

**CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 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: 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 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 – Jayson Perez, Recreation Coordinator, City of South El Monte, offered the Invocation.

4. PRESENTATIONS:

4.a. Dr. Gus Frias, Harvard Latino Alumni Community, thanked the Mayor and City Council for hosting the Harvard Latino Leadership Academy and presented “Certificates of Appreciation” to Mayor Olmos and Melissa Demirci, Transtech Engineering Inc.

Mayor and City Council presented “Certificates of Recognition” to Epiphany School students for their participation in the Harvard Latino Leadership Academy.

4.b. Mayor and City Council presented “Certificates of Recognition” to Monte Vista School students for their participation in the Harvard Latino Leadership Academy.

4.c. Mayor and City Council presented “Certificates of Recognition” to Shively School students for their participation in the Harvard Latino Leadership Academy.

4.d. Mayor and City Council presented “Certificates of Recognition” to South El Monte High School students for their participation in the Harvard Latino Leadership Academy.

PRESENTATIONS (CONTINUED)

4.e. City Council received a PowerPoint presentation from Cristy Canieda, Vasquez & Company LLP, on Fiscal Year 2021 Audit Results and Fiscal Year 2022 Audit Scope of Work.

4.f. City Council received a report from the Sheriff's Department and discussed matters concerning law enforcement in the City for the month of July and August.

Mayor Olmos requested the deputies patrol Linard Street around 1 to 2 a.m. because homeless individuals have been knocking on her door at that time.

Councilmember Delgado directed the Interim City Manager to search for grant opportunities to purchase Ring doorbell cameras, or the like, to possibly giveaway to residents as a safety measure.

4.g. City Council received a report from Code Enforcement/Public Safety Supervisor Joe Martinez on code enforcement and public safety activities for the month of July and August.

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

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Acosta, seconded by Councilmember Delgado to approve 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 now, closed public comment.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made by Councilmember Delgado, seconded by Councilmember Angel 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 Special City Council meeting held September 6, 2022 and Regular City Council meeting held September 13, 2022.

CONSENT CALENDAR (CONTINUED)

- 7.b.** Adopted Resolution No. 22-79, authorizing payment of City expenditures for the period of September 14, 2022 through September 27, 2022 totaling \$949,764.29.
 - 7.c.** Approved to proceed with the biennial review of the City's Conflict of Interest Code and direct the City Clerk, City Attorney, and HR/Risk Manager to coordinate the review of the current code for required amendments.
 - 7.d.** Authorized the solicitation of proposals for Building Inspector Services for the City and directed staff to issue a Request for Proposal.
 - 7.e.** Adopted Resolution No. 22-80, awarding a professional services agreement to Neighborhood Housing Services of Los Angeles County to administer and implement the CalHome Home Repair Program for the amount not-to-exceed (NTE) 20% of the grant amount or \$200,000.00.
- 8. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None.**
- 9. GENERAL BUSINESS – None.**
- 10. COMMITTEE REPORTS, INCLUDING AB 1234 REPORTS**

Mayor Pro Tem Acosta announced his attendance at the City's Mexican Independence Day Luncheon at the Senior Center and El Monte/South El Monte Jet's Football Homecoming game.

Councilmember Retamoza announced her attendance at the City's "Fire Station 90 Appreciation Day."

Councilmember Delgado announced his attendance at the Harvard Latino Leadership Academy held in the City of South El Monte's Council Chambers and thanked Dr. Frias, Transtech Engineers Inc., Vacco, and Athens Services for sponsoring the program.

Councilmember Angel announced his attendance at BizFed Freshman Policymakers Reception, the City's Mexican Independence Day Luncheon at the Senior Center, Harvard Latino Leadership Academy, and El Monte/South El Monte Jet's Football Homecoming game.

Mayor Olmos announced her attendance at the City's Mexican Independence Day Luncheon at the Senior Center, El Monte/South El Monte Jet's Football Homecoming game, City's "Fire Station 90 Appreciation Day," BizFed Freshman Policymakers Reception, and Harvard Latino Leadership Academy and thanked Dr. Frias for collaborating with the City.

11. CORRESPONDENCE:

11.a. LETTER FROM THE EL MONTE/ SOUTH EL MONTE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REQUESTING A FEE WAIVER FOR THE USE OF THE COMMUNITY CENTER AMPHITHEATER TO HOST AN INFORMATIONAL CANDIDATE FORUM

Mayor Olmos announced the item.

A motion was made by Councilmember Delgado, seconded by Councilmember Angel to approve the reservation fee waiver request by the El Monte/South El Monte Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$1,749.00. 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

12. COUNCILMEMBERS' AGENDA:

12.a. Mayor Pro Tem Manuel Acosta

1. Consideration to Extend Senior Water Aerobics Program Through the End of October

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Acosta, seconded by Councilmember Angel to extend the Senior Water Aerobics Program through the end of October. 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 7:49 p.m. City Attorney Anthony R. Taylor recessed Council into closed session.

13.a. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 – [One case]

Rambod Sotoodeh; Stella Sotoodeh; 8 Swett, Inc. v. City of South El Monte
Case No. 2:22-cv-04361

At 8:11 p.m. Mayor Olmos reconvened to open session.

CLOSED SESSION (CONTINUED)

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

14. RECESS COUNCIL MEETING

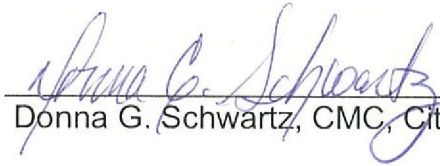
Mayor Olmos recessed the meeting at 8:12 p.m. to the Successor Agency meeting.

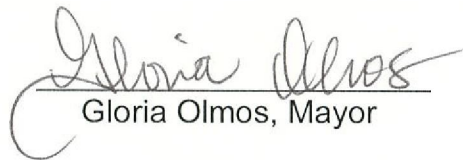
Mayor Olmos adjourned the Successor Agency meeting at 8:13 p.m.

Mayor Olmos reconvened the City Council meeting at 8:13 p.m.

15. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business coming before this body, at 8:14 p.m. Mayor Olmos adjourned the meeting in memory of Irma Rosa Muñiz, longtime Resident, to Tuesday, October 11, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.


Donna G. Schwartz, CMC, City Clerk


Gloria Olmos, Mayor