

**CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE
ADJOURNED REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2023 - 6:00 PM**

Mayor Olmos called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

City Clerk Donna G. Schwartz, announced per AB 2449 Councilmember Acosta has "just cause" to attend the meeting remotely as he is traveling on official business of the local agency.

Councilmember Acosta announced there was no one under the age of 18 present in the room.

1. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Councilmember(s): Acosta (via zoom), Bojorquez, Mayor Pro Tem Angel, and Mayor Olmos

ABSENT: Councilmember(s): Delgado

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

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

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

3. INVOCATION – Pastor Patricia Garrett, Faith Dominion Church, offered the Invocation.

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.a. Mayor Olmos and City Council presented a proclamation proclaiming May 21-27, 2023, as National Public Works Week.

4.b. Mayor Olmos and City Council presented a proclamation proclaiming the month of May as Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders Heritage Month 2023. Cindy Wu, Mountainview School District Board Member and Sheri Li, local business owner, received the proclamation.

Mayor Olmos requested Item 4.f. be moved up to be presented at this time. Council concurred.

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PRESENTATIONS (Continued)

- 4.f. Amanda Mejia, Athens Services, introduced Jessica Alvarenga, as the new Director of Government of Affairs and representative/liaison between the City and Athens Services.

Mayor Olmos and City Council presented a Certificate of Recognition to Amanda Mejia, thanked her for her service, and welcomed Jessica Alvarenga who stated she is looking forward to working with the City.

- 4.c. City Council received a PowerPoint presentation by Ms. Sil Ruiz, South El Monte Library Librarian, on library resources and programs available.
- 4.d. City Council received a report from the Sheriff's Department and discussed matters concerning law enforcement in the City for the month of April.
- 4.e. City Council received a report from Code Enforcement and Public Safety Supervisor Joe Martinez on code enforcement and public safety activities for the month of April.

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

City Attorney Anthony R. Taylor read the title of Ordinance No. 1266 for item 7.d. and Ordinance No. 1267 for item 7.e.

City Attorney Anthony R. Taylor announced a request to move item 7.g. to General Business as item 9.f. for more clarification and announced correction to item 9.c Resolution number from 23-50 to 23-51.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Angel, seconded by Councilmember Bojorquez to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed 4-0-1, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmember(s): Acosta (via zoom), Bojorquez,
Mayor Pro Tem Angel, and Mayor Olmos

NAYS: Councilmember(s): None

ABSENT: Councilmember(s): Delgado

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made by Councilmember Bojorquez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Angel to approve the Consent Calendar except for item 7.g. moved to General Business as 9.f. Motion passed 4-0-1, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmember(s): Acosta (via zoom), Bojorquez,
Mayor Pro Tem Angel, and Mayor Olmos

NAYS: Councilmember(s): None

ABSENT: Councilmember(s): Delgado

- 7.a. Approved the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of May 9, 2023.
- 7.b. Adopted Resolution No. 23-46, authorizing payment of City expenditures for the period of May 10, 2023, through May 24, 2023, totaling \$454,704.16.
- 7.c. Adopted Resolution No. 23-47, approving first amendment to agreement with Dudek for a change order in the amount of \$16,210.00 to address additional changes needed to update the city's Housing Element; and authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute agreement.
- 7.d. Waived further reading and introduced Ordinance No. 1266, amending the South El Monte Municipal Code reverting the Community Service Commission, the Planning Commission, and the Patriotic Commission chairperson selection process to be a one-year position rather than a two-month rotation, and allowing the City Council to amend the Chapters for City Commissions governed under Title 2 of the SEMMC by resolution; and to adopt said ordinance at the next Regular City Council meeting.
- 7.e. Waive further reading and introduce Ordinance No. 1267, amending South El Monte Municipal Code Chapter 1.08 to clarify the range of penalties that apply to the unauthorized use of the City Seal and that allows the City Council to amend the chapter on use of the City Seal by resolution as well as to amend Section 1.16.010A to clarify the application of the penalty to SEMMC violations; and to adopt said ordinance at the next Regular City Council meeting.
- 7.f. Adopted Resolution No. 23-49, authorizing submittal of application to the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CALRECYCLE) for Used Oil Payment Program through CALRECYCLES's Used Oil Recycling Program and related authorizations; and authorized the City Manager or designee to execute all documents as the signature authority.

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CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

- 7.g.** Consideration and Approval to Reject All Bids and Re-Advertise Request for Proposal (RFP) For Lighting and Mechanical Energy Efficiency Upgrade Services for South El Monte Autonomous Building Controls Retrofit Project

Item 7.g. was moved to General Business as item 9.f. under Approval of Agenda.

- 7.h.** Adopted Resolution No. 23-50, approving Amendment No. 2 to the Memorandum of Understanding between the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments and the City of South El Monte for participation in the San Gabriel Valley Regional Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Analysis Model and authorized the City Manager to execute the amendment.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None.

