

**CITY OF SOUTH GATE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
TUESDAY, JULY 10, 2007**

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

INVOCATION Pastor Victor Rico, Redeemer Lutheran Church led the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE The Astro's, Tiny Division Baseball Team led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL Carmen Avalos, City Clerk

PRESENT Mayor Bill De Witt, Vice Mayor Gil Hurtado, Council Member Henry C. Gonzalez, Council Member Greg Martinez and Council Member Maria Davila; Interim City Manager Mary Strenn and City Attorney Raul Salinas

LATE City Treasurer Rudy Navarro arrived at the dais at 6:45 p.m.

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PARKING & TRAFFIC The City Council opened the public hearing for the introduction of an ordinance amending the South Gate Municipal Code Title 8 (Traffic), Chapter 8.12 (Stopping, Standing and Parking of Vehicles), Section 8.12.070 (Oversized Vehicle Parking Regulations) of the South Gate Municipal Code, and continued it to the August 14, 2007 City Council meeting.

Item 1 was unanimously removed from the agenda by motion of Council Member Martinez and seconded by Vice Mayor Hurtado.

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LAW ENFORCEMENT The City Council unanimously conducted a public hearing and authorized utilization of Fiscal Year 2007 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Funds from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, by motion of Council Member Martinez and seconded by Council Member Davila.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE Virginia Johnson, 5751 McKinley Avenue, informed City Council about a lot of activity at the Miller Way property.

REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS Council Member Martinez had a great Fourth of July and worked at a firework booth.

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REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS CONTINUED

Council Member Davila asked Mayor De Witt if the Council may recognize the students that attended the New Mexico College Prep Program. She also informed Council and the public that the Southeast Coalition has adopted the Bylaws. She also mentioned that the City of Vernon contributed \$65,000 so the other cities may contribute \$25,800.

Council Member Gonzalez attended the installation ceremony for the new School Board Member Yoli Flores Aguilar last weekend. Ms. Flores Aguilar will be scheduling a meeting to hear from the public of any issues in the community.

Vice Mayor Hurtado thanked Mohammad Mostahkami, City Engineer for addressing the Tweedy/Atlantic intersection. He asked Paul Adams, Director of Parks & Recreation if he had an idea how many people attended the activities at the park.

Paul Adams, Director of Parks & Recreation has not received a report from the person in charge of the carnival, but did notice there was a poor attendance and believes it was due to the Holiday landing in the middle of the week.

Mayor De Witt announced attending the Fourth of July event at the park and Council Member Davila was there too. He attended the County Sanitation District's meeting and there was nothing to report. He also attended the Southeast Water Coalition meeting in Paramount and the Coalition is very concerned about the Water Replenishments fees and the Assembly Bill 640 which has been converted into a study thing. As a result, Mayor De Witt will be meeting with Board Member Lillian Kawasaki who represents the Long Beach area on the Water Replenishment District next week.

Council Member Martinez asked if an issue may be placed on the agenda for discussion about elective officials that have been convicted of misappropriation of the people's money and their picture inside City Hall.

Mayor De Witt also asked about having current pictures of current Council Members.

Council Member Martinez also mentioned that on Friday, June 29th, the Crime Impact Team caught a group of under age kids buying paint spray during the middle of the night.

Rudy Navarro, City Treasurer went on a ride-a-long on Friday night and announced that the Park Ranger caught red-handed four kids tagging on the park benches. He asked if the City may fine the parents for their kid's actions.

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REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS CONTINUED

Mayor De Witt thanked City Clerk Avalos for helping Assembly Member De La Torre's effort on the Scholarship Fund.

Carmen Avalos, City Clerk was able to use her background in education to help needy students and academically prepared students obtain a scholarship from Assembly Member De La Torre's office and part of the money did come from the original scholarship fund of Martha Escutia.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Agenda Items 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 were unanimously approved during consideration of the Consent Calendar by motion of Council Member Gonzalez and seconded by Vice Mayor Hurtado.

