

Gloria Olmos, Mayor
Rudy Bojorquez, Mayor Pro Tem
Manuel Acosta, Councilmember
Hector Delgado, Councilmember
Larry Rodriguez, Councilmember



Rene Salas, City Manager
Susie A. Altamirano, City Attorney
Adrian Garcia, City Clerk
Masami Higa, Director of Finance

CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE

REGULAR MEETING OF THE SOUTH EL MONTE CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA

March 3, 2026, 6:00 PM
1415 Santa Anita Avenue, South El Monte, CA 91733

PUBLIC COMMENT

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CONFLICT OF INTEREST

City Council Members with a conflict of interest under the Political Reform Act are required to make disclosure of financial interest when the item is called and recuse themselves.

AGENDA BEGINS ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE

1. ROLL CALL

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Gloria Olmos

3. INVOCATION

Pastor Benjamin Garrett, Faith Dominion Church

4. PRESENTATIONS - NONE

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.

7.a. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 3, 2026

Staff is requesting approval of Minutes for the February 3, 2026, Regular City Council Meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff is requesting approval of Minutes for the February 3, 2026, Regular City Council Meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR (CONTINUED)

7.b. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 26-011, APPROVING WARRANTS FOR THE PERIOD OF FEBRUARY 13, THROUGH FEBRUARY 25, 2026

Authorizing payment of City expenditures for the period of February 13, 2026, through February 25, 2026, totaling \$2,285,782.44.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff recommends City Council adopt Resolution No. 26-011, authorizing payment of City expenditures.

7.c. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1289, AMENDING SOUTH EL MONTE'S MUNICIPAL CODE SECTIONS 2.48.020 OF CHAPTER 2.48 TO DECREASE THE NUMBER OF COMMISSIONERS ON THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION FROM SEVEN TO FIVE COMMISSIONERS

Adoption of Ordinance No. 1289, amending South El Monte's Municipal Code sections 2.48.020 of chapter 2.48 to decrease the number of commissioners on the Community Services Commission from seven to five commissioners.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff recommends City Council waive the full reading and adopt Ordinance No. 1289, amending South El Monte's Municipal Code sections 2.48.020 of chapter 2.48 to decrease the number of commissioners on the Community Services Commission from seven to five commissioners.

7.d. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 26-012, REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 26-006 AND APPROVING A FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH COUNCIL FOR WATERSHED HEALTH FOR THE MERCED AVENUE GREENWAY PHASE II DESIGN PROJECT

While the City Council approved this item at the February 3, 2026 City Council meeting, the contract compensation amount needs to be revised to reflect the Council's intent that was submitted at the February 3, 2026 Council meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff recommends City Council:

1. Approve Resolution No. 26-012, approving a First Amendment to the Contract Services Agreement with Council for Watershed Health (CWH), dated July 25, 2024, to increase the not-to-exceed contract sum in the amount of Two Hundred Nineteen Thousand Five Hundred Four Dollars (\$219,504), for a new total not-to-exceed sum of Nine Hundred Seventy Six Thousand Nineteen Dollars (\$976,019), and to extend the term of the agreement by one (1) year; and
2. Authorize the City Manager or designee to negotiate and execute the amendment, approved as to form by the City Attorney.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

8.a. A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 26-013 OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE CENSURING MAYOR GLORIA OLMOS

The City of South El Monte ("City") has completed an independent investigation initiated by members of the South El Monte City Council (the "City Council") into allegations of improper disclosure of confidential closed session information by Mayor Gloria Olmos ("Mayor Olmos").

The investigation examined three allegations concerning potential violations of the Ralph M. Brown Act (the "Brown Act") (Government Code section 54950 *et seq.*). The investigator sustained one allegation, concluding that Mayor Olmos shared privileged information and materials obtained in closed session to an outside third-party unaffiliated with the City. Based on this finding, the City Council is considering a resolution censuring Mayor Olmos.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Conduct a public hearing;
2. Take public testimony; and
3. Consider adopting Resolution No. 26-013, provide alternative direction, or take no action.

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

9.a. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 26-014 OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE IMPOSING SANCTIONS ON MAYOR GLORIA OLMOS

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The City Council may additionally impose limited disciplinary actions or sanctions that do not interfere with the Mayor's ability to perform the core functions of her elected office or restricting her opportunities to speak, such as her opportunity to deliberate on the dais and/or speak to the public. This item is to consider the imposing of sanctions against Mayor Olmos.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: It is recommended that the City Council consider adopting Resolution No. 26-014, provide alternative direction, or take no action.

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 - NONE

12. COUNCILMEMBERS' AGENDA - NONE

13. CLOSED SESSION - NONE

14. ADJOURNMENT

NEXT REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

Tuesday, March 17, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

CERTIFICATION

I, Adrian Garcia, MMC, City Clerk of the City of South El Monte, or my designee, hereby certify under penalty of perjury that a true, accurate copy of the foregoing agenda was posted on this February 27, 2026, seventy-two (72) hours prior to the meeting per Government Code 54954.2 at the following locations: City of South El Monte City Hall, Senior Center and Community Center and made available at www.cityofsouthelmonte.org.



Adrian Garcia, MMC