

**CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING - MINUTES  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2021- 6:00 p.m.**

**1. ROLL CALL**

Mayor Olmos called the meeting to order at 6:17 p.m.

PRESENT (via Zoom): Councilmember(s): Acosta, Delgado, Retamoza, Mayor Pro Tem Angel (entered Zoom at 6:19 p.m.), and Mayor Olmos.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Anthony R. Taylor, City Attorney (via Zoom); Rachel Barbosa, City Manager; Colby Cataldi, Community Development Director (via Zoom); City Clerk; and Robert Molina, Interim Deputy City Clerk.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953, Subdivision (B) and Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-25-20, dated March 12, 2020, and Executive Order N-29-20, dated March 17, 2020, Teleconference was provided for the Public and Zoom/Video was utilized By all City Councilmembers and the City Attorney's Office.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilmember Manuel Acosta led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. INVOCATION**

Pastor Craig Sanchez, Faith Tabernacle, South El Monte, offered the invocation (via Zoom).

**4. PRESENTATIONS - None**

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

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

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

NAYS: None.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

## **7. CONSENT CALENDAR**

City Attorney Anthony Taylor read title of Ordinance No. 1251.

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

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

NAYS: None.

- 7.a. Approved Minutes of the Adjourned and Regular City Council Meetings held Tuesday, February 9, 2021.
- 7.b. Adopted Resolution No. 21-09, approving warrants and authorizing payment of City expenditures for the period of February 10, 2021 through February 23, 2021 totaling \$528,163.72
- 7.c. Adopted Resolution No. 21-10, Approving Tract Map No. 82469 and Directing the City Engineer to Record the Final Map with the Los Angeles County Recorder's Office.
- 7.d. Adopted Resolution 21-11, adopting the SGVCOG's White Paper on Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) Reform.
- 7.e. Adopted Ordinance No. 1251, Amending the South El Monte's Municipal Code to reduce the number of Commissioners on the Community Services Commission from seven to five and amending Sections 2.48.040, 2.56.070 and 2.58.070, requiring Commission Chairs to rotate.
- 7.f. Approved the RFP for qualified firms to perform administrative services related to third party insurance claims.

## **8. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None**

## **9. GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **9.a. APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSIONERS**

City Council reduced the membership on the Community Services Commission from seven to five and required the Chairpersons rotate (adopted Ordinance No. 1251 under "Consent") and reappointed and appointed four individuals to the Community Services Commission and directed staff to post the fifth vacancy "Open Until Filled."

Motion passed 5-0, to re-appoint Heliodoro Duarte for a term commencing February 28, 2021 and ending January 31, 2022, by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None.

Motion passed 5-0, to re-appoint Gerardo Diaz for a term commencing February 28, 2021 and ending January 31, 2022, by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None.

Motion passed 5-0, to re-appoint Cesiah Romo for a term commencing February 28, 2021 and ending January 31, 2022, by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None.

Motion passed 5-0, to appoint Israel Alacio for a term commencing February 28, 2021 and ending January 31, 2022, by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None.

Council elected, by unanimous decision, to not appoint Rudy Bojorquez and directed staff to post the open vacancy "Open Until Filled."

**9.b. APPOINTMENT OF PATRIOTIC COMMISSIONERS**

City Council, under "Consent" adopted Ordinance No. 1251, requiring the Chairpersons rotate. City Council reappointed and appointed five individuals to the Patriotic Commission.

Mayor Olmos called roll call on each applicant. Council noted their vote by AYES and NOES.

Motion passed 5-0, to re-appoint David Del Rio for a term commencing February 28, 2021 and ending January 31, 2022, by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None.

Motion passed 5-0, to re-appoint Blanca Figueroa for a term commencing February 28, 2021 and ending January 31, 2022, by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None.

Motion passed 5-0, to re-appoint Naomi Lopez for a term commencing February 28, 2021 and ending January 31, 2022, by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None.

Motion passed 5-0, to re-appoint Rudy Lopez for a term commencing February 28, 2021 and ending January 31, 2022, by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None.

Motion passed 5-0, to appoint Peter Barelaz for a term commencing February 28, 2021 and ending January 31, 2022, by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None.

**9.c. APPOINTMENT OF PLANNING COMMISSIONERS**

City Council, under "Consent" adopted Ordinance No. 1251, requiring the Chairpersons rotate. City Council reappointed five individuals to the Planning Commission.

Motion passed 5-0, to re-appoint Leonel (Leo) Barrera Jr. for a term commencing February 28, 2021 and ending January 31, 2022, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmember(s): Acosta, Delgado, Retamoza, Mayor Pro Tem Angel and Mayor Olmos.  
NOES: None.

Motion passed 4-1, to re-appoint Rudy Bojorquez for a term commencing February 28, 2021 and ending January 31, 2022, by the following roll call vote:

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

Motion passed 5-0, to re-appoint Jeff Ortiz for a term commencing February 28, 2021 and ending January 31, 2022, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmember(s): Acosta, Delgado, Retamoza, Mayor Pro Tem Angel and Mayor Olmos.  
NOES: None.