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SITE PLAN ADMIN

The City Council unanimously waived the reading and adopted Ordinance No. 2232 entitled – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of South Gate amending Title 11 (Zoning), Chapter 11.06 (Establishment of Use Zones, the Boundaries thereof and limiting the uses of Land and areas required therein), of the South Gate Municipal Code by adding new Section 11.06.039.160 (Reclassifying certain property from Zone M-2 to Precise Plan Status) and Amending Chapter 11.50, Precise Plans), by adding Section 11.50.110(Units of Precise Plans) of the South Gate Municipal Code, by adding Subsection 18, Identifying Precise Plan No. 18, during consideration of the Consent Calendar.

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REDEVELOPMENT

The City Council unanimously waived the reading and adopted Ordinance No. 2235 entitled – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of South Gate amending Ordinance No. U-2045 previously adopted by the City Council on April 13, 1999, which amended the Redevelopment Plan for South Gate Redevelopment Project No. 1 pursuant to Assembly Bill 1342, during consideration of the Consent Calendar; and

- a) Ordinance No. 2236 entitled – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of South Gate amending Ordinance No. U-2198 previously adopted by the City Council on June 28, 2005, which amended the Redevelopment Plan for South Gate Redevelopment Project No. 1 pursuant to Section 33333.6(e)(2)(C) of the California Health and Safety Code; and
- b) Ordinance No. 2237 entitled – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of South Gate amending Ordinance No. 2199 previously adopted by the City Council on August 9, 2005, which amended the Redevelopment Plan for South Gate Redevelopment Project No. 1 pursuant to Section 33333.6(e)(2)(D) of the California Health and Safety Code.

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REDEVELOPMENT

The City Council unanimously waived the reading and adopted Ordinance No. 2238 entitled – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of South Gate eliminating the time limit on establishment of loans, advances and indebtedness with respect to the Redevelopment Plan for South Gate Redevelopment Project No 1 as to Redevelopment Locations Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 and 8 (excluding Redevelopment Location No. 9); and making other findings in connection therewith, during consideration of the Consent Calendar.

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REDEVELOPMENT

The City Council unanimously waived the reading and adopted Ordinance No. 2239 entitled – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of South Gate amending certain time limitations for the Redevelopment Plan for South Gate Redevelopment Project No. 1 as to Redevelopment Locations Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 and 8 (excluding Redevelopment Location No. 9) pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 33333.6(e)(2)(D); and making other findings in connection therewith, during consideration of the Consent Calendar.

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REDEVELOPMENT

The City Council unanimously waived the reading and adopted Ordinance No. 2240 entitled - An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of South Gate, California confirming expiration of the Community Development Commission's Power of Eminent Domain for Project Area No. 1 as to Redevelopment Location Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 and 8; Affirming no Power of Eminent Domain has ever existed for Project Area No. 1 as to Redevelopment Location No. 9; thereby describing the CDC's program regarding acquisition of real property by Eminent Domain pursuant to Senate Bill 53 and Section 33342.7 of the California Health & Safety Code, during consideration of the Consent Calendar.

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WASTEWATER MGMT

The City Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 7196 entitled – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate approving the Development Plan and schedule for the required Sanitary Sewer System Management Plan for the City of South Gate, during consideration of the Consent Calendar.

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UTILITY & ASSESSMENT DISTRICTS

The City Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 7197 entitled - Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate declaring its intention to establish an Underground Utility District No. 9 on Long Beach Boulevard from Independence Avenue to Southern Avenue, during consideration of the Consent Calendar; and

- a) Adopted Resolution No. 7198 entitled - Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate declaring its intention to establish an Underground Utility District No. 10 on Long Beach Boulevard from Southern Avenue to Tweedy Boulevard; and
- b) Instructed the City Clerk to notify all affected utilities and persons owning real property with the proposed Underground Utility District No. 9 and District No. 10 within ten (10) days after the adoption of the Resolution of Intent.

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WASTEWATER MGMT

The City Council unanimously awarding a Professional Services Agreement (Contract No. 2378) for \$47,675.00 to John L. Hunter and Associates, Inc. for the administration and implementation of the Used Oil Recycling Grant contingent upon adoption of the 2007-2008 budget, during consideration of the Consent Calendar; and

- a) Awarded a Professional Services Agreement (Contract No. 2379) for \$46,710.00 to John L. Hunter and Associates, Inc. for the administration and implementation of the Beverage Container Recycling Grant contingent upon the adoption of the 2007-2008 budget; and
- b) Authorized the Mayor to execute the agreements in a form approved by the City Attorney.

