

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

1. ROLL CALL

Mayor Olmos called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. after the 5:30 Adjourned Regular Meeting.

PRESENT (via Zoom Webinar): Councilmember(s): Acosta, Delgado (entered Zoom at 6:37 p.m.), Retamoza, Mayor Pro Tem Angel, and Mayor Olmos.

STAFF PRESENT(via Zoom Webinar): Anthony R. Taylor, City Attorney; Rachel Barbosa, City Manager; Colby Cataldi, Community Development Director; Rene Salas, Deputy City Manager; William Fox, Interim Finance Director; Donna G. Schwartz, 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/Zoom was provided for the Public.

City Manager Rachel Barbosa announced that starting tonight the City is providing access through Zoom Webinar to the public to watch the meetings, listen, and/or participate during public comment.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Richard Angel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. INVOCATION

Pastor David Torres, Calvary Assembly of God Church, El Monte, California, offered the invocation (via Zoom Webinar).

4. PRESENTATIONS - None

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

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Angel, seconded by Councilmember Acosta to approve the agenda. Motion carried 4-0-1, by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Councilmember(s): Delgado

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Olmos opened public comment.

1. David Wheatley, Volunteer with California Cities for Local Control, voiced concern that proposed legislation would be taking away from cities the ability to zone the way they want to and requested a resolution in support of local control.

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

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made by Councilmember Acosta, seconded by Councilmember Retamoza to approve Consent Calendar. Motion carried 4-0-1, by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Councilmember(s): Delgado

- 7.a. Approved the Adjourned and Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of February 23, 2021.
- 7.b. Adopted Resolution No. 21-13, authorizing payment of City expenditures for the period of February 24, 2021 through March 09, 2021 totaling \$982,292.08.
- 7.c. Adopted Resolution No. 21-14, authorizing payment of City expenditures for the period of March 10, 2021 through March 23, 2021 totaling \$486,822.71.
- 7.d. Adopted Resolution No. 20-15, approving Amendment No. 4 with the County of Los Angeles for the Elderly Nutrition Program Services and authorizing the City Manager, or her designee, to execute the same.
- 7.e. Adopted Resolution No. 21-16, approving a settlement agreement in the amount of \$50,00 and general release for Mr. Huerta.
- 7.f. Adopted Resolution No. 21-19, authorizing the City Manager and/or designee to execute all documents related to Federal and State funded grants for capital improvement projects through the State of California Department of Transportation (CalTrans) on behalf of the City of South El Monte.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

9.a. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 21- 17, APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, INC. FOR THE ENTERPRISE RESOURCE PLANNING (ERP) SYSTEM AND AUTHORIZATION FOR CITY MANAGER TO THE EXECUTE AGREEMENT

Mayor Olmos announced the item and City Manager Rachel Barbosa introduced Interim Finance Director William Fox who presented the staff report and provided a PowerPoint presentation.

A motion was made by Councilmember Acosta, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Angel to adopt Resolution No. 20-17, approving an agreement with Tyler Technologies, Inc. for the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) System and authorizing City Manager to execute agreement. Motion carried 5-0, by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None.

9.b. UPDATE ON COVID-19 RESPONSE

City Manager Barbosa and Deputy City Manager Salas provided an overview of how the City has been working diligently to lower the amount of COVID-19 cases in our community by protecting residents, City employees, the business community and visitors to the City. These efforts include protections in four categories consisting of 1. Adhering to all State and Los Angeles County Health Orders; 2. Creating Safer City facilities; 3. Bringing COVID-19 Resources to the Community including timely updates, rental assistance, COVID testing and COVID vaccines; and, 4. Preparing for the New Normal/Post-Pandemic Community. Mr. Salas added that the City will be moving forward with the 4th of July event.

Councilmember Delgado would like the City to host one Concert in the Park event at the end of the summer.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Angel, seconded by Councilmember Acosta 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.

9.c. **CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 21-18, APPROVING A PROJECT DESIGN CONCEPT FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS BETWEEN CITY THE OF SOUTH EL MONTE AND CITY OF INDUSTRY AND LOS ANGELES COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN STREET IMPROVEMENTS AND APPROVING \$32,050 IN MEASURE M FUNDS FOR THE PROJECT**

Mayor Olmos announced the item and Community Development Director Colby Cataldi presented the staff report.

