

**CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING - MINUTES  
TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2021- 6:00 p.m.**

**1. ROLL CALL**

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

PRESENT (via Zoom Webinar): Councilmember(s): Acosta, Delgado, 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; William Fox, Interim Finance Director; Donna G. Schwartz, City Clerk (left ill at 6:40 p.m.) 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.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Councilmember Hector Delgado led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. INVOCATION** - Pastor Noe Mendoza, Ark of Montebello Church, Montebello, California offered the invocation.

**4. PRESENTATIONS**

- 4.a. Mayor and City Council presented a "Certificate of Recognition," to Dr. Humberto Ramos on his Appointment by the Archdiocese of Los Angeles as Parish Life Director of Epiphany Church, South el Monte, California
- 4.b. Mayor and City Council presented a Proclamation to Nancy Jolley, OneLegacy Ambassador, Proclaiming April 2021 as Donate for Life Month.
- 4.c. Mayor and City Council presented a Proclamation Proclaiming April 2021 as Autism Awareness Month.
- 4.d. Mayor and City Council presented a "Certificate of Recognition," to Book Author Caribbean Fragoza on being Featured in the *New York Times* for "Eat The Mouth That Feeds You" and in the *LA Times* for one of the Year's most Anticipated Book "East of East: The Making of Greater El Monte"
- 4.e. Mayor and City Council presented a "Certificate of Recognition," to Vanessa Amezcua Rocha, Senior from South El Monte High School for Receiving the Edison International Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) College Scholarship in the Amount of \$40,000

4.f. Council received a triannual Capital Improvement Projects ("CIP") update from the Public Works Department.

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

City Attorney Anthony Taylor announced the need to add a subsequent need item due to information coming before staff after the posting of the agenda. He requested the subsequent agenda item be under General Business as 9.c. to consider and approve Resolution No. 21-22.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Angel, seconded by Councilmember Delgado to approve adding agenda item 9.c. 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.

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

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. Gina Cojulum, resident of local trailer park, asked for assistance with increased rent and trash fees.

2. Ruby Yepez, announced on May 8<sup>th</sup> a Women Leadership event featuring Mayor Olmos, Councilwoman Retamoza and City Manager Barbosa.

**7. CONSENT CALENDAR**

A motion was moved by Councilmember Retamoza, 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 the Adjourned and Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of March 23, 2021

- 7.b. Adopted Resolution 21-20, authorizing payment of City expenditures for the period of March 24, 2021 through April 13, 2021 totaling \$1,664,281.21.
- 7.c. Approved receiving and filing of the City of South El Monte Housing Element Annual Progress Report.

**8. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None**

**9. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**9.a. PRESENTATION ON FRANCHISE FEES AND UTILITY USER TAX (UUT)**

Mayor Olmos announced the Item.

Interim Finance Director William Fox presented the staff report and provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Council discussed at length and by consensus recommended to bring back item closer to the November 2022 election if city was going to present UUT to voters.

**9.b. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 21-21, AWARDING CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO KDC dba DYNAELECTRIC FOR THE SANTA ANITA AVENUE AND KLINGERMAN STREET, RUSH STREET, AND CENTRAL AVENUE TRAFFIC SIGNAL MODIFICATION PROJECT, FUNDED BY HSIP, HSIPL-5352(019)**

Mayor Olmos announced the item.

Community Development Director Colby Cataldi presented the staff report.

A motion was moved by Councilmember Acosta, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Angel to adopt and approve the plans and specifications for Project No. 294 (Santa Anita Avenue and Klingerman Street, Rush Street, and Central Avenue Traffic Signal Modification Project, Funded By HSIP, HSIPL-5352(019)), reviewed bids submitted for the work to be performed and find that KDC Inc. dba Dynaelectric L.A. has submitted the lowest responsive bid for the Project, awarded the Santa Anita Avenue and Klingerman Street, Rush Street, and Central Avenue Traffic Signal Modification Project contract to KDC Inc. dba Dynaelectric L.A. in the amount of \$799,782, approving a 10% contingency amount of \$79,978, for a total project construction cost, not to exceed \$879,760, authorized Transtech Engineers, Inc. to proceed with construction management, grant coordination and inspection services, in the amount of \$87,976 (10% of construction cost), pursuant to their existing engineering services agreement and approved \$485,256 in Prop C funds for a total project budget of \$967,736.

