

**CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 24, 2022 - 6:00 PM**

1. ROLL CALL

Mayor Olmos called the meeting to order at 6:02 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; Colby Cataldi, Community Development Director (via zoom); William Fox, Interim Finance Director; and Robert Molina, Recreation Specialist.

STAFF ABSENT: Paola Lara, Deputy 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 Charlie Corum, South El Monte Community Outreach offered the Invocation.

City Attorney Anthony R. Taylor requested item 9.c. be moved up for discussion before item 4.a. and announced there will be no Closed Session item 13.a. Council concurred.

Councilmember Hector Delgado requested an urgency item be placed on the agenda for a request from El Monte Union High School District to provide bus transportation to students and families for South El Monte High School's graduation. City Attorney Anthony R. Taylor recommended this action be taken under approval of agenda.

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

9.c. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL TO ESTABLISH A SECTION 115 TRUST WITH THE PUBLIC AGENCY RETIREMENT SERVICES (PARS) AND PROPOSE ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT

Mayor Olmos announced the item.

Interim Finance Director William Fox introduced Dan Massiello, Kosmont Transaction Services, who presented a PowerPoint (via zoom) on Establishing a Section 115 Trust and Provider Comparison.

A motion was made by Councilmember Delgado, seconded by Councilmember Angel to approve staff engaging with PARS to establish a Section 115 Trust and funding strategy to address the unfunded OPEB liability, and to have the contract and funding strategy brought back to City Council for final approval prior to implementation. 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

4. PRESENTATIONS:

- 4.a. Ken Rausch and Chris Knight, South El Monte/El Monte Chamber of Commerce, presented a check with proceeds collected from the City's State of the City Address in the amount of \$36,000 to the South El Monte/El Monte Chamber of Commerce Educational Foundation.

Principal Morales, South El Monte High School Principal, thanked the City Council on behalf of El Monte Union High School District Superintendent Dr. Zuniga, for supporting student learning.

- 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 April.

- 4.c. City Council received a report from Community Development Director Colby Cataldi (via zoom) on Code Enforcement and Public Safety activities for the month of April.

Councilmember Delgado requested staff address an encampment on Garvey and Rosemead Boulevard asking to clean it up and provide services to the homeless individuals.

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

A motion was made by Councilmember Delgado, seconded Mayor Pro Tem Acosta to add urgency item 9.f. Request from El Monte Union High School District to Provide Bus Transportation for Students and Families for South El Monte High School's Graduation, and approve the agenda as amended. 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.

1. Eduardo Saucedo, South El Monte Resident, spoke of the lack of street parking on Michael Hunt Drive and suggested the City create a parking program for residents to get a car sticker to park on the street.

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

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

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 May 10, 2022.

- 7.b. Adopted Resolution No. 22-34, approving warrants for the period of May 11, 2022 through May 24, 2021 totaling \$370,178.24.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

Mayor Olmos recessed the meeting at 7:48 p.m. and reconvened at 7:51 p.m.

9.a. UPDATE ON HOMELESS PROGRAM

Mayor Olmos announced the item.

City Manager Rachel Barbosa presented a PowerPoint on a proposed site for a homeless shelter for women with children.

A motion was made by Councilmember Angel, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Acosta to receive and file the report. 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.b. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 22-35, APPROVING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE AND THE EL MONTE/SOUTH EL MONTE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Mayor Olmos announced the item.

City Attorney Anthony R. Taylor disclosed his law firm, Aleshire and Wynder, LLP, is a member of the El Monte/South El Monte Chamber of Commerce and they do not receive funds or conduct legal work for them.

Ken Rausch and Chris Knight, El Monte/South El Monte Chamber of Commerce, presented a PowerPoint providing an update on their activities and economic business development over the last few years.

Deputy City Manager Rene Salas provided additional information on the scope of services for this agreement.

