

**CITY OF SOUTH GATE  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2007**

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Bill De Witt called the Regular Meeting of the City Council to order at 6:30 p.m.

**INVOCATION** Father John Provenza, St. Helen's Church led the Invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Robert L. Wilkinson Jr., Boy Scout 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 Gregory Martinez and Council Member Maria Davila; City Treasurer Rudy Navarro, City Manager Ronald Bates and Special City Attorney Rick Navarette

**LATE** City Treasurer Rudy Navarro arrived at 7:52 p.m. and City Attorney Raul Salinas arrived during Closed Session at 9:03 p.m.

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PROCLAMATIONS** The City Council issued a Proclamation to Boy Scout Robert L. Wilkinson Jr., for earning the Eagle Scout rank.

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CITY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS** Council Member Davila was unanimously appointed as a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District for a two (2) year term of office, by motion of Mayor De Witt and seconded by Council Member Gonzalez.

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PRESENTATIONS** The City Council was introduced to four new employees from the Police Department.

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PRESENTATIONS** The South Gate Rotary Club presented Certificates of Appreciation to the City, Parks and Recreation Department and Councilman Henry C. Gonzalez for the 2007 Thanksgiving Luncheon.

**COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE** Virginia Johnson, 5751 McKinley Avenue, commented that the South Gate Rod & Gun Club, which existed for 50 years, participated in various community activities until the 4 acres of land was confiscated by former City Treasurer Robles and George Garrido. Now she feels that the new Council seems to want to let an immoral deed continue by not allowing the club to return to their usual 4 acres of land. If the club were to return, the club would continue to mind their own lead as before and resume the club's good work with the community.

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Mayor De Witt added that the Rod & Gun Club participated in post Azalea Festivals by hosting the fishing derby at the wading pool.

Julio Munoz, 5130 Wood Avenue, commented that the Chief of Police from Tampico, Florida sends his regards to Chief of Police Todd. He informed Council that approximately two weeks ago four patrol cars were at a liquor store near where he lives. As he tried to enter the liquor store an explorer stopped him. He is concerned that explorers are allowed to join in raids.

Chief of Police Todd will check into it.

Vice Mayor Hurtado suggested that he should not wait two weeks and should report it right away.

Mayor De Witt explained that South Gate has had the explorers for many many years. A number of officers have come out of the explorer program.

### REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

Council Member Gonzalez reminded the public of the basketball game scheduled for this Friday between South Gate High and Southeast High schools. He also announced that the South Gate High School Coach, Gary Cordray is retiring.

Council Member Davila mentioned that there was a great turn out on Sunday at the Christmas parade. She thanked Public Works, the Police Department and the Explorers for doing a great job. She informed Council and the public that the Southeast Coalition had a meeting on Wednesday with School Board Member Yolie Aguilar and people from different states speaking about reforming our schools.

Vice Mayor Hurtado received updates on the I-91 and I-710 freeways at the Gateway meeting. He is concerned regarding the 2007 foreclosure article in the L.A. Neighborhood magazine. He was also wondering how many people were present on Sunday.

Chief of Police Todd estimated about 15,000 people were present on Sunday.

Vice Mayor Hurtado thanked Mayor De Witt for mailing out a letter to the Albertson's management headquarters. He was assured by Albertson's that the problem would be taken care of.

Mayor De Witt along with Council Member Martinez attended a joint meeting of the California Contract Cities Association and Independent

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Cities Association in Downtown L.A. He also had an opportunity to speak with Rick Auerbach, County Assessor regarding the assessment problems.

Carmen Avalos, City Clerk wished everyone a happy holidays and that next year is prosperous.

Lolita Brown Fletcher, Personnel Director highlighted upcoming community and personnel events.

Robert Todd, Chief of Police highlighted upcoming community events.

#### CONSENT CALENDAR

Agenda Items 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 were unanimously approved during consideration of the Consent Calendar by motion of Vice Mayor Hurtado and seconded Mayor De Witt.

#### 5 STREETS/SIDEWALKS/ LANDSCAPING

The City Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 7224 entitled – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate declaring its intention to vacate Dorothy Avenue from Firestone Boulevard to 304.99 feet south, alley between Dorothy and Hunt Avenues, and alley between Dorothy and Kauffman Avenues, and set a time and place for Public Hearing thereon and setting the Public Hearing for January 22, 2008, during consideration of the Consent Calendar; and

- a) Directed the City Clerk to publish the Notice of Public Hearing as required by law.

#### 6 PERSONNEL ADMIN

The City Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 7225 entitled – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate amending Resolution No. 6454 (Salary Resolution and Classification Plan) to reflect the reclassification of the Development Services Manager to an Assistant Director of Community Development Position and establish the job specification and salary range, during consideration of the Consent Calendar; and

- a) Established the job specification and salary for the Assistant Director position.

#### 7 WATER

The City Council unanimously awarded Contract No. 2418 for \$249,000 to General Pump Company Incorporated, for the Rehabilitation of Well No. 19 at South Gate Park, 9615 Pinehurst Avenue, and Well No. 27 at 2645 Tweedy Boulevard, City Project No. 373-WTR, during consideration of the Consent Calendar; and

- a) Authorized the Mayor to execute the contract in a form approved by the City Attorney.