

**CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2021 - 6:00 PM**

1. ROLL CALL

Mayor Olmos called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM

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

STAFF PRESENT: Rachel Barbosa, City Manager; Anthony R. Taylor, City Attorney; Donna G. Schwartz, City Clerk; Rene Salas, Deputy City Manager; Colby Cataldi, Community Development Director; Paola Lara, Deputy City Clerk; Ian McAleese, Assistant Planner; and Jayson Perez, Recreation Coordinator.

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Councilmember Manuel Acosta led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. INVOCATION – Laura Lozano, Permit Technician for 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 months of October and November.

4.b. City Council received a report from Community Development Director Colby Cataldi on Code Enforcement and Public Safety Activities for the months of October and November and presented the new schedule for street sweeping.

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

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

Councilmember Delgado was present at the meeting but not present for this vote.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Olmos opened public comment

1. Fidel Acosta, South El Monte resident, voiced concern with pedestrians hazardously crossing Santa Anita Avenue between Lexington-Gallatin Road and the 60 freeway to Whittier Narrows Park, requested the City work with the County to create a pedestrian crosswalk at the location and to waive Whittier Narrows parking fees for South El Monte residents, made suggestions to decrease illegal dumping and catalytic converter theft, and requested South El Monte High School allow their swapmeet vendors to park at the school because it creates parking issues on Fawcett Avenue.
2. Julianna Jimenez, Nancy Briones, Lisa Ducharme, Leo Briones, Edward Maldonado, Carlos Seguayo, Victor Martinez, Adrian Jimenez, Julian Camacho, and Lori Brown spoke in support of allowing the Brewer's Baseball travel team to continue to use the baseball fields and of the youth programs in the City working together to share the fields because it is all for the benefit of the children.
3. Sergio Velasquez, South El Monte resident, spoke against waiving the electricity bill for travel baseball teams because as a resident he is unable to practice baseball with his son on the fields because they are always locked, requested City Council put the community first for the use of the fields, and recommended the use of the fields be examined because they are damaged and are hazardous.
4. Enzo Fierros, on behalf of Carroll Klett, President of Huntington Culinary, thanked the City for the opportunity to provide meals to the Seniors for the past 30 years and they hope to continue to work with the City.

There being no further comments, Mayor Olmos closed public comment.

Mayor Olmos called for a recess at 7:49 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made by Councilmember Retamoza, seconded by Councilmember Acosta to approve the Consent Calendar. 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 November 9, 2021.

7.b. Adopted Resolution No. 21-75, approving warrants for the period of November 10, 2021 through December 14, 2021 totaling \$2,043,317.88.

- 7.c. Adopted Resolution No. 21-76, accepting the improvements for the Rush Street and Peck Road Traffic Signal and Lighting Project, authorize City Clerk to send the Notice of Completion for recordation to the Los Angeles County Recorder's Office, and release retention accordingly.
- 7.d. Adopted Resolution No. 21-77, approving Amendment No. 1 to the agreement with John L. Hunter and Associates, Inc. for environmental services to include services for oversight of the Commercial and Industrial Waste Inspections, Used Oil Recycling, and the Beverage Container Recycling grant programs.
- 7.e. Adopted Resolution No. 21-78, 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 December 14, 2021 through January 12, 2022.
- 7.f. Adopted Resolution No. 21-79, accepting the improvements for the 2020 Residential Street Rehabilitation Project (CDBG) Project, authorize City Clerk to send the Notice of Completion for recordation to the Los Angeles County Recorder's Office, release retention accordingly, and approved \$81,493 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to pay for improvements at City Hall, which include parking lot resurfacing and installation of an ADA curb ramp; and to reduce the appropriated amount of SB-1 funds on this project to \$318,507 (from \$400,000) to ensure the total approved project budget of \$776,710 remains unchanged and in compliance with all funding sources.
- 7.g. Adopted Resolution No. 21-80, approving Amendment No. 1 extending the current agreement with Rio Hondo College Community College District and authorizing City Manager, or her designee, to execute the agreement.
- 7.h. Adopted Resolution No. 21-81, approving the Amended and Restated Agreement with Huntington Culinary for Senior Nutrition Services, and authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute agreement.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

8.a. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 21-82, TO ESTABLISH BASIC RULES APPLICABLE TO ALL SB-9 PROJECTS

Mayor Olmos announced the item and opened the public hearing, there being no public comment, closed the public hearing.

Assistant Planner Ian McAleese presented the staff report.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Angel, seconded by Councilmember Acosta to adopt Resolution No. 21-82, establishing basic rules for SB-9 projects. 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

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

9.a. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 21-83, ADOPTING THE 2021 HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

Mayor Olmos announced the item and Community Development Director Colby Cataldi presented the staff report and a PowerPoint prepared by Carolyn J. Harshman, Emergency Planning Consultants.

