

**CITY OF SOUTH GATE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2007**

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Bill De Witt called the Regular Meeting of the City Council to order at 6:34 p.m.

INVOCATION Pastor Ernesto Trejo, South Gate Church of Christ led the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE JoAnna Marie Hill-Martinez, South Gate Resident led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL Sonia Guerrero, Recording Secretary

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 City Attorney Raul Salinas

EXCUSED Carmen Avalos, City Clerk

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PROCLAMATIONS The City Council issued a Proclamation declaring the month of October as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

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PROCLAMATIONS The City Council issued a Proclamation declaring October 23-31, 2007, as Red Ribbon Week.

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PRESENTATIONS/AWARDS The City Council presented a Certificate of Appreciation to JoAnna Marie Hill-Martinez for obtaining her Juris Doctorate Degree and passing the California Bar Exam.

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PRESENTATIONS/AWARDS The City Council presented Certificates of Appreciation to Detective Manuel Gutierrez and Canine "Laika" in recognition of their years of service to the City of South Gate.

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UNCLASSIFIED USE PERMITS The City Council conducted a Public Hearing and unanimously continued the adoption of a Resolution - approving Unclassified Use Permit No. 62, a Wireless Telecommunications Facility at 2809 Tweedy Boulevard to the City Council meeting of November 27, 2007, by motion of Council Member Gonzalez and seconded by Vice Mayor Hurtado.

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UNCLASSIFIED USE PERMITS

The City Council conducted a Public Hearing and adopted Resolution No. 7216 entitled – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate approving Unclassified Use Permit No. 60, a Wireless Telecommunications Facility at 4354 Tweedy Boulevard, by motion of Council Member Gonzalez and seconded by Vice Mayor Hurtado.

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

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Mayor De Witt announced that there has been a labor dispute between Waste Management and their union which has caused a little bit of disruption.

Virginia Johnson, 5751 McKinley Avenue, apologized to Council Member Gonzalez for admonishing him on her incorrect assumption on his vote regarding the facsimile badges/police badges being awarded to elected officials, building officials, Code Enforcement, Director of Emergency Services and the Business License Inspector.

Sam Perdomo representative of Waste Management, 4489 Ardine Street, South Gate, gave a brief update on the labor dispute development. Waste Management wants to work with everyone to keep the operation working as smoothly as possible in South Gate and keep everyone informed on the schedule changes.

Council Member Gonzalez asked Mr. Perdomo not to discuss internal problems between the union and management in a public hearing.

Mr. Perdomo explained that management has contingency drivers to bring the service schedules back to normal as soon as possible.

Vice Mayor Hurtado asked about the recycling.

Mr. Perdomo said that the recycling be held until further notice.

Council Member Martinez asked if Waste Management is still delivering roll off dumpsters?

Mayor De Witt clarified that Waste Management is one day behind on the residential waste pick-up.

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COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE CONTINUED

Two representatives from the South Gate High School student body invited everyone to the Second Annual Azalea Bowl game between Southeast High and South Gate High on Thursday, October 25th at 7:00 p.m., at the Veteran's stadium in Long Beach.

Julio Munoz, 5130 Wood Avenue, Apt. F, mentioned that on two different occasions, the police department has dispatched twelve patrol cars to arrest one person. He is concerned for the safety of the residents on Wood Avenue because the officers are speeding.

REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

Paul Adams, Director of Parks & Recreation highlighted upcoming community events.

Lolita Brown Fletcher, Director of Personnel highlighted upcoming employee events.

Robert Todd, Chief of Police updated Council on the fire situation and two police officers were dispatched to the Santa Clarita area to help evacuate residents in that area.

Mayor De Witt informed the public that Fire Engine No. 148 from Lynwood (that was litigated to the South Gate Fire Museum a couple of weeks ago) was called out and put into service on Monday.

Council Member Martinez had a great time at the Employee's Softball game on Thursday. He also had a great time with the Boy Scouts over the weekend. He mentioned that the parking in the Westside is horrible. He commended Officer Dahlia for citing every teenager that was not wearing a helmet at the skate park. He asked that this item be placed on the agenda for discussion. He commended the Park's Director and Police Department for enforcing the park rules.

Council Member Davila announced that at the next Council meeting the Council will be introduced to the Marisela Cervantes, the new Executive Director for the Southeast Coalition Schools Coalition (SCSC).

Vice Mayor Hurtado also had a great time at the Employee's Softball game and is very pleased with the Parks & Recreation Department and Police Department for enforcing the park rules.

Mayor De Witt announced that at the last County Sanitation District's meeting the Board of Directors unanimously voted to approve an increase on the dumping fees at all facilities operated by the County. He mentioned that last week the City received complaints from the parents of students within the Paramount Unified School District. Council Member