

**CITY OF SOUTH GATE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2006**

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Maria Davila called a Regular Meeting of the City Council to order at 6:35 p.m.

INVOCATION Pastor Chuck Brady, Redeemer Lutheran Church led the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Enoe Santos, Intermediate Account Clerk led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL Carmen Avalos, City Clerk

PRESENT Mayor Maria Davila, Vice Mayor Bill De Witt, Council Member Henry C. Gonzalez and Council Member Gil Hurtado; City Treasurer Rudy Navarro, Acting City Manager Robert Dickey and City Attorney Raul F. Salinas

LATE Council Member Gregory Martinez arrived at the dais at 7:01 p.m.

ABSENT City Manager Gary Milliman

**1
PERSONNEL RECRUITMENT
& SELECTION** The City Council was introduced to the recently hired employees in the Finance Department.

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PERSONNEL RECRUITMENT
& SELECTION** The City Council was introduced to the recently hired employee in the Public Works Department.

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PROCLAMATION** The City Council issued a Proclamation recognizing the “6th Annual Southeast Cities Relay for Life” of the American Cancer Society and declaring June 3 and 4, 2006, as “Southeast Relay for Life Days.”

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PRESENTATIONS/
AWARDS** The City Council issued Certificates of Appreciation to the participants of the 22nd Annual Baker to Vegas Relay Race.

**COMMENTS PERTAINING
TO NON-AGENDA ITEMS** Council Member Gonzalez attended a program on Sunday by the Chamber of Commerce called “A Queen for a Day”.

Robert Todd, Chief of Police, thanked Vice Mayor De Witt, Council Member Martinez and the rest of the Council for their acknowledgment of the Baker to Vegas runners.

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COMMENTS PERTAINING TO NON-AGENDA ITEMS CONTINUED

Paul Adams, Parks & Recreation Director announced the Memorial Day ceremony on Saturday, May 27th at 10:00 a.m. in front of the Memorial Fountain at the South Gate Park.

Steve Lefever, Community Development Director reported that the City Manager is in Las Vegas meeting with respected tenants for the new shopping center at the Ameron site. He mentioned that in the last eight (8) years the City has added 190 new housing units. He also announced the City is interviewing firms for the design review guidelines that Council has asked staff to initiate throughout the community. By the end of June, the City will begin interviewing architect teams to do the facility needs assessment for the Civic Center. The General Plan committee met a couple of weeks ago and the next meeting should be in June or beginning of July.

REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Vice Mayor De Witt attended the California Contracts Cities meeting over the weekend and commented that our City Manager made an excellent presentation on "Ethics for Elective Officials".

CONSENT CALENDAR

Agenda Items 5, 6, 7 and 8 were unanimously approved during consideration of the Consent Calendar by motion of Council Member Gonzalez and seconded by Vice Mayor De Witt.

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LICENSES & PERMITS

The City Council unanimously adopted Ordinance No. 2211 – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of South Gate granting to Golden State Water Company, its successors and assigns, a franchise to use, or to lay and use pipes and appurtenances for transmitting and distributing water for any and all purposes in, under, along, across or upon the public streets, ways, alleys and places, as the same now or may hereafter exist, within the City of South Gate, during consideration of the Consent Calendar.

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STREETS/SIDEWALKS/ LANDSCAPING

The City Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 7110 – A Resolution of the South Gate City Council approving the Assessment Engineer's Report for proceedings for the annual levy of assessments within a special maintenance district, during consideration of the Consent Calendar; and

- a) Adopted Resolution No. 7111 - A Resolution of the South Gate City Council declaring its intention to provide for an annual levy and collection of assessments in a special maintenance district, and setting a time and place for public hearing thereon.

