

**CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE
ADJOURNED REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2022 - 6:00 PM**

1. ROLL CALL

Mayor Olmos called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM

PRESENT: Councilmember(s): Angel, Delgado (via zoom), Retamoza, Mayor Pro Tem Acosta (joined at 6:48 p.m.), and Mayor Olmos

STAFF PRESENT: Rene Salas, Interim City Manager; Anthony R. Taylor, City Attorney; Donna G. Schwartz, City Clerk; Masami Higa, Interim Finance Director; and Paola Lara, Deputy City Clerk.

Zoom was provided for the Public to participate during public comment via teleconference.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Mayor Gloria Olmos led the Pledge of Allegiance

3. INVOCATION - Pastor Charlie Corum, South El Monte Community Outreach, offered the Invocation.

4. PRESENTATIONS - None.

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

City Attorney Anthony R. Taylor announced there were two urgent walk-on items that arose after the posting of the agenda:

Under "Correspondence," Item 11.d., Letter from Epiphany Church for Related City Costs and Temporary Use Permit (TUP) Fee Waiver for the Annual Pilgrimage Walk of Our Lady of Guadalupe Beginning December 3 Through December 11, 2022.

Under "Councilmember's Agenda," Item 12.a. Request that City Look into Adding a Sidewalk on Opposite Side of Driveway along Vacco's Back Property Wall into the Community Center Parking Lot Entering from Central.

A motion was made by Councilmember Angel, seconded by Councilmember Retamoza to approve the agenda as amended to add items 11.d. and 12.a. Motion carried 4-0-1, by the following vote:

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

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Olmos opened public comment.

1. Pastor Charlie Corum, South Community Outreach, spoke in support of agenda item 11.b.
2. Keith Shapiro, business owner, voiced concern with the Rush Street Corridor Enhancement Plan regarding lanes and being able to make turns, spoke in favor of beautifying Rush Street and recommended surveys be distributed to the local businesses and a study be conducted to determine the amount of bike riders that travel through the street.
3. Mr. Juarez, Epiphany Church, spoke in support of agenda as Item 11.d.

There being no further comment, Mayor Olmos closed public comment.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made by Councilmember Angel, seconded by Councilmember Retamoza to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion carried 4-0-1, by the following vote:

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

- 7.a. Approved Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of October 25, 2022.
- 7.b. Adopted Resolution No. 22-86, authorizing payment of City expenditures for the period October 26, 2022, through November 9, 2022, totaling \$1,157,079.21.
- 7.c. Adopted Resolution No. 22-87, proclaiming a local emergency persists and authorizing the use of alternative meeting procedures by the City's legislative bodies, such as utilizing a virtual platform (e.g., Zoom) for the period from November 9, 2022, through December 8, 2022.
- 7.d. Adopted Resolution No. 22-88, approving a salary adjustment for the position of Director of Finance to reflect the current competitive compensation of \$169,962.00 annually, effective November 9, 2022.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

8.a. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1261, AMENDING THE SOUTH EL MONTE MUNICIPAL CODE BY MODIFYING TITLE 15 THEREOF ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE 2023 LOS ANGELES COUNTY BUILDING CODE (TITLE 26), ELECTRICAL CODE (TITLE 27), PLUMBING CODE (TITLE 28), MECHANICAL CODE (TITLE 29), RESIDENTIAL CODE (TITLE 30), GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS CODE (TITLE 31), FIRE CODE (TITLE 32) AND EXISTING BUILDING CODE (TITLE 33), WITH CERTAIN AMENDMENTS, ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS THERETO

Mayor Olmos announced the item. City Attorney Anthony R. Taylor read the title of Ordinance No. 1261.

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

A motion was made by Councilmember Angel, seconded by Councilmember Retamoza to waive second reading and adopt Ordinance No. 1261, amending the South El Monte Municipal Code by modifying Title 15, Chapters 15.02, 15.04, 15.06, 15.08, 15.10, 15.12, 15.14 and 15.16 thereof, by adopting by reference the 2023 Los Angeles County Building Code (Title 26), Electrical Code (Title 27), Plumbing Code (Title 28), Mechanical Code (Title 29), Residential Code (Title 30), Green Building Standards Code (Title 31), Fire Code (Title 32), and Existing Building Code (Title 33), with certain amendments, additions and deletions thereto. Motion carried 4-0-1, by the following vote:

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

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

9.a. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 22-89, APPROVING A FACILITY USE AGREEMENT WITH CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY NORTHRIDGE (CSUN)

Mayor Olmos announced the item and Interim City Manager Rene Salas presented the staff report.

A motion was made by Councilmember Angel, seconded by Councilmember Retamoza to adopt Resolution No. 22-89, approving a Facility Use Agreement between the City and CSUN to offer a Master's course in Public Administration held in the City of South El Monte City Council Chambers. Motion carried 4-0-1, by the following vote:

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

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS, INCLUDING AB 1234 REPORTS

Mayor Pro Tem Acosta – Absent

Councilmember Retamoza announced her attendance at the City's Harvest Festival.

