

**CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, October 26, 2021 - 6:00 PM**

1. ROLL CALL

Mayor Olmos called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM

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

ABSENT: Councilmember(s): Delgado

STAFF PRESENT: Rachel Barbosa, City Manager; Anthony R. Taylor, City Attorney; Rene Salas, Deputy City Manager; Colby Cataldi, Community Development Director; and Paola Lara, Deputy City Clerk.

STAFF ABSENT: Donna G. Schwartz, City Clerk.

Zoom was provided for the Public to participate during public comment via teleconference.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Mayor Gloria Olmos led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. INVOCATION – Pastor Patricia Garrett, Faith Dominion Church, offered the Invocation.

Mayor Olmos requested to pull Item 7.d. from the Consent Calendar, City Attorney Anthony Taylor announced the item. Council concurred with the Mayor's request.

ITEM PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

7.d. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 21-69 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 INITIAL PERIOD OF OCTOBER 26, 2021 THROUGH NOVEMBER 25, 2021

Consideration of Resolution No. 21-69: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of South El Monte proclaiming a local emergency persists and authorizing the use of remote meeting procedures by the City's legislative bodies, as authorized by government code section 54953(e) *et seq.*, for the initial period of October 26, 2021 through November 25, 2021.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff recommends City Council adopt Resolution No. 21-69 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 initial period October 26, 2021 through November 25, 2021.

Mayor Olmos opened public comment for Item 7.d., there being none, closed public comment.

A motion was made by Councilmember Retamoza, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Angel to adopt Resolution No. 21-69 proclaiming a local emergency persists and authorizing the transition to use of remote teleconference meeting procedures by City's the legislative bodies, as authorized by government code section 54953(e) *et seq.*, for the initial period of October 26, 2021 through November 25, 2021.

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

At 6:07 p.m. Councilmember Delgado joined the meeting via zoom and spoke in support of the resolution.

4. PRESENTATIONS

- 4.a.** City Council presented a plaque to Teacher Teresa Lopez and thanked her for 40 years of service to the City of South El Monte.

City Council presented a plaque to Teacher Maryann Garcia for 44 years of service to the City of South El Monte. Ms. Garcia was unable to attend the meeting.

- 4.b.** Dr. Elizabeth Evans, Superintendent; Veronica Castillo, President; Veronica Lauria, Vice President; Rudy Martinez, Trustee; and Larry Rodriguez, Trustee of the Valle Lindo School District thanked Mayor Olmos and City Council for their support in preparation for the children's return to in-person learning for their commitment to the students and community, and thanked Community Development Director Colby Cataldi for the Shively Park Blacktop Renovation Project.

Plaques were presented to the City of South El Monte Community Development for the Shively Park Blacktop Renovation Project and to City of South El Monte Code Enforcement for their commitment to ensuring student safety.

- 4.c.** City Council received a presentation from Richard Corral, Homeless Services Coordinator, on the State of Homelessness in the City and Deputy City Manager Rene Salas provided information on the City's endeavors to assist homeless individuals and families.

4.d. City Council received a report from the Sheriff's Department and discussed matters concerning law enforcement in the City for the month of September.

4.e. City Council received a report from Community Development Director Colby Cataldi on code enforcement and public safety activities for the month of September and noted staff is in discussion with Athens Services about reducing street sweeping days from five days to two days a week and changing the street sweeping schedule, which would require a municipal code amendment. Additionally, there will be discussion with Athens Services about possibly reducing the number of days that the trash is picked up.

City Council voiced concerns with changing the current street sweeping schedule and hours of operation, and discussed the signage that is required to be posted for street sweeping. Community Development Director Colby Cataldi stated a matrix would be created comparing current and proposed street sweeping schedules and brought back for Council's consideration and staff would evaluate if additional signage is needed on Durfee and Michael Hunt.

Mayor Olmos recommended adding the street sweeping holiday schedule to the back of street sweeping signs posted on the streets.

