

**CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING - MINUTES
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2020**

1. ROLL CALL

Mayor Olmos called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Councilmember Delgado.

STAFF PRESENT: Anthony R. Taylor, City Attorney; Rene Salas, Deputy City Manager, 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 Mayor Pro Tem Retamoza, City Attorney Taylor, and Deputy City Clerk Lara.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Angel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. INVOCATION

Brianna Badar, Public Works Administrative Clerk, offered the Invocation.

4. PRESENTATIONS

a. **"ENERGY CHAMPION AWARD," PRESENTED TO CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE ON BEHALF OF SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

Alexander Fung, San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments, presented a PowerPoint on the San Gabriel Valley Energy Champion Awards – City of South El Monte Recognition Presentation which included San Gabriel Valley Energy Wise Partnership, San Gabriel Valley Energy Champion Awards, City of South El Monte Gold Tier Accomplishment, City of South El Monte's Work with Southern California Regional Energy Network, and presented a plaque to the City.

b. **PRESENTATION ON FISCAL YEAR 2018 -2019 FINANCIAL AUDIT RESULTS**

Johnathan Dominguez and Dennis Maschke, CWDL Auditing Firm, presented a PowerPoint on Final Audit Update – Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2019 including Letter to the City Council and Management, Client Service Team,

Services and Deliveries, Accounting and Audit Updates, Required Auditor Updates, Financial Highlights, Audit Results, and Forward Looking Audit Plan.

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

A motion was made by Angel seconded by Acosta and carried 4 – 0, (Delgado – Absent), to approve the agenda.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Delgado

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Olmos opened public comment.

Councilmember Angel requested staff look into allowing residents to park their RV's in front of their homes, without being cited as long as no one is living in them, during the COVID-19 pandemic since they are having a difficult time finding an RV parking location during the pandemic.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Mayor Olmos closed public comment.

7. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

- a. Approved Minutes of the Adjourned Regular, Regular City Council, and Special City Council Meetings of October 27, 2020.
- b. Adopted Resolution No. 20-119, authorizing payment of City expenditures for the period of October 28, 2020 through November 10, 2020 totaling \$442,695.15.
- c. Adopted Resolution No. 20-120, Approving Amendment No. 9 to the Agreement with the County Of Los Angeles for the Elderly Nutrition Program Services for Fiscal Year 2019-2020
- d. Approved Blue Curb Fee Waiver Request by Richard Galvez for 10310 Fern Street
- e. Adopted Resolution No. 20-121, Approving Project Acceptance and Completion for the Senior Center Women & Men's Restroom Renovation Project Funded by Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
- f. Adopted Resolution No. 20-122 Approving Amendment No. 3 to the Agreement with the County of Los Angeles for the Elderly Nutrition Program Services

A motion was made by Acosta seconded by Angel and carried 4 – 0, (Delgado – Absent), to approve the Consent Calendar.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Delgado

8. **PUBLIC HEARINGS** - None.

9. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

- a. **ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 20-123, APPROVING A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE AND CITY OF EL MONTE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN STREET IMPROVEMENTS AND APPROVING AN ADDITIONAL \$228,430 IN MEASURE M FUNDS FOR THE PROJECT**

Deputy City Manager Salas presented the staff report.

A motion was made by Angel seconded by Acosta and carried 4 – 0, (Delgado – Absent), to approve Resolution No. 20-123, approving the Cooperative Agreement with the City of El Monte for the construction of certain streets improvements in the City of South El Monte and approve allocating an additional \$228,430 in Measure M funds for this project.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Delgado

- b. **ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 20-124, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE 2020-2021 ANNUAL EXPENDITURE PLAN (ANNUAL PLAN) FOR THE SAFE, CLEAN WATER (SCW) PROGRAM AND APPROVE CREATION OF NEW SEPARATE FUND NUMBER 70 TO TRACK FUNDS RECEIVED AND EXPENDITURES**

Deputy City Manager Salas presented the staff report.