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MINUTES

The City Council unanimously approved the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of June 26, 2007, the Special City Council Budget Meeting Minutes of June 25, 2007, and the Special City Council Meeting Minutes of July 2, 2007, during consideration of the Consent Calendar.

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12 TRANSPORTATION PLANNING/ADMIN

The City Council authorized the Interim City Manager to retain an Environmental Consultant to conduct Professional Phase II Environmental Services for the Firestone Boulevard and Atlantic Avenue Intersection Improvement Project, City Project No. 365-ST, by motion of Council Member Gonzalez and seconded by Council Member Davila; and

- a) Authorized the preparation of the standard Profession Services Agreement (Contract No. 2380) for the Mayor's signature in a form approved by the City Attorney.

Mayor De Witt abstained from voting on this item and removed himself from the dais and departed from the Council Chambers.

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

13 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

The City Council unanimously approved an Agreement (Contract No. 2381) with Oldtimers Foundation for implementation of activities for FY 2007-08, by motion of Council Member Martinez and seconded by Vice Mayor Hurtado; and

- a) Approved an Agreement (Contract No. 2382) with Southern California Rehabilitation Services (SCRS) for implementation of activities for FY 2007-08; and
- b) Approved an Agreement (Contract No. 2383) with Teen Challenge Ministry Institute for implementation of activities for FY 2007-08; and
- c) Authorized the Mayor to execute the above-referenced contracts in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

14 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/ HOUSING

The City Council approved the request by SG Realty Group, Inc. to Subordinate the Agreement (Contract No. 2384) at 8931 Dudlext Avenue, by motion of Council Member Martinez and seconded by Vice Mayor Hurtado; and

- a) Authorized the Mayor to approve the agreement in a form approved by the City Attorney.

ROLL CALL: Council Member Martinez, yes; Council Member Davila, yes; Council Member Gonzalez, no; Vice Mayor Hurtado, yes; Mayor De Witt, yes.

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HOUSING PROGRAM
ADMINISTRATION

The City Council unanimously approved an Agreement (Contract No. 2385) with the Salvation Army Bell Shelter, by motion of Council Member Martinez and seconded by Vice Mayor Hurtado; and

- a) Authorized the Mayor to execute the above-referenced contract and contract amendments in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

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CITY FACILITIES
MANAGEMENT

The City Council appropriated additional funds in the amount of \$63,000 from the General Fund balance for the expansion and remodel of the Purchasing Office at the City Corporate Yard, by motion of Council Member Gonzalez and seconded by Vice Mayor Hurtado.

ROLL CALL: Council Member Gonzalez, yes; Council Member Davila, yes; Council Member Martinez, no; Vice Mayor Hurtado, yes; Mayor De Witt, yes.

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REVENUE & TAXATION

The City Council considered outstanding Budget Items; and

- a) Adopting the Proposed Annual Budget for fiscal year 2007-2008; and
- b) Approving the updated salary tables and amendments to job titles of MEA and PMMA bargaining units.

RECESS

Prior to the conclusion of item 17, the City Council recessed at 8:40 p.m. and reconvened at 9:00 p.m., with all Members of Council present.

Council Member Gonzalez moved, Mayor De Witt seconded, and the motioned carried 4-1 with Council Member Martinez voting no, to approve the budget as submitted with the additions of a Grounds Maintenance Supervisor, four (4) new police officers, two (2) water employees, one (1) Code Enforcement Officer and delete \$96,000 for vehicle replacement from the water division budget.

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WARRANTS AND
CANCELLATIONS**

The City Council unanimously approved the Warrants and Cancellations for July 10, 2007, by motion of Council Member Gonzalez and seconded by Mayor De Witt.

Total of Checks:	\$2,422,578.44
Total of Payroll Deductions:	<u>\$ <38,218.61></u>
Grand Total:	\$2,384,359.83

Cancellations: 135796-135826, 132826, 132836, 132915

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Mayor Hurtado unanimously adjourned the meeting in Memory of Yolanda Franco, South Gate Resident and Yaskara Camacho, South Gate Residents at 10:29 p.m. and seconded by Mayor De Witt.

PASSED and **APPROVED**, this 24th day of July, 2007.

ATTEST:

W.H. (Bill) De Witt, Mayor

Carmen Avalos, City Clerk