

**CITY OF SOUTH GATE  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER** Maria Davila, Mayor called a Regular City Council meeting to order at 6:39 p.m.

**INVOCATION** Reverend Sean Pica, Redeemer Lutheran Church

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Giselle Mares, Management Assistant

**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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**PERSONNEL** The City Council allowed staff to introduce the new and promotional full-time employees hired or promoted between January 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020.

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**POLICE** The City Council conducted a Public Hearing and unanimously approved A, B, C, D and E by motion of Council Member Hurtado and seconded by Council Member Avalos.

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

- a. Authorized utilization of the 2020-2021 Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Grant Funds from the State of California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) for overtime, equipment and training expenses;
- b. Approved the Grant Agreement (Contract No. 2021-14-CC) with the OTS, Grant Number PT21063;
- c. Authorized the Mayor to execute the Grant Agreement in a form acceptable to the City Attorney;
- d. Reduced the Fiscal Year 2020/21 revenue projection in the OTS Grant Fund, Account No. 231- 624 by \$1,420.28, from \$144,000.00 to \$142,579.72 (\$70,579.72 of available funds remaining from the 2019-2020 grant and 72,000 for the 2020-2021 grant); and

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**POLICE CONT'D**

- e. Reduced the Fiscal Year 2020/21 OTS Grant Fund budget by \$13,000, from \$85,000 to \$72,000, as follows: (\$4,000) in Account No. 231-556-21-5110; (\$3,902) in Account No. 231-556-21-5111; \$9,486) in Account No. 231-556-21-6204 and \$4,388 in Account No. 231-556-21-6340.

Randy Davis, Chief of Police provided a presentation on this item.

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

**DEVIATE FROM  
THE AGENDA**

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

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**TITLE 2**

The City Council unanimously adopted Interim Urgency Ordinance No. 2021-02-CC entitled - An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of South Gate, California adopting new Section 2.10.380 (COVID-19 Restrictions - Food Delivery Charges), to Chapter 2.10 (Business Regulation), to Title 2 (Licenses - Business Regulations), of the South Gate Municipal Code establishing a temporary limit on the charges imposed by third-party food delivery services on local restaurants during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, effective immediately by motion of Mayor Davila and seconded by Council Member Diaz.

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

**COMMENTS FROM  
THE AUDIENCE**

Adolfo Varas stated the he is introducing a program for the business community by providing no cost COVID-19 testing for local businesses and their employees.

Thomas Buckley stated that the last Council Meeting was another public relations disaster. The City needs Council Members that are capable of listening to harsh criticism from the residents instead of reporting them to the Police or FBI. This is not their problems and Council needs to become good leaders and face up to their responsibilities.

Robert Montalvo thanked the Interim City Manager and City Attorney for reaching out to the community on their concerns. He spoke against the behavior of Council Members at the last meeting. We need to get back to focusing on City business and take care of each other.



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### COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE CONT'D

Carmen Avalos, City Clerk received one email for public comment stating her discontent with one of the City's Commissioners appointed by Council Member Diaz.

Andrea is tired of listening to personnel issues at Council Meetings.

### REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

Art Cervantes, Public Works Director shared information on a water system in Florida and how the City of South Gate is prepared for similar situations.

Greg Martinez, City Treasurer apologized for missing the last City Council meeting and explained he had the wrong date on his schedule.

Council Member Avalos stated that the City of South Gate was highlighted on Channel 34 for the support of the community and nonprofit organizations during the pandemic.

Council Member Hurtado stated that he has reached out to the Governor and other elected officials trying to get a vaccination site in the City of South Gate. He encouraged his fellow Council Members to do the same.

Council Member Hurtado said that back in 1989 there were 5 or 6 of our City water wells that had contamination and the City took appropriate actions to handle the matter. In 2011, Council Member Hurtado remembers Greg Martinez bringing brown water to the meeting because that is the way the water was coming out on the westside of the City and the City took action. He relies on staff and the state to give him the facts about the water. The criticism that comes from the residents helps inform the Council of what needs to be done and are welcome.

Council Member Hurtado stated that he said he would go to the FBI it was not about the water it was about physical threats. The City is facing many issues and these need to be our focus.

