

**CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING - MINUTES
TUESDAY, April 27, 2021 - 6:00 p.m.**

1. ROLL CALL

Mayor Olmos called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

STAFF PRESENT(via Zoom Webinar): Rachel Barbosa, City Manager; Anthony R. Taylor, City Attorney; Colby Cataldi, Community Development Director; Rene Salas, Deputy City Manager; William Fox, Interim Finance Director; Donna G. Schwartz, City Clerk; Robert Molina, Interim Deputy City Clerk and Jayson Perez, Recreation Coordinator.

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. Zoom Webinar was provided for the Public.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Gloria Olmos led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. INVOCATION

Pastor Benjamin Garrett, Faith Dominion Church, South El Monte, California offered the invocation (via Zoom Webinar).

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.a. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2021

City Council received a report from the Sheriff's Department and discussed matters concerning law enforcement in the City.

4.b. CODE ENFORCEMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2021

City Council received a report from Code Enforcement Division of the Community Development Department on code enforcement and public safety activities during March 2021.

4.c. **PRESENTATION BY JOHN KING, MANAGER OF STREET LIGHT PROJECTS, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON (SCE) ON LIGHT EMITTING DIODE (LED) STREETLIGHT REPLACEMENT PROGRAM**

The City of South El Monte is planning to upgrade the City street lights to more energy-efficient, dark sky friendly lights. The project, in coordination with Southern California Edison (SCE), includes converting all of the City's streetlights from High-Pressure Sodium (HPS) to Light Emitting Diode (LED) lights. The project will begin in summer 2021 and is expected to be completed by 2024.

4.d. **PRESENTATION BY OMAR FARIS, TRANSPORTATION ELECTRIFICATION ADVISOR, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON (SCE) ON CHARGE READY 2 PROGRAM**

SCE's new Charge Ready program will launch this summer with the goal of supporting the installation of roughly 38,000 electric vehicle charging ports across our service area over four years. Charge Ready will have an extraordinary focus on equity by locating half of those charging ports in communities that are most heavily impacted by the combined effects of economic, environmental, and public health burdens. The program will also help expand the promise of electric vehicles to more people by supporting charging station installations at multifamily dwellings like apartments or condo complexes.

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

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

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

NAYS: Councilmember(s): None.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT (Via Zoom Webinar)**

1. Ruby Rose, spoke in regard to the SCE presentation by Omar Faris on charging stations, noting the City is currently updating the Housing Element and asked the City to consider charging stations as part of the element.
2. Chris Torres, South El Monte Little League, noting he is in attendance for any questions with regard to agenda item 9.d.

There being no more speakers, Mayor Olmos closed public comment.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Angel, seconded by Councilmember Acosta 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: Councilmember(s): None.

7.a. Approved Minutes for the Regular City Council Meeting held Tuesday, April 13, 2021 and Minutes of the Special Joint Meeting with Planning Commission held Wednesday, April 20, 2021.

7.b. Adopted Resolution No. 21-23, approving payment of City expenditures for the period of April 14, 2021 through April 27, 2021 totaling \$500,061.93

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

9.a. APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSIONER

Mayor Olmos announced the item.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Angel, seconded by Councilmember Retamoza to appoint Valerie Bechtold to the Community Services Commission for an unexpired term commencing April 28, 2021 and ending January 31, 2022. Motion carried 5-0, by the following vote:

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

NAYS: Councilmember(s): None.

9.b. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE LOCATION AND ASSOCIATED COST FOR THE 2021 FOURTH OF JULY FIREWORK SHOW

Mayor Olmos announced the item.

City Manager Barbosa introduced Recreation Coordinator Perez who presented the staff report.

A motion was made by Councilmember Delgado, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Angel to approve the location and associated costs of the 2021 Fourth of July Firework Show to be held on Sunday, July 4, 2021 beginning at 9:00

p.m. along with a passive community viewing event located at New Temple Park beginning at 7 p.m. Motion carried 5-0, by the following vote:

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

NAYS: Councilmember(s): None.

9.c. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 21-24, APPROVING PARTICIPATION IN THE SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION EQUITY PROJECT (STEP), ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS AND AUTHORIZATION FOR CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE GRANT AGREEMENT FOR RUSH STREET CORRIDOR ENHANCEMENT PLAN

Mayor Olmos announced the item.