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

9.a. REVIEW OF 4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS STAND PERMIT APPLICATIONS

Mayor Olmos announced the item.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Angel, seconded by Councilmember Bojorquez to approve permits to allow for five firework stands and for which applications have been received in conjunction with the Fourth of July 2023. Motion passed 4-0-1, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmember(s): Acosta (via zoom), Bojorquez,
Mayor Pro Tem Angel, and Mayor Olmos

NAYS: Councilmember(s): None

ABSENT: Councilmember(s): Delgado

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GENERAL BUSINESS (Continued)

9.b. FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2023-2024 ANNUAL BUDGET STUDY SESSION #1

Mayor Olmos announced the item and Finance Director Masami Higa presented a PowerPoint Presentation on the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 Budget.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Angel, seconded by Councilmember Bojorquez to direct staff to finalize the budget for adoption. Motion passed 4-0-1, by the following vote:

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

9.c. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 23-51, APPROVING A THREE YEAR MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA) BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (SGVCOG) AND 18 PARTICIPATING PUBLIC AGENCIES ON A COST SHARING BASIS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF 1.) THE ENHANCED WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN ASSOCIATED TASKS; AND 2.) COORDINATED INTEGRATED MONITORING PROGRAM FOR THE UPPER LOS ANGELES RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT AREA

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

A motion was made by Councilmember Bojorquez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Angel to adopt Resolution No. 23-51, approving a Memorandum of Agreement with San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments and authorized the City Manager to negotiate and execute the MOA. Motion passed 4-0-1, by the following vote:

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

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GENERAL BUSINESS (Continued)

9.d. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 23-52, APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH THE VALLE LINDO SCHOOL DISTRICT TO PROVIDE SUMMER LEARNING RECOVERY SERVICES

Mayor Olmos announced the item.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Angel, seconded by Councilmember Bojorquez to adopt Resolution No. 23-52, approving a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Valle Lindo School District to provide summer learning afternoon enrichment services; and authorized City Manager or designee to execute MOU. Motion passed 4-0-1, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmember(s): Acosta (via zoom), Bojorquez,
Mayor Pro Tem Angel, and Mayor Olmos

NAYS: Councilmember(s): None

ABSENT: Councilmember(s): Delgado

9.e. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 23-53, APPROVING AGREEMENT WITH MOSS, LEVY & HARTZHEIM LLP FOR AUDITING SERVICES

Mayor Olmos announced the item and Finance Director Masami Higa presented the staff report and announced Mr. Haley Hui from Moss, Levy, & Hartzheim LLP was present (via zoom) to answer any questions.

Mr. Hui provided City Council with a brief introduction and background on Moss, Levy, & Hartzheim LLP.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Angel, seconded by Councilmember Bojorquez to adopt Resolution No. 23-53, approving agreement with Moss, Levy, & Hartzheim LLP for auditing services and authorized City Manager or designee to negotiate and execute agreement. Motion passed 4-0-1, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmember(s): Acosta (via zoom), Bojorquez,
Mayor Pro Tem Angel, and Mayor Olmos

NAYS: Councilmember(s): None

ABSENT: Councilmember(s): Delgado

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS, INCLUDING AB 1234 REPORTS

Councilmember Acosta announced he attended the Senior Center's Mother's Day Luncheon, California Contract Cities Conference, International Council of Shopping Centers Conference (ICSC), and Water Education for Latino Leaders Delta Tour.

Councilmember Bojorquez nothing to report.

Mayor Pro Tem Angel announced he attended the Senior Center's Mother's Day Luncheon, California Contract Cities Conference, and International Council of Shopping Centers Conference (ICSC).

Mayor Olmos announced she attended the Senior Center's Mother's Day Luncheon, California Contract Cities Conference, International Council of Shopping Centers Conference (ICSC), Los Angeles County Sanitation District meeting, and announced SEAACA still has adoption opportunities.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

11.a. CONSIDER REQUEST FROM EPIPHANY CHURCH TO WAIVE FEES RELATED TO STAFF TIME TO HOLD A PROCESSION ALONG CITY STREETS ON SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 2023

Mayor Olmos announced the item.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Angel, seconded by Councilmember Bojorquez to approve the fee waiver request by Epiphany Catholic Church. Motion passed 4-0-1, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmember(s): Acosta (via zoom), Bojorquez,
Mayor Pro Tem Angel, and Mayor Olmos

NAYS: Councilmember(s): None

ABSENT: Councilmember(s): Delgado

12. COUNCILMEMBERS' AGENDA

12.a. MAYOR PRO TEM RICHARD ANGEL

1. Consideration of implementing speed dots on Lidcome and Central Avenue in front of New Temple Park.

Mayor Pro Tem Angel stated he has received calls from residents concerned with cars racing through this location and recommended speed dots be placed on Lidcome Avenue to Central Avenue.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Angel, seconded by Councilmember Bojorquez to direct staff to add speed dots on Lidcome Avenue to Central Avenue in front of New Temple Park. Motion passed 4-0-1, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmember(s): Councilmember(s): Acosta (via zoom), Bojorquez, Mayor Pro Tem Angel, and Mayor Olmos

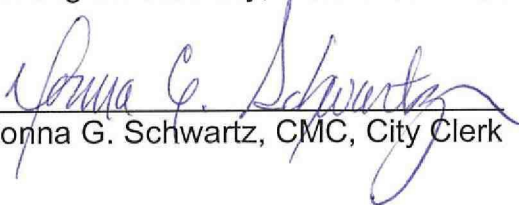
NAYS: Councilmember(s): None

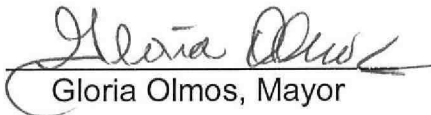
ABSENT: Councilmember(s): Delgado

13. CLOSED SESSION – None.

14. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:36 p.m. Mayor Olmos adjourned the meeting in memory of Entertainer Tina Turner and Gloria Molina, Community Member, to a Regular City Council Meeting on Tuesday, June 13, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.


Donna G. Schwartz, CMC, City Clerk


Gloria Olmos, Mayor