

SOUTH GATE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, July 22, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Gil Hurtado, Mayor
INVOCATION:
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:
ROLL CALL: Carmen Avalos, City Clerk

MAYOR
Gil Hurtado

CITY CLERK
Carmen Avalos

VICE MAYOR
Henry C. Gonzalez

CITY TREASURER
Rudy Navarro

COUNCIL MEMBERS
Gregory Martinez
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Bill De Witt

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Ronald Bates

CITY ATTORNEY
Raul F. Salinas

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OPEN SESSION AGENDA

1. Recognition – Betty Forrester

The City Council will present a Certificate of Appreciation to Betty Forrester in recognition for her 25 years of dedicated service to the students, parents and faculty of South Gate Middle School. (ADMIN)

2. Use of Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Funds

The City Council will conduct a Public Hearing to consider authorizing the utilization of Fiscal Year 2008 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Funds. (PD)

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

During this time, members of the public and staff may address the City Council regarding any items within the subject matter jurisdiction of the City Council. Comments from the audience will be limited to five (5) minutes per speaker; unless authorized by the Mayor, the time limit may not be extended by utilizing another member’s time. There will be no debate or action on items not listed on the agenda unless authorized by law.

Note: The City Council desires to provide all members of the public with the opportunity to address the Council. Nevertheless, obscene language, comments intended to disrupt or interfere with the progress of the meeting or slanderous comments will not be tolerated and may result in ejection and/or may constitute a violation of South Gate Municipal Code Section 1.04.110.

REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

During this time, members of the City Council will report on matters pertaining to their service on various intergovernmental boards and commissions as a representative of the City pursuant to Assembly Bill 1234. City Council Members will also have an opportunity to comment on matters not on the agenda.

Following the City Council Members, reports and comments will be heard by the City Clerk, City Treasurer, City Manager and Department Heads.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

Agenda Items 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 are Consent Calendar Items. All items including Ordinances, Resolutions and Contracts, may be approved by adoption of the Consent Calendar, individually and collectively by one (1) motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless Members of the City Council, the public, or staff request that specific items be removed from the Consent Calendar for separate discussion and action.

Any motion to introduce or adopt an Ordinance on the Consent Calendar shall be: (1) a motion to waive the reading of the Ordinance and introduce the Ordinance or (2) a motion to waive the reading of the Ordinance and adopt the Ordinance, as appropriate.

3. Ordinance – Amendments to Skateboard Park Ordinance

The City Council will consider waiving the reading and adopting Ordinance No. 2251 amending Title 7 (Public Safety and Morals), Chapter 7.49 (Parks), Section 7.49.230 (Penalties for Violations of the South Gate Municipal Code by adding Subsections thereto allowing for the confiscation of skateboards, scooters, skates and bicycles from individuals in violation of the Skate Park Ordinance. (PARKS)

4. Resolution – Reflecting Updated Class Specifications and Updated Salary Pay Tables

The City Council will consider adopting a **Resolution** _____ amending Resolution No. 6454 (Salary Resolution and Classification Plan) reflecting updated class specification’s and updated salary pay tables reflecting: (ADMIN/PERS)

- a. Updating class specifications for Customer Service Representative, Economic Development Manager, Economic Development Specialist, Housing Specialist, Intermediate Account Clerk, Lifeguard, Payroll Technician, Recreation Leader I, Recreation Leader II, Recreation Leader III, Recreation Leader IV, Senior Economic Development Specialist, Senior Lifeguard and Swim Instructor; and
- b. Updating salary pay tables for Division Management Association (DMA), Professional Mid-Management Association (PMMA), Miscellaneous Employees Association (MEA) and Hourly Employees.

5. Resolution – Authorizing Examination of Transaction and Use Tax Records

The City Council will consider adopting a **Resolution** _____ authorizing examination of transactions and use tax records by Hinderliter, De Llamas and Associates. (ADMIN/FIN)

6. Agreement – Civic Solutions, Inc., for Services Related to Planning

The City Council will consider: (CD)

- a. Approving Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. 2446 with Civic Solutions, Inc., for additional services related to planning; and
- b. Authorizing the Mayor to execute the Agreement in a form approved by the City Attorney.

