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CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE

REGULAR MEETING OF THE SOUTH EL MONTE CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA

November 9, 2021, 6:00 PM
1415 Santa Anita Avenue, South El Monte, CA 91733

SPECIAL NOTICE REGARDING COVID-19

On September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed AB 361, which modified the Brown Act to allow for teleconferencing participation at local legislative body public meetings during a proclaimed state of emergency. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e) as amended by AB 361, City Council is authorized to hold public meetings via teleconferencing and to make public meetings accessible telephonically or otherwise electronically available to all members of the public seeking to observe and to address the local legislative body. Public participation will be allowed via the information below.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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For both open and closed session each speaker will be limited to five minutes. Time limits may not be shared with other speakers and may not accumulate from one period of public comment to another or from one meeting to another. This is the only opportunity for public input except for scheduled public hearing items. 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.

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GENERAL COMMENT

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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, Delgado, Retamoza, Mayor Pro Tem Angel and Mayor Olmos

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Gracie Retamoza

3. INVOCATION

Pastor Charlie Corum, South El Monte Community Outreach

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.a. "State of the College," Presentation by Teresa Dreyfuss, Superintendent/President, Rio Hondo College, Summarizing Key Accomplishments and Activities on Campus

4.b. Audit Results and Financial Update, Presented by William Fox, Interim Finance Director

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 may speak up to five minutes. Unless a majority of the Council objects, the Mayor may provide speakers more or less time to speak. With respect to non-public hearing items, speakers shall provide their comments at this time. During public hearing, speakers are encouraged to speak at the time the public hearing item is presented. Any documents for review should be presented to the City Clerk for distribution.

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 FOR OCTOBER 26, 2021 AND SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 22, 2020

Staff is requesting approval of Minutes for October 26, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting and December 22, 2020 Special City Council Meeting which were inadvertently excluded from the January 2021 agenda.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff recommends City Council approve the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of October 26, 2021 and Special City Council Meeting of December 22, 2020.

7.b. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 21-71, APPROVING WARRANTS FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 27, 2021 THROUGH NOVEMBER 9, 2021

Authorizing payment of City expenditures for the period of October 27, 2021 through November 9, 2021 totaling \$903,004.87

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff recommends City Council adopt Resolution No. 21-71, authorizing payment of City expenditures.

7.c. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL TO SOLICIT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR AUDITING SERVICES

City Council is requested to approve the RFP for financial auditing services and to solicit proposals from qualified auditing firms.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff recommends City Council approve the RFP for auditing services and authorize the City to solicit proposals for auditing services.

7.d. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 21-72, PROCLAIMING A LOCAL EMERGENCY PERSISTS AND AUTHORIZING THE USE OF REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETING PROCEDURES BY THE CITY'S LEGISLATIVE BODIES AS AUTHORIZED BY GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953(E) ET SEQ. FOR THE PERIOD OF NOVEMBER 9, 2021 THROUGH DECEMBER 9, 2021

On September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed AB 361 into law. AB 361 was made effective October 1, 2021. Pursuant to AB 361, staff recommends consideration of Resolution No. 21-72, proclaiming a local emergency persists and authorizing the use of remote meeting procedures by the City's legislative bodies, which can include meetings held via a virtual platform (e.g. Zoom), for the period of November 9, 2021 through December 9, 2021.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff recommends City Council adopt Resolution No. 21-72, proclaiming a local emergency persists and authorizing the use of alternative meeting procedures by the City's legislative bodies, such as utilizing a virtual platform (e.g. Zoom) for the period of November 9, 2021 through December 9, 2021.

CONSENT CALENDAR (CONTINUED)

7.e. **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 21-73, AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT (PSA) TO KOSMONT TRANSACTION SERVICES FOR FINANCIAL ADVISORY SERVICES**

On September 29, 2021, the City issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Financial Advisory Services in conjunction with addressing the CalPERS unfunded pension liability. Four proposals were received by the deadline of October 21, 2021, by 4:00 p.m. Finance and City Administration have reviewed the proposals and determined that of the four companies, Kosmont Transaction Services is the financial advisory firm that can best meet the needs of the City.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff recommends City Council adopt Resolution No. 21-73, awarding a professional services agreement to Kosmont Transaction Services for financial advisory services and authorizing City Manager to execute agreement.

8. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

8.a. **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 21-74, ADOPTING A GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT (GPA) (NO. 21-02) TO UPDATE THE DENSITY OF THE MIXED USE CATEGORY OF THE LAND USE ELEMENT TO MATCH THE COMMERCIAL-RESIDENTIAL ZONE**

The Mixed Use category of the Land Use Element caps densities at 29 dwelling units per acre, and was not updated to reflect the increased densities of the C-R zone that was adopted in 2012. Because of this, an update to the Mixed Use category is required to reflect the density in the C-R zone.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff recommends City Council adopt Resolution No. 21-74, adopting the General Plan Amendment No. 21-02.

General Business begins on next page.

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

9.a. APPOINTMENT/RE-APPOINTMENT OF A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Per the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District Board of Trustees (GLACVCD) the term of office for Trustee Hector Delgado as a member of the Board is set to expire on January 3, 2022. Pursuant to Section 2024 of the State Health and Safety Code (SHSC) governing the dates of term of office of members appointed to the Board of Trustees, the City Council may consider reappointing Trustee Delgado or appointing a new trustee for a two or four-year term of the office, commencing at noon on the first Monday of January (i.e. January 3, 2022).

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff recommends City Council consider appointment/re-appointing of a representative to the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District Board for a two or four-year term commencing on January 3, 2022.

9.b. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF LETTER OF SUPPORT TO FUND THE CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE'S HOMELESS PREVENTION PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZATION TO INCLUDE THE CITY COUNCILMEMBERS' SIGNATURES

The City has received funding from the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) to fund its Homeless Prevention Program in the amount of \$15,000. For the past three months, the City has provided homeless prevention services to homeless clients, totaling \$12,000. There is no additional funding available from the SGVCOG for this fiscal year once our funding expires at the end of November 2021. Funding was cut for the upcoming fiscal year and staff was unsuccessful in obtaining funds for our programs. The letter of support outlines the increasing needs that city staff encountered from our homeless community and the limited resources available with Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority and Union Station.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff recommends City Council approve the letter of support to fund City of South El Monte's Homeless Prevention Program for the remaining fiscal year and next fiscal year, and authorize to include City Councilmembers' signatures.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS, INCLUDING AB 1234 REPORTS

AB 1234 requires councilmembers briefly report, orally or in writing, on meetings attended at City expense (i.e. League of California Cities Conferences, ICSC conferences, etc.) at City Council meetings following the meeting.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

11.a. CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE EL MONTE/SOUTH EL MONTE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REQUESTING SPONSORSHIP FOR THEIR “100th” ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 2022

The Chamber is offering various sponsorship opportunities in amounts such as \$5000 Diamond, \$2500 Platinum, \$1000 Gold, and \$500 Silver.

All sponsorships

include acknowledgement on social media, logo placements, t-shirts etc.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff recommends City Council discuss and, if approved, appropriate recommended amount.

11.b. CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE SOUTH EL MONTE EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION (SEMEA) REQUESTING SPONSORSHIP FOR THE ANNUAL SOUTH EL MONTE EMPLOYEE HOLIDAY RECOGNITION DINNER

The South El Monte Employees Association is requesting a \$2000 sponsorship for the Annual South El Monte Employee Holiday Recognition Dinner, which includes acknowledgment of sponsorship signs placed on the dinner tables, venue, dinner, and purchase of awards to employees in recognition for their years of service.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff recommends City Council consider and approve sponsorship in the amount of \$2,000 for the Annual South El Monte Employees Holiday Recognition dinner.

11.c. CORRESPONDENCE FROM SOUTH EL MONTE COMMUNITY OUTREACH (SEMCO) REQUESTING THE USE OF THE CITY'S COMMUNITY CENTER PARKING LOT TO HOST A THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

SEMCO is requesting the use of the City's Community Center Parking Lot to host their annual Thanksgiving Food Drive that will be held on Wednesday, November 24, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff recommends City Council approve the request made by South El Monte Community Outreach.

12. COUNCILMEMBERS' AGENDA

12.a. COUNCILMEMBER GRACIE RETAMOZA

1. Discussion on City Banner Policy and Implementation of Fees.

13. CLOSED SESSION

13.a. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - PENDING LITIGATION

Government Code Section 54956.9 – [One Case]

Sanjay Patel et al v. City of South El Monte
Los Angeles County Superior Court Case BC720458

14. ADJOURNMENT

Tuesday, December 14, 2021 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 4th day of November, 2021.



City Clerk, CMC