

**CITY OF SOUTH GATE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
TUESDAY, JULY 25, 2006**

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Maria Davila called a Regular Meeting of the City Council to order at 6:38 p.m.

INVOCATION Pastor Jose Reyes, La Senda Antigua Iglesia Pentecostal led the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Marty Romo, Crime Prevention Specialist 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, Council Member Gil Hurtado and Council Member Greg Martinez; City Treasurer Rudy Navarro, City Manager Gary Milliman and Special Legal Counsel Rick Navarette

LATE City Attorney Raul F. Salinas arrived at the dais at 8:37 p.m.

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PROCLAMATION The City Council issued a proclamation declaring, Tuesday, August 1, 2006 as National Night Out.

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ZONING The City Council unanimously continued a public hearing to introduce an Ordinance relating to massage establishments and uses to the meeting of August 8, 2006, by motion of Mayor Davila and seconded by Council Member Hurtado.

COMMENTS PERTAINING TO NON-AGENDA ITEMS Virginia Johnson is pleased that the General Plan Advisory Committee is now going to be opened to the public. She also inquired why the City Council members pass law if they are not going to be enforced, i.e. canopies.

Enrique Aranda with California Against Higher Taxes opposing Proposition 87 and asked elective officials to review the packet he left for each one.

Julio Munoz, 5130 Wood Avenue, inquired on the property located on Miller Way and I-710 that the City just recovered and what is the City's plan with it. He asked if the City has considered a small business for business owners as himself. He was also wondering why the parking

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COMMENTS PERTAINING TO NON-AGENDA ITEMS CONTINUED

enforcement only ticketed two trucks when three were parked on the street. Is it because the third truck was from out of state? He asked City Council if they knew about an explosion at the World Oil Company.

Council Member Gonzalez explained that in regards to Miller Way the City is still under litigation and prior owners still have rights to the lease. The City can not do anything because it's premature for any plans.

Vice Mayor De Witt mentioned that the issue of parking has been brought up in the past. He also mentioned an ordinance not allowing over night parking for trucks in the City.

Leo Quijano, 9604 Pinehurst Avenue, addressed City Council about the traffic on Pinehurst before and after the 4th of July celebrations and that in the past officers have been able to control the traffic. He also mentioned that a street sweeper makes a lot of noise in the mornings.

Council Member Gonzalez asked Mr. Quijano to review tonight's agenda in regards to hiring more police officers.

Vice Mayor De Witt asked Mr. Quijano if he knows what the street sweeper looks like, because the City purchased a new machine recently.

Mayor Davila suggested sweeping the businesses in the morning first and then the residential areas.

Ronald Garcia, Public Affairs Manager with Southern California Edison Co., congratulated the City of South Gate for hosting the Urban Water Shed Summit II. He also mentioned loosing over 800 transformers due to the heat and that the City has excellent staff.

Lolita Brown Fletcher, Personnel Director invited everyone to the annual softball tournament at the South Gate Park on Thursday, July 27, 2006 at 6:30 p.m.

Robert Todd, Chief of Police announced that he will be attending a Homeland Security Conference this Thursday and Friday hosted by LAPD & LASO. He reported that the Board of Supervisors turned down the quarter cent tax and that Sheriff Baca will try to have it on the November ballot. Sheriff Baca intends to take it back to the Board of Supervisors on August 1st and August 8th. He reminded everyone that next Tuesday is National Night Out and looks forward to seeing everyone at the park.

Robert Dickey, Public Works Director thanked Ronald Garcia from Edison for the unsolicited remarks. He mentioned staff is very motivated to find ways to cut costs maintain safety & improve efficiency of operations.

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COMMENTS PERTAINING TO NON-AGENDA ITEMS CONTINUED

Paul Adams, Parks & Recreation Director announced that the auditorium has new curtains and will be contacting Sheri Koomen that there is an informal cooling center at the Senior Center for the last two weeks.

Steve Lefever, Community Development Director promoted the General Plan at the Southeast High School on Saturday, July 29, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. He also announced that the City has forwarded to Paul Adams the first Art in Places proposal for consideration by the Parks Commission. He reported not knowing anything about an explosion at the World Oil Co., and building and safety will inquire with the fire department.

City Treasurer Navarro will open his own business in South Gate.

Council Member Martinez announced receiving a phone call from Tony Monroy that the South Gate Democrats Baseball team, ages eight & under won the USSA World Championship over the course of last week. He thanked everyone who helped him close his store.

Council Member Hurtado announced receiving phone calls from concerned residents regarding graffiti and code enforcement. He asked if the City has an ordinance concerning vehicles playing loud music and an ordinance concerning dogs must have a muzzle when being walked.