7. Agreement – Los Angeles County Auditor-Controller for Administration of Collection and Distribution of Annual Assessments

The City Council will consider: (PW)

- a. Approving the Agreement (Contract _____) with the Los Angeles County Auditor-Controller for services of placing direct South Gate property tax assessments on the secured tax roll; and
- b. Authorizing the Mayor to execute the Agreement in a form approved by the City Attorney.

8. Acceptance of Rehabilitation of Water Wells No. 19 and 27; City Project No. 373-WTR

The City Council will consider: (PW)

- a. Accepting as complete, effective June 13, 2008, rehabilitation of Water Well No. 19 at South Gate Park and Water Well No. 27 at 2645 Tweedy Boulevard, City Project No. 373-WTR; and
- b. Directing the City Clerk to file the Notice of Completion with the County Recorder’s Office.

9. Streetlight System Report

The City Council will consider Receiving and Filing the report on the streetlight system. (PW)

10. City Council Meeting Minutes

The City Council will consider approving the Special City Council Meeting Minutes of July 1, 2008, July 8, 2008 and Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of July 8, 2008. (CLERK)

11. Interim Urgency Ordinance – Moratorium Prohibiting Metal Shutters Citywide

The City Council will consider: (CD)

- a. Waiving the reading in full and adopting an Interim Urgency Ordinance enacting a moratorium on the installation of solid roll-up security doors/gates located on the front of buildings citywide; and
- b. Instructing staff to analyze whether and/or how the City should proceed in its regulation of security gates in commercial and industrial zoned parts of the City.

12. Fireworks Stand Operators Refund

The City Council will consider authorizing a refund of \$300 to each of the 17 Fireworks Stand operators. (PD/FIN)

13. Residential Refuse Collection Rate Increase

The City Council will consider approving an increase in the residential refuse collection rate of 6.25% effective July 1, 2008. (PW)

14. Computer Conversion Contracts

The City Council will consider: (FIN)

- a. Approving an agreement (**Contract _____**) with Tyler Technologies, Inc. in the amount of \$452,639 for financial software;
- b. Approving an agreement (**Contract _____**) with HdL Software, LLC in the amount of \$93,860 for building permit, code enforcement and business license software;
- c. Approving an agreement (**Contract _____**) with Quadrant Systems LLC in the amount of \$48,610 for a cashing system;
- d. Appropriating \$620,000 (including \$24,861 for contingencies) in the Information Systems Fund budget, to be funded as follows: \$150,000 from the Water Fund Reserve, \$25,000 from the CDBG Fund and \$445,000 from the Information Systems Fund Reserve; and
- e. Authorizing the Mayor to execute the contracts in a form approved by the City Attorney.

15. Disaster Preparedness Reports

The City Council will consider: (PD)

- a. Receiving and filing the City’s Emergency/Technical Services Project Report; and
- b. Receiving and filing the Disaster Preparedness in Urban Communities Report.

16. Warrant Register

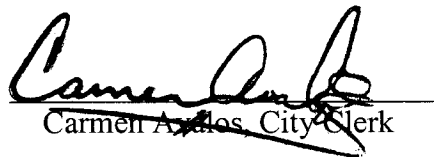
The City Council will consider approving the Warrants and Cancellations for July 22, 2008. (FIN)

Total of Checks:	\$4,035,611.02
Total of Payroll Deductions:	\$ <69,672.13>
Grand Total:	\$3,965,938.89

Cancellations: 142942 & 143295

17. Adjournment

I, Carmen Avalos, City Clerk, certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Meeting Agenda was posted on July 17, 2008 at 5:00 p.m., as required by law.



Carmen Avalos, City Clerk

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City of South Gate Item No. 1
CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA BILL

For the Regular Meeting of: July 22, 2008

Originating Department: Administration

Dept. Head Ronald Bates:  City Manager Ronald Bates: 

SUBJECT: CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO BETTY FORRESTER FOR HER DEDICATED SERVICE TO SOUTH GATE MIDDLE SCHOOL

ACTION: Mayor Hurtado will present a Certificate of Appreciation to Betty Forrester in recognition for her 25 years of dedicated service to the students, parents and faculty of South Gate Middle School.

