

**CITY OF SOUTH GATE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Gil Hurtado called a regular City Council meeting to order at 6:50 p.m.

INVOCATION Pastor Chuck Brady, South Gate Resident led the Invocation

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Ms. Grifaldo, South Gate Resident 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 presented Certificates of Appreciation to South Gate High School's Water Polo Team for their participation in the inaugural season.

2 PRESENTATIONS The City Council presented Certificates of Appreciation to Joel Lopez, Adrian Del Rio, Louis Hernandez, Maritza Lopez and Jorge Mayorga in recognition for their heroic acts in rescuing a family from a household fire.

DEVIATE FROM THE AGENDA At this time, there being no objections, Mayor Hurtado stated that item 15 would be considered out of its regular agenda order.

EXCUSED FROM ITEM 15 At this time, Mayor Hurtado, was excused from participating on item 15 and departed from the Council Chambers.

15 PARKS The City Council discussed additional sports field lighting allocations for youth sports travel teams at South Gate Park.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE Fernando Hernandez, representative for the South Gate Youth Soccer Organization, 8988 Annetta Avenue addressed Council about the Parks & Recreation Policies.

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 9, 2008

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE CONTINUED

Vice Mayor Gonzalez responded to Mr. Hernandez that he met with Mr. Carrillo a few days ago regarding their concerns. He is expecting some information from Mr. Carrillo.

Mayor Hurtado apologized but explained that there are rules that govern how a meeting is run. Council cannot get into a discussion regarding items not on the agenda.

Ronald Walker, Arts Community Advisor from Los Angeles Unified District, Local District No. 6 spoke on behalf of Superintendent Martin Galindo regarding a theatre performance called "Sor Juana" on Wednesday, December 17, 2008 at 5:00 p.m., at the South Gate High School Auditorium.

Cindy Esquivel, 4718 Tweedy Boulevard thanked the City for the graffiti program.

Ralph Patino, 10421 St. James Avenue reminded Council that the City approved the survey for speed bumps. He requested a copy of the survey to review the findings and hopefully discuss the survey at the next City Council meeting.

Julio Munoz, 5130 Wood Avenue was able to raise \$400 dollars worth of gifts for the Santa Cop program and explained why he did it. He also would like to know the reason why no speed bumps can be placed on his street.

Mary Castillo, 10036 San Antonio Avenue addressed Council about a residential house where auto body work is being done.

RECESS

The City Council recessed at 8:35 p.m., and reconvened at 8:45 p.m., with all Members of Council present.

REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

Lolita Brown Fletcher, Personnel Director highlighted upcoming employee events.

Julia James, Finance Director wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Robert Dickey, Public Works Director thanked Chief of Police Todd and the members of his Police Department for interacting with Public Works.

Paul Adams, Parks & Recreation Director highlighted upcoming community events.

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 9, 2008

**REPORTS AND COMMENTS
FROM CITY OFFICIALS**

CONTINUED

Ronald Bates, City Manager attended an Orangeline meeting today with a representative from Disney which looks very positive.

Robert Todd, Chief of Police highlighted community events.

Council Member Davila thanked everyone for their prayers and best wishes during her operation. She also thanked everyone for their hard work during the horrible accident on Otis Avenue and Firestone Boulevard.

Council Member De Witt attended a County Sanitation District meeting. They have one final hazardous waste cleanup this year over at Lomita on Saturday. He attended a county city selection meeting yesterday due to an open seat on the Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA) Board of Directors. All local cities (with the exception of Maywood and Lynwood) were present. Diane DuBois, Lakewood City Council Member, was selected to be our representative on the MTA Board. He thanked the Chief of Police for the many many years of service and Police Department & Public Works on the issue of Otis Avenue and Firestone Boulevard

Vice Mayor Gonzalez wished everyone a safe Christmas.

Mayor Hurtado thanked Nick Godoy for inviting the Council to the VFW Christmas event. He announced that the JAA's trophy ceremony was last week and they were able to raise \$400 dollars for the families affected by the bus accident.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Agenda Items 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 were unanimously approved during consideration of the Consent Calendar by motion of Vice Mayor Gonzalez and seconded by Mayor Hurtado. Items 8 & 9 were removed for separate discussion.

**3
STREETS/SIDEWALKS/
LANDSCAPING**

The City Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 7287 entitled – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate authorizing the submittal of Rubberized Asphalt Concrete Grant Program Application to the California Integrated Waste Management Board, during Consideration of the Consent Calendar.

**4
STREETS/SIDEWALKS/
LANDSCAPING**

The City Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 7288 entitled – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate redesignating the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Environmental Health, Solid Waste Management Program as the Local Enforcement Agency responsible for enforcing all laws and regulations pertaining to the management of solid waste within the City of South Gate, Consideration of the Consent Calendar.

