

**CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING - MINUTES  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2020**

**1. ROLL CALL**

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

PRESENT: Councilmember(s): Acosta, Angel, Delgado, Retamoza and Mayor Olmos.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Anthony R. Taylor, City Attorney; Rene Salas, Deputy City Manager; Donna G. Schwartz, City Clerk; Colby Cataldi, Community Development Director; William Fox, Interim Finance Director; Ian McAleese, Assistant Planner and Paola Lara, Deputy City Clerk (Via teleconference).

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 Councilmember Delgado and Mayor Pro Tem Retamoza.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Pro Tem Retamoza led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. INVOCATION**

Planning Commissioner Jeff Ortiz offered the Invocation.

**4. PRESENTATIONS - None**

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

Councilmember Delgado requested to add an item under his Councilmember's Agenda with regard to a production company from Food Network requesting a one-day event film permit for the production of "Ceviche Rumble," scheduled for Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>.

City Attorney Taylor stated the item can be added with a four-fifths vote as urgency item 12.d. under Councilmember Delgado's Agenda because the item arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda.

A motion was made by Angel seconded by Delgado and carried 5 – 0, to add urgency Item 12.d. and approve the agenda as amended.

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

NAYS: None

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

7. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

City Attorney Taylor read the compensation terms for Item 7.h.

a. **SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING, ADJOURNED REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING, AND REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Approved the Minutes of the Special Meeting of September 16, 2020, Adjourned Regular and Regular Meetings of September 22, 2020, and Special Meeting of September 29, 2020.

b. **WARRANTS**

Adopted Resolution No. 20-105, authorizing payment of City expenditures for the period of September 23, 2020 through October 13, 2020 totaling \$1,536,444.33.

- c. Adopted Resolution No. 20-106, Approving Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement with Calpromax Engineering for Public Works Services for the Traffic Signal Rehabilitation Project At Rush Street And Peck Road (Project No. 67-900-9020-293)
- d. Adopted Resolution No. 20-107, Approving Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement with Koa Corporation for Design Engineering Services for the Santa Anita Avenue & Klingerman Street, Santa Anita Avenue & Rush Street, And Santa Anita Avenue & Central Avenue Signal Modification Project (HSIPL 5352(019))
- e. Adopted Resolution No. 20-108, Approving Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement with the County of Los Angeles for the Elderly Nutrition Program Services
- f. Adopted Resolution No. 20-109, Approving the Agreement with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Associated with the Receipt of Federal Transportation Authority (LACMTA) Section 5310 Grant Funding for Transportation Services
- g. Approved Proposed Dark City Council Meeting Dates on Tuesday, November 24, 2020 and December 22, 2020.
- h. Approved Resolution No. 20-110, Approving the Employment Agreement for Community Development Director
- i. Adopted Resolution No. 20-111, Re-Advertising Bids for Environmental Services Including National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Reporting Requirements, and Approving the Extension of Agreement with John Hunter Agreement Until January 30, 2021

A motion was made by Angel, seconded by Acosta and carried 5 – 0, to approve the Consent Calendar.

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

8. **PUBLIC HEARINGS** - None.

9. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

a. **ADOPTED URGENCY ORDINANCE 1249-U AMENDING URGENCY ORDINANCE 1244-U, COMMERCIAL EVICTION PROTECTIONS AND RESIDENTIAL RENT DEFERRALS RELATING TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

City Attorney Taylor presented the staff report and read the title of the Ordinance.

A motion was made by Angel, seconded by Acosta and carried 5 – 0, to adopt Ordinance No. 1249-U amending Urgency Ordinance 1244-U to make technical changes relating to commercial eviction protections and residential rent deferrals related to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

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

b. **ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 20-112, AWARDED PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT TO NBS GOVERNMENT FINANCE GROUP FOR A COST ALLOCATION, USER FEE STUDY, AND BUSINESS LICENSE FEE UPDATE STUDY, AND APPROVED REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL ALLOCATION OF FUNDS**

Interim Finance Director Fox presented the staff report.

A motion was made by Angel, seconded by Acosta and carried 5 – 0, to approve Resolution No. 20-112, awarding a Professional Services Agreement to NBS Government Finance Group for a Cost Allocation Analysis, User Fee Study, and Business License Fee Update and approve an allocation of additional funds in the amount of \$17,920 to perform this study.

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

c. **DISCUSSED ASSEMBLY BILL (AB 571) IMPOSING CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION LIMITS COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2021**

Councilmember Angel requested to table this item to the next City Council meeting. Council concurred.

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

Councilmember Acosta reported on his attendance at the following two events: Epiphany's Drive-Thru Community Food Drive held by Lisa Calderon and the City's Grandparent's Day Drive-Thru event.

Councilmember Angel announced he also attended the following two events: Epiphany's Drive-Thru Community Food Drive held by Lisa Calderon and the City's Grandparent's Day Drive-Thru event

Councilmember Delgado reported on his attendance at the following two events: Epiphany's Drive-Thru Community Food Drive held by Lisa Calderon, Foothill Transit Zone meeting, and Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Retamoza announced she also attended the Epiphany's Drive-Thru Community Food Drive held by Lisa Calderon.

