

**CITY OF SOUTH GATE
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Gil Hurtado called a special City Council meeting to order at 5:43 p.m.

ROLL CALL Carmen Avalos, City Clerk

PRESENT Mayor Gil Hurtado, Vice Mayor Henry C. Gonzalez, Council Member Gregory Martinez and Council Member Bill De Witt; City Manager Ronald Bates and City Attorney Raul Salinas

ABSENT Council Member Maria Davila and City Treasurer Rudy Navarro

CLOSED SESSION The City Council recessed into Closed Session at 5:44 p.m. and reconvened at 6:55 p.m., with four (4) Members of Council present. Council Member Davila was absent. City Attorney Salinas reported the following:

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – PENDING LITIGATION
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a)
 - a. John Affeld v. City of South Gate
 - b. Albert Carrillo v. City of South Gate
 - c. Elam v. City of South Gate

On item 1(a), the City Council on a motion made by Council Member De Witt and seconded by Mayor Hurtado and on vote of 4-0, authorized the defense in the City's interest in that case.

On items 1(b), were two motions made. One motion dealt with the representation of the City of South Gate. On a vote of 4-0, the City Council authorized the defense on that matter. Council Member Gonzalez is also named a party in that suit. Council Member Gonzalez was asked to step out of the room as required under the Brown Act. After his departure the Council took up the issue of his representation on the matter. On a vote of 3-0, the City Council voted to approve such representation as is customary and required in such cases. With respect to the representation of Council Member Gonzalez, the Council Member did express his objection to such representation, but on balance with respect to the overall strategy and defense of that matter, the Council's decision was predicated on furthering the interest of the City in a common defense of that case.

On item 1(c), the City received a presentation with respect to the status of the proceedings in that case and upon the conclusion of that presentation, a motion was made by Council Member De Witt and seconded by Mayor Hurtado, and on a vote of 3-1, with Vice Mayor Gonzalez voting no,

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authorized the payment of funds to contribute toward settlement of that matter. The exact amount of that payment will be disclosed in the future if and when the case settles.

ADJOURNMENT

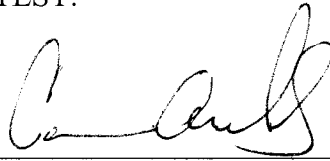
Council Member De Witt adjourned the meeting at 6:59 p.m., and seconded by Mayor Hurtado. Council Member Davila was absent.

PASSED and APPROVED this 8th day of July, 2008.

ATTEST:



Gil Hurtado, Chairperson



Carmen Avalos, City Clerk