

**CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING - MINUTES
TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2020**

1. ROLL CALL

Mayor Olmos called the meeting to order at 6:01 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; Rene Salas, Public Works Director; William Fox, Interim Finance Director; Masami Higa, Accounting Manager; Paola Lara, Deputy City Clerk; Diana Lopez, Human Resources/Risk Manager; 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 Participation Was Utilized By City Councilmembers and City Attorney's Office.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Angel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. INVOCATION

Diana Lopez, Human Resources/Risk Manager offered the Invocation.

4. PRESENTATIONS -None

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

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

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

NAYS: None.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Pro Tem Retamoza requested Item 7.d. be pulled for discussion.

a. MINUTES

Approved Minutes of the Regular Meetings on May 26, 2020 and June 9, 2020.

b. WARRANTS

Adopted Resolution No. 20-74, authorizing payment of City expenditures for the period of June 24, 2020 through July 14, 2020 totaling \$1,222,678.82.

c. PROPOSED DARK COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Approved staff request to "go dark" on August 11, 2020 and August 25, 2020, as the City Council will be taking a recess during the month of August 2020.

- d. Adopted Resolution No. 20-76, Approving an Amended Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the California Joint Powers Authority (CJPIA) and Approving a Service Agreement with Disability Access Consultants (DAC) to Survey its Public Rights-of-Ways (PROW)
- e. Approved Request for Proposal (RFP) for Environmental Services and Management of the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MS4 NPDES) Permit

A motion was made by Angel, seconded by Acosta and carried 5 – 0 to approve Consent Calendar with the exception of Item 7.d.

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

NAYS: None

ITEM 7.d. PULLED BY MAYOR PRO TEM RETAMOZA FOR DISCUSSION

- d. **ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 20-75, APPROVING AN AMENDED CITY-WIDE SALARY SCHEDULE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (CALPERS) REQUIREMENTS**

Mayor Pro Tem Retamoza requested clarification on the Community Development Director's salary increase and the Planning Supervisor position.

A motion was made by Acosta, seconded by Delgado and carried 5 - 0 to adopt Resolution No. 20-75, approving an amended city-wide salary schedule in compliance with CalPERS requirements.

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

NAYS: None

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

- a. **ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO 20-77 APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE AND THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (SGVCOG) REGARDING PARTICIPATION IN THE CITY HOMELESS PROGRAM**

Item 9.a. was discussed after Item 10.

City Manager Barbosa introduced Richard Corral, Corral Consulting, who provided Council with information on Items 9.a. and 9.b.

A motion was made by Angel, seconded by Acosta and carried 5 - 0 to adopt Resolution No. 20-77 approving the Memorandum of Agreement with the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments.

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

NAYS: None.

b. **ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 20-78 APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH HOMELESS COHORT CITIES (BALDWIN PARK, EL MONTE, SOUTH EL MONTE) TO IMPLEMENT MEASURE-H CITIES HOMELESS PLAN GRANT FUNDS**

Richard Corral, Corral Consulting, provided Council with information on Items 9.a. and 9.b.

A motion was made by Acosta, seconded by Delgado and carried 5 - 0 to approve the MOU by and among the City of Baldwin Park, the City of El Monte, and the City of South El Monte.

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

NAYS: None

Mayor Olmos called a recess at 7:32 p.m. and reconvened at 7:36 p.m.

c. **UPDATE TO THE RENAMING OF ADELIA AVENUE TO AMRO AVENUE**

Public Works Director Salas presented the staff report and stated Adelia Avenue will be renamed to Amro Way instead of Amro Avenue. The item will be brought back as a public hearing at the July 28, 2020 meeting for City Council approval.

A motion was made by Delgado, seconded by Angel and carried 5 – 0 to receive and file staff report.

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

NAYS: None.

d. **ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS/ACTIONS: 1. RESOLUTION NO. 20-79 CALLING AND GIVING NOTICE THAT THE CITY IS SUBMITTING A GENERAL TRANSACTIONS AND USE (SALES) TAX MEASURE FOR THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 3, 2020 AND APPROVING THE PROPOSED SALES TAX ORDINANCE; 2. RESOLUTION NO. 20-80 REGARDING THE DIRECT ARGUMENTS, SELECTION OF ARGUMENTS IF MULTIPLE ARGUMENTS ARE ACCEPTED, AND IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS FOR THE PROPOSED GENERAL SALES TAX MEASURE; 3. RESOLUTION NO. 20-81 REGARDING REBUTTAL ARGUMENTS TO THE PROPOSED GENERAL SALES TAX MEASURE; 4. CONDUCT THE FIRST READING, BY TITLE ONLY, OF AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE PROPOSED GENERAL SALES TAX MEASURE**

Interim Finance Director Fox presented the staff report and provided a PowerPoint giving an overview of the Essential Services Protection Measure, General Fund Revenues & Expenditures Fiscal Years 2012-2021, Fiscal Year 2020-21 General Fund Expenditure Budget, General Fund Year-End Fund Balances Fiscal Years 2012-2021, Forecast of General Fund Activity Fiscal Years 2021-2025, Key General Fund Expenditures, Revenue Impact From the Loss of Redevelopment Agency, Where Sales Tax Dollars Go, City Sales Tax Revenues From All Sources, Proposed Sales Tax Ordinance, and November 3, 2020 Ballot Measure Timeline.