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.

**Subsequent need item added to agenda during approval of agenda.**

**9.c. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 21-22, AUTHORIZING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD, MANAGE REQUESTS FOR DISBURSEMENTS AND TO TAKE ALL STEPS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE MERCED AVENUE GREENWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

Mayor Olmos introduced the item.

Community Development Director Colby Cataldi presented the staff report.

A motion was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Angel, seconded by Councilmember Acosta to adopted Resolution No. 21-22, to do the following: 1) Authorize the Community Development Director to carry out the Project, enter into a funding agreement with the State Water Resources Control Board, and accept and expend State funds for the Project; 2) Authorize and designate Community Development Director or designee to sign, for and on behalf of City of South El Monte, the funding agreement for the Project and any amendments thereto; 3) Authorize and designate Community Development Director or designee to represent the City of South El Monte in carrying out City of South El Monte's responsibilities under the funding agreement, including certifying invoices and disbursement requests for Project and to ensure compliance with applicable state and federal laws; and 4) Any and all actions, whether previously or subsequently taken by City of South El Monte, which are consistent with the intent and purposes of the foregoing resolution, shall be, and hereby are, in all respects, ratified, approved and confirmed. 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.

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

Councilmember Acosta announced his attendance at the Senior drive through easter event, a community easter event drive through and a ceremony at the Veterans of Foreign War (VFW) accepting a "Certificate of Appreciation."

Mayor Pro Tem Angel recognized Mark Tavera from the VFW doing such a wonderful job, announced his attendance at the Senior drive through easter event and thanking staff for doing such a wonderful job, noting the Seniors anxious to return to the senior center and thanking staff for all they do for the Seniors.

Councilmember Retamoza noting her attendance at the City's Senior drive through easter event, thanking Senator Rubio for attending and acknowledging Senator Rubio's comments recognizing the efforts by staff in providing a successful event.

Councilmember Delgado announced his attendance in the Greater LA Vector Control virtual meeting and asked the public to be aware of the Asian Tiger mosquito and be vigilant of standing water. He announced he had went to the drive through with his family and thanked Dianna Gomez for participating as the easter bunny.

Mayor Olmos announced her attendance in the SEAACA, SCAG and COG virtual meetings, news from Greater El Monte Hospital reporting Covid-19 cases have dropped, noted a function at the Greater El Monte Hospital located in South El Monte sponsored by the American Career College, attendance at the City's Senior drive through easter event, reiterated the Seniors anxious to come back to the senior center and thanked staff for all they do for the Seniors, also noted other items that were given away by the community during the drive through event and thanked Senator Rubio and Commissioners for attending. Ms. Olmos showed the plaque that was received from the VFW and thanked Mark Tavera for a wonderful job he is doing.

**11. CORRESPONDENCE - None**

**12. COUNCILMEMBERS' AGENDA**

**12.a. MAYOR GLORIA OLMOS**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

1. Discussion on Code Enforcement Patrolling on a More Consistent Basis for Excess Bulky Items.

Mayor Olms noted she had spoken with Athens regarding pick-ups and code enforcement to patrol on a more consistent basis for bulky items. Councilmembers Delgado and Retamoza reiterated the excess bulky items throughout the city that need to be addressed but also acknowledged code enforcement efforts. Mayor Olmos suggested staff look into companies that will hire and pay for someone to patrol the city for bulky items.

2. Discussion on Graffiti Removal at New Temple Park and Various Locations in the City.

Mayor Olmos suggested staff look into companies that will hire and pay for someone to patrol the city for graffiti and Mayor Pro Tem Angel asked City Manager to contact the Conservation Core or some type of agency that can help out the city. City Manager Barbosa stated she has had discussions with the San Gabriel Valley Conservation Core regarding grants that could assist the city but would still charge and conversations with the Army Core of Engineers for assistance with bulky item pick-ups.

13. **CLOSED SESSION - None**

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:45 pm. Mayor Olmos adjourned in memory of Juana Sequeira Solis, mother of County Supervisor Hilda I. Solis to a regular meeting on Tuesday, April 27, 2021, 6:00 p.m.



Donna G. Schwartz, CMC, City Clerk



Gloria Olmos, Mayor