A motion was made by Councilmember Acosta, seconded by Councilmember Retamoza to adopt Resolution No. 21-83, approving the 2021 Hazard Mitigation Plan, and authorize staff to submit the resolution of approval to FEMA for issuance of a Final Letter of Approval. 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

9.b. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 21-84, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT

Mayor Olmos announced the item and City Attorney Anthony R. Taylor presented the staff report.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Angel, seconded by Councilmember Acosta to adopt Resolution No. 21-84, which authorizes and approves as follows:

1. Approve Settlement Participation Form for City's participation in the National Opioid Settlement with McKesson Corporation, Cardinal Health, Inc., and AmerisourceBergen Corporation;
2. Approve Settlement Participation Form for City's participation in the National Opioid Settlement with Johnson & Johnson, Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Ortho-McNeil-Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc., and Janssen Pharmaceutica, Inc.;
3. Approve California State-Subdivision Agreement Regarding Distribution and Use of Settlement Funds - Distributor Settlement;
4. Approve California State-Subdivision Agreement Regarding Distribution and Use of Settlement Funds - Janssen Settlement;
5. Authorize City Manager to execute documents identified in Recommendation Nos. 1 through 4; and

6. Authorize City Manager to carry out all necessary acts such that the City can participate in the National Opioid Settlements, including, but not limited to, the transmittal of the executed documents in Recommendation Nos. 1 through 4.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Angel requested to move Item 11.b. up for discussion before Committee Reports. Council concurred.

ITEM MOVED UP FOR DISCUSSION

11.b. LETTER FROM BREWERS BASEBALL ORGANIZATION (BREWERS) REQUESTING FEE WAIVER RESULTING IN REIMBURSEMENT OF RESERVATION FEES

Mayor Olmos announced the item and Recreation Coordinator Jayson Perez presented the staff report.

Mayor Pro Tem Angel and Councilmember Acosta spoke in favor of allowing youth organizations to use the baseball fields because it is for the children. Mayor Olmos spoke against approving the fee waiver request because the City will have to invest funds to fix the damage done to the baseball fields.

A motion was made by Councilmember Acosta, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Angel to approve fee waiver request made by the Brewers resulting in a reimbursement amount of \$495.00. Motion carried 4-0-1 by the following vote:

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

NAYS: Councilmember(s): None

ABSTAIN: Councilmember(s): Mayor Olmos

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS, INCLUDING AB 1234 REPORTS

Councilmember Acosta, announced his attendance at the City's Turkey Dash & Trot, Boxing Show, Senior Center Thanksgiving Drive-Thru, Tree Lighting Ceremony, Supervisor Hilda Solis' Breakfast with Santa, and International Council of Shopping Centers Conference.

Councilmember Retamoza, announced her attendance at the City's Tree Lighting Ceremony and South El Monte Employee Recognition Dinner.

Councilmember Delgado, announced his attendance at the City's Turkey Dash & Trot, Tree Lighting Ceremony, South El Monte Employee Recognition Dinner, and Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District Meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Angel, announced his attendance at the City's Turkey Dash & Trot, Tree Lighting Ceremony, and International Council of Shopping Centers Conference.

Mayor Olmos, announced her attendance at the City's Turkey Dash & Trot, Tree Lighting Ceremony, Senator Susan Rubio's Turkey Giveaway, South El Monte Community Outreach Turkey Giveaway, South El Monte Employee Recognition Dinner, and Supervisor Hilda Solis' Breakfast with Santa.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

11.a. LETTER FROM THE SOUTH EL MONTE/ EL MONTE JETS ORGANIZATION (JETS) REQUESTING EVENT FEE WAIVER RESULTING IN REIMBURSEMENT OF RESERVATION FEES

Mayor Olmos announced the item.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Angel, seconded by Councilmember Acosta to approve the fee waiver request made by the Jets organization resulting in a reimbursement amount of \$480.00. 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

11.c. LETTER FROM EPIPHANY CATHOLIC CHURCH FOR RELATED CITY COSTS AND TEMPORARY USE PERMIT (TUP) FEE WAIVER FOR THE ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE WALK OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Mayor Olmos announced the item.

A motion was made by Councilmember Retamoza, seconded by Councilmember Acosta to approve the fee waiver request made by Epiphany Catholic Church resulting in a reimbursement amount of \$2,516. 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

12. COUNCILMEMBERS' AGENDA

12.a. MAYOR GLORIA OLMOS

1. Announcement of Vacancies on the City Commissions.

Mayor Olmos announced that applications are being accepted for vacancies on the Community Services, Patriotic, and Planning Commissions and encouraged residents who want to be more involved in the community to apply by the deadline of Wednesday, January 5, 2022 by 5:00 p.m.

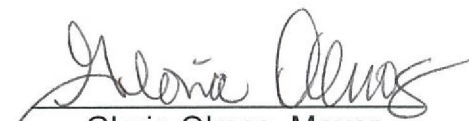
13. CLOSED SESSION: None.

14. ADJOURN COUNCIL MEETING

There being no further business coming before this body, at 8:53 p.m. Mayor Olmos adjourned the meeting to a regular meeting on Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

for 

Donna G. Schwartz, CMC, City Clerk



Gloria Olmos, Mayor