Community Development Director Cataldi presented the staff report.

A motion was made by Councilmember Acosta, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Angel to adopt Resolution No. 21-24, approving participation in the Sustainable Transportation Equity Project (STEP), accept grant funds and authorization for the City Manager or designee to execute grant agreement for Rush Street Corridor Enhancement Plan. Motion carried 5-0, by the following vote:

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

NAYS: Councilmember(s): None.

9.d. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A FACILITY RESERVATION FEE WAIVER REQUEST BY SOUTH EL MONTE NATIONAL LITTLE LEAGUE FOR THE USE OF NEW TEMPLE PARK FIELDS AND MARY VAN DYKE PARK COMMUNITY ROOM

Mayor Olmos announced the item.

City Manager Barbosa introduced Recreation Coordinator Perez who presented the staff report.

Mayor Olms opened the item up for public comment.

Public Comment

1. Chris Torres, South El Monte Little League, spoke in support of the fee waiver request.

2. Art Frias, South El Monte Little League, noted the league started late registration due to pending approval by Council for use of fields and asked the City to help promote registration.

City Manager Barbosa stated the City has already been promoting the registration and will continue.

There being no more speakers, Mayor Olmos closed public comment.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Angel, seconded by Councilmember Delgado to approve the facility reservation fee waiver requested by South El Monte National Little League in the amount of \$19,300.00 for the use of New Temple Park fields to host their 2021 baseball and softball clinics, practices, and games from April 28, 2021 to July 31, 2021 and Mary Van Dyke Park gazebo or community room patio to host board meeting from April 28, 2021 to July 20, 2021.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS, INCLUDING AB 1234 REPORTS

Councilmember Acosta announced his participation, via Zoom, on April 21, 2021 in the City's Community Homeless quarterly update and his attendance at the "Drive 4 Our Family" Foster Care Program drive through event at the South El Monte Community Center held Saturday, April 24, 2021, hosted by the City in conjunction with the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS).

Councilmember Delgado announced his participation, via Zoom, in the City's Community Homeless quarterly update and thanked City Manager Barbosa, Richard Corral, Corral Consulting and staff. Also noted how well he liked the use of translation for the workshop and proudly announced his daughter Mia making the "US National Judo Team."

Councilmember Retamoza announced her participation, via Zoom, in the City's Community Homeless quarterly update and, thanked City Manager Barbosa, Richard Corral, Corral Consulting and staff for all their support, noted her attendance at the "Drive 4 Our Family" Foster Care Program event and congratulated Councilmember Delgado on his daughter making the "US National Judo Team."

Mayor Pro Tem Angel acknowledged Richard Corral, Corral Consulting on a good report that was given at the City's Community Homeless quarterly update and thanked City Manager Barbosa. Noted the comments by people that attended the "Drive 4 Our Family" event on how well the city hosted the program and thanked the Recreation staff for all their support.

Mayor Olmos announced her participation, via Zoom, in the City's Community Homeless quarterly update and, thanked Richard Corral on his presentation, her participation in the "Resource Family Recruitment Webinar" that provided information on the Foster Care Program. She noted her attendance at the "Drive 4 Our Family" drive through event and thanked City Manager Barbosa, Deputy City Manager Salas and staff for all their support. Her participation in the Council of Governments (COG), Southeast Area Animal Control Authority (SEAACA) meetings, announced an upcoming virtual leadership meeting sponsored by the City of South El Monte titled "VisonHER" on May 8th Women Empowering Women, her participation in the Mayors Coalition Against Gang Violence and the VFW recognition.

- 11. **CORRESPONDENCE** - None
- 12. **COUNCILMEMBERS' AGENDA** - None
- 13. **CLOSED SESSION** - None
- 14. **RECESS COUNCIL MEETING**

At 7:51 p.m. Mayor Olmos recessed the Regular City Council meeting to the Successor Agency meeting.

At 7:54 p.m. Mayor Olmos reconvened to the Regular City Council Meeting.

15. **RECONVENE AND ADJOURN COUNCIL MEETING**

There being no further business coming before this body, at 8:01 p.m. Mayor Olmos adjourned the meeting to a regular meeting on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.


Donna G. Schwartz, CMC, City Clerk


Gloria Olmos, Mayor