

**CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2022 - 6:00 PM
1556 CENTRAL AVENUE, SOUTH EL MONTE, CA 91733**

1. ROLL CALL

Mayor Olmos called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM

PRESENT: Councilmember(s): Angel, Delgado, Retamoza, Mayor Pro Tem Acosta, 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; Guillermo Arreola, Planning Manager, Paola Lara, Deputy City Clerk; Nancy Rodriguez, Recreation Specialist; and Robert Molina, Recreational Leader.

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Mayor Pro Tem Manuel Acosta led the Pledge of Allegiance

3. INVOCATION - Pastor Patricia Garrett, Faith Dominion Church, 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 for the months of October and November.

Staff was directed to provide a memo to City Council with the fund balance for saturation patrol for the deputies.

4.b. City Council received a report from Interim City Manager Rene Salas on code enforcement and public safety activities for the months of October and November.

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

A motion was made by Councilmember Angel, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Acosta to approve the agenda. Motion carried 5-0, by the following vote:

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

NAYS: Councilmember(s): None

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Olmos opened public comment.

1. Ken Raush, El Monte/South El Monte Chamber of Commerce, thanked Councilmember Retamoza for her service and commitment to improve the business community and stated he looks forward to continue to represent businesses in South El Monte.

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

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

City Attorney Anthony R. Taylor read the title of Ordinance No. 1260.

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

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

NAYS: Councilmember(s): None

- 7.a.** Adopted Resolution No. 22-90, reciting the facts of the November 8, 2022, General Municipal Election. This Resolution will certify that Manuel Acosta was re-elected to the City Council, Rudy Bojorquez was elected to the City Council, Measure "CM" was passed by the voters, and Measure "X" was not passed by the voters.

- 7.b.** Approved the Minutes of the Adjourned Regular City Council Meeting of November 9, 2022.

- 7.c.** Adopted Resolution No. 22-91, authorizing payment of City expenditures for the period November 10, 2022 through December 13, 2022, totaling \$1,520,982.02.

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- 7.d. Adopted Resolution No. 22-92, 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 December 13, 2022 through January 11, 2023.
 - 7.e. Approved the City's 2023 Special Events Calendar.
 - 7.f. Adopted Resolution No. 22-93, accepting the improvements for the Santa Anita Avenue and Klingerman Street, Rush Street, and Central Avenue Traffic Signal Modification Project; authorize City Clerk to send the Notice of Completion for recordation to the Los Angeles County Recorder's Office; and release retention accordingly.
 - 7.g. Adopted Resolution No. 22-94, approving award of contract to Bureau Veritas North America, Inc. (BV NA) for Building Inspection services and authorized Interim City Manager to negotiate and execute the contract.
- 8. **PUBLIC HEARINGS - None**
 - 9. **GENERAL BUSINESS - None**
 - 10. **COMMITTEE REPORTS, INCLUDING AB 1234 REPORTS**

Mayor Pro Tem Acosta announced his attendance at the City's Annual Veteran's Day Ceremony, City's Annual 5K Turkey Dash & 1K Trot, City's Thanksgiving Boxing Show, City's Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony, and South El Monte Community Outreach Angel Tree event.

Councilmember Retamoza announced her attendance at the City's Annual Veteran's Day Ceremony and City's Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony.

Councilmember Delgado announced his attendance at the City's Annual 5K Turkey Dash & 1K Trot, Turkey Giveaway for Staff, and City's Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony.

Councilmember Angel announced his attendance at the City's Annual Veteran's Day Ceremony, City's Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony, City's Annual 5K Turkey Dash & 1K Trot, City's Thanksgiving Boxing Show, and South El Monte Community Outreach Angel Tree event.

Mayor Olmos announced her attendance at the City's Annual Veteran's Day Ceremony, City's Annual 5K Turkey Dash & 1K Trot, City's Thanksgiving Boxing Show, City's Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony, and South El Monte Community Outreach Angel Tree event, the Oath of Office Swearing in for City of Azusa, South El Monte's Community Outreach Turkey Distribution, Pool Table Room Re-Opening at the Senior Center, and announced SEACCA has adoption opportunities.

11. CORRESPONDENCE - None

12. COUNCILMEMBERS' AGENDA - None

13. CLOSED SESSION - None

14. COMMENTS BY OUTGOING MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Pro Tem Acosta, Councilmember Delgado, Councilmember Angel, and Mayor Olmos thanked Councilmember Retamoza for her commitment and service to the City, stated it was a pleasure working with her, and wished her well on her future endeavors.

Councilmember Retamoza stated it was an honor to serve the community during her term in office, thanked staff for the work they do, thanked City Council and her family for their support, and congratulated the re-elected and newly elected Councilmembers.

Interim City Manager Rene Salas stated it was a pleasure to work with Councilmember Retamoza.

Mayor Olmos and City Council presented Councilmember Retamoza with a City plaque and a bouquet of flowers.

15. OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO RE-ELECTED AND ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

15.a. RE-ELECTED COUNCILMEMBER - MANUEL ACOSTA

Raquel Bianca Acosta, daughter of Mr. Acosta, and family, administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Pro Tem Manuel Acosta.

Mayor Olmos congratulated Mayor Pro Tem Manuel Acosta and presented a "Certificate of Election."

15.b. ELECTED COUNCILMEMBER – RUDY BOJORQUEZ

Myranda Bojorquez, daughter of Mr. Bojorquez, and family, administered the Oath of Office to Councilmember Rudy Bojorquez.

Mayor Olmos congratulated Councilmember Rudy Bojorquez and presented a "Certificate of Election."

16. PRESENTATIONS BY OUTSIDE ORGANIZATIONS

1. Crystal Lopez, representing Senator Susan Rubio, presented Certificates of Recognition to Councilmember Retamoza, Mayor Pro Tem Acosta, and Councilmember Bojorquez.
2. Ricardo Padilla, representing El Monte Union High School District Board of Education, presented Certificates of Recognition to Councilmember Retamoza, Mayor Pro Tem Acosta, and Councilmember Bojorquez.
3. Julia Ruedas, representing El Monte City Council, presented Certificates of Recognition to Councilmember Retamoza, Mayor Pro Tem Acosta, and Councilmember Bojorquez.
4. Amanda Mejia, representing Athens Services, presented a gift to Councilmember Retamoza.

17. COMMENTS BY RE-ELECTED AND NEWLY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

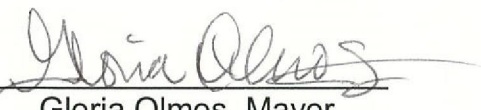
Mayor Pro Tem Acosta thanked the community, his family, and others for their support and stated it is a pleasure to be a City Councilmember.

Councilmember Bojorquez thanked staff, his family, and others for their support, congratulated Mayor Pro Tem Acosta, and stated he looks forward to working with the City and City Council.

18. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:13 p.m. Mayor Olmos adjourned the meeting in memory of Sefarino "Sevi" Cabrera, resident, to a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, January 10, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.


for Donna G. Schwartz, CMC, City Clerk


Gloria Olmos, Mayor