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STREETS/SIDEWALKS/ LANDSCAPING

The City Council unanimously approved Change Order No. 1 for \$279,428 to CJ Concrete Construction, Inc. contract for the City-Wide Sidewalk, Curb/Gutter and Driveway Replacement Program, City Project No. 341-ST, during consideration of the Consent Calendar; and

- a) Authorized the Director of Public Works to execute Change Order No. 1

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STREETS/SIDEWALKS/ LANDSCAPING

The City Council unanimously approved Change Order No. 1 for \$399,968 to All American Asphalt contract for Garfield Avenue Resurfacing and Rehabilitation from Firestone Boulevard to Meadow Road, City Project No. 320-ST, consideration of the Consent Calendar; and

- a) Authorized the Director of Public Works to execute Change Order No. 1

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BUSINESS LICENSE ADMIN

The City Council unanimously continued the introduction of an Ordinance relating to the enforcement of business license permits for vehicles conducting business within the City to City Council Meeting of July 11, 2006, by motion of Vice Mayor De Witt and seconded by Council Member Hurtado.

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WATER ISSUES/SYSTEM ADMIN

The City Council unanimously continued (a) and (b) to the next regularly scheduled meeting of June 13, 2006 for a Joint City Council and Utility Authority Meeting.

- a) Adopting a Resolution - Establishing a repayment schedule for the advance of funds made by the City to the Authority; and
- b) Approving the Amendment to the Water Enterprise Lease Agreement.

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SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

The City Council unanimously continued the increase in the residential refuse collection rate of 15.77% effective July 1, 2006, to the next regularly scheduled City Council Meeting of June 13, 2006, by motion of Council Member Gonzalez and seconded by Mayor Davila.

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PERSONNEL ADMIN

The City Council discussed the current Parks and Recreation Department staffing practices related to holidays and weekends and provided staff with direction.

RECESS

Prior to the conclusion of item 12, the City Council recessed at 8:27 p.m., and reconvened at 8:41 p.m., with three Members of Council present. Vice Mayor De Witt and Council Member Martinez were not at the dais.

Council directed staff analyze the impact and make recommendations for staying open on holidays and weekends without breaching the contract.

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COMMUNITY PROMOTION The City Council approved the following:

- a) Reconsidering the operating hours for the Tweedy Mile Association Street Fair and approving new operation hours; or
- b) Considering a subsidy for the Street Fair and appropriate sufficient funds from the Business Improvement District Funds (current balance is \$24,850).

The operating hours for the street fair were not changed and \$12,000 was subsidized, by motion of Council Member Gonzalez and seconded by Council Member Hurtado.

ROLL CALL: Council Member Gonzalez, yes; Council Member Hurtado, yes; Council Member Martinez, abstained; Vice Mayor De Witt, yes; Mayor Davila, yes.

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COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA/SYSTEMS

The City Council unanimously approved an additional \$160,000 for new telephone system and related network upgrades for City facilities, by motion of Council Member Gonzalez and seconded by Council Member Martinez.

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FINANCIAL SERVICES

The City Council unanimously continued the adoption of the proposed Financial Policies, to the next regularly City Council Meeting of June 13, 2006, by motion of Mayor Davila and seconded by Vice Mayor De Witt.

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WARRANTS &
CANCELLATIONS

The City Council unanimously approved the Warrants and Cancellations for May 23, 2006, with the exception of Warrant No. 127834 by motion of Council Member Gonzalez and seconded by Vice Mayor De Witt.

Total of Checks: \$ 2,088,361.41
Total of Payroll Deductions: \$<-131,007.01>
Total of Net City Expenses: \$ 1,957,354.40

Cancellations: 113344, 113345, 118972, 126967, 127125, 127268,127513

Council Member Gonzalez motioned to approve Warrant No. 127834 and seconded by Vice Mayor De Witt.

ROLL CALL: Council Member Hurtado, yes; Council Member Gonzalez, yes; Council Member Martinez, abstained; Vice Mayor De Witt, yes; Mayor Davila, yes.

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CITY COUNCIL

City Managers Announcements. NONE

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Hurtado adjourned the meeting in Memory of Rosa V. Aguirre, Mother of Maria Hernandez, Police Records Specialist at 10:52 p.m., and seconded by Mayor Davila.

PASSED and **APPROVED** this 13th day of June, 2006.

ATTEST:

Maria Davila, Mayor

Carmen Avalos, City Clerk