

**CITY OF SOUTH GATE  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 28, 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 Chuck Brady, South Gate Resident/Retired led the Invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Rudy Navarro, City Treasurer 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; City Treasurer Rudy Navarro, Interim City Manager Mary Strenn and Interim City Attorney Rick Navarette

**ABSENT** City Attorney Raul Salinas

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**PROCLAMATIONS** The City Council issued a Proclamation declaring the month of September 2007 as “National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month.”

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**FINANCIAL MGMT** The City Council conducted a public hearing and unanimously adopted Resolution No. 7202 entitled – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate amending Resolution No. 7191 by establishing a new fee for the Enterprise Zone application process, by motion of Council Member Davila and seconded by Vice Mayor Hurtado.

**COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE** Virginia Johnson, 5751 McKinley Avenue, thanked City staff for cleaning up the Hollydale area. She mentioned that the Citizen’s Advisory Committee’s next meeting is scheduled for January. She hopes the City would be able to purchase a few more microphones by 2008 to accommodate the large group.

Retired Pastor Charles Brady participated in the City’s Plan and asked City Council to also consider the Westside in getting additional areas for Parks & Recreation.

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### REPORTS AND COMMENTS

#### FROM CITY OFFICIALS

Lolita Brown Fletcher, Personnel Director invited Council to participate in the Blood Drive and Vendor Fair on Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Council Member Martinez announced that he and Mayor De Witt visited Edison's Big Creek where the electricity is generated and noted that the water was low. He traveled to Yosemite and noticed the lack of waterfalls and the Hoover dam's water was low too. He stated that we need to conserve more water.

Council Member Gonzalez announced his concern about the Chavez Park's lawn needing increased irrigation. He also mentioned that while attending the General Plan meeting on Saturday at the South Gate Park he overheard and later read in the Long Beach Press Telegram an article referencing the ROTC program at South Gate High School and its possible elimination.

Council Member Davila attended the County Sanitation meeting and they are planning on a few inspection trips. She informed Council that the Southeast Cities Schools Coalition will be interviewing for the Executive Director position. She will be looking into the ROTC program and notify Council of the any changes.

Mayor De Witt apologized for not attending the community meeting he and his wife flew to Maui, Hawaii to help support the Southeast High School football team which was having a pre-season game at the War Memorial Stadium playing against Maui High School. He added that he was celebrating his 30<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. Lastly, He expressed concern about the ROTC program.

Rudy Navarro, City Treasurer express concern of the ROTC program.

#### CONSENT CALENDAR

Agenda Items 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 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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#### LICENSES & PERMITS

The City Council considered waiving the reading and unanimously adopted Ordinance No. 2233 entitled – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of South Gate granting a Franchise to Exxonmobil Oil Corporation to lay and use pipes, ditches, flumes, conduits and appurtenances for transmitting and distributing oil or oil-based products thereof, for any and all purposes in, along, across, upon and under 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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**COMMUNITY PROMOTION** The City Council unanimously approved the agreement (Contract No. 2395) with the South Gate Chamber of Commerce for Fiscal Year 2007-2008, during consideration of the Consent Calendar.

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**LAW ENFORCEMENT** The City Council unanimously authorized the expenditure of \$43,000.00 from the Asset Seizure Fund for the purchase of 19 rifles, hard shell cases and locks for the police Department patrol vehicles, during consideration of the Consent Calendar.

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**LAW ENFORCEMENT** The City Council unanimously authorized the expenditure of \$6,500.00 from the Asset Seizure Fund for the purchase of 20 portable Motorola Radios for sworn and non-sworn personnel, during consideration of the Consent Calendar.

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**LAW ENFORCEMENT** The City Council unanimously authorized the expenditure of \$8,000.00 from the Asset Seizure Fund for the purchase of 12 lockers and construction costs to expand the locker room in the Police Department, during consideration of the Consent Calendar.

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**REVENUE & TAXATION** The City Council unanimously received and filed a report on public outreach guidelines and deadlines for a potential tax measure, during consideration of the Consent Calendar.

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**MINUTES** The City Council unanimously approved the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of July 24 and August 14 2007 and Special City Council Meeting Minutes of August 7, 2007, during consideration of the Consent Calendar.

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**PERSONNEL ADMIN** The City Council unanimously adopting Resolution No. 7203 entitled – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate amending Resolution No. 6454 (Salary Resolution and Classification Plan) and amendments thereto to reflect the creation of a temporary Personnel Manager position, new job specifications and salary range, by motion of Council Member Davila and seconded by Vice Mayor Hurtado; and

- a) Authorized a budget appropriation in the amount of \$94,500 from the Insurance Fund Reserve to the General Fund for allocation to the Administration/Personnel Salaries Account to cover salary and benefits for nine months.

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**11  
PUBLIC WORKS/  
ENGINEERING ADMIN**

The City Council considered:

- a. Awarding a two year as-needed Professional Services Agreement to Willdan; and
- b. Awarding a two year as-needed Professional Services Agreement to Bureau Veritas North America, Inc.; and
- c. Authorizing the Mayor to execute an Agreement with Willdan in a form approved by the City Attorney; and
- d. Authorizing the Mayor to execute an Agreement with Bureau Veritas North America, Inc., in a form approved by the City Attorney.

Item 11 was unanimously continued to the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting of September 11, 2007, by motion of Council Member Davila and seconded by Mayor De Witt.

**12  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
ADMINISTRATION**

The City Council considered adopting Resolution No. 7204 entitled – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate authorizing the reallocation of Fiscal Year 2006/2007 Community Development Block Grant Funds in the amount of \$200,000 for additional work on Cesar Chavez Park Phase I and II Projects, by motion of Council Member Davila and seconded by Vice Mayor Hurtado.

**13  
LAW ENFORCEMENT**

The City Council discussed the Police Department's Canine Unit with no reportable action.

**14  
MUNICIPAL CODE  
ADMINISTRATION**

The City Council unanimously received and filed a report on Graffiti and appropriate \$25,000 from the Asset Seizure Fund for the purchase of a mobile camera, by motion of Vice Mayor Hurtado and seconded by Council Member Davila.

**15  
WARRANTS &  
CANCELLATIONS**

The City Council unanimously approved the Warrants and Cancellations for August 28, 2007, by motion of Council Member Gonzalez and seconded by Mayor De Witt.

Total of Checks:	\$4,482,331.53
Total of Payroll Deductions:	\$ <299,541.02>
Grand Total:	\$4,182,790.51

Cancellations: 136269

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Council Member Gonzalez adjourned the meeting in Memory of Ralph Mattix, brother of Virginia Johnson, South Gate Resident and Clarence Gamble, long time South Gate Resident at 8:47 p.m. and seconded by Mayor De Witt.

**PASSED** and **APPROVED**, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2007.

ATTEST:

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W.H. (Bill) De Witt, Mayor

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Carmen Avalos, City Clerk