

**CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, July 27, 2021 - 6:00 p.m.**

1. ROLL CALL

Mayor Olmos called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

PRESENT (via Zoom Webinar): Councilmember(s): Acosta, Retamoza, Mayor Pro Tem Angel, and Mayor Olmos.

ABSENT: Councilmember(s): Delgado

STAFF PRESENT(via Zoom Webinar): Rachel Barbosa, City Manager, Christy M. Lopez, Assistant City Attorney; Rene Salas, Deputy City Manager; Colby Cataldi, Community Development Director; Donna G. Schwartz, City Clerk, Paola Lara, Deputy City Clerk; and Jayson Perez, Recreation Coordinator

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. Zoom webinar was provided for the Public.

- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Councilmember Gracie Retamoza led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3. INVOCATION** – Jayson Perez, Recreation Coordinator, City of South El Monte, offered the invocation.
- 4. PRESENTATIONS**

- 4.a.** City Council received a report from the Sheriff's Department and discussed matters concerning law enforcement in the City for the month of June.
- 4.b.** City Council received a report from Code Enforcement Division of the Community Development Department on code enforcement and public safety activities for the month of June.
- 4.c.** Community Development Director Colby Cataldi presented a PowerPoint on Solid Waste Recycling, Organics Rates and Services (SB1383 and Prop 218) which included SB 1383 implementation and waste hauling outreach efforts, Prop 218 notification, and solid waste/recycling/organics rates. Mr. Cataldi announced representatives for Athens Services were available virtually to answer any questions City Council may have.

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

Councilmember Acosta requested to add an item to the agenda to discuss the feasibility of converting a tennis court at the community center to a pickleball court and creating a pickleball league.

City Council approved by a unanimous vote, with the exception of Councilmember Delgado (absent) to add to the agenda Item 12.b. Feasibility of Converting a Tennis Court at the Community Center to a Pickleball Court and Creating a Pickleball League.

A motion was made by Councilmember Retamoza, seconded by Councilmember Acosta to approve the agenda. Motion carried 4-0-1, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmember(s): Acosta, Retamoza, Mayor Pro Tem Angel,
and Mayor Olmos.

NAYS: Councilmember(s): None

ABSENT: Councilmember(s): Delgado

Mayor Olmos announced for the record Councilmember Delgado was absent because he was accompanying his daughter at the Junior Olympics.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Angel, seconded by Councilmember Acosta to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion carried 4-0-1, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmember(s): Acosta, Retamoza, Mayor Pro Tem Angel,
and Mayor Olmos.

NAYS: Councilmember(s): None

ABSENT: Councilmember(s): Delgado

7.a. Approved Minutes for the Regular City Council Meeting held Tuesday, July 13, 2021.

7.b. Adopted Resolution No. 21-48, Authorizing payment of City expenditures for the period of July 14, 2021 through July 27, 2021 totaling \$1,867,128.37.

7.c. Approved an appropriation amount for a one-time "hero/hazard" premium pay program for all eligible staff members.

7.d. Approved the additional summer concert scheduled for Thursday, August 19, 2021, and associated costs.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

8.a. CONTINUED FROM THE JULY 13, 2021, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING - CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 21-45, APPROVING THE ANNUAL LEVY OF THE SEWER SERVICE FEE FOR FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2021-2022

Community Development Director Colby Cataldi presented the staff report.

Mayor Olmos opened the public hearing, there being no speakers, closed public hearing.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Angel, seconded by Councilmember Acosta to adopt Resolution No. 21-45, approving the annual levy of the Sewer Service Fee for Fiscal Year 2021-22, at \$35.37 per sewer unit. Motion carried 4-0-1, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmember(s): Acosta, Retamoza, Mayor Pro Tem Angel, and Mayor Olmos.

NAYS: Councilmember(s): None

ABSENT: Councilmember(s): Delgado

8.b. **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION REQUESTING AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE TO JOIN THE STATEWIDE COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM (SCIP)**

Mayor Olmos announced the item will be continued.

Mayor Olmos opened the public hearing, there being no speakers, closed public hearing.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Angel, seconded by Councilmember Acosta to continue the item to a future date and time. Motion carried 4-0-1, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmember(s): Acosta, Retamoza, Mayor Pro Tem Angel, and Mayor Olmos.

NAYS: Councilmember(s): None

ABSENT: Councilmember(s): Delgado

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

9.a. **PRESENTATION ON CURRENT STATE AND COUNTY 2021 REDISTRICTING AND APPROVAL TO SUBMIT LETTERS OF SUPPORT**

City Manager Rachel Barbosa introduced the item and Deputy City Manager Rene Salas presented the staff report and a PowerPoint on the 2011 and 2001 Assembly, Congressional, and State Senate Districts and the Communities of Interest Input Meetings.

