

**CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2022 - 6:00 PM**

1. ROLL CALL

Mayor Olmos called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

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

STAFF PRESENT: Rachel Barbosa, City Manager; Anthony R. Taylor, City Attorney; Donna G. Schwartz, City Clerk; Rene Salas, Deputy City Manager; Rodrigo Pelayo, Public Works Analyst; and Paola Lara, Deputy City Clerk.

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Councilmember Richard Angel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. INVOCATION – Israel Alacio, Community Services Commissioner offered the Invocation.

4. PRESENTATIONS: None.

4.a. Mayor Olmos read a proclamation proclaiming March 2022 as Women's History Month. Senator Susan Rubio congratulated the City on finding ways to uplift women and for receiving a \$25,000 grant by the California Commission on the Status of Women and Girls which will be used for the formation of a women's commission.

4.b. City Council received a report from the Sheriff's Department and discussed matters concerning law enforcement in the City for the Month of February.

4.c. City Council received a report from Code Enforcement and Public Safety Supervisor Joe Martinez on Code Enforcement and Public Safety Activities for the month of February.

Councilmember Angel requested the future dates for bulky item pick up by Athens Services be included in the newsletter.

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

Mayor Olmos requested to move item 9.b. to be discussed before item 9.a.

A motion was made by Councilmember Angel, seconded by Councilmember Delgado, to approve the agenda as amended to move item 9.b. to be discussed before item 9.a. Motion carried 5-0, by the following vote:

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

NAYS: Councilmember(s): None

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

City Attorney Anthony R. Taylor read the title of Ordinance No. 1257.

A motion was made by Councilmember Delgado, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Acosta to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion carried 5-0 by the following vote:

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

NAYS: Councilmember(s): None

7.a. Approved Minutes for the Regular City Council Meeting held March 8, 2022.

7.b. Adopted Resolution No. 22-19, approving warrants for the period of March 9, 2022 through March 22, 2022, totaling \$560,467.37.

7.c. Approved the issuance of a Request for Qualifications to establish a pre-qualified list of firms for Grant Program Administration and select a firm to administer and implement the CalHome Owner-Occupied Home Repair program.

7.d. Adopted Ordinance No. 1257 Amending Title 1 "General Provisions," Chapter 1.14 "Administrative Penalty Procedures." Adding Section 1.14.085 "Late Payment Charges and Collection of Administrative Fines and Costs – Special Assessment Procedures," to Supplement Procedures for the City's Collection of Administrative Fines and Costs

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM 9.b. MOVED UP FOR DISCUSSION UNDER APPROVAL OF AGENDA

9.b. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 22-21 APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH THE VALLE LINDO SCHOOL DISTRICT TO PROVIDE SUMMER LEARNING RECOVERY SERVICES

Mayor Olmos introduced the item, Deputy City Manager Rene Salas presented the staff report, and Dr. Elizabeth Evans, Valle Lindo School District Superintendent, spoke of the partnership between the City and the School District and provided information on the summer school program.

A motion was made by Councilmember Angel, seconded by Councilmember Delgado, to Adopt Resolution No. 22-21, approving a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Valle Lindo School District to provide summer learning recovery services. Motion carried 5-0 by the following vote:

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

NAYS: Councilmember(s): None

9.a. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 22-20, FOR SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S "RAISE" GRANT PROGRAM

Mayor Olmos announced the item and Public Works Analyst Rodrigo Pelayo presented the staff report.

A motion was made by Councilmember Angel, seconded by Councilmember Delgado to adopt Resolution No. 22-20, approving the City's submittal of an application to the United States Department of Transportation's "Raise" Grant Program, and if awarded, authorization for the City Manager or designee to execute the grant agreement, and take all steps necessary to implement the grant. Motion carried 5-0 by the following vote:

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

NAYS: Councilmember(s): None

Item 9.b. was discussed before item 9.a. as approved under Approval of Agenda.

**9.b. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 22-21
APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH
THE VALLE LINDO SCHOOL DISTRICT TO PROVIDE SUMMER
LEARNING RECOVERY SERVICES**

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS, INCLUDING AB 1234 REPORTS

Mayor Pro Tem Acosta announced his attendance at the City's St. Patrick's Day Senior Drive-Thru and Little League Opening Day.

Councilmember Retamoza, announced her attendance at Little League Opening Day.

Councilmember Delgado, announced his attendance at Little League Opening Day and the meeting of The Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District.

Councilmember Angel announced his attendance at Little League Opening Day, the City's St. Patrick's Day Senior Drive-Thru, suggested a grand re-opening event for the Senior Center, and the groundbreaking for South El Monte High School quad.

Mayor Olmos announced her attendance at the City's St. Patrick's Day Senior Drive-Thru, Little League Opening Day, AMRO Luncheon, and announced SEAACA still has adoption opportunities.

11. CORRESPONDENCE: None

12. COUNCILMEMBERS' AGENDA:

12.a. Councilmember Hector Delgado

1. Consideration of Hiring Townsend Public Affairs as our Sacramento/Washington D.C. Lobbyists

Councilmember Delgado recommended hiring Townsend Public Affairs as there is currently an opportunity for cities to lobby for earmarks in Sacramento/Washington D.C. and that opportunity closes in a few weeks.

Discussion ensued among City Council and City Manager Rachel Barbosa in regard to the possibility of hiring Townsend Public Affairs,

the process of lobbying for earmarks for projects, and about releasing a request for proposals for lobbying services at a later date.

A motion was made by Councilmember Delgado, seconded by Councilmember Angel, to enter into a 30-day agreement with Townsend Public Affairs for a not-to-exceed amount of \$8,000, and at a later date release a request for proposal for lobbying services. Motion carried 5-0 by the following vote:

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

NAYS: Councilmember(s): None

13. CLOSED SESSION:

At 7:30 p.m. City Attorney Anthony R. Taylor recessed Council to closed session.

13.a. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)

13.b. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957

Title: City Manager

At 9:35 p.m. Mayor Olmos reconvened to open session.

City Attorney Anthony R. Taylor announced City Council discussed items 13.a. and 13.b. No action taken, nothing to report.

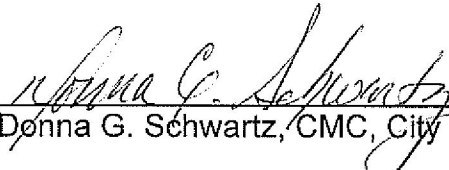
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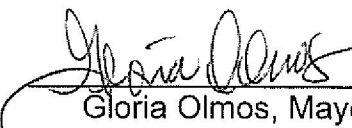
Mayor Olmos recessed the meeting at 9:36 p.m. to the Successor Agency meeting.

Mayor Olmos reconvened the meeting at 9:37 p.m.

15. ADJOURN COUNCIL MEETING

There being no further business coming before this body, at 9:37 p.m. Mayor Olmos adjourned the meeting to a regular meeting on Tuesday, April 12, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.


Donna G. Schwartz, CMC, City Clerk


Gloria Olmos, Mayor