Mayor Olmos reported on her attendance at several events: Epiphany's Drive-Thru Community Food Drive held by Lisa Calderon, City's Grandparent's Day event, City's Census Giveaways, Southeast Area Animal Control Authority meeting, Sanitation District No. 15 meeting, and Greater El Monte Hospital meeting.

11. **CORRESPONDENCE** - None.

12. **COUNCILMEMBERS' AGENDA**

a. **MAYOR GLORIA OLMOS**

1. **Discussion and/or Action on Canvassing Fraud and Misrepresentation of Tax Measure and Census Information**

Mayor Olmos spoke of canvassers who are being deceitful and misrepresenting information while requesting signatures, reminded the public that election candidates or the Census will not go around requesting signatures and to be aware of what they sign, and asked that canvassers be truthful.

**2. Waive fees for the Valle Lindo School District "Drive Thru Costume Parade" for families of Shively Middle School and New Temple Elementary on Friday, October 30, 2020 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Shively Middle School Parking Lot**

Mayor Olmos requested the fees be waived for the Valle Lindo School District's parade to be held on Friday, October 30, 2020.

Deputy City Manager Salas stated four Code Enforcement Officers and vehicles will be needed for the event, and the fees to be waived would be no more than \$500.

A motion was made by Angel, seconded by Acosta and carried 5 – 0, to waive the fees for the Valle Lindo School District's "Drive Thru Costume Parade" being held on Friday, October 30, 2020 in the Shively Middle School parking lot.

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

**3. COVID-19 City Facility Space Planning Including Staff Lounge, Exercise Room, Outdoor Patio and Main Area Office Space.**

Mayor Olmos stated she would like to expand the wall in the employee break room and create an outside patio area with tables and chairs so that employees have enough space to safely and socially distanced have lunch. Additionally, she would like to revisit and move forward with creating an exercise room for staff which had been previously approved and budgeted but did not occur.

A motion was made by Acosta, seconded by Angel and carried 5 – 0, to direct staff to proceed with expanding the employee break room, creating an outside patio with tables and chairs, and creating an exercise room to maintain the health and safety of employees.

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

**b. COUNCILMEMBER MANUEL ACOSTA**

**1. Update on the Effort to Increase Voter Awareness and Participation in the Upcoming Election**

Councilmember Acosta reminded the public that every registered voter has a right to vote, encouraged the public to register to vote before the deadline and provided information regarding vote by mail, using a ballot drop off location, voting in person, and on "Vote Safe California" being able to track your vote by mail ballot.

**2. Update on the City's Sales Tax Measure ES to Help Maintain Essential Public Safety and Neighborhood Services in the City**

Councilmember Acosta announced to the public the importance of Measure ES, stated that if the City does not adopt the sales tax the county can adopt it and the revenue would not stay within the City. Measure ES will help fund City essential services, community services, the City's long-term financial viability, and maintain streets, sidewalks, community spaces, and emergency services.

Mayor Olmos clarified that Measure ES applies only to sales tax for anything purchased in the City and not property tax.

Councilmember Delgado directed staff to look into a banner opposing Measure ES off the 60 freeway and Santa Anita Avenue as it does not meet State law or FPPC regulations and if it can be removed.

**c. COUNCILMEMBER RICHARD ANGEL**

**1. Consideration of Re-naming El Poche Street to IMS Way Between Santa Anita Avenue/Tyler Avenue.**

Councilmember Angel requested a portion of El Poche Street be renamed to IMS Way.

Deputy City Manager Salas stated renaming the street would involve a public hearing and staff will contact IMS to discuss renaming the street.

There was no objection to placing this item on a future agenda.

**d. COUNCILMEMBER HECTOR DELGADO**

**1. Urgency Item to Consider Granting a One Day Film Permit for the Production of Food Network's "Ceviche Rumble"**

Councilmember Delgado stated he received an email requesting a one day event film permit for the Food Network show "Ceviche Rumble," scheduled for Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. The event will be closed to the public and only for the contestants.

Discussion ensued among Council in regard to the request and the requirements being met not only for the City but the Los Angeles County health and safety department.

A motion was made by Delgado, seconded by Angel and carried 5 – 0, to conceptually approve the one day event film permit, subject to meeting all requirements of the city's standard application and county requirements with the inclusion of an indemnity clause, and subject to final approval from the City

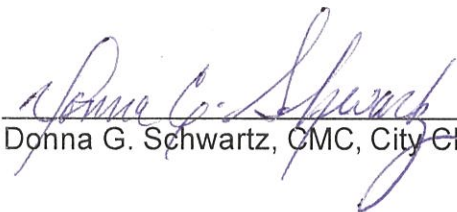
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AYES: Councilmember(s): Acosta, Angel, Delgado, Retamoza, and Mayor Olmos.  
NAYS: None.

2. **CLOSED SESSION** – None.

3. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business coming before this body, at 7:01 p.m. Mayor Olmos adjourned to an Adjourned Regular Meeting on Tuesday, October 27, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

  
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Donna G. Schwartz, CMC, City Clerk

  
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Gloria Olmos, Mayor

