

**CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2022 - 6:00 PM**

1. ROLL CALL

Mayor Olmos called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM

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

STAFF PRESENT: Rene Salas, Interim City Manager; Anthony R. Taylor, City Attorney; Donna G. Schwartz, City Clerk; Colby Cataldi, Community Development Director; William Fox, Interim Finance Director; and Robert Molina, Recreational Leader.

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 Pro Tem Manuel Acosta led the Pledge of Allegiance
- 3. INVOCATION** – Pastor Benjamin Garrett, Faith Dominion Church, offered the Invocation.
- 4. PRESENTATIONS** – None

Mayor Olmos requested Item 7.e. be heard before Approval of the Agenda. Council concurred.

ITEM MOVED UP FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

- 7.e. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 22-72, 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 PERIOD OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2022 THROUGH OCTOBER 12, 2022**

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Acosta, seconded Councilmember Angel to adopt Resolution No. 22-72, 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 from September 13, 2022, through October 12, 2022. Motion carried 4-0-1, by the following vote:

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

NAYS: Councilmember(s): None

ABSTAIN: Councilmember(s): Delgado (via zoom, unable to vote until after adoption)

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

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Acosta, seconded by Councilmember Angel to approve the agenda except for 7.e. which was heard before approval of the agenda. 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

A motion was made by Councilmember Angel, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Acosta to approve the Consent Calendar except item 7.e. 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 July 26, 2022, and Special City Council meeting held August 2, 2022.

7.b. Adopted Resolution No. 22-71, authorizing payment of City expenditures for the period of July 27, 2022, through September 13, 2022, totaling \$3,276,712.16.

7.c. Approved the 2022 "Christmas Wish Toy Giveaway" donation letter and authorized to include the City Council members' signatures, and distribution of the donation letters to the South El Monte business community.

7.d. Waived second reading and adopted Ordinance No. 1259, regarding the compensation of Mayor and Councilmembers.

Item 7.e. was heard before the Approval of the Agenda.

- 7.e. Adopted Resolution No. 22-72, 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 from September 13, 2022 through October 12, 2022.
- 7.f. Adopted Resolution No. 22-73, approving the three proposed policies and procedures covering fixed assets, accounts receivables, and transactions.
- 7.g. Adopted Resolution No. 22-74, approving the MOU between the City of South El Monte and the South El Monte Employee Association.
- 8. **PUBLIC HEARINGS - None**
- 9. **GENERAL BUSINESS**
 - 9.a. **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 22-75, APPROVING AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO AGREEMENT WITH TOWNSEND PUBLIC AFFAIRS LLC FOR CONTRACTUAL SERVICES**

Mayor Olmos announced the item.

City Attorney Anthony R. Taylor announced City Clerk provided additional documents to Council at the start of the meeting and had copies for the public.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Acosta, seconded by Councilmember Angel to adopt Resolution No. 22-75, approving Amendment No. 1 to agreement with Townsend Public Affairs LLC for consulting services related to grant funding and legislative advocacy. 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. 22-76, APPROVING THE CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE'S LOCAL ROADWAY SAFETY PLAN (LRSP)**

Mayor Olmos announced the item.

Community Development Director Colby Cataldi introduced Kyle McGowan, Kimley-Horn and Associates Inc., who presented a PowerPoint via zoom on the Local Roadway Safety Plan.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Acosta, seconded by Councilmember Retamoza to adopt Resolution No. 22-76, approving the Local Roadway Safety Plan. 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 OF RESOLUTION NO. 22-77,
APPROVING PROJECT ACCEPTANCE AND NOTICE OF COMPLETION
OF THE FERN STREET SIDEWALK INSTALLATION PROJECT BY
GRIGOLLA & SONS CONSTRUCTION CO. INC.**

Mayor Olmos announced the item.

A motion was made by Councilmember Retamoza, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Acosta to:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 22-77, accepting the improvements to the Fern Street Sidewalk Installation Project by Grigolla & Sons Construction Co. Inc.;
2. Authorize the City Clerk to send the Notice of Completion for recordation to the Los Angeles County Recorder's Office; and
3. Release retention accordingly.

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 City's Movie in the Park, City's Concert in the Park, Back to School at Shively and Epiphany Catholic School, Senior Center's Prom and Grandparents Day, South El Monte High School Quad Re-opening, City's Bikeride, and League of California Cities Conference.

Councilmember Retamoza announced her attendance at the City's Concert in the Park, City's Movie in the Park, Back to School at Shively and Epiphany Catholic School, and Senior Center's Prom.

Councilmember Delgado announced his attendance at the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District Meetings and Foothill Transit Board Meeting.

Councilmember Angel announced his attendance at City's Movie in the Park, City's Concert in the Park, Back to School at Shively and Epiphany Catholic School, Senior Center's Prom and Grandparents Day, South El Monte High School Quad Re-opening, City's Bikeride, and the City's Farmer's Market.

Mayor Olmos announced her attendance at the City's Movie in the Park, City's Concert in the Park, Back to School at Shively and Epiphany Catholic School, Senior Center's Prom and Grandparents Day, South El Monte High School Quad Re-opening, City's Bikeride, announced SEAACA still has pets for adoption, announced Harvard Day, and invited the public to attend the Farmer's Market on Thursdays.

11. CORRESPONDENCE: None

12. COUNCILMEMBERS' AGENDA:

12.a. Mayor Gloria Olmos

1. Sponsorship for Epiphany Catholic Church 2nd Annual Car and Bike Show.

Mayor Olmos stated Epiphany Catholic Church is requesting a \$500 sponsorship and fee waiver of permit.

A motion was made by Councilmember Delgado, seconded by Councilmember Retamoza to provide a \$500 sponsorship to Epiphany Catholic Church for the 2nd Annual Car and Bike Show and waiver of permit fees. 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

2. Sponsorship for South El Monte High School Robotics Club.

Councilmember Delgado disclosed that he is an employee of the El Monte High School District working at South El Monte High School and would recuse himself from the vote.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Acosta, seconded by Councilmember Angel to provide a sponsorship to South El Monte High School Robotics Club. Motion carried 4-0-1 by the following vote:

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

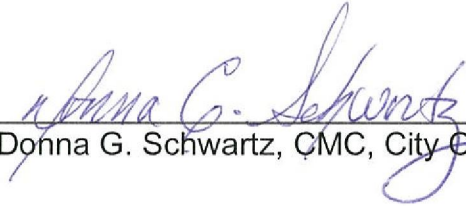
NAYS: Councilmember(s): None

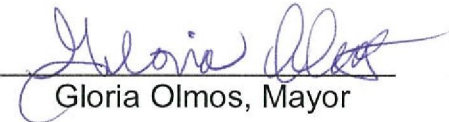
ABSTAIN: Councilmember(s): Delgado

13. CLOSED SESSION – None

14. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business coming before this body, at 6:34 p.m. Mayor Olmos adjourned the meeting to Tuesday, September 27, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in memory of Juan Fernandez, father of a South El Monte Employee, and Abenicio P. Chavez, Father of Ed Chavez, Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District President.


Donna G. Schwartz, CMC, City Clerk


Gloria Olmos, Mayor