A motion was made by Councilmember Acosta, seconded by Councilmember Retamoza to adopt Resolution No. 21-18, approving the Street Rehabilitation Project Design Concept West Puente Valley Temple Avenue Addendum 1 and approving allocation of \$32,050 in Measure M funds for the physical street improvements to Santa Anita Avenue. Motion carried 5-0, by the following vote:

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

9.d. **CONSIDERATION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE NOTICE INVITING BIDS (NIB) FOR THE FY 20-21 PAVEMENT REHABILITATION PROGRAM (CDBG)**

Mayor Olmos announced the item and Community Development Director Colby Cataldi presented the staff report.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Angel, seconded by Councilmember Retamoza to authorize advertising the Notice Inviting Bids (NIB) for the FY 20-21 Pavement Rehabilitation Program (CDBG) Project. 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 announced his attendance at the Senior St. Patrick's Day drive through event held on March 27, 2021, his tour of the vaccination clinic on March 18, 2021 and thanked staff for all their support.

Mayor Pro Tem Angel announced his attendance at the Senior St. Patrick's Day drive through event, his walk through of the vaccination clinic and thanked staff for all their support. Mr. Angel requested a "Certificate of Recognition" be presented at the next city council meeting to Dr. Ramos who was appointed the next administrator/director of Epiphany Church for the next 6 years.

Councilmember Delgado, noted his attendance at the vaccination clinic, thanked staff for all their support, announced South El Monte High School sports are back. The girls' soccer team won today and invited the public to attend the sporting events and the football team is currently training and preparing for next year.

Councilmember Retamoza noted her attendance at the vaccination clinic and thanked staff for all their support.

Mayor Olmos, reported she walked through the vaccination clinic and acknowledged the efforts of City Manager and staff and thanked them for all their support, thanked the school district for use of the parking lot and the Sheriff's department for hosting the clinic. She announced her attendance at the Senior St. Patrick's Day drive through event and thanked the senior center staff. She noted the Chambers also participated in the Cares Appreciation event hosted by the American Career College honoring First Responders and announced that Covid-19 rates are dropping.

11. CORRESPONDENCE - None

12. COUNCILMEMBERS' AGENDA

12.a. MAYOR PRO TEM RICHARD ANGEL

1. Discussion on Supporting Local South El Monte Businesses - Promote on City Social Platforms, Highlight in City's Newsletter or Advertise in the Local Newspaper.

Mayor Pro Tem Angel would like to find ways to promote local businesses through various social platforms.

2. Discussion on policy to purchase supplies/services for the City in South El Monte that do not require Request for Proposal (RFP) from South El Monte Businesses.

Mayor Pro Tem Angel would like for services under the City Manager authority to stay local. Mr. Angel encouraged businesses to join the Chambers.

Councilmember Retamoza suggested the businesses enlist the assistance of the Chambers.

Ken Rausch, Chief Executive Officer, El Monte / South El Monte Chamber of Commerce, reiterated the support and assistance the Chambers can provide.

12.b. MAYOR GLORIA OLMOS

1. Direct Staff to Look into Utility Users Taxes, Including Electrical, Gas, Water, Cellular and Trash Services.

Mayor Olmos stated it is the utility companies that are being taxed and directed staff to look into it.

2. Discussion on City Street Lights - Changes to LED Energy Saving Lights.

Mayor Olmos mentioned that the majority of the streetlights in the City will be changed to LED lights.

13. CLOSED SESSION

At 7:54 p.m. City Attorney Anthony Taylor recessed Council into closed session.

13.a. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION - GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957

Title: City Manager

13.b. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9 - [TWO CASES]

Case No. 2:18-cv-04077 Patel v. City of South El Monte
Case No. BC720458 Patel v. City of South El Monte

At 9:30 p.m. Mayor Olmos reconvened to open session.

City Attorney Taylor announced City Council discussed closed session Items 13.a and 13.b. No reportable action, nothing to report.

14. RECESS COUNCIL MEETING

At 9:30 p.m. Mayor Olmos recessed the Regular City Council meeting to the Successor Agency meeting.

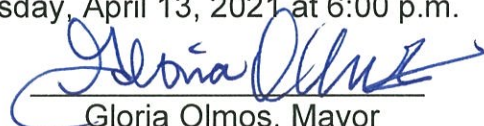
At 9:33 p.m. Mayor Olmos reconvened to the Regular City Council Meeting.

15. RECONVENE AND ADJOURN COUNCIL MEETING

There being no further business coming before this body, at 9:34 p.m. Mayor Olmos adjourned the meeting in memory of Mrs. Pat Tinker, longtime resident of South El Monte, to a regular meeting on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.



Donna G. Schwartz, CMC, City Clerk



Gloria Olmos, Mayor