

**CITY OF SOUTH GATE  
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES  
TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER** Maria Davila, Mayor called a Special City Council meeting to order at 5:30 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 5:35 p.m. and reconvened at 6:29 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. Gabriela Perez Negrete v. City of South Gate, et al.
- b. Rosemarie Mendoza, et al. v. City of Los Angeles, et al.
- c. Christopher J. Tindall v. City of South Gate
- d. George Schrader v. City of South Gate (WCAB)

Item 1(a) is a slip and fall suit on a City sidewalk. The City Council received a report by the City Attorney's Office and on a motion that was made by Councilwoman Avalos and seconded by Council Member Hurtado and on a vote of 5-0, the City Council authorized the defense of this litigation by the City Attorney.

On item 1(b), the City Council received a request by the City Attorney to authorize the defense of this litigation by outside counsel the law firm of Rothans, Carpenter & Dumont and upon completion of that recommendations there was a motion made by Council Member Hurtado and seconded by Councilwoman Avalos and the vote was 5-0 to formalize the retention of that law firm.

Item 1(c) is a tort claim filed by an individual and the City Council received a report by the City Attorney's Office and upon completion of that report there was a motion made by Council Member Hurtado and seconded by Mayor Davila to deny the claim and the vote of 5-0.

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CONT'D**


On item 1(d), the City Council received a report by the City's outside counsel handling the matter. There was a presentation made and upon completion of that presentation there was a motion made by Councilwoman Avalos and by Council Member Hurtado and on a vote of 5-0, City Council approved a tentative settlement of that case. The amount of that settlement is not being disclosed at this time as the agreement has yet to be finalized and receive court approval. Once that happens the amount will be subject to disclosure pursuant to the Brown Act.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Davila unanimously adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m. and seconded Council Member Hurtado.

**PASSED and APPROVED** this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April 2021.

ATTEST:



Al Rios, Mayor



Carmen Avalos, City Clerk