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 9, 2008

5

PERSONNEL RECRUITMENT & SELECTION

The City Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 7289 entitled – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate amending Resolution No 6454 (Salary Resolution and Classification Plan) reflecting updated class specification for the position of Chief of Police, approved during Consideration of the Consent Calendar; and

- a. Removing the City’s hiring freeze on one (1) Chief of Police, one (1) Lieutenant and one (1) Sergeant position in the Police Department.

6

PERSONNEL ADMIN

The City Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 7290 entitled – A Resolution amending Resolution No. 6454 (Salary Resolution and Classification Plan) reflecting a new job class specification and updated hourly pay table for Program Assistant (Police), during Consideration of the Consent Calendar.

7

PARKING & TRAFFIC

The City Council unanimously approved a Cooperative Agreement (Contract No. 2503) with Los Angeles County (LAC) for a Traffic Control System for the City’s Traffic Management Center (TMC) at the City Corporation Yard, during Consideration of the Consent Calendar; and

- a. Appropriated \$459,600 in reimbursable funds from Proposition C funds to cover the cost of the Econolite Traffic Control System (TCS); and
- b. Approved an Agreement (Contract No. 2504) with Econolite, for a new Traffic Control System; and
- c. Approved a four (4) year Agreement (Contract No. 2505) with Econolite for the maintenance of the proposed Traffic Control System; and
- d. Authorized the Mayor to execute the Cooperative Agreement with LAC, the Traffic Control System and Maintenance Agreements with Econolite, in a form approved by the City Attorney; and
- e. Authorized the City Manager to execute any future operational amendment(s) to the agreements with Los Angeles County and Econolite for the TMC in a form approved by the City Attorney.

8

PERSONNEL BENEFITS/ RETIREMENT ADMIN

The City Council unanimously continued the retirement agreement with Robert Todd to a future City Council meeting.

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 9, 2008

9

PARKING & TRAFFIC

The City Council unanimously approved City's Traffic Consultant, Hartzog and Crabill, Inc., (HCI), traffic study recommendations finding that a three-way stop is no longer required, by motion of Council Member Martinez and seconded by Vice Mayor Gonzalez; and

- a. Rescinding the City Council action taken on June 10, 2008, relating to the portion of HCI's recommendation for installation of a three-way stop at the intersection of Southern Avenue and Stanford Avenue intersection based on HCI's subsequent traffic study dated November 19, 2008.

10

**TRANSPORTATION
PLANNING/ADMIN**

The City Council unanimously approved Change Order Nos. 14, 15, and 16 for \$64,088 to Beador Construction Company Inc., Contract No. 2349, for the I-710/Firestone Boulevard Interchange, Phase III (Firestone Boulevard Bridge Widening over Rio Hondo Channel), Federal Project No. BLRSZD-5257(013) and City Project No. 275-ST, during Consideration of the Consent Calendar; and

- a. Authorized the Director of Public Works to execute Change Order Nos. 14, 15, and 16; and
- b. Approved Amendment No. 3 to Contract No. 2344 with Lim and Nascimento Engineering Corp. (LAN) in the amount of \$24,252 for additional construction management services for the Firestone Bridge Project; and
- c. Authorized the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 3 in a form approved by the City Attorney.

11

SOLID WASTE MGMT

The City Council unanimously approved a commercial/industrial refuse collection rate increase of 5.6% effective January 1, 2009, during Consideration of the Consent Calendar; and

- a. The pass through of disposal fees imposed by the County Department of Public Works for their solid waste management fee at 2.4% effective January 1, 2009.

12

SITE PLAN ADMIN

The City Council unanimously received and filed a status update of the negotiations on land use/tenant occupancies at Atlantic Park Plaza, 9923 Atlantic Avenue, during Consideration of the Consent Calendar.

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 9, 2008

13

ACCOUNTING

The City Council unanimously authorized the City Council Auditor to review and approve the second warrant register of December in lieu of a December 23rd Council meeting, during Consideration of the Consent Calendar.

14

MINUTES

The City Council unanimously approved the Special City Council Meeting Minutes of November 25, 2008 and Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of November 25, 2008, during Consideration of the Consent Calendar.

16

**WARRANTS AND
CANCELLATIONS**

The City Council unanimously approved the Warrants and Cancellations for December 9, 2008, by motion of Vice Mayor Gonzalez and seconded by Council Member Martinez.

Total of Checks:	\$2,656,831.17
Total of Payroll Deductions:	\$ <32,925.49 >
Grand Total:	\$2,623,905.68

Cancellation: 145875

ADJOURNMENT

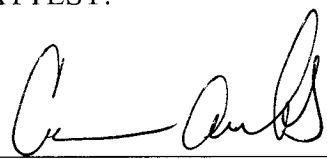
Vice Mayor Gonzalez unanimously adjourned the meeting in memory of Luis Jairo Salazar, South Gate resident at 9:21 p.m., and seconded by Mayor Hurtado.

PASSED and APPROVED this 13th day of January, 2009.

ATTEST:



Gil Hurtado, Mayor



Carmen Avalos, City Clerk