Motion passed 5-0, to re-appoint Larry Rodriguez for a term commencing February 28, 2021 and ending January 31, 2022, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmember(s): Acosta, Delgado, Retamoza, Mayor Pro Tem Angel and Mayor Olmos.  
NOES: None.

Motion passed 5-0, to re-appoint Ruby Rose Yopez for a term commencing February 28, 2021 and ending January 31, 2022, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmember(s): Acosta, Delgado, Retamoza, Mayor Pro Tem Angel and Mayor Olmos.  
NOES: None.

9.d. **CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 21-12, APPROVING THE USE OF MATCHING FUNDS FOR THE SANTA ANITA AVENUE STREET LIGHTING AND UTILITY UNDERGROUNDING PROJECT BETWEEN FAWCETT AVENUE AND TYLER AVENUE – RULE 20A, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON (SCE)**

Mayor Olmos announced the item. City Manager Barbosa introduced Community Development Director Colby Cataldi who presented the staff report and provided a PowerPoint presentation.

A motion was made by Councilmember Acosta, seconded by Councilmember Retamoza to adopt Resolution No. 21-12, approving the use of \$170,356.93 in Measure M and \$170,365.92 in Prop C funds to complete the City's required match for the project. Motion carried 5-0, by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None.

**9.e. APPROVAL OF 2021 CITY SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR**

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Angel, seconded by Councilmember Acosta to approve the 2021 City Special Events Calendar. Motion carried 5-0, by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None.

**10. COMMITTEE REPORTS, INCLUDING AB 1234 REPORTS:**

Councilmember Acosta reported his participation in the City of South El Monte's Senior Valentine's Day Drive-Thru.

Councilmember Delgado, nothing to report.

Councilmember Retamoza reported her participation in the City of South El Monte's Senior Valentine's Day Drive-Thru.

Mayor Pro Tem Angel reported his participation in the City of South El Monte's Senior Valentine's Day Drive-Thru.

Mayor Olmos announced her attendance, via zoom, in the following meetings: San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments, Southeast Area Animal Control Authority, Metro Transportation Authority, "Meet the Mayor," and her participation in the City of South El Monte's Senior Valentine's Day Drive-Thru.

**11. CORRESPONDENCE**

**11.a. THANK-YOU LETTER FROM SAN GABRIEL VALLEY ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP**

RE: "Meet the Mayor" Event with the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership and El Monte / South El Monte Chamber of Commerce

A motion was made by Councilmember Retamoza, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Angel to Receive and File. Motion carried 5-0, by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None.

## **12. COUNCILMEMBERS' AGENDA**

### **12.a. MAYOR GLORIA OLMOS**

1. Discussion on streetlight outages, requesting Southern California Edison (SCE) and directing staff to monitor lights out in the city.

Mayor Olmos directed staff to request SCE to check streetlights quarterly. Community Development Director Colby Cataldi informed Council that the City does have part-time public safety officers and can provide one public safety officer to patrol and monitor streetlight functionality. However, the current public safety positions are funded through a grant that expires in June 2021. Mr. Cataldi informed Council that he would work with the Finance Director and City Manager to fund these positions in the '21-'22 budget in order to perform the requested streetlight monitoring services. Mayor Olmos directed staff to look into the American Job Center for part-time resources to patrol the city for streetlight monitoring and graffiti removal.

## **13. CLOSED SESSION**

At 7:02 p.m. City Attorney Anthony Taylor recessed Council into closed session.

### **13.a. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957.6**

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| City Negotiator:        | City Manager                         |
| Employee Organizations: | South El Monte Employees Association |

At 8:01 p.m. Mayor Olmos reconvened to open session.

City Attorney Taylor announced City Council discussed closed session Item 13.a. no reportable action, nothing to report.

## **14. RECESS COUNCIL MEETING**

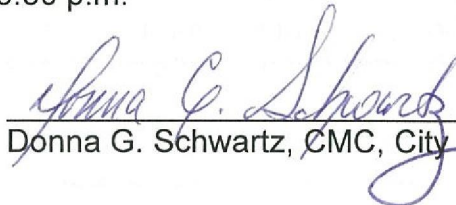
This meeting was recessed at 8:01 p.m. and reconvened at 8:04 p.m.

**15. RECONVENE AND ADJOURN COUNCIL MEETING**

There being no further business coming before this body, at 8: 07 p.m. Mayor Olmos adjourned the meeting in memory of South El Monte Senior Center Participants who have passed in 2020/2021:

Rosa Almaraz, Raymond Leon, Mercy Carrasco, Maria Luz Martinez, Monica Lancaster, Teresa Mondragon, Carl Caston, Francisco "Panchito" Sandoval, Maria Elena Flores, Sara Padilla, Guadalupe Barajas, Elvia De Santiago, Anna Perfetti, Raul Reveles, Erma Reyes , Maria A. Torrea, Manuel Acuña, Julian Teran, Rudy Zamorano, Manuel Salazar, Natalie Muñoz, and Ramona Lorera; and.

Ruth Fry, longtime South El Monte resident, and Agnes Ramirez, age 91, longtime South El Monte resident, to an adjourned meeting on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

  
Donna G. Schwartz, CMC, City Clerk

  
Gloria Olmos, Māyor