FISCAL IMPACT: None

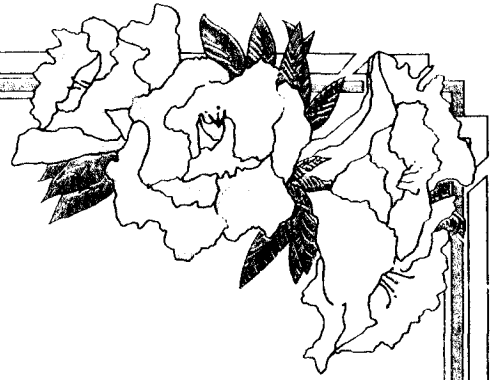
REPORT SUMMARY: This item was placed on the Agenda at the request of Councilwoman Maria Davila.

Betty Forrester was an educator at South Gate Middle School for 25 years; a total of 31 years with the Los Angeles Unified School District. Mrs. Forrester taught 6th Grade core, Reading Improvement, English, Drama, Video, and literacy intervention programs. Outside the classroom, Mrs. Forrester represented teachers for over 15 years on the Shared Decision Making Councils and School Site Councils with Administrators and parents; worked with the District and the community as a part of South Gate Middle School's Action Plan Team of the State's Underperforming Schools Program; assisted with the organization of the Southeast City Schools Coalition; was elected in 1998 by teachers in the United Teachers Los Angeles (UTLA) South Area, to represent them on the UTLA House of Representatives; and since 2002, has served on the UTLA Board of Directors, South Area. Mrs. Forrester is a member of the South Gate School Safety Collaborative and the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor.

Mrs. Forrester was known mostly for her involvement with UTLA, and is currently serving as full-time Secretary for UTLA. Her last day at South Gate Middle School was June 20, 2008.

ATTACHMENT: Certificate of Appreciation

City of South Gate



CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

*Presented by the South Gate
City Council on behalf of the
citizens of South Gate to:*

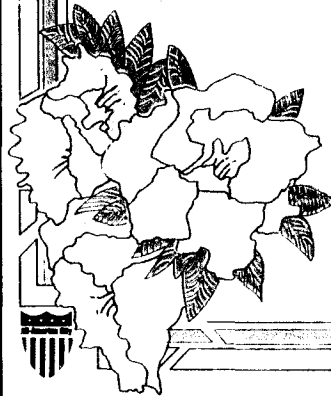
Betty Forrester

*In recognition and appreciation
for your 25 years of dedicated service to
the students, parents and faculty at
South Gate Middle School*

Gil Hurtado
Gil Hurtado, Mayor

July 22, 2008

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City of South Gate

CITY COUNCIL

Item No. 2

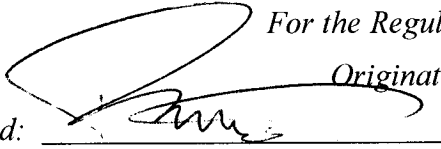
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AGENDA BILL

For the Regular Meeting of: July 22, 2008

Originating Department: Police

Dept. Head:



Robert Todd


City Manager:



Ronald Bates

SUBJECT: PROPOSED USE OF THE FY 2008 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) FUNDS

ACTION: Following the conclusion of the Public Hearing, authorize utilization of Fiscal Year 2008 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funds.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund and there are no matching funds requirements. The total amount of appropriation to the City of South Gate Police Department is \$18,550. 

NOTICING PROCEDURES: A legal notice was published in The Press and on the City Web Site on July 3, 2008 notifying the date of the hearing.

REPORT SUMMARY: The Office of Justice Programs (OJP), U.S. Department of Justice was created in 1984 to provide federal leadership developing the nation's capacity to prevent and control crime, administer justice, and assist crime victims. The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice, supports law enforcement initiatives that strengthen the nation's criminal justice system. Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Funds (JAG) allows local governments to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime based on local needs and conditions. The funds can be used for State and local initiatives, technical assistance, training, personnel, equipment, supplies, contractual support, and information systems for criminal justice in the law enforcement program purpose areas. Prior to the obligation of any funds under the JAG Program, the eligible unit of local government applying for a JAG award must make the grant application available for review to the governing body of the unit of local government or an organization designated by that governing body. Also, the unit of local government must provide assurance that the application or any future amendment is made public and an opportunity to comment is provided to citizens, neighborhoods and community organizations to the extent applicable law or establish procedures making such an opportunity available.

