

**CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING - MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2020**

1. ROLL CALL

Mayor Olmos called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m.

PRESENT: Councilmember(s): Acosta, Angel, Delgado, Retamoza and Mayor Olmos.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Anthony R. Taylor, City Attorney; Rene Salas, Deputy City Manager; Donna G. Schwartz, City Clerk; Colby Cataldi, Community Development Director; William Fox, Interim Finance Director; Ian McAleese, Assistant Planner and Paola Lara, Deputy City Clerk (Via teleconference).

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, Teleconference was provided for the Public and Zoom/Video was utilized By Councilmember Delgado, Mayor Pro Tem Retamoza, and City Attorney Taylor.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Acosta led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. INVOCATION

Mayor Olmos offered the Invocation.

4. PRESENTATIONS

a. FIRST QUARTER ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2020 FINANCIAL UPDATE

Interim Finance Director Fox presented a PowerPoint on a Financial Update First Quarter Fiscal Year 2020-21 Period Ending September 30, 2020 including Operating Results, General Fund Revenues, Special Revenue Funds Revenue, General Fund Expenditures, Special Revenue Funds Expenditures, Bank Cash Balances, Bank Balances, and Independent Audit Status Update.

A motion was made by Angel seconded by Acosta and carried 5 – 0, to receive and file the report.

AYES: Councilmember(s): Acosta, Angel, Delgado, Retamoza, and Mayor Olmos.
NAYS: None

5. **APPROVED THE AGENDA AND WAIVER OF FULL READING OF ORDINANCES**

Mayor Olmos requested to pull Item 7.e. for discussion.

City Attorney Taylor announced Item 7.e. is also on the Special City Council meeting agenda for 7:00 p.m. and recommended the item be discussed at that time as well as any action.

A motion was made by Angel seconded by Acosta and carried 5 – 0, to pull Item 7.e. for discussion and approve the agenda.

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

NAYS: None

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Olmos opened public comment.

Mayor Olmos read a public comment received via email from Georgina Cojulan regarding rent increases and the lack of rent control at a mobile home park where she resides and of being in support of Prop 21.

There being no one wishing to speak, Mayor Olmos closed public comment.

7. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

- a. Approved Minutes of the Adjourned Regular and Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of October 13, 2020.
- b. Adopted Resolution No. 20-113, authorizing payment of City expenditures for the period of October 14, 2020 through October 27, 2020 totaling \$334,807.94.
- c. Adopted Resolution No. 20-114, approving Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement with the County of Los Angeles for the Elderly Nutrition Program Services.
- d. Adopted Resolution No. 20-115, Approving an Agreement with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for CEQA Related Services

A motion was made by Acosta seconded by Angel and carried 5 – 0, to approve the Consent Calendar except Item 7.e.

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

NAYS: None

CONSENT CALENDAR - ITEM 7.E PULLED FOR DISCUSSION DURING APPROVAL OF AGENDA

7.e. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 20-116, AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (HCD) FOR THE CALHOME PROGRAM TO HELP OWNER-OCCUPIED OWNERS WITH HOME REPAIRS AND THE NEW ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT (ADU) AND JUNIOR ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT (JADU) PROGRAM FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS IN THE CITY

Community Development Director Colby Cataldi presented the staff report.

No action taken; item was presented as a discussion item only.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None.

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

a. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION - CONSIDERATION OF ASSEMBLY BILL (AB 571) IMPOSING CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION LIMITS COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2021

City Clerk Donna Schwartz and City Attorney Anthony Taylor presented the staff report.

After lengthy discussion, Council concurred to establish a campaign contribution limit of \$4,700 plus CPI.

Council directed City Attorney to prepare an ordinance imposing a campaign contribution limit of \$4,700 and bring back to Council at the next regular meeting.

b. ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 20-117, APPROVING RECLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN ACCOUNTS TO BE REPAYED BY JUNE 30, 2021

Interim Finance Director Fox presented the staff report.

A motion was made by Angel seconded by Acosta and carried 5 – 0, to approve Resolution No. 20-117, approving and reclassifying the interfund loan balances, or “due to/from” balances at June 30, 2019 to “advance to/from,” and have them repaid by June 30, 2021.

