

**CITY OF SOUTH GATE  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2008**

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Gil Hurtado called a regular City Council meeting to order at 6:53 p.m.

**INVOCATION** Pastor Ernesto Trejo, South Gate Church of Christ led the Invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Nellie Cobos, Assistant to the City Manager led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL** Carmen Avalos, City Clerk

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

**1 PRESENTATIONS** The City Council heard a Presentation on water supply conditions in the State of California and the Central Basin Municipal Water District.

**2 BUDGET ADMIN** The City Council conducted a Public Hearing and unanimously adopted Resolution No. 7265 entitled – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate establishing a new Schedule of fees for Service and rescinding Resolution No. 7191, by motion of Council Member Davila and seconded by Council Member De Witt.

**COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE** Virginia Johnson, 5751 McKinley Avenue thanked Public Works, the graffiti crew and personnel for clearing up the graffiti at seven different locations last week. She informed City Council about a neighbor that moved in approximately 3 years ago and is walking the neighborhood asking the neighbors to sign a petition against a factory that has been in Hollydale for over fifty (50) years.

Vice Mayor Gonzalez said that a man complained to him about a factory in Hollydale about a couple of weeks ago and that he would come before Council today to speak about it.

Ronald Garcia, Region Manager Public Affairs for the Southern California Edison Company informed Council on several projects.

Mayor Hurtado asked staff to agendize a presentation regarding upgrading the street lights.

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### COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE CONTINUED

Tom Kirkland, 8180 Otis Street, informed City Council about a problem he and his neighbors are having with gang members.

Julio Muñoz, 5130 Wood Avenue, asked City Council if they can speak to Edison about being a little lenient with the South Gate residents because a lot of people are losing their jobs and can't afford to pay their electricity bill.

Vice Mayor Gonzalez explained that if the resident calls Edison and make an attempt to pay, Edison will work with you.

### REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

Julia James, Finance Director informed Council about an item that will be going before City Council at the next meeting replacing the City's financial and Community Development's software.

Robert Dickey, Public Works Director informed City Council of the status of the Firestone Boulevard/Rio Hondo Bridge project.

Paul Adams, Parks & Recreation Director informed Council that the Fireworks show was well attended and that there will be some work done at the diamond fields.

Mayor Hurtado suggested the park needs more portable toilets and people to sell food during these kinds of events.

Steven Lefever, Community Development Director informed Council that the Notice of Preparation for the EIR for the new general plan updates was released this week.

Ronald Bates, City Manager attended the Gateway City COG meeting and informed Council that the Board Members oppose to MTA's half cent sales tax. The Board Members authorized Bonnie Lowenthal, representative in the MTA and Dick Powers to negotiate with the MTA Board to try to include more projects from South Gate into the MTA proposal.

Council Member Davila mentioned that the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event was wonderful, but she noticed that three parking lots were not being used. She hopes that the fair can be placed in another place next year. She would also like to see more people helping selling food. There are organizations that can participate. She commended everyone for their hard work on the swimming pool project. She also requested that the cooling station stay open during the weekend for our Senior Citizens. She informed everyone that HUD is celebrating their 20<sup>th</sup> year Anniversary on August 14, 2008. She mentioned that South Gate students are participating in the college prep program in New Mexico.