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CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE

REGULAR MEETING OF THE SOUTH EL MONTE CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA

March 12, 2024, 6:00 PM
1415 Santa Anita Avenue, South El Monte, CA 91733

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MEETINGS

The City Council holds regular meetings on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month. Regular meetings start at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 1415 Santa Anita Avenue, South El Monte, California. Special and Adjourned Regular meetings start time are to be determined.

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1. ROLL CALL

Councilmembers: Acosta, Angel, Delgado, Mayor Pro Tem Bojorquez, and Mayor Olmos

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mia Martinez, Valle Lindo School District

3. INVOCATION

Pastor Don Antelo, Calvary Chapel of South El Monte

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.a. Proclamation Proclaiming the Month of March 2024 as Women's History Month

4.b. Proclamation Presented to Diana Pineda Ramirez, Executive Director, San Gabriel and Pomona Valley Chapter, Proclaiming the Month of March 2024 as American Red Cross Month

4.c. Discussion by Captain Meza, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Temple Station, on the Sheriff's Department's Activities

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

By motion of the City Council, this is the time to notify the public of any changes to the agenda, remove items from the consent calendar for individual consideration and/or rearrange the order of the agenda.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Speakers may provide public comments on any matter within the subject matter jurisdiction of the City Council, including items on the agenda. Each speaker will be limited to five minutes. Unless a majority of the Council objects, the Mayor may provide speakers more or less time to speak. All comments or queries shall be addressed to the Council as a body and not to any specific member thereof. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(a)(2), the Ralph M. Brown Act, no action or discussion by the City Council shall be undertaken on any item not appearing on the posted agenda, except to briefly provide information, ask for clarification, provide direction to staff, or schedule a matter for a future meeting.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

Items on the consent calendar are considered to be routine and customary and are enacted by a single motion with the exception of items previously removed by a member of the City Council during "Approval of the Agenda" for individual consideration. Any items removed shall be individually considered immediately after taking action on the Consent Calendar.

CONSENT CALENDAR (CONTINUED)

7.a. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 27, 2024

Staff is requesting approval of Minutes for the February 27, 2024, Regular City Council Meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff is requesting approval of Minutes for the February 27, 2024, Regular City Council Meeting.

7.b. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 24-135, APPROVING WARRANTS FOR THE PERIOD OF FEBRUARY 28, 2024, THROUGH MARCH 12, 2024

Authorizing payment of City expenditures for the period of February 28, 2024, through March 12, 2024, totaling \$1,520,493.40.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff recommends City Council adopt Resolution No. 24-135, authorizing payment of City expenditures.

7.c. CONSIDERATION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO SEEK REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR DESIGN SERVICES FOR SOUTH EL MONTE SYSTEMIC SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS AT SIGNALIZED INTERSECTIONS (HSIP CYCLE 11 PROJECT HISPL-5352(025))

Staff seeks City Council approval to issue Request for Proposals (RFP) for design services for South El Monte Systemic Safety Improvements at Signalized Intersections within the City. These improvements are part of the Caltrans Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Cycle 11 project.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff recommends City Council approve an RFP for design services for South El Monte Systemic Safety Improvements at Signalized Intersections (HSIP Cycle 11 Project) and authorize staff to solicit proposals.

7.d. CONSIDERATION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO SEEK REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR SANITARY SEWER CLOSED-CIRCUIT TELEVISION (CCTV) AND CONDITION ASSESSMENT

Staff seeks City Council approval to issue Request for Proposals (RFP) to provide Sanitary Sewer CCTV and Condition Assessment.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff recommends City Council approve the RFP to solicit proposals from qualified firms to provide Sanitary Sewer CCTV and Condition Assessment.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

8.a. **ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY'S REVISED 6TH CYCLE 2021-2029 HOUSING ELEMENT IN RESPONSE TO COMMENTS BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT; GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 21-01**

A Resolution to adopt the City's revised 6th Cycle 2021-2029 Housing Element in response to Comments by the California Department of Housing and Community Development.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff recommends the City Council:

1. Conduct a public hearing;
2. Take public testimony; and
3. Continue item to the next regular city council meeting on Tuesday, March 26, 2024.

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

9.a. **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 24-136, CREATING A 457B AND 401A OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (COMMITTEE); AUTHORIZING CITY COUNCIL TO DELEGATE FIDUCIARY OVERSIGHT OF THE 457B AND 401A PLANS TO THE COMMITTEE, AUTHORIZING THE COMMITTEE TO CONSOLIDATE THE 457B AND 401A PLANS UNDER ONE RECORDKEEPER; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPOINT THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH FIDUCIARY EXPERTS, LLC, AN ERISA 3(38) CONSULTANT**

Staff is recommending City Council create a retirement benefit oversight committee in order to better carry out the City's fiduciary duty to manage the cost of the retirement plan and to lower the fees being charged to its members.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff recommends City Council adopt Resolution 24-136, Creating a 457B and 401A Oversight Committee; Delegating fiduciary oversight of the 457B and 401A from the City Council to the Committee; authorizing the Committee to consolidate the 457B and 401A plans under one record keeper; authorizing the City Manager to appoint the committee members; and authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute an agreement with Fiduciary Experts, LLC, an ERISA 3(38) Consultant.