Robert Todd, Chief of Police responded to Council Member Hurtado's inquires that he is unaware of any laws that dogs must wear a muzzle when being walked. He will have a lieutenant check with SEAACA. And unless the vehicle playing loud music is caught by the police, there's nothing anyone can do.

Council Member Gonzalez is disappointed that Southeast High does not have enough bleachers for spectators to attend football games.

REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member De Witt attended the Orangeline Authority Meeting and reported that they have achieved a certain mile stone in their study on feasibility of this project.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Agenda Items 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 were approved during consideration of the Consent Calendar by motion of Council Member Martinez and seconded by Council Member Hurtado. Items 6 and 12 were pulled for separate discussion.

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MUNICIPAL CODE
ADMIN

The City Council waived the reading and unanimously adopted Ordinance No. 2212 – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of South Gate, amending Title 11 (Zoning), Chapter 11.06 (establishment of use zones, boundaries thereof and limiting the use of land and areas required therein) of the South Gate Municipal Code by establishing Section 11.06.039.159 (certain property reclassified from M-3 and R-3 to precise plan status) and modifying Subsection 11.50.110.17, in order to change and reclassify certain property from a zone of M-3 (heavy manufacturing) and R-3 (multi-residential) to provide a new Zoning District to be commonly know as Precise Plan No. 17, during consideration of the Consent Calendar.

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MUNICIPAL CODE
ADMIN

The City Council waived the reading and unanimously adopted Ordinance No. 2213 – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of South Gate amending Title II (Zoning), Chapter 11.22 (M-2 Light Manufacturing), Section 11.22.010 (Permitted Uses), Subsection 26.3 (Miniwarehouse) (a)(Mandatory Conditions) (i) of the South Gate Municipal Code by modifying the requirements for miniwarehouse uses, during consideration of the Consent Calendar.

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MUNICIPAL CODE
ADMIN

The City Council waived the reading and unanimously adopted Ordinance No. 2214 – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of South Gate amending Title 5 (Street and Sidewalks) of the South Gate Municipal Code by establishing Chapter 5.34 (Pay Phones in the Public Right-of-Way) pertaining to the regulation of pay phones in the public right-of-way, during consideration of the Consent Calendar.

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CITY COUNCIL

The City Council waived the reading and unanimously adopted Ordinance No. 2215 – 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, by motion of Vice Mayor De Witt and seconded by Council Member Hurtado.

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HUB CITIES CONSORTIUM
ADMIN

The City Council unanimously approved the Workforce Investment Act Youth Program Worksite Agreement (Contract No. 2305) - between Hub Cities Consortium and the City of South Gate, during consideration of the Consent Calendar; and

- a) Authorized City officials to execute Agreement.

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COMMUNITY PROMOTION

ADMIN

The City Council unanimously approved the agreement (Contract No. 2306) - with the South Gate Chamber of Commerce for Fiscal Year 2006-2007, during consideration of the Consent Calendar.

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HOLLYDALE PARK

ADMIN

The City Council unanimously approved a Memorandum of Understanding (Contract No. 2307) - with the Central Basin Municipal Water District and Paramount Unified School District to develop an educational garden at Hollydale Regional Park, during consideration of the Consent Calendar.

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TRAFFIC SIGNAL/SIGN PROJECTS

The City Council unanimously approved plans, specifications, and Notice Inviting Bids for the Traffic Signal Upgrade at the Intersection of Hildreth Avenue and Tweedy Boulevard project, during consideration of the Consent Calendar; and

- a) Directed the City Clerk to publish the Notice Inviting Bids.

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PARKING & TRAFFIC

ADMIN

The City Council unanimously continued the discussion of the parking exemption for new developments within the Tweedy Mile Parking District, to the City Council meeting of August 22, 2006, during consideration of the Consent Calendar.

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MINUTES

The City Council unanimously approved (as amended) the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of July 11, 2006, by Vice Mayor De Witt and seconded by Council Member Hurtado.

AMENDMENT: Vice Mayor De Witt recused himself from the dais, Council Chambers and from the voting. After the vote Vice Mayor De Witt returned for the remainder of the meeting.

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DESIGN REVIEW ADMIN

The City Council discussed the options relating to design and color guidelines for Tweedy Boulevard (or the City) and continued to the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting of August 8, 2006, by motion of Council Member Gonzalez and seconded by Vice Mayor De Witt. Mayor Davila was absent.

