

**CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, October 12, 2021 - 6:00 PM**

1. ROLL CALL

Mayor Olmos called the meeting to order at 6:01 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; William Fox, Interim Finance Director; Donna G. Schwartz, City Clerk; Paola Lara, Deputy City Clerk; and Ian McAleese, Assistant Planner.

Zoom webinar was provided for the Public for public comment.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Councilmember Gracie Retamoza led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. INVOCATION – Cesiah Romo, Planning Commissioner, offered the Invocation.

4. PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Olmos announced Item 4.a. would be postponed until the City Council meeting of October 26, 2021 and requested Item 4.b. be moved after items 4.c. and 4.d. Council concurred.

- 4.a.** Presentation of Plaques to Employees; Teacher MaryAnn Garcia and Teacher Teresa Lopez for Years of Service Teacher MaryAnn Garcia for 44 Years of Dedicated and Outstanding Service to the City of South El Monte and Teacher Teresa Lopez for 40 Years of Dedicated and Outstanding Service to the City of South El Monte.

Item 4.a. postponed until the October 26, 2021 City Council meeting.

- 4.b.** Item 4.b. was presented after item 4.d.

City Council received a report from Community Development Director Colby Cataldi who presented a PowerPoint on Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Update including CIP Projects currently in progress, upcoming CIP projects, and CIP projects estimated schedule.

- 4.c.** Mayor Olmos read a proclamation proclaiming October 2021 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

- 4.d. Mayor Olmos read a proclamation proclaiming October 2021 as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

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

City Attorney Anthony Taylor read the title of Ordinance No. 1254 for Item 7.d.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Angel, 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

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Olmos opened public comment:

1. Elizabeth Evans, Valle Lindo School District Superintendent, thanked the City for supporting the School Board and working with them and the Sheriff's department to ensure student safety during an incident that occurred and announced students were successfully welcomed back to campus.
2. Leo Briones, South El Monte Resident, announced the Brewers Baseball organization held a successful tournament and a donation will be made to City of Hope with the addition of City of South El Monte on the check, and distributed championship rings from the tournament to City Council.
3. Naomi Lopez, Planning Commissioner, requested that the Patriotic Commission be allowed to continue to hold their meetings via zoom to prioritize the Commissioners' health and safety.

Mayor Olmos closed public comment.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Angel, seconded by Councilmember Retamoza 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 September 28, 2021
- 7.b. Adopted Resolution No. 21-62, approving warrants for the period of September 29, 2021 through October 12, 2021 totaling \$583,593.22
- 7.c. Approved City Council "go dark" on Tuesday, November 23, 2021 and December 28, 2021.
- 7.d. Adopted Ordinance No. 1254 amending the city of South El Monte's Municipal Code title 1 "General Provisions," chapter 1.20 "Posting of Official Notices," section 1.20.010 "Locations for Posting of Official Notices"

8. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

8.a. **GENERAL PLAN UPDATE INCLUDING THE 2021-2029 SIXTH CYCLE HOUSING ELEMENT, PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY ELEMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ELEMENT AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 21-63, APPROVING THE NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT**

Mayor Olmos opened the public hearing. City Attorney Anthony Taylor read the title of the item.

There being no public comment Mayor Olmos closed the public hearing.

Community Development Director Colby Cataldi introduced Dudek consultants Erika Van Sickel and Asha Bleier, who presented a PowerPoint on City of South El Monte General Plan Amendment: Housing Element, Public Health, Safety & Environmental Justice Element; and CEQA.

Community Development Director Colby Cataldi presented additional information on this item.

A motion was made by Councilmember Acosta, seconded by Councilmember Retamoza to adopt Resolution No. 21-63, approving the Negative Declaration and General Plan Amendment 21-01 including the Housing Element, Health and Safety Element and Environmental Justice Element, as recommended by the Planning Commission for Certification by the Department of Housing and Community Development, as required by State Law. 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. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 21-64, AWARDING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT (PSA) TO THE ENERGY COALITION (TEC) TO PROVIDE PROJECT DESIGN & MANAGEMENT SERVICES; AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 21-65, AWARDING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT (PSA) TO PASSIVE LOGIC TO PROVIDE PROJECT DESIGN & IMPLEMENTATION SERVICES FOR SOUTH EL MONTE AUTONOMOUS BUILDING CONTROLS RETROFIT PROJECT

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:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 21-64, awarding professional services agreement to TEC to provide project design and management services, in the amount of \$90,000; and
2. Adopt Resolution No. 21-65, awarding professional services agreement to Passive Logic to provide project design & implementation services, in the amount of \$272,279.

