

**MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF SOUTH GATE**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER**           The meeting of the South Gate Public Housing Authority was called to order by Vice Chairwoman Diaz at 5:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**                Sonia Guerrero, Recording Secretary

**PRESENT**                 Vice Chairwoman Denise Diaz, Authority Member Maria Davila, Authority Member Al Rios; Authority Member M. Belén Bernal; Authority Member Bill De Witt; Executive Director Michael Flad; Director of the Public Housing Authority Joe Perez and Legal Counsel Raul F. Salinas

**ABSENT**                 Carmen Avalos, Recording Secretary

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**RE-ORGANIZATION**       The South Gate Public Housing Authority re-organized and made the following appointments:

- a.     Vice Chairperson Diaz motioned to appoint Mayor M. Belén Bernal as Chairperson and seconded by Authority Member De Witt. Chairperson Bernal abstained;
- b.     Chairperson Bernal motioned to appoint Vice Mayor Denise Diaz as Vice Chairperson and seconded by Authority Member Davila. Vice Chairperson Diaz abstained;
- c.     Vice Chairperson Diaz motioned to appoint Council Member Maria Davila as Public Housing Authority Member and seconded by Chairperson Bernal. Authority Member Davila abstained;  
  
          Authority Member Davila motioned to appoint Council Member Bill De Witt as Public Housing Authority Member and seconded by Chairperson Bernal. Authority Member De Witt abstained; and  
  
          Authority Member De Witt motioned to appoint Council Member Al Rios as Public Housing Authority Member and seconded by Authority Member Davila; Authority Member Rios abstained;  
  
Chairperson Bernal motioned, seconded by Authority Member Davila and on a vote of 5-0, approved D, E, F, G, H, and I.
- d.     Appointed City Manager Michael Flad as Executive Director;
- e.     Appointed City Clerk Carmen Avalos as Recording Secretary;

- f. Appointed City Treasurer Gregory Martinez as Treasurer;
- g. Appointed Director of Administrative Services Jackie Acosta as Chief Financial Officer;
- h. Appointed Director of Community Development Joe Perez as Director of the Public Housing Authority; and
- i. Appointed City Attorney Raul F. Salinas as Legal Counsel.

RECESS

At this time, 5:35 p.m., the Authority Members recessed in order that the Authority might hold an executive session. The meeting reconvened at 5:53 p.m. with all Authority Members present.

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CD/HOUSING

The South Gate Public Housing Authority unanimously approved A and B by motion of Authority Member De Witt and seconded by Chairperson Bernal:

- a. Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. 2019-01-HA, the Exclusive Negotiation Agreement with Habitat for Humanity of Greater Los Angeles for a proposed development of an affordable housing project on properties at 9001, 9015 and 9019 Long Beach Boulevard; and
- b. Authorized the Chairperson to execute Amendment No. 1 in a form acceptable to the Legal Counsel.

Mayor Bernal asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak on this item. Seeing no one step forward; Mayor Bernal closed the audience portion.

Legal Counsel Salinas disclosed for the record that he sits on the Board of Directors for Habitat for Humanity organization. He has abstained during the course of discussions nor participated in either open or closed session. A lawyer from his office has participated in helping draft related documents. Legal Counsel Salinas does not receive compensation for sitting on the Board of Directors.

Authority Member Rios asked how many homes Habitat for Humanity has in the community.

Joe Perez, Director of the Public Housing Authority will provide locations and photos of some of the similar type of projects they have done in the area.

Vice Chairperson Diaz's understanding is that the community gets involved too. She stated that it would be amazing if Council and staff could get involved with the building of the homes.

Joe Perez, Director of the Public Housing Authority stated Habitat has a wonderful program. They bring volunteers and the people that will live in the homes also help.

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MINUTES**

The South Gate Public Housing Authority approved the Special Meeting minutes of April 23, 2019 by motion of Authority Member Rios and seconded by Vice Chairperson Diaz. Authority Member De Witt abstained.

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COMMENTS FROM  
THE AUDIENCE**

None.


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COMMENTS FROM THE  
AUTHORITY MEMBERS**


None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairperson Bernal unanimously adjourned the meeting at 5:59 p.m. and seconded by Authority Member Davila.

**PASSED and APPROVED** this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2020.

  
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M Belén Bernal, Chairman

  
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Joseph Perez, Secretary