

CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE
ADJOURNED REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING - MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2020

1. ROLL CALL

Mayor Olmos called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Councilmembers: Acosta, Angel, Delgado, Retamoza, and Mayor Olmos.

STAFF PRESENT: Anthony R. Taylor, City Attorney; Rachel Barbosa, City Manager; Donna G. Schwartz, City Clerk; Public Works Director, Rene Salas; and Ian McAleese, Assistant Planner.

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 Mayor Pro Tem Retamoza and Councilmember Delgado.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Olmos led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. INVOCATION

Rene Salas, Public Works Director, offered the Invocation.

4. PRESENTATIONS

- a. Mayor Olmos and City Council presented "Certificates of Recognition," to the 2020 Chamber Installation Award Winners from the City of South El Monte: 2010 Office Furniture, Inc; Elite Office Solutions; Ann Perfetti; Captain David Flores, Los County Sheriff's Department; and Lillian Rey, El Monte/South El Monte Emergency Resources.
- b. Mayor Olmos and City Council presented a "Certificate of Recognition," to AMC Modern Solutions for their kind donation to the City of South El Monte's Backpack Giveaway event.
- c. Mayor Olmos and City Council presented a "Certificate of Recognition," to Athens Disposal for their participation and use of "Mighty Mike" in the 2020 Census Parade.

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

A motion was made by Angel seconded by Acosta and carried 5 – 0, to approve the agenda.

AYES: Councilmembers: Acosta, Angel, Delgado, Retamoza, and Mayor Olmos.
NAYS: None

City Attorney Taylor read the title of Ordinance No. 1248 for Item 7.c.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Olmos announced and read a public comment received via email from the San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority extending an invitation for an online webinar “Special Updates for City Officials” on October 1, 2020.

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

7. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

a. **MINUTES**

Approved the Minutes for the Regular Meetings of July 14, 2020 and July 28, 2020

b. **WARRANTS**

Adopted Resolution No. 20-92, authorizing payment of City expenditures for the period of July 29, 2020 through September 8, 2020 totaling \$2,200,287.32.

c. Adopted Ordinance No. 1248, Amending Graffiti Abatement to Require Removal Within 24 Hours Unless Granted an Extension to Secure Matching Paint.

d. Adopted Resolution No. 20-93, Amending the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) With the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) For Participation of the San Gabriel Valley Regional Vehicle Mileage Traveled (VMT) Analysis Model.

e. Approved Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Creation of The Safety Element, Environmental Justice Element, And Update of The Housing Element of the General Plan.

f. Adopted Resolution No. 20-94, Establishing A Monthly Monitoring Fee and An Enforcement Response Fee Pursuant to South El Monte's Municipal Code Chapter 8.30.

g. Adopted Resolution No. 20-95, Amending the City's Conflict of Interest Code.

- h. Adopted Resolution No. 20-96 for Project Acceptance and Completion for the Santa Anita Avenue and Fern Street/Elliott Avenue Traffic Signal and Lighting Project HSIPL-5352(016).

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

AYES: Councilmembers: Acosta, Angel, Delgado, Retamoza, and Mayor Olmos.

NAYS: None.

8. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

a. **CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 20-98, CHANGING THE NAME OF ADELIA AVENUE, SOUTH OF ALESIA STREET, TO AMRO WAY**

Public Works Director Salas presented the staff report.

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

A motion was made by Angel, seconded by Acosta and carried 5 – 0, to adopt Resolution No. 20-98, to change the street name from Adelia Avenue to AMRO Way.

AYES: Councilmembers: Acosta, Angel, Delgado, Retamoza, and Mayor Olmos.

NAYS: None.

b. **CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 20-99, DIRECTING THE COLLECTION OF THE ANNUAL SEWER SERVICE FEE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-21 ON THE COUNTY TAX ROLL**

Public Works Director Salas presented the staff report.

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

A motion was made by Delgado, seconded by Acosta and carried 5 – 0, to adopt Resolution No. 20-99 directing the collection of the Annual Sewer Service Fee on the Los Angeles County tax roll.

AYES: Councilmembers: Acosta, Angel, Delgado, Retamoza, and Mayor Olmos.

NAYS: None.

9. **GENERAL BUSINESS:** None

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS, INCLUDING AB 1234 REPORTS.

Councilmember Acosta reported on his participation in the City's Back to School Backpack Giveaway, the City's Census Caravan, and Census stand set ups to assist Residents with filling out the Census.

Councilmember Angel reported on his participation in the City's Back to School Backpack Giveaway.

Mayor Pro Tem Retamoza reported on her attendance and participation in the City's Back to School Backpack Giveaway and Census stand set ups to assist Residents with filling out the Census.

Mayor Olmos reported on her attendance and participation in the Census meetings and Census Caravan, SEAACA meeting, and Sanitation District Meeting.

11. CORRESPONDENCE: None.

12. COUNCILMEMBERS' AGENDA:

a. MAYOR PRO TEM GRACIE RETAMOZA

1. Discussion and/or Action to Waive Fees for the Procession Permit, Request from Epiphany Catholic Church to Host the Virgin of Guadalupe Through the City of South El Monte

Councilwoman Retamoza stated Epiphany Catholic Church's administrator is requesting a fee waiver to have City staff patrol as they host a Virgin of Guadalupe procession for the community.

Public Works Director Salas explained that the procession would be September 13th and 20th from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., two or three Code Enforcement Officers would be needed to patrol the event, and the fees being waived would be approximately \$500 for staffing support.

A motion was made by Delgado, seconded by Angel and carried 5 – 0, to approve a fee waiver of customary fees for Epiphany Catholic Church to host the Virgin of Guadalupe Procession through the City of South El Monte.

AYES: Councilmembers: Acosta, Angel, Delgado, Retamoza, and Mayor Olmos.
NAYS: None.

b. **MAYOR GLORIA OLMOS**

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

Mayor Olmos cautioned Residents that people who are canvassing the City for signatures regarding a cannabis petition are providing incorrect information, stating the signature is related to the census and the sales tax measure. Mayor Olmos clarified there is no signature requirement for the Census or for the City's sales tax measure and that the City is NOT involved with the cannabis petition in any way and urged the public to be aware of anything they are asked to sign.

13. **CLOSED SESSION**

At 6:18 p.m. City Attorney Taylor recessed Council into closed session.

a. **CONFERENCE PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957(B)(1)**

Title: Deputy City Manager

b. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

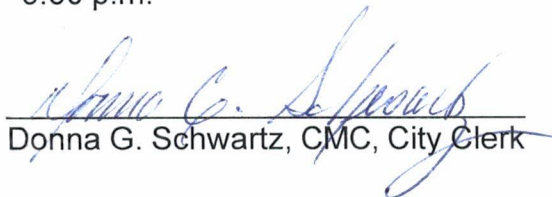
Discussion of potential litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) - [Two cases].

At 7:12 p.m. Mayor Olmos reconvened to open session.

City Attorney Taylor announced Council discussed closed session Items 13.a. and 13.b., there was no reportable action taken.

14. **ADJOURNEMENT**

There being no further business coming before this body, at 7:13 p.m. Mayor Olmos adjourned in memory of Dan Holloway from La Puente and Ernesto Ruedas, South El Monte Businessman for 40 year, survived by his daughter Julia Ruedas, to an Adjourned Regular Meeting on Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.


Donna G. Schwartz, CMC, City Clerk


Gloria Olmos, Mayor