A motion was made by Councilmember Angel, seconded by Councilmember Delgado to adopt Resolution No. 22-35, approving an agreement with the El Monte/South El Monte Chamber of Commerce, with the amendment to the schedule of compensation to continue to pay a quarterly amount of \$2,500 for fiscal year 21/22 and 22/23. Additionally, City Council is to consider increasing the quarterly amount to \$5,000 for an annual amount of \$20,000 during the fiscal year 22/23 budget discussion. 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.c. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL TO ESTABLISH A SECTION 115 TRUST WITH THE PUBLIC AGENCY RETIREMENT SERVICES (PARS) AND PROPOSE ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT

Item 9.c. was discussed before item 4.a.

9.d. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 22-36, APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA) BETWEEN COUNCIL FOR WATERSHED HEALTH (CWH) AND THE CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE - MERCED AVENUE GREENWAY PROJECT

Mayor Olmos announced the item.

Community Development Director Colby Cataldi presented the staff report (via zoom).

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Acosta, seconded by Councilmember Angel to adopt Resolution No. 22-36, approving an MOA between the Council for Watershed Health (CWH) and the City of South El Monte for the Merced Avenue

Greenway Project and authorizing the City Manager and/or designee to execute the MOA with Council for Watershed Health. 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.e. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 22-37, AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT (PSA) TO KIMLEY-HORN AND ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR PLANNING & ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE PREPARATION OF A LOCAL ROADWAY SAFETY PLAN (LRSP)

Mayor Olmos announced the item.

Community Development Director Colby Cataldi presented the staff report (via zoom).

A motion was made by Councilmember Delgado, seconded by Councilmember Angel to adopt Resolution No. 22-37, awarding a professional services agreement to Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for Planning & Engineering Services for the Preparation of a Local Roadway Safety Plan (LRSP) in the amount of \$39,976.88. 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

URGENCY ITEM ADDED UNDER APPROVAL OF AGENDA

9.f. REQUEST FROM EL MONTE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT TO PROVIDE BUS TRANSPORTATION FOR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES FOR SOUTH EL MONTE HIGH SCHOOL'S GRADUATION

Councilmember Delgado provided information on this request made by the school district for the City's assistance to provide transportation services for South El Monte High School's graduation on June 2, 2022.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Acosta, seconded by Councilmember Angel to approve the request from the El Monte Union High School District to provide transportation services for South El Monte High School's graduation on June 2, 2022. 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

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS, INCLUDING AB 1234 REPORTS

Mayor Pro Tem Acosta announced his attendance at the California Contract Cities Conference, International Council of Shopping Centers Conference (ICSC), and An Evening with the Captain event.

Councilmember Retamoza announced her attendance at An Evening with the Captain event and the California Contract Cities Conference.

Councilmember Delgado announced his attendance at the California Contract Cities Conference and An Evening with the Captain event.

Councilmember Angel announced his attendance at An Evening with the Captain event, California Contract Cities Conference, and International Council of Shopping Centers Conference (ICSC).

Mayor Olmos announced her attendance at the California Contract Cities Conference, International Council of Shopping Centers Conference (ICSC), An Evening with the Captain event, Sanitation District No. 15 meeting, invited the public to the Neighborhood Watch meeting on June 1, 2022, and announced SEAACA still had adoption opportunities.

11. CORRESPONDENCE: None

12. COUNCILMEMBERS' AGENDA: None

13. CLOSED SESSION:

Item pulled.

13.a. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4) – [One case]

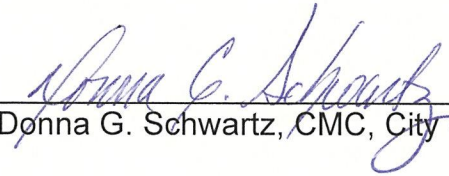
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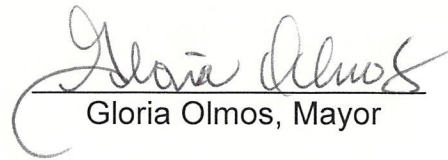
Mayor Olmos recessed the meeting at 8:58 p.m. to the Successor Agency meeting.

Mayor Olmos reconvened the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

15. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business coming before this body, at 9:00 p.m. Mayor Olmos held a moment of silence and adjourned the meeting in memory of the victims of the Uvalde School shooting, to a regular meeting on Tuesday, June 14, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.


Donna G. Schwartz, CMC, City Clerk


Gloria Olmos, Mayor