9.b. next page.

GENERAL BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

9.b. CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF THE 2023 UPDATE TO THE PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

To effectively optimize the City's limited fiscal resources, City staff enlisted the services of Bucknam Infrastructure Group, Inc to develop a Pavement Management Plan (PMP). This plan provides current data on the City's street networks and formulates cost-effective maintenance and rehabilitation strategies to maintain a desirable level of pavement performance on a network scale.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff recommends City Council:

1. Receive and file the Updated 2023 Pavement Management Program;
2. Adopt and approve the recommended 5-year pavement program, allocating an annual budget of approximately \$1.4 million, resulting in a total budget of approximately \$7 million over 5 years; and
3. Direct the City Manager to implement the plan.

9.c. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 24-137, IN SUPPORT OF THE CALIFORNIA SUPREME COURT REMOVING THE TAXPAYER PROTECTION ACT AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY ACT FROM THE NOVEMBER 2024 BALLOT

The Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act would revise the California Constitution with provisions that limit voters' authority and input, adopt new and stricter rules for raising taxes and fees, and may make it more difficult to impose fines and penalties for violation of state and local laws.

The measure puts billions of local government tax and fee revenues at risk statewide with related core public service impacts.

The measure could have significant negative impacts on City of South El Monte operations and core service delivery.

The proposed constitutional initiative is sponsored by the California Business Roundtable (CBRT).

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff recommends City Council Adopt Resolution No. 24-137, In Support of the California Supreme Court Removing The Taxpayer Protection Act and Government Accountability Act from the November 2024 Ballot.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS, INCLUDING AB 1234 REPORTS

AB 1234, section 53232.3(d) requires Members of a legislative body to provide brief reports on meetings attended at the expense of the local agency (i.e., League of California Cities Conferences, ICSC conferences, etc.) at the next regular meeting of the legislative body.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

11.a. CORRESPONDENCE FROM ACTIVE SGV REQUESTING A SUPPORT LETTER FOR A DECADES-LONG VISION TO PROTECT THE SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS AND USE THE ANTIQUITIES ACT TO ADD 109,000 ACRES TO THE SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS NATIONAL MONUMENT

In 2014, President Barack Obama used the Antiquities Act to designate approximately 346,177 acres of the San Gabriel Mountains as a national monument. This was a critical step towards permanently protecting the mountains. Since then, community support has continued to grow for safeguarding public lands in the western Angeles Forest that were not included in the original monument designation. These lands are the gateway to the forest and welcome millions of visitors each year. They should be included in the national monument.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff request direction to compose a support letter for the San Gabriel Mountains conservation requested by Active San Gabriel Valley.

11.b. CORRESPONDENCE FROM RUDY BERMUDEZ, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CALIFORNIA CITIES GAMING AUTHORITY, JPA, REQUESTING A LETTER OF OPPOSITION FOR H.R. 6859. BY CONGRESS MEMBER SYDNEY KAMLAGER-DOVE (D-LOS ANGELES)

H.R. 6859 would grant federal recognition to the Gabrielino Tongva Tribal Nation allowing them to take up to 300-acres of noncontiguous land into trust as reservation land.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: If H.R. 6859 is signed into law, it would permit the Gabrielino Tongva Tribe to go into any city in Los Angeles County, acquire that city's largest property, a retail shopping center, that city's largest sales tax revenue generator, and place that land into trust.

12. COUNCILMEMBERS' AGENDA

12.a. MAYOR PRO TEM RUDY BOJORQUEZ

1. Discussion in regard to the Flags of Valor event and how the City can help promote the event.

RECOMMENDATION: Discussion and/or action.

12.b. COUNCILMEMBER MANUEL ACOSTA

1. Consideration of partnering with the Valle Lindo School District to co-sponsor an event where children write letters to representatives for park space/improvements funding and participate in a park/cleanup day BBQ at city parks with representatives and city staff. City parks are utilized by the community year round and by three nonprofit youth sports organizations. Events like this would shed light on the need for funding for improvements.

RECOMMENDATION: Discussion and/or action.

12.c. MAYOR GLORIA OLMOS

1. Discussion on creating an annual men's event and an Ad-Hoc/Subcommittee.

RECOMMENDATION: Discussion and/or action.

13. CLOSED SESSION

13.a. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

City Negotiator: City Manager
Employee Organizations: South El Monte Employees Association

13.b. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

City Negotiator: City Manager
Employee Organizations: South El Monte Executive Management Team Association

14. ADJOURNMENT

Tuesday, March 26, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

I Donna G. Schwartz, hereby certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing agenda was posted not less than 72 hours at the following locations: City of South El Monte City Hall, Senior Center and Community Center and made available at www.cityofsouthelmonte.org on this 7th day of March 2024.



City Clerk, CMC