The allocation summary outlines the proposed use of the F/Y 2008 JAG funds for the South Gate Police Department:

Item Description	Cost	Quantity	Total \$ (Tax Included)
1) XDPM-Taser Batteries	\$38 each	20	\$760
2) Taser Training Cartridges	\$20 each	200	\$4,000
3) Taser Field Cartridges	\$22 each	100	\$2,200
4) Glock 22 Duty Handguns	\$462 each	10	\$4,265
5) Duty Issue Ammunition	\$7,325 total	-----	\$7,325
Total-Tax Included			\$18,550

- 1) X-26 Tasers have been utilized as a tool for South Gate Police Officers for over a year and have been effective in minimizing risk to officers and suspects. However, the battery life of each Taser can vary. At the present time, a number of Taser batteries are depleted and do not adequately provide enough charge to discharge a cartridge. The requested batteries will be used to replace the inoperable batteries.
- 2) The ability to deploy the X-26 Tasers has significantly reduced liability and exposure to law suits by the utilization of this less lethal option of force weapons available. The Tasers, however, are tools that require periodic recertification to ensure that the end users have not lost the perishable skills required to be efficient in deployment. Therefore, the requested training cartridges will adequately provide for recertification of all police department employees currently using the Tasers.
- 3) X-26 Tasers require the use of field cartridges different from the training cartridges. Therefore, as the Tasers are being deployed, the cartridges must be replaced. The purchase of the cartridges will provide an adequate stock for personnel to replace discharged cartridges.
- 4) Glock Model 22-40 caliber handguns have recently replaced the standard issue Beretta 9mm handgun for sworn South Gate Police Department Personnel. The acquisition of these guns has been according to plan and 10 more are needed for additional personnel.
- 5) Duty ammunition will be issued to all personnel on an annual basis to ensure standardized rounds are used on duty. The ammunition will ensure that proper manufacturers and types are deployed by all sworn personnel. This practice can help minimize liability issues if and when firearms are deployed.

ATTACHMENTS: Edward Byrne Memorial JAG Funds Application
Notice of Public Hearing



The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs' Bureau of Justice Assistance is pleased to announce that it is seeking applications for funding under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program. This program furthers the Department's mission by assisting state, local, and tribal efforts to prevent or reduce crime and violence.

Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program FY 2008 Local Solicitation

Eligibility

Applicants are limited to units of local government on the *FY 2008 Units of Local Government List* for JAG funds. To view this list, go to www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/08jagallocations.html.
(See "Eligibility," page 1)

Deadline

All applications are due by 8:00 p.m. e.t. on July 8, 2008.
(See "Deadline: Applications," page1)

Contact Information

For assistance with the requirements of this solicitation, contact: Eileen Garry, Deputy Director for Programs, at 202-307-6226 or eileen.garry@usdoj.gov.

This application must be submitted through OJP's Grants Management System (GMS). For technical assistance with submitting the application, call the Grants Management System Support Hotline at 1-888-549-9901.

Release date: June 4, 2008

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Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program CDFA #16.738

Overview of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program

The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program (42 U.S.C. 3751(a)) is the primary provider of federal criminal justice funding to state and local jurisdictions. JAG funds support all components of the criminal justice system, from multijurisdictional drug and gang task forces to crime prevention and domestic violence programs, courts, corrections, treatment, and justice information sharing initiatives.

Deadline: Applications

The due date for applying for funding under this announcement is 8:00 p.m. e.t. on July 8, 2008.

Eligibility

Units of local government appearing on the *FY 2008 Units of Local Government List* established by the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) are eligible to apply for JAG funds. For JAG program purposes, a unit of local government is a town, township, village, parish, city, county, or other general purpose political subdivision of a state; or a federally recognized Indian tribe or Alaskan Native organization that performs law enforcement functions as determined by the Secretary of the Interior. In Louisiana, a unit of local government means a district attorney or a parish sheriff. For a listing of eligible units of local government, go to www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/08jagallocations.html.

JAG Program-Specific Information

All awards are subject to the availability of appropriated funds and any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by law.

Established to streamline justice funding and grant administration, the JAG Program allows states, tribes, and local governments to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime based on their own local needs and conditions. JAG blends the previous Byrne Formula and Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG) Programs to provide agencies with the flexibility to prioritize and place justice funds where they are needed most.

Formula

The JAG formula includes a *state allocation* consisting of a minimum base allocation with the remaining amount determined on population and Part 1 violent crime statistics, and a *direct allocation* to units of local government. Once the state allocation is calculated, 60 percent of the funding is awarded to the state and 40 percent to eligible units of local government. State allocations also have a required *variable pass through* to units of local government, calculated by BJS from each state's crime expenditures.