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DESIGN REVIEW ADMIN

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- Option 1: Directing the Community Development Department to solicit bids from architecture firms to prepare City-wide Design and Color Guidelines for all uses in the city and subsequently refer the draft guidelines to the Planning Commission for review and recommendation.
- Option 2: Directing the Community Development Department to solicit bids for the preparation of Design Guidelines for one or more designated area within the City, such as the Tweedy Mile, Firestone Blvd., etc. and refer the matter to the Planning Commission for review and recommendation.
- Option 3: Directing the Community Development Department to develop interim Color Guidelines, calling out specific colors for all commercial and industrial business/development in the City and refer the matter to the Planning Commission for review and recommendation.

RECESS

Prior to the conclusion of item 13, the City Council recessed at 8:18 p.m., and reconvened at 8:33 p.m., with all Members of Council present. Mayor Davila left the City Council meeting at 8:34 p.m.

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STREET/SIDEWALK IMP/
MAINTENANCE

The City Council authorized Willdan to conduct a Fiscal and Feasibility Study for Long Beach Boulevard Raised Medians for \$8,900, by motion of Council Member Martinez and seconded by Council Member Hurtado. Mayor Davila was absent.

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PARKING & TRAFFIC
ADMIN

The City Council approved the traffic engineering services proposal from Hartzog & Crabill, Inc. to conduct a traffic calming study for Tweedy Boulevard, by motion of Council Member Gonzalez and seconded by Council Member Martinez. Mayor Davila was absent.

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ZONING

The City Council discussed and directed staff as to the desire of the City Council regarding used vehicle sales location.

Staff was directed to return this item to the Planning Commission to revise the standards and consider a sunset clause.

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GRAFFITI/VANDALISM
PREVENTION

The City Council continued the discussion of graffiti abatement and illegal dumping program to the regular meeting of the City Council on August 8, 2006, by motion of Council Member Gonzalez and seconded by Council Member Hurtado. Mayor Davila was absent.

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MUNICIPAL CODE ADMIN/
PARKING & TRAFFIC

The City Council received and filed a report relating to commercial vehicle parking regulations, by motion of Council Member Gonzalez and seconded by Vice Mayor De Witt. Mayor Davila was absent.

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TWEEDY MILE BUSINESS
ASSOCIATION

The City Council continued the Tweedy Mile Association Annual Street Fair Report, to the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting of August 22, 2006 by motion of Council Member Gonzalez and seconded by Vice Mayor De Witt. Mayor Davila was absent.

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MUNICIPAL CODE ADMIN

The City Council set a public hearing for August 8, 2006 to introduce an Ordinance amending Title 8 (Traffic), Chapter 8.12 (Stopping, Standing and Parking of Vehicles), Section 8.12.090 (Authority to establish preferential parking zones) of the South Gate Municipal Code by establishing Preferential Parking Districts, by motion of Vice Mayor De Witt and seconded by Council Member Hurtado. Mayor Davila was absent.

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PERSONNEL ADMIN

The City Council continued the consideration of an additional reserve appropriation to the Police Department’s Patrol Division Employee Services Account to fund two additional Police Officer positions to the City Council Meeting of September 26, 2006, by motion of Council Member Gonzalez and seconded by Vice Mayor De Witt. Mayor Davila was absent.

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WARRANTS AND
CANCELLATIONS

The City Council approved the Warrants and Cancellations for July 25, 2006, with the exception of Warrant No. 128806 by motion of Council Member Gonzalez and seconded by Vice Mayor De Witt. Mayor Davila was absent.

FISCAL YEAR 2005/2006

Total of Net City Expenses: \$885,657.66

Cancellations: 128776 and 128562

FISCAL YEAR 2006/2007

Total of Checks:	\$1,189,656.94
Total of Payroll Deductions:	<u>\$< 136,288.90 ></u>
Total of Net City Expenses:	\$1,053,368.14
Credit Union Wire Transfer:	\$< 90,942.33 >
Wire Transfer-David Haberbush for Southland Corp.:	<u>\$< 250,000.00 ></u>
Grand Total:	\$ 1,303,368.14

Cancellations: 128830

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CITY COUNCIL

City Manager Announcements: None

CLOSED SESSION

The City Council recessed into Closed Session at 10:55 p.m., and reconvened at 11:30 p.m., with four (4) Members of Council present. Mayor Davila was absent. City Attorney Salinas reported the following:

1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

Agency Representation: City Manager
Gary Milliman
Employee Organizations: SGDMA
SGPMMA
SGMEA

There was no reportable action taken on this matter.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Hurtado adjourned the meeting in memory of Diane Warden, Public Works Senior Secretary (Water Division) at 11:32 p.m. and seconded by Vice Mayor De Witt. Mayor Davila was absent.

PASSED and **APPROVED**, this 8th day of August, 2006.

ATTEST:

Maria Davila, Mayor

Carmen Avalos, City Clerk