City Attorney Taylor read the title of the Ordinance.

A motion was made by Acosta, seconded by Angel and carried 5 - 0 to 1. Adopt Resolution No. 20-79 calling and giving notice that on the November 3, 2020 General Municipal Election that the City is submitting a general transactions and use (sales) tax measure to the City's voters; approving the proposed sales tax ordinance; and

requesting the County of Los Angeles to consolidate/incorporate the ballot measure as part of the local election matters on that date. 2. Adopt Resolution No. 20-80 regarding the direct arguments to the proposed general sales tax measure; selection of arguments if multiple arguments are submitted; and impartial analysis. 3. Adopt Resolution No. 20-81 authorizing rebuttal arguments to the proposed general sales tax measure. 4. Conduct the first reading, by title only, of an ordinance relating to the proposed general sales tax measure.

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

NAYS: None.

e. **ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 20-82 AND RESOLUTION NO. 20-83 APPROVING APPROPRIATION (GANN) LIMIT CALCULATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2019-20 AND FY 2020-21**

Accounting Manager Masami presented the staff report.

A motion was made by Delgado, seconded by Angel and carried 5 - 0 to adopt Resolution No. 20-82, approving FY 2019-20 Appropriation (Gann) Limit Calculation, and adopt Resolution No. 20-83, approving FY 2020-21 Appropriation (Gann) Limit Calculation.

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

NAYS: None.

10. **COMMITTEE REPORTS, INCLUDING AB 1234 REPORTS**

Councilmember Acosta provided a report on his attendance at the Senior Volunteer Appreciation Caravan Parade and GOTCHA Bike Launch.

Councilmember Angel provided a report on his attendance at the Senior Volunteer Appreciation Caravan Parade and GOTCHA Bike Launch.

Mayor Olmos provided a report on her attendance at the Senior Volunteer Appreciation Caravan Parade and spoke of the GOTCHA Bike Program.

11. **CORRESPONDENCE** - None

12. **COUNCILMEMBERS' AGENDA**

a. **COUNCILMEMBER RICHARD ANGEL**

1. **Councilmembers' Benefits**

Councilmember Angel spoke in favor of having Council's travel funds and stipends be reallocated to the general fund and sending the Mayor in Council's place to attend conferences, against removing Council's insurance because although he does not need it another Councilmember may, and against the City giving money and granting fee waivers to organizations from other cities.

Council discussed reallocating their travel budget back into the general fund. No action was taken.

b. **MAYOR PRO TEM GRACIE RETAMOZA**

1. **Hiring Concerns During COVID-19**

Mayor Pro Tem Retamoza voiced her concerns with the City hiring during the COVID-19 pandemic, possible layoffs, and would like a long term plan in place should there be a need for the City to shut down or if there are programs that are not going to be brought back.

c. **MAYOR GLORIA OLMOS**

1. **Budget Information Clarification**

Mayor Olmos clarified Council's direction regarding the funding request from Emergency Resource Association at the June 29, 2020 City Council meeting, stating they did not cut Emergency Resource Association's budget, but instead redirected funds from general fund to grant funds.

13. **CLOSED SESSION**

City Manager Barbosa announced Item 13.b. would be continued to the July 15, 2020 Special Meeting.

At 8:06 p.m. City Attorney Taylor announced the City Council would recess to closed session to discuss Item 13.a. listed on the agenda.

At 8:33 p.m. Mayor Olmos reconvened to open session.

a. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957

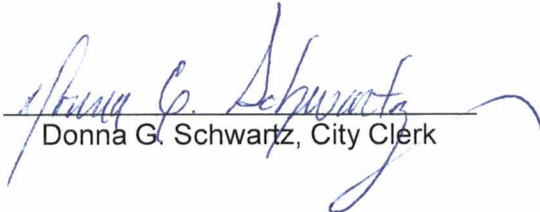
Title: City Manager

b. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957
Title: Director of Community Development

City Attorney Taylor Announced Council discussed closed session Item 13.a. There was no reportable action taken.

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business coming before this body, at 8:36 p.m. Mayor Olmos adjourned in memory of long time South El Monte Residents Elba Jeanette Cole, 103 years old, and Henry Villanueva to a Special Meeting on July 15, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.


Donna G. Schwartz, City Clerk


Gloria Olmos, Mayor