Vice Mayor Rios reminded the community that LAUSD has a testing site at Legacy High School. The City is supporting LAUSD's efforts to become vaccination sites. He also announced that East Los Angeles College started classes yesterday. There are a number of classes still open. The Community College District is planning to have a Joint City Council meeting next week and he is looking forward to that.

Mayor Davila stated that Council appreciates all our callers but sometimes social media takes over the meeting. We need to keep the focus on the City. She also thanked City staff and the Interim City Manager for all their hard work.

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### CONSENT CALENDAR

Agenda Items 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 were unanimously approved by motion of Mayor Davila and seconded by Council Member Avalos. Items 3, 5, 6 and 12 were pulled for separate discussion. For clarification the City Manager stated that Item 13 and 14 should have been listed under “Reports, Recommendations and Requests”

**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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### HOLLYDALE PARK

The City Council unanimously approved A, B, C, and D by motion of Mayor Davila and seconded by Council Member Hurtado.

- a. Adopted Resolution No. 2021-06-CC entitled - A Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate, California authorizing the application and accepting grant funds, if awarded, from the Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program for the Hollydale Community Park Renovation Project;
- b. Authorized the Director of Administrative Services to appropriate up to \$4,000,000 Million in Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program grant funds, if awarded, to Account No. 524-401-61-9200 (Building & Infrastructure Maintenance Fund - Parks & Recreation - Park Improvements);
- c. Directed staff to take steps necessary to complete the application process on behalf of the City; and
- d. Authorized the Interim Director of Parks & Recreation to execute, on behalf of the City, and documents required to apply for, accept and implement said grant in a form acceptable to the City 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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### PERSONNEL

The City Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2021-07-CC entitled - A Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate, California amending the Hourly Pay Table to add the hourly classification of Grounds Maintenance Worker, retroactively effective February 1, 2021 during Consent Calendar.



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### PERSONNEL

The City Council unanimously approved as amended Resolution No. 2021-08-CC entitled - A Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate, California amending Resolution No. 6454 (Salary Resolution and Position Classification Plan) to update the job specification of the Director of Community Development position in the Community Development Department by motion of Vice Mayor Rios and seconded by Council Member Hurtado.

**Amendment:** Modify the education and experience section to be inclusive of five years of progressive responsible full time professional management and experience in directing urban planning, economic development, code enforcement or housing programs preferably in public or similar organization providing such services is preferred.

**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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### URBAN REFORESTATION

The City Council approved A, B, and C as amended by motion of Mayor Davila and seconded by Council Member Avalos.

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

- a. Adopted Resolution No. 2021-09-CC entitled - A Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate, California authorizing the application and accepting grant funds, if awarded, from the Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program for the Urban Orchard Project;
- b. Authorized the Director of Administrative Services to appropriate up to \$3.4 Million in Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program grant funds, if awarded, to Account No. 311-790-61-9214 for the Urban Orchard Project; and
- c. Authorized the Mayor to execute Resolution in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

**Amendment:** Approve the grant funding for increased total of 4.3 million dollars.

Art Cervantes, Director of Public Works stated that on the initial draft of the grant was listed as 3.4 million dollars and has since been increased to 4.3 million dollars. Mr. Cervantes requested that the City Council approved the amended amount.

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FIRESTONE

The City Council unanimously approve A and B considered during Consent Calendar.

- a. Approved Amendment No. 6 to Contract No. 2796, Memorandum of Understanding with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority retroactively extending the grant funds lapsing date from February 28, 2020 to February 28, 2021, for the Firestone Boulevard Regional Corridor Capacity Enhancement, Metro Project ID No. F3124, City Project No. 476-TRF, for the 2009 Call for Projects Program grant funds; and
- b. Authorized the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 6 in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

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CIS

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

- a. Approved Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. 3185 with "e-Trak-Plus", now doing business as "Etrak Recreation Software, LLC, retroactively extending the term from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021; and
- b. Authorized the Mayor to execute the agreement in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

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CIS

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

- a. Approved a Service Agreement (Contract No. 2021-15-CC) with Crossroads Software, Inc., for collision/incident reports record keeping; and
- b. Authorized the Mayor to execute the Service Agreement in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.