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

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Angel, seconded by Councilmember Retamoza to approve the agenda. Motion carried 5-0, by the following vote:

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

NAYS: Councilmember(s): None

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 Retamoza to approve the Consent Calendar items 7.a. – 7.c. and 7.e. Motion carried 5-0, by the following vote:

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

NAYS: Councilmember(s): None

- 7.a. Approved Minutes for the Regular City Council Meeting held October 12, 2021.
- 7.b. Adopted Resolution No. 21-67, approving warrants for the period of October 13, 2021 through October 26, 2021 totaling \$1,594,389.50.
- 7.c. Adopted Resolution No. 21-68, authorizing the City Manager or designee to apply for the HCD CalHome Grant Program in the amount of \$4,000,000 for First-Time Homebuyer Mortgage Assistance and Accessory Dwelling Unit/Junior Accessory Dwelling Unit programs, and if awarded, authorize the City Manager or designee to execute the HCD standard agreement with the State, and approve a not to exceed limit of \$50,000 for loan recipients.
- 7.e. Adopted Resolution No. 21-70, approving Amendment No. 7 to Agreement Subaward Number ENP202110 with the County of Los Angeles for Elderly Nutrition Program Services and authorizing the City Manager, or her designee, to execute the same.

8. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None.

9. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

9.a. **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 21-71, AWARDING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT TO ACTIVE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT SERVICES FOR THE RUSH STREET CORRIDOR ENHANCEMENT PLAN**

Mayor Olmos introduced the Item and Community Development Director Colby Cataldi presented the staff report.

A motion was made by Councilmember Acosta, seconded by Councilmember Retamoza to adopt Resolution No. 21-71, awarding a professional services agreement in the amount of \$102,831, to Active San Gabriel Valley to provide public engagement and community assessment services for the Rush Street Corridor Enhancement Plan. Motion carried 5-0 by the following vote:

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

NAYS: Councilmember(s): None

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

Councilmember Acosta announced he attended Sheriff Alex Villanueva's Community Conversation and Epiphany's 1st Annual Oktoberfest Car Show.

Councilmember Retamoza announced she attended the El Monte/South El Monte Chamber of Commerce Halloween event and Epiphany's 1st Annual Oktoberfest Car Show.

Councilmember Delgado announced he attended Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control's meeting and noted Executive Director Truc Dever will be leaving the District, provided an update on El Monte Union High School District Redistricting Commission's meeting and two possible final redistricting maps. He requested City Manager Rachel Barbosa share the maps with City Council should they want to provide their input to the Commission before final approval next month.

Mayor Pro Tem Angel announced he attended Sheriff Alex Villanueva's Community Conversation, Epiphany's 1st Annual Oktoberfest Car Show, El Monte/South El Monte Chamber of Commerce Halloween event, and Mountain View High School's 50th Anniversary.

Mayor Olmos announced she attended Sheriff Alex Villanueva's Community Conversation, Mountain View High School's 50th Anniversary, Epiphany's 1st Annual Oktoberfest Car Show, El Monte/South El Monte Chamber of Commerce Halloween event, and announced Greater El Monte's Hospital's Covid-19 rates are decreasing and booster shots are available for the Pfizer vaccine.

11. CORRESPONDENCE - None

12. COUNCILMEMBERS' AGENDA

12.a. Mayor Pro Tem Richard Angel

1. Discussion on Hosting a City Employee Family Picnic

Mayor Pro Tem Richard Angel inquired about the possibility of hosting a City employee family picnic in February or March for employee morale. Council concurred.

City Attorney Anthony Taylor offered to donate food for the event.

Staff was directed to prepare a staff report with a proposed budget and activities and bring back to Council for consideration.

2. Follow Up on Proposed City Farmers Market

Mayor Olmos stated the City had previously worked on bringing a farmer's market to the City. She would like to bring back this project to implement a farmer's market. Council concurred.

Staff was directed to prepare a staff report and bring it back to City Council at a future date.

13. **CLOSED SESSION – None**

14. **RECESS COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Olmos recessed the meeting at 7:45 p.m. and reconvened at 7:47 p.m.

15. **ADJOURN COUNCIL MEETING**

There being no further business coming before this body, at 7:47 p.m. Mayor Olmos adjourned the meeting in memory of Brian Urias, Mayor of the City of Duarte, and Brian Sanchez, South El Monte resident and South El Monte High School alumni, to a regular meeting on Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

for Paola Rana
Donna G. Schwartz, CMC, City Clerk

Gloria Olmos
Gloria Olmos, Mayor