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.b. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 21-66, AWARDING CONTRACT SERVICES AGREEMENT TO COUNCIL FOR WATERSHED HEALTH TO PROVIDE PROJECT ADMINISTRATION SERVICES FOR MERCED AVENUE GREENWAY PROJECT

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

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Angel, seconded by Councilmember Acosta to adopt Resolution No. 21-66, awarding a contract services agreement to Council for Watershed Health to provide project administration services for the Merced Avenue Greenway Project, in the amount of \$412,447. 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 announced he attended the Green Apple Day of Service event.

Councilmember Retamoza nothing to report.

Mayor Pro Tem Angel announced he attended the Green Apple Day of Service event.

Mayor Olmos announced she attended the Green Apple Day of Service event.

11. CORRESPONDENCE - None

11.a. LETTER REQUESTING SPONSORSHIP FROM EPIPHANY CATHOLIC SCHOOL THROUGH A \$500 PLATINUM PACKAGE THAT INCLUDES THE CITY LOGO ON EVENT MATERIAL AND MEDIA ADVERTISING FOR THE 1ST ANNUAL OKTOBERFEST BIKE AND CAR SHOW

Mayor Olmos announced the item.

A motion was made by Councilmember Retamoza, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Angel to approve a \$500 Platinum Package sponsorship to Epiphany Catholic School for the 1st Annual Oktoberfest Bike and Car Show. 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 and Councilmember Acosta announced they would each like to make a personal \$500 donation to Epiphany Catholic Church.

11.b. LETTER FROM BREWERS BASEBALL ORGANIZATION REQUESTING TO WAIVE FEES FOR THE LIGHTING AND RENTAL HOURS EXTENSION AT SHIVELY AND NEW TEMPLE PARKS FOR A BASEBALL TOURNAMENT TO RAISE FUNDS FOR CANCER AWARENESS

Mayor Olmos announced the item and Deputy City Manager Rene Salas provided additional information on the request from Mr. Leo Briones for a reimbursement of fees totaling \$450.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Angel, seconded by Councilmember Retamoza to reimburse Brewers Baseball Organization a total of \$450 for the lighting and rental hours at Shively and New Temple Park for a baseball tournament. 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. COUNCILMEMBER HECTOR DELGADO

1. Domestic Violence Awareness Month Community March in October.

Mayor Olmos asked the public to speak up against domestic violence and announced there will be a community march on October 27, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. and additional information will be released to the public as it becomes available.

2. Discussion on Implementing Smart Poles While Edison is Installing LED Light Poles to Save the Cost of Additional Installation

Mayor Olmos requested staff speak with Southern California Edison, who will be installing LED lights, to coordinate the installation of the LED lights at the same time that a consultant will be installing Smart Poles in order to avoid additional installation costs.

Staff was directed to bring back a presentation with details for this project.

3. The Impact of AB 361 on Member In-Person Attendance at City Council and Commission Meetings.

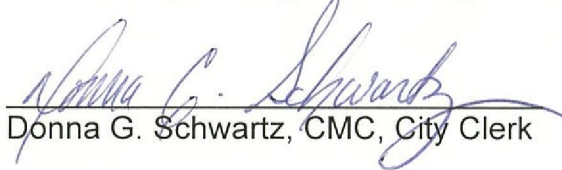
City Attorney Anthony Taylor provided information on new legislature AB 361.

Staff was directed to prepare a resolution to allow City Council and Commissions to remote teleconference under AB 361 and bring back at the next City Council meeting for adoption.

13. **CLOSED SESSION - None**

14. **ADJOURN COUNCIL MEETING**

There being no further business coming before this body, at 8:00 p.m. Mayor Olmos adjourned the meeting in memory of Hannah Mesa, South El Monte resident, to a regular meeting on Tuesday, October 26, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.


Donna G. Schwartz, CMC, City Clerk


Gloria Olmos, Mayor