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

NAYS: None

10. **COMMITTEE REPORTS, INCLUDING AB 1234 REPORTS**

Councilmember Acosta reported on his attendance at the following two events: City's Drive Through Pumpkin Giveaway at the Community Center and his participation in voting at the Community Center's 11-day vote center.

Councilmember Angel announced he also attended the City's Drive Through Pumpkin Giveaway at the Community Center.

Mayor Olmos reported on her attendance at several events: City's Drive Through Pumpkin Giveaway at the Community Center, Sanitation District No. 15 meeting, San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments meeting, and Greater El Monte Hospital meeting.

11. **CORRESPONDENCE** - None.

12. **COUNCILMEMBERS' AGENDA**

a. **MAYOR GLORIA OLMOS**

1. **Discussion and/or Action to Review the City's Process of Applying for CalHome Grants.**

Council did not discuss Item 12.a.1 as it was discussed with Item 7.e and at the special meeting at 7:00 pm.

2. **Discussion and/or Action on Canvassing Fraud and Misrepresentation of Tax Measure and Census Information.**

Mayor Olmos spoke about canvassers being untruthful and misrepresenting information and being aggressive when requesting signatures. She advised the public to be aware of what they sign and call the Sheriff's Department if the canvassers are aggressive.

3. **Discussion and/or Action on a Request for Funding from the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, VFW Post 10218, for Thanksgiving and Christmas Toys.**

Discussion ensued among City Council regarding the funding amount for the request from VFW Post 10218.

A motion was made by Angel seconded by Delgado, and carried 5 – 0, to approve funding request from VFW Post 10218 and allocate \$2,000, subject to a budget adjustment.

AYES: Councilmember(s): Acosta, Angel, Delgado, Retamoza and Mayor Olmos.
NAYS: None

b. **MAYOR PRO TEM GRACIE RETAMOZA**

1. **Discussion and/or Action of Reinstating the "Thanksgiving Food Drive" and "Turkey Giveaway" for South El Monte Residents During COVID-19.**

Mayor Pro Tem Retamoza suggested reinstating a Thanksgiving Food Drive and Turkey Giveaway to provide assistance to Residents during COVID-19 and asked that the event be better advertised to the community.

Mayor Olmos stated the Turkey Giveaway was not a City funded event but is based on donations received by organizations and distributed to the community with Council's assistance, and recommended that it remain the same instead of it being a City funded function.

Councilmember Angel suggested Seniors be considered for the Turkey Giveaway and Councilmember Delgado suggested hams also be donated.

No direction or action was taken by Council.

c. **COUNCILMEMBER HECTOR DELGADO**

1. **Discussion and/or Action to Consider Adopting a Resolution in Support of our Cal Home Grant and Directing Staff to Apply for State Funding in Order to Support our First Time Home Buyers for the Mayan Development Project.**

Council did not discuss Item 12.c.1 as it was discussed with Item 7.e and during the special meeting at 7:00 pm.

2. **Discussion and/or Action to Consider Looking into a New Tow Company (Franchise Fee Negotiation) Along with a New Fee Structure to Raise Revenue for our City.**

Councilmember Delgado recommended the City consider entering into a franchise fee agreement for tow services and looking into a new tow company as the current one that services the City is involved in legal issues at this time.

Interim Finance Director Fox suggested the City evaluate vehicle release fees and impound fees to determine if they should be increased and an RFP can be released for a franchise fee agreement for tow services.

Staff was directed to bring back a staff report for Council's consideration.

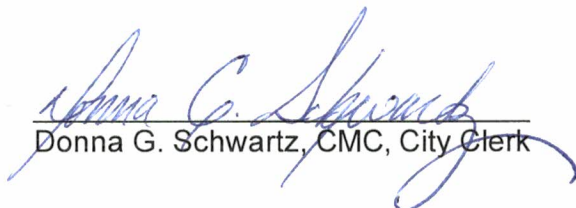
13. **CLOSED SESSION** – None.

At 8:03 p.m. Mayor Olmos recessed the meeting.

At 8:07 p.m. Mayor Olmos reconvened the meeting.

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business coming before this body, at 8:09 p.m. Mayor Olmos adjourned to an Adjourned Regular Meeting on Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.


Donna G. Schwartz, CMC, City Clerk


Gloria Olmos, Mayor