

**CITY OF SOUTH GATE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 2006**

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Maria Davila called a Regular Meeting of the City Council to order at 6:33 p.m.

INVOCATION Pastor Marina Kings, Faith Lutheran Church led the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Jean Reed, South Gate resident led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL Carmen Avalos, City Clerk

PRESENT Mayor Maria Davila, Council Member Henry C. Gonzalez and Council Member Gil Hurtado; City Manager Gary Milliman and City Attorney Raul F. Salinas

LATE Council Member Gregory Martinez arrived at the dais at 7:24 p.m.

ABSENT Vice Mayor Bill De Witt and City Treasurer Rudy Navarro

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PROCLAMATION The City Council issued a Proclamation declaring the Fourth of July 2006 as Independence Day in the City of South Gate in honor and celebration of our nation's birth.

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PROCLAMATION The City Council issued a Proclamation declaring the month of July 2006 as "Parks & Recreation Month" in the City of South Gate.

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**LANDSCAPING/LIGHTING/
TREE PROJECT** The City Council conducted a public hearing and adopted Resolution No. 7117 entitled – A Resolution of the South Gate City Council confirming the diagram and ordering the levy of the FY 2006-07 Annual Assessment for the Street Lighting and Landscaping Maintenance District No. 1, by motion of Council Member Gonzalez and seconded by Council Member Hurtado. Vice Mayor De Witt and Council Member Martinez were absent.

**COMMENTS PERTAINING
TO NON-AGENDA ITEMS** Alfonso Reyes, 4682 Tweedy Boulevard addressed City Council about the dangerous street racing being done on the weekends. His younger brother's life was almost taken away because of street racing.

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COMMENTS PERTAINING TO NON-AGENDA ITEMS CONTINUED

Julian Duran lives on Cassina Avenue addressed City Council about graffiti in his neighbored and that the neighbored will be starting the neighbored watch again. He thanked city staff for removing the graffiti on Monday morning.

Ofelia Vargas, 10979 Cassina Avenue addressed City Council about a new family that just moved into her neighbored and graffiti.

Virginia Johnson thanked Public Works for fixing all the pot holes in Holydale and hopes City Council will be able to replace the flag that was stolen.

Cindy Esquivel, 4818 Tweedy Boulevard mentioned that Alfonso Reyes forgot to mention that he is also representing his neighborhood.

Gary Milliman, City Manager addressed City Council that a traffic proposal of Tweedy Boulevard will be presented to Council in a couple of months.

Lolita Brown-Fletcher, Personnel Director announced that the Youth Employment handbooks have gone out to both high schools and that the personnel office has received a great response. She also mentioned that the city staff raised approximately \$1,600.00 and the POA & PMA raised approximately \$1,700.00 for Xochitl Martinez's family.

Julia James, Finance Director announced that in the next few months the City will be experiencing some upgrades, i.e. website, telephone system.

Steve Lefever, Community Development Director mentioned that the City has a parking policy for all new developments. He is reviewing parking appeals from residents that feel the provisions of the additional parking is either unwarranted or impossible to comply with.

Council Member Martinez wished Jenny Cypert, Parks & Recreation Commissioner's husband Carlos Villalobos a safe return because he is flying over seas to Iraq.

REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Davila announced that Hub Cities is sending fifty (50) students to Albuquerque, New Mexico, ten (10) from South Gate High and ten (10) from East High School. She will also be in New Mexico supporting the students.

Council Member Gonzalez opposes Mayor Villaraigosa's plan to take over Los Angeles Unified School District.

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CONSENT CALENDAR Agenda Items 5 and 6 were approved during consideration of the Consent Calendar by motion of Council Member Gonzalez and seconded by Council Member Hurtado. Agenda Item 4 was removed for separate discussion.

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SCHEDULE/REGS ADMIN**

The City Council continued the introduction of an Ordinance entitled – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of South Gate amending Ordinance No. 2136 relating to the order of business of regular and special City Council Meetings, to the next regularly scheduled City Council Meeting of July 11, 2006 by motion of Mayor Davila and seconded by Council Member Hurtado. Vice Mayor De Witt was absent.

