

**CITY OF SOUTH GATE**  
**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2008**

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Bill De Witt called the Regular Meeting of the City Council to order at 6:32 p.m.

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Bryan Cook, Assistant to the City Manager 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 City Attorney Raul Salinas

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**CITY COUNCIL**  
**APPOINTMENTS**

The City Council unanimously appointed Leticia Fernandez as a Commissioner to the Commission of South Gate Youth, by motion of Mayor De Witt and seconded by Council Member Davila.

**COMMENTS FROM