

**CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING - MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 11, 2021- 6:00 p.m.**

1. ROLL CALL

Mayor Olmos called the meeting to order at 6:02 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; 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.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Councilmember Gracie Retamoza led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. INVOCATION – Laura Lozano, Permit Technician, Community Development Department, City of South El Monte, offered the invocation.

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.a. Mayor and City Council Presented a "Certificate of Recognition" to Mia Delgado for her Induction into the U.S. Judo Nationals as a Member of the Junior and Cadet Teams in the Pan-American Judo Championships in Cali, Columbia Representing the United States

4.b. Mayor and City Council Presented a "Certificate of Recognition" to Israeli American Civic Action Network (ICAN) Honorees Silvia Foti and Grant Arthur Gochin for their efforts in Fighting Racism, Antisemitism, Holocaust's Denial and for the Prevention of Genocide through their writing

4.c. Mayor and City Council presented a "Certificate of Honor" in Memory of Joe Jimenez a Decorated World War II Hero, Screaming Eagles 101st Airborne and a South El Monte Resident

4.d. Mayor and City Council presented a Proclamation Proclaiming the Week of May 16-22 as "Safety Seat Checkup" week by Safetybelt Safe U.S.A

4.e. Mayor and City Council presented a Proclamation to City of South El Monte's City Clerk's Office Recognizing "Municipal Clerk's Week May 2-8, 2021"

- 4.f. Mayor and City Council presented a Proclamation to City of South El Monte's Community Development Department Recognizing "National Public Works Week May 16-23, 2021"
- 4.g. Mayor and City Council presented a Proclamation Proclaiming the "Month of May as Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month" in the City of South El Monte and Encouraging all Residents to Learn More About those of Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage, moving us Closer to a Beloved Community
- 4.h. Presentation by Lena-Prudence Weigand and Primitivo Nunez, Environmental Scientist from CalRecycle on New Requirements of SB 1383 Short Lived – Climate Pollutants Regulations. California's effort to reduce super pollutants builds on the state's shared commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve human health, and create clean jobs that support resilient local economies. Implementing a state-wide plan (SB 1383, Lara, Chapter 395, Statutes of 2016) to reduce short-lived climate pollutants, harmful super pollutants.

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

A motion was made by Councilmember Acosta, seconded by Councilmember Retamoza 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

Mayor Olmos opened public comment.

- 1. Joshua James, spoke (via zoom) in regard to a citation he received for no license plate on the front of his vehicle and asked about a noise ordinance.

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

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was moved by Councilmember Acosta, seconded by Councilmember Retamoza 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 27, 2021.
- 7.b. Adopted Resolution No. 21-25, authorizing payment of City expenditures for the period of April 28, 2021 through May 11, 2021 totaling \$1,025,448.84.
- 7.c. Approved request to allow for five firework stands which applications have been received in conjunction with the Fourth of July 2021. The Planning Division reviewed the applications and find that they meet the intent of Chapter 8.08 of the South El Monte Municipal Code.
- 7.d. Adopted Resolution No. 21-26, approving a First Amendment to agreement with Kimley-Horn for conducting an environmental review of the Project pursuant to CEQA, for an additional amount not to exceed \$21,500.

8. **PUBLIC HEARINGS** – None.

9. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

- 9.a. **DISCUSSION TO REVIEW THE DRAFT ORGANIC WASTE DISPOSAL REDUCTION ORDINANCE TO COMPLY WITH SENATE BILL 1383, RESPOND TO COUNCIL'S REQUEST FOR SOLUTIONS TO ADDRESS CITYWIDE ILLEGAL DUMPING ISSUES, INTRODUCE OPTIONS FOR AMENDED WASTE AND RECYCLING SERVICES AND CUSTOMER RATES**

Mayor Olmos announced the item and introduced Community Development Director Colby Cataldi who presented the staff report and PowerPoint presentation regarding the requirements and implementation of Senate Bill 1383 and next steps for the City, including Ordinance adoption, waste and recycling services contract amendment and consideration to adopt revised rate schedule to the rate payers. Mr. Cataldi noted that Mr. Clifford and Mr. Warner with Athens Services was in attendance (via Zoom) for any questions.

A motion was moved by Councilmember Acosta, seconded by Councilmember Delgado 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: Councilmember(s): None.

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

Councilmember Acosta announced he attended the City of South El Montes Mother's Day drive through event put on by the Community Services Department.

Councilmember Delgado announced he virtually participated in the Foothill Transit meeting held April 30th noting they are going through negotiations with the Union and that Foothill Transit provided 800 vaccines in Covina.

Councilmember Retamoza, announced her virtual participation in the first "VisonHER" on May 8th Women Empowering Women meeting and thanked staff for all their support.

Mayor Pro Tem Angel announced he also attended the City of South El Montes Mother's Day drive through event put on by the Community Services Department and acknowledge staff for a great job. Mr. Angel noted that the Seniors were very happy.

Mayor Olmos announced her virtual participation in the following meetings: SEACCA, COG, SCAG, Sanitation District No. 15, "VisonHER" and attended the City of South El Montes Mother's Day drive through event and thanked staff for all their support.

11. CORRESPONDENCE - None

12. COUNCILMEMBERS' AGENDA

12.a. MAYOR GLORIA OLMOS

1. Briefing on Stray Paws Animal Haven Compassionate Solutions for Cats TNR (trap neuter return) Experts located in South El Monte.

Mayor Olmos informed the public on what the agency does and what they provide for cats.

2. Consideration of co-hosting a fundraiser with the El Monte/South El Monte Chamber of Commerce and Mr. John Dewitt to support the South El Monte Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Foundation. Date to be determined for June 2021.

Mayor Olmos stated the fundraiser is for high school scholarships and the chambers will be collaborating with the circus to hold an event and receive some of the portion from ticket sales toward the scholarship fund and would like to co-host the fundraiser with the EM/SEM Chamber of Commerce.

13. CLOSED SESSION

At 7:50 p.m. City Attorney Taylor recessed Council into closed session.

13.a. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—POTENTIAL LITIGATION

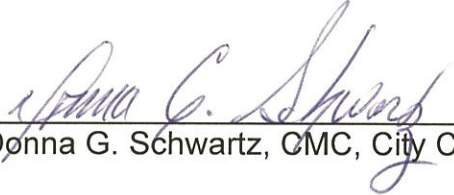
Potential initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: (1 case)

At 8:09 p.m. Mayor Olmos reconvened to open session.

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

14. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business coming before this body, at 8:11 p.m. Mayor Olmos adjourned the meeting to a regular meeting on Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.



Donna G. Schwartz, CMC, City Clerk



Gloria Olmos, Mayor



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