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STREETS/SIDEWALKS/
TREES ADMIN**

The City Council reallocated \$150,000 from the Street and Alley Rehabilitation Project, City Project No. 346-ST, to the Sidewalk Project, during consideration of the Consent Calendar. Vice Mayor De Witt was absent; and

- a) Approving Change Order No. 2 for \$150,000 for replacement of deteriorated and broken sidewalks, curb/gutter and driveways, and installation of wheel chair ramps; and
- b) Authorizing the Director of Public Works to execute Change Order No. 2.

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MINUTES**

The City Council approved the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of June 13, 2006, during consideration of the Consent Calendar. Vice Mayor De Witt was absent.

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PARKING & TRAFFIC**

The City Council approved Hartzog & Crabill, Inc., the City's Traffic Consultant, proposal for \$1,800 to conduct a traffic study for the installation of all-way stop at the intersection of San Miguel Avenue and Tenaya Avenue, by motion of Mayor Davila and seconded by Council Member Hurtado. Vice Mayor De Witt was absent; and

- a) Approving Hartzog & Crabill, Inc., proposal for \$1,800 to conduct a traffic study for the installation of all-way stop at the intersection of Alexander Avenue and Michigan Avenue.

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LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES

The City Council designated Bill De Witt as the voting delegate and Gary Milliman as the alternate voting delegate for the 2006 League of California Cities Annual Conference on September 6 through 9, by motion of Mayor Davila and seconded by Council Member Hurtado. Vice Mayor De Witt was absent.

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PARKS

The City Council discussed and provided staff with direction on modifying staffing and hours of operation for the Parks' facilities, and associated changes to the Department's budget.

Council Member Gonzalez directed the City Manager and Director of Parks & Recreation to approach the Union during negotiations regarding the Councils concern would like some kind of mechanism working where they can have people working on holidays and weekends.

Council Member Hurtado recommended that this item be presented to the Parks & Recreation commission for their input.

RECESS

The City Council recessed at 8:56 p.m., and reconvened at 9:08 p.m., with four (4) Members of Council present. Vice Mayor De Witt was absent.

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SCHOOLS/EDUCATION

The City Council discussed and provided comments regarding the Southeast City School Coalition Joint Powers Authority's Mission Statement and Goals and Objectives.

City Council directed the City Manager to draft the JPA's goals & objectives.

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

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WATER ISSUES/ SYSTEM ADMIN

The City Council authorized staff to write off delinquent utility accounts, by motion of Council Member Hurtado and seconded by Mayor Davila. Vice Mayor De Witt was absent.

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12 WARRANTS AND CANCELLATIONS

The City Council approved the Warrants and Cancellations for June 27, 2006, with the exception of Warrant No. 128581 by motion of Council Member Gonzalez and seconded by Mayor Davila. Vice Mayor De Witt was absent.

Total of Checks: \$3,128,651.52
Total of Payroll Deductions: \$< 141,392.10 >
Total of Net City Expenses: \$2,987,259.42

Cancellations: 125863,126008,126545, 127437, 127977, 128123

Council Member Gonzalez motioned to approve Warrant No. 128581 and seconded by Council Member Hurtado

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

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City Manager Announcements: None

CLOSED SESSION

The City Council recessed into Closed Session at 9:50 p.m., and reconvened at 10:20 p.m., with four (4) Members of Council present. Vice Mayor De Witt was absent. City Attorney Salinas reported the following:

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – PENDING LITIGATION
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a)
 - a. City of South Gate v. GWS
 - b. Mark Van Holt I v. City of South Gate

On item 1(a), the City Council received a presentation with respect to a proposed settlement. The City Council on a motion made by Council Member Hurtado and seconded by Mayor Davila and on a vote of 4-0 approved a proposed settlement (Contract No. 2301) in a form approved by the City Attorney's Office.

There was no reportable action taken on item 1(b).

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ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Hurtado adjourned the meeting in Memory of Juan Muniz, son of a member of Padres Unidos and a friend of Mayor Davila; Elsa Medina, mother of Community Development Technician Leslie Medina; Rafael and Edward Iniguez, uncle and cousin of Police Dispatcher Xochitl Martinez and James O'connor, long time South Gate resident at 10:21 p.m., and seconded by Vice Mayor Davila.

PASSED and **APPROVED** this 11th day of July, 2006.

ATTEST:

Maria Davila, Mayor

Carmen Avalos, City Clerk