Councilmember Delgado nothing to report.

Councilmember Angel announced his attendance at the City's Harvest Festival, Senior Center Halloween Luncheon, and Senior Center Veterans Day Luncheon.

Mayor Olmos announced her attendance at the City's Harvest Festival, Senior Center Halloween Luncheon, and Senior Center Veterans Day Luncheon.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

11.a. LETTER FROM THE SOUTH EL MONTE EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION (SEMEA) REQUESTING SPONSORSHIP FOR THE ANNUAL SOUTH EL MONTE EMPLOYEE HOLIDAY RECOGNITION DINNER

Mayor Olmos announced the item and Interim City Manager Rene Salas presented the staff report.

A motion was made by Councilmember Retamoza, seconded by Councilmember Delgado to approve sponsorship in the amount of \$2000 for the Annual South El Monte Employee Holiday Recognition Dinner. Motion carried 4-0-1, by the following vote:

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

11.b. LETTER FROM SOUTH EL MONTE COMMUNITY OUTREACH (SEMCO) REQUESTING THE USE OF THE CITY'S COMMUNITY CENTER PARKING LOT TO HOST A THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

- Mayor Olmos announced the item.

A motion was made by Councilmember Delgado, seconded by Councilmember Angel to approve the request made by SEMCO to host their annual Thanksgiving Food Drive at the Community Center parking lot. Motion carried 4-0-1, by the following vote:

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

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**11.c. LETTER FROM SUPER BINGO CLUB REQUESTING PERMISSION TO
MAKE A DONATION TO THE SOUTH EL MONTE SENIOR SERVICES
DIVISION**

Mayor Olmos announced the item and Interim City Manager Rene Salas presented the staff report.

A motion was made by Councilmember Angel, seconded by Councilmember Retamoza to approve acceptance of the monetary donation of \$13,591.62 by the Super Bingo Club to the Senior Services Division. Motion carried 4-0-1, by the following vote:

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

ITEM ADDED UNDER APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

**11.d. LETTER FROM EPIPHANY CHURCH FOR RELATED CITY COSTS
AND TEMPORARY USE PERMIT (TUP) FEE WAIVER FOR THE
ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE WALK OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
BEGINNING DECEMBER 3 THROUGH DECEMBER 11, 2022**

Mayor Olmos announced the item.

City Attorney Anthony R. Taylor announced there was a staff report available for this item which was distributed to Council and was available to the public. Interim City Manager Salas presented the staff report.

A motion was made by Councilmember Angel, seconded by Councilmember Retamoza to approve the fee waiver request resulting in a reimbursement amount of \$2,586. Motion carried 4-0-1, by the following vote:

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

12. COUNCILMEMBERS' AGENDA

ITEM ADDED UNDER APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

12.a. Mayor Gloria Olmos

1. Item 12.a. Request that City Look into Adding a Sidewalk on Opposite Side of Driveway Along Vacco's Back Property Wall into the Community Center Parking Lot, Entering from Central

Mayor Olmos voiced safety concerns with the lack of a sidewalk at the location and requested approval to direct staff to look in to adding a sidewalk.

A motion was made by Councilmember Angel, seconded by Councilmember Retamoza to direct staff to look into adding a sidewalk along Vacco's back property wall into the community center, entering from Central. Motion carried 4-0-1, by the following vote:

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

13. CLOSED SESSION

At 6:31 p.m. City Attorney Anthony R. Taylor recessed Council into closed session

13.a. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)

Title: Interim City Manager

At 6:48 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Acosta joined the meeting, via Zoom, during item 13.b.

13.b. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – POTENTIAL INITIATION OF LITIGATION

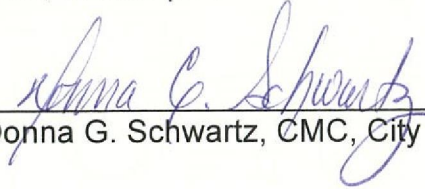
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 – (one case)

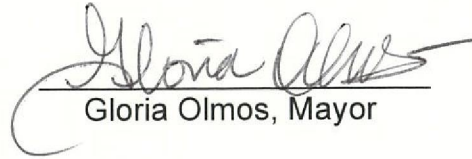
At 7:09 p.m. Mayor Olmos reconvened the meeting with all Councilmembers present, except for Councilmember Delgado who left the meeting during closed session item 13.a.

City Attorney Anthony R. Taylor, announced City Council discussed items 13.a. and 13.b. No action taken, nothing to report.

14. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:10 p.m. Mayor Olmos adjourned the meeting in memory of Antonio Reyes Yera, longtime resident, Manuel Aguirre, previous long time resident, and Albert Escalera, long time resident, to a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, December 13, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.


Donna G. Schwartz, CMC, City Clerk


Gloria Olmos, Mayor