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EQUIPMENT

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

- a. Approved Purchase Order with National Auto Fleet Group for the purchase of two patrol vehicles for the Police Department, in the total amount of \$75,807.76;
- b. Approved Purchase Order with West Coast Lights & Sirens, Inc., for the purchase and installation of necessary emergency equipment on these two patrol vehicles, in the amount of \$32,307.58;
- c. Approved Purchase Order with Northstar Graphics, for the purchase and installation of decals/graphics on these two patrol vehicles, in the amount of \$715.00; and
- d. Approved Purchase Order with CDCE, Inc., for the purchase of Mobile Data Computers to outfit these two patrol vehicles, in the amount of \$13,818.51.

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CESAR E. CHAVEZ  
PLAYGROUND

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

- a. Approved Purchase Order with Dave Bang and Associates, Inc., for the purchase and renovation of the post and deck playground equipment located at Cesar Chavez Park, in the amount of \$147,051, for equipment and installation;
- 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 Interim Director of Parks & Recreation to execute any additional documents as may be required to properly implement and manage this purchase and installation.

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INVESTMENT

The City Council unanimously received and filed the Quarterly Investment Report for the quarter ended June 30, 2020 by motion of Mayor Davila and seconded by Council Member Avalos.

**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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CAC

The City Council unanimously continued discussing the Citizens Advisory Committee's composition and provide staff with direction to the March 23<sup>rd</sup> City Council by motion of Council Member Avalos and seconded by Council Member Hurtado.

**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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CITY HISTORY

The City Council unanimously continued adopting a Resolution establishing the "Centennial Celebration Planning Ad Hoc Committee" to begin making plans for the City's upcoming 100th Anniversary Celebration and appointing members to serve on this Ad Hoc Committee to the March 9<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting by motion of Mayor Davila and seconded by Council Member Avalos.

- a. Allowing the Mayor to appoint a City Council Member to act and serve as the Chairperson of this Ad Hoc Committee, subject to a majority vote by the City Council;
- b. Each City Council Member will consider appointing two community members to serve as Ad Hoc Committee Members, subject to a majority vote of the City Council; and
- c. Appointing the Director of Parks & Recreation and the Management Analyst from the City Manager's Office as the staff liaisons.

**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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COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS

The City Council unanimously received and filed the City's 2021 Legislative Platform, containing the City's state and federal legislative priorities by motion of Mayor Davila and seconded by Council Member Avalos.

**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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POLITICAL SUPPORT

The City Council voted to cast their ballot for Candidate Monica Heredia, Director of Public Works for the City of Pico Rivera and Candidate Michael Gualiteri, General Manager for the La Habra Heights Water District to be appointed to the Board of Directors of the Central Basin Municipal Water District by motion of Council Member Avalos and seconded by Vice Mayor Rios.

- a. Candidate Monica Heredia, Director of Public Works for the City of Pico Rivera, to serve as the CBMWD's "Appointed Director, At-Large - Cities" (sole candidate for this position); and
- b. Either Candidate Michael Gualitieri, General Manager for the La Habra Heights Water District, OR Candidate Steve Bucknam Consultant for Bucknam & Associates, to serve as CBMWD's "Appointed Director, At-Large" Water Purveyor; and
- c. Directed the City Clerk to submit the Official Ballots to the CBMWD prior to the deadline, and in compliance with CBMWD's election requirements.

**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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WARRANTS

The Warrants were unanimously approved with the exception of #91517 by motion of Council Auditor Avalos and seconded by Mayor Davila.

- a. Approved Check No. 91260 from January 12, 2021;
- b. Approved Check No. 91390, and 91402 from January 26, 2021; and
- c. Approved the Warrant Register for February 9, 2021.

Total of Checks:	\$2,899,952.05
Voids:	\$ (284,425.58)
Total of Payroll Deductions	<u>\$ (355,483.51)</u>
Grand Total:	\$2,260,042.96

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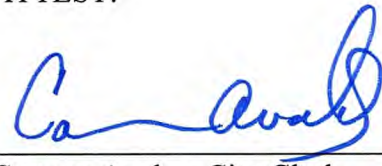
**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Davila unanimously adjourned the meeting in memory of Jamie John Arakawa, Jose Luis Arnendaiz, Angelina Flores, Margarito Segura and Mr. Saleh at 9:39 p.m. and seconded by Council Member Avalos.

**PASSED** and **APPROVED** this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February 2021.

ATTEST:

  
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Maria Davila, Mayor

  
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Carmen Avalos, City Clerk