Mayor Olmos directed staff to contact the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments to request they submit a letter of support on behalf of the City of South El Monte to the California Citizens Redistricting Commission, and that State and County Redistricting information be posted on the City's website so the public can submit their input to the Commissions.

A motion was made by Councilmember Acosta, seconded Councilmember Retamoza to approve the letters of support and authorize the City Manager to submit said letters on behalf of the City Council to both State and County Citizens Redistricting Commissions to keep South El Monte under a single County District, State Assembly District, State Senate District and US Congressional District to share those districts with similar community interests, needs and demographics. Motion carried 4-0-1, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmember(s): Acosta, Retamoza, Mayor Pro Tem Angel, and Mayor Olmos.

NAYS: Councilmember(s): None

ABSENT: Councilmember(s): Delgado

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS, INCLUDING AB 1234 REPORTS

Councilmember Acosta nothing to report.

Councilmember Retamoza announced she attended the El Monte/South El Monte Chamber of Commerce Blast from the Past Community Car & Motorcycle Show.

Mayor Pro Tem Angel announced he attended the El Monte/South El Monte Chamber of Commerce Blast from the Past Community Car & Motorcycle Show.

Mayor Olmos announced she attended the El Monte/South El Monte Chamber of Commerce Blast from the Past Community Car & Motorcycle Show.

11. CORRESPONDENCE – None

11.a. DESIGNATION OF VOTING DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES, LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES (LEAGUE) ANNUAL CONFERENCE & EXPO – SEPTEMBER 22-24, 2021, SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

A motion was made by Councilmember Angel, seconded by Mayor Olmos to designate Councilmember Retamoza as the voting delegate and Councilmember

Acosta as the alternate for the League of California Cities Annual conference & Expo. Motion carried 4-0-1, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmember(s): Acosta, Retamoza, Mayor Pro Tem Angel,
and Mayor Olmos.

NAYS: Councilmember(s): None

ABSENT: Councilmember(s): Delgado

12. COUNCILMEMBERS' AGENDA

12.a. MAYOR GLORIA OLMOS

1. Request to Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department to bring the Catalytic Converter Safe Program to South El Monte.

Mayor Olmos announced the City will be working with the Sheriff's Department to bring the Catalytic Converter Safe Program to the city and information will be distributed to the public about the program when available.

12.b. COUNCILMEMBER MANUEL ACOSTA

1. Feasibility of Converting a Tennis Court at the Community Center to a Pickleball Court and Creating a Pickleball League.

City Manager Rachel Barbosa announced a report would be brought back at the September City Council meeting on the cost and funding to rearrange the tennis court for pickleball and the possibility of creating league by partnering with the LA Association of Pickleball.

13. CLOSED SESSION – None.

At 7:35 p.m. Mayor Olmos recessed Council into closed session.

13.a. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—EXISTING LITIGATION

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 – [Two cases]

Sanjay Patel, et al v. City of South El Monte, et al
(Case Nos: 2:18-cv-04077 and 21-55546)

Phillip Killgore v City of South El Monte
(Ninth Circuit, Docket No. 20-55666)

At 8:14 p.m. Mayor Olmos reconvened to open session.

Amendment was made at the Regular City Council meeting of September 14, 2021 to include City Attorney's announcement that there was no reportable action taken by City Council for Closed Session Item 13.a.

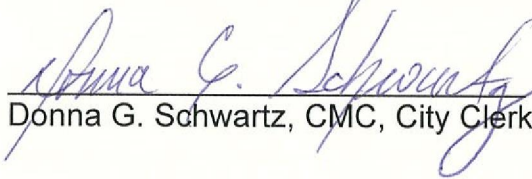
14. RECESS COUNCIL MEETING

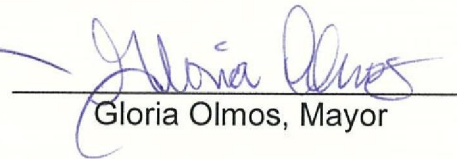
At 8:14 p.m. Mayor Olmos recessed the Regular City Council meeting to Successor Agency meeting.

At 8:16 p.m. Mayor Olmos reconvened the Regular City Council meeting.

15. RECONVE AND ADJOURN COUNCIL MEETING

There being no further business coming before this body, at 8:17 p.m. Mayor Olmos adjourned the meeting in memory of Community Member Jody Bush, to a regular meeting on Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.


Donna G. Schwartz, CMC, City Clerk


Gloria Olmos, Mayor