project No. 354-ST, in the amount of \$99,268; and
- b. Authorized the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 1 in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

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PUBLIC WORKS

The City Council unanimously continued the consideration of the Amendment to the Capital Improvement Program to add new projects and allocate additional funds to the regularly scheduled City Council meeting of January 26, 2021 during Consent Calendar.



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CC MTG SCHEDULE

The Council unanimously approved A and B during Consent Calendar.

- a. Approved the cancellation of the regularly scheduled City Council Meeting of Tuesday, December 22, 2020; and
- b. Authorized the City Council Auditor to review and approve the second warrant register in December 2020.

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Removed From The Agenda

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WARRANTS

The City Council unanimously approved the warrants with the exception of #90844, #90848, #90971, #90946, #90951, #90994, #90960, and #91010 by motion of Council Auditor Avalos and seconded by Mayor Davila.

- a. Approved Check No 90870 from November 24, 2020; and
- b. Approved the Warrant Register for December 8, 2020.


Total of Checks:	\$2,400,473.64
Total Payroll Deductions (FY 2020/21)	(\$ 355,121.42)
Grand Total:	\$2,045,352.22

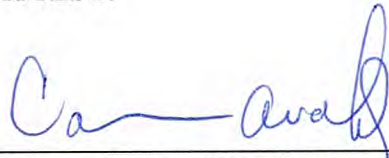
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Davila unanimously adjourned the meeting in memory of Mark Anthony Ibarra Denier Diaz, Señora Afilar and Jose Suarezat 10:12 p.m. and seconded by Council Member Avalos.

**PASSED and APPROVED** this 12<sup>th</sup> day of January 2021.

ATTEST:

  
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Maria Davila, Mayor

  
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Carmen Avalos, City Clerk