A motion was made by Acosta seconded by Angel and carried 4 – 0, (Delgado – Absent) to approve Resolution No. 20-124 authorizing the City Manager to submit the SCW Program Annual Plan to the Flood Control District. and approve Finance Department's creation of new separate Fund number 70 to track funds received and expenditures. Along with the executed fund transfer agreement, the Annual Plan must be submitted to receive the City's 2020/2021 SCW Program funding for water quality projects and programs. The City's 2020-2021 municipal fund is estimated to be \$450,000.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Delgado

c. **STATUS UPDATE, DISCUSSION AND FURTHER DIRECTION ON ASSEMBLY BILL (AB 571) - CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION LIMITS BEGINING JANUARY 1, 2021**

City Attorney Taylor presented the staff report.

After discussion, Council concurred with adhering to the campaign contribution limits set by the State and allowing them to manage and administer the fine and penalties for AB 571.

The City Attorney Taylor was directed to bring back a staff report and resolution confirming the City will adhere to the State's campaign contribution limits and guidelines.

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

Councilmember Acosta reported on his attendance at the following events: City's Halloween Trick or Treat Drive-Thru for Seniors and Halloween Trick or Treat Drive-Thru for the community.

Councilmember Angel reported on his attendance at the City's Halloween Trick or Treat Drive-Thru for the community.

Mayor Pro Tem Retamoza reported on her attendance at the City's Halloween Trick or Treat Drive-Thru for the community.

Mayor Olmos reported on her attendance at the following events: City's Halloween Trick or Treat Drive-Thru for the community, Halloween Trick or Treat Drive-Thru for Seniors, Pumpkin Distribution, and Southeast Area Animal Control Authority meeting.

11. **CORRESPONDENCE**

a. **APPROVED SPONSORSHIP REQUEST FROM THE SOUTH EL MONTE EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION FOR SPONSORSHIP FOR AN EMPLOYEE LUNCH/RECOGNITION TRUCK IN LIEU OF A HOLIDAY RECOGNITION PARTY DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

Mayor Olmos provided information on the request from South El Monte Employees Association.

A motion was made by Angel seconded by Retamoza and carried 4 – 0, (Delgado – Absent), to approve sponsorship request from the South El Monte Employees Association for sponsorship for an employee lunch/recognition truck in lieu of a holiday recognition party due to Covid-19 Pandemic

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Delgado

12. **COUNCILMEMBERS' AGENDA**

a. **MAYOR GLORIA OLMOS**

1. **Discussion and/or Action - Turkey Giveaway - City Partnership with Pastor Charlie to host a drive-thru Turkey Giveaway at the Community Center back parking lot on Monday, November 23rd beginning at 2pm. City Staff will provide decorations and delineators for the parking lot area.**

Mayor Olmos clarified there was a change to the event date and on Tuesday November 24th at 5:00 p.m. there will be a Turkey Giveaway for the community held by South El Monte Community Outreach. The City is not sponsoring the event only allowing it to be held at the Community Center back parking lot and applications will be received by Pastor Charlie.

2. **Discussion and/or Action - Canvassing fraud and misrepresentation of tax measure and Census information.**

Mayor Olmos stated canvassers continue canvassing for signatures, reminded Resident's that the election and census are done and advised them to be cautious when approached by someone requesting signatures to avoid signing something that is fraudulent.

3. **Discussion and/or Action - Look into rezoning property lines for potential businesses coming into the city.**

Mayor Olmos stated the City should be prepared to rezone properties to accommodate different businesses coming into the City.

Staff was directed to look into adding an overlay zone for property boundaries to assist and accommodate incoming businesses.

13. **CLOSED SESSION** – None.

13.a. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(D)(1)**

Robert Ramirez vs. City of South El Monte
Case No. 20STLC08015

Mayor Olmos announced City Council would not discuss Closed Session Item 13.a.

14. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business coming before this body, at 7:16 p.m. Mayor Olmos adjourned the meeting in honor of South El Monte Resident Ann Perfetti, 96 years old.



Donna G. Schwartz, CMC, City Clerk



Gloria Olmos, Mayor