

**CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 22, 2021 - 6:00 p.m.**

1. ROLL CALL

Mayor Olmos called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

PRESENT (via Zoom Webinar): Councilmember(s): Acosta, Delgado, Retamoza, Mayor Pro Tem Angel, and Mayor Olmos.

STAFF PRESENT(via Zoom Webinar): Rachel Barbosa, City Manager; Anthony R. Taylor, City Attorney; Rene Salas, Deputy City Manager; Colby Cataldi, Community Development Director; William Fox, Interim Finance Director; Donna G. Schwartz, City Clerk, Paola Lara, Deputy City Clerk; Joe Martinez, Code Enforcement/Public Safety Supervisor, and Ian McAleese, Planning Assistant.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953, Subdivision (B) and Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-25-20, dated March 12, 2020, and Executive Order N-29-20, dated March 17, 2020. Zoom webinar was provided for the Public.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Councilmember Hector Delgado led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. INVOCATION – Ruby Rose Yepez, Planning Commissioner offered the invocation.

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.a. City Council received a report from the Sheriff's Department and discussed matters concerning law enforcement in the City.

4.b. City Council received a report from the Code Enforcement Division of the Community Development Department on code enforcement and public safety activities.

4.c. Danielle Zamora, Active SGV, presented a PowerPoint on the Clean Mobility Assessment for the City of El Monte and South El Monte including outreach conducted, findings, are recommendations.

5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AND WAIVER OF FULL READING OF ORDINANCES

A motion was made by Councilmember Delgado, seconded by Councilmember Retamoza to approve the agenda. Motion carried 5-0, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmember(s): Acosta, Delgado, Retamoza, Mayor Pro Tem Angel, and Mayor Olmos.

NAYS: Councilmember(s): None.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Olmos opened public comment, there being none, closed public comment.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

City Attorney Anthony Taylor read a summary of the terms and compensation for Item 7.h. amending the employment agreement with Community Development Director.

A motion was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Angel, seconded by Councilmember Delgado to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion carried 5-0, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmember(s): Acosta, Delgado, Retamoza, Mayor Pro Tem Angel, and Mayor Olmos.

NAYS: Councilmember(s): None.

- 7.a. Approved Minutes for the Regular City Council Meeting held Tuesday, June 8, 2021.
- 7.b. Adopted Resolution No. 21-31, Authorizing payment of City expenditures for the period of June 9, 2021 through June 22, 2021 totaling \$1,237,101.05.
- 7.c. Approved City Council "going dark" on Tuesday, August 10, 2021 and Tuesday, August 24, 2021.
- 7.d. Adopted Resolution No. 21-36, approving and authorizing City Manager to negotiate and execute agreement with Ecolane USA, Inc (Ecolane).
- 7.e. Adopted Resolution No. 21-37, approving Amendment No. 5 extending existing agreement Subaward Number ENP202110 with the County of Los Angeles and authorizing City Manager, or her designee, to execute said agreement.
- 7.f. Adopted Resolution No. 21-38, extending the current term to December 31, 2021 and authorize City Manager to execute Amendment No. 8 to agreement with Huntington Culinary to allow sufficient time to conduct a competitive bidding process for culinary services.
- 7.g. Adopted Resolution No. 21-39, approving Amendment No. 7 with Huntington Culinary to increase the compensation terms from \$235,654.20 to a total not-to-exceed amount of \$320,000 and authorize a \$84,345.80 budget increase to the FY 2020-21 budget.

- 7.h. Adopted Resolution No. 21-40, authorizing the Mayor to execute the first amendment to employment agreement with Mr. Cataldi.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

8.a. **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE NO. 1253, ADDING CHAPTER 13.14 "ORGANIC WASTE DISPOSAL REDUCTION" TO TITLE 13 "PUBLIC SERVICES" OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE MUNICIPAL CODE**

City Manager Rachel Barbosa introduced the item and Community Development Director Colby Cataldi presented the staff report.

City Attorney Taylor read the title of the Ordinance.

Mayor Olmos opened the public hearing.

1. Ruby Rose Yopez, Planning Commissioner, inquired if it would be possible for the food scraps collected by Athens be donated to the Community Farm to be used for mulch and compost. Christian Warner, Athens Services, stated they would have to look into the available options for working with the Community Farm.

There being no additional speakers, Mayor Olmos closed public comment.

A motion was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Angel, seconded by Councilmember Acosta to waive first reading and introduce Ordinance 1253, adding Chapter 13.14 "Organic Waste Disposal Reduction" to Title 13 "Public Services" of the City of South El Monte Municipal Code.

AYES: Councilmember(s): Acosta, Delgado, Retamoza, Mayor Pro Tem Angel, and Mayor Olmos.

NAYS: Councilmember(s): None.

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

9.a. **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 21-43, ACCEPTING UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY (DOE) AWARD FUNDS AND AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR SOUTH EL MONTE AUTONOMOUS BUILDING CONTROLS RETROFIT PROJECT**

Community Development Director Colby Cataldi presented the staff report.

A motion was made by Councilmember Acosta, seconded by Councilmember Retamoza to adopt Resolution No. 21-43, accepting funding from DOE and authorizing City Manager or designee to enter into a cooperative agreement for the South El Monte Autonomous Building Controls Retrofit project.

AYES: Councilmember(s): Acosta, Delgado, Retamoza, Mayor Pro Tem Angel, and Mayor Olmos.

NAYS: Councilmember(s): None.

9.b. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 21-42, ADOPTION OF FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2021-22 ANNUAL BUDGET

City Manager Rachel Barbosa introduced the item and announced there was a correction to the presentation due to the City having to absorb the cost of retaining the School Resource Deputy when the school district paused the program due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Interim Finance Director William Fox, City Manager Rachel Barbosa, and Community Development Director Colby Cataldi presented a PowerPoint presentation on Updated Proposed Budget, Proposed Adjustments Before Adoption, American Rescue Plan Update, Five Year Forecast, Proposed Adjustments Before Adoption, Community Safety and Quality of Life, Additional Budget Adjustments Options Before Adoption, and Follow Up Items Requiring Clarification.

City Council discussed at length the personnel requests. Councilmember Retamoza pointed out an error on slide 14 of the presentation, noting the position for "PT to FT PSO" didn't match amount of \$24,414 for a full time position, Community Development Director confirmed there was an error and the personnel request should be "PT to PT PSO" instead of "PT to FT PSO"

A motion was made by Councilmember Acosta, seconded by Councilmember Delgado to approve Option 2, with correction of "PT to PT PSO" instead of "PT to FT PSO," reassign School Resource Deputy and approve the personnel requests: full time Public Safety Officer to full time Code Enforcement Officer, part time temporary Public Safety Officer to part time permanent Public Safety Officer, and part time temporary Code Enforcement Officer to full time Code Enforcement Officer, approve a budget adjustment of \$258,057 using ARPA funds, and approve Resolution No. 21-42 approving the FY 2021-22 Budget as amended.

AYES: Councilmember(s): Acosta, Delgado, Retamoza, Mayor Pro Tem Angel, and Mayor Olmos.

NAYS: Councilmember(s): None.

Mayor Olmos called for a recess at 8:58 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 9:03 p.m.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS, INCLUDING AB 1234 REPORTS

Councilmember Retamoza announced she attended the Father's Day Senior Drive-Thru event.

Councilmember Acosta announced he attended the Father's Day Senior Drive-Thru event.

Councilmember Delgado announced he attended the 2021 Jr. Olympics in which his daughter, Mia Delgado, participated and received three (3) gold and one (1) silver medal for Judo.

Mayor Pro Tem Angel announced he attended the Father's Day Senior Drive-Thru event.

Mayor Olmos announced she attended the Father's Day Senior Drive -Thru event, Southeast Areal Animal Control Authority meeting, and that Greater El Monte Hospital is a two-time 5 star hospital.

11. CORRESPONDENCE - None

12. COUNCILMEMBERS' AGENDA

12.a. COUNCILMEMBER HECTOR DELGADO

1. Consideration of hiring an additional Los Angeles County Deputy/Sergeant to our South El Monte (SEM) Team to impact the rise in crime in South El Monte. Measure ES will generate over \$1 million dollars in sales tax revenue to cover the cost of this vital position.

Councilmember Delgado announced action had already been taken on this item during agenda Item 9.b.

12.b. MAYOR PRO TEM RICHARD ANGEL

1. Staff to present residential driveway permit process.

Item 12.b.1 was discussed after Item 12.b.2.

Mayor Pro Tem Angel requested information as to why residents are required to submit a drawing if a permit is not required and would like staff to look into revising the municipal code to allow residents to add cement driveways and walkways to improve their properties.

Community Development Director Colby Cataldi stated a General Plan Update Phase 2 and Zoning Code Update are upcoming and Mayor Pro Tem Angel's concerns can be addressed at that time, explained why the City requires a drawing to prove that a permit won't be needed if the resident is not encroaching on the City's right of way, and introduced Assistant Planner, Ian McAleese, who

presented a PowerPoint explaining the Residential Driveway Approval process.

2. Implementation of Senior Citizen recreational lap swim and water exercise program.

Deputy City Manager Rene Salas announced there will be a senior aerobic swim class offered on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:30-10:15 a.m. starting on July 6th and the City will be promoting the class.

Mayor Olmos allowed public comment.

1. Ken Rausch, El Monte/South El Monte Chamber of Commerce, commended Community Development for being proactive and working with the community and creating a business-friendly environment, announced the Circus is in town until June 28th and there will be a car show on July 17th.

13. CLOSED SESSION – None.

14. RECESS COUNCIL MEETING

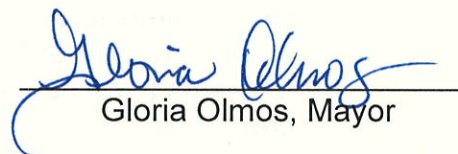
At 9:30 p.m. Mayor Olmos recessed the Regular City Council meeting to the Successor Agency meeting.

At 9:32 p.m. Mayor Olmos reconvened the Regular City Council meeting.

15. RECONVENE AND ADJOURN COUNCIL MEETING

There being no further business coming before this body, at 9:32 p.m. Mayor Olmos adjourned the meeting to a regular meeting on Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.


Donna G. Schwartz, CMC, City Clerk


Gloria Olmos, Mayor