

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

**CALL TO ORDER** Maria Davila, Mayor called a Special City Council meeting to order at 5:42 p.m.

**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; Interim City Manager Chris Jeffers, City Attorney Raul F. Salinas

**ABSENT** City Treasurer Gregory Martinez

**CLOSED SESSION** The Council Members recessed into Closed Session at 5:42 p.m. and reconvened at 6:34 p.m. with all Members of Council present. City Attorney Salinas reported the following:

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – PENDING LITIGATION

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a), 54954.9(b)(3)(c)

- a. Ernie Gonzalez v. Linda Aceves, et al.
- b. Nallely Rincon v. City of South Gate, et al.
- c. Romina G. Garcia & Jason Sarabia v. City of South Gate

On item 1(a), the City Council received a report by the City Attorney with respect to a lawsuit filed against the City and Ms. Aceves. On a motion made by Council Member Hurtado and seconded by Councilwoman Avalos and on a vote of 5-0, the City Council authorized a defense of the action on behalf of the City as well as Ms. Aceves.

Item 1(b) is a lawsuit filed against the City of South Gate and County of Los Angeles alleging a pothole on one of the City's streets and that Ms. Rincon suffered injury as result in stepping into the pothole. The City Council received a report by the City Attorney with respect to that lawsuit and on a motion made by Mayor Davila and seconded Vice Mayor Rios and on a vote of 5-0, the City Council authorized the defense of that case.

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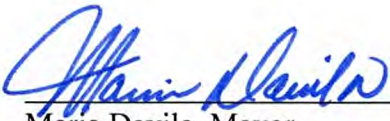
Item 1(c) is a tort claim that has not yet been turned into a lawsuit. The City Council received a report by the City Attorney with respect to the allegations found in the tort claim. Upon completion of that presentation and on a motion made by Council Member Hurtado and seconded by Councilwoman Avalos and on a vote of 5-0, the City Council denied and rejected that claim.


**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Davila unanimously adjourned the meeting at 6:39 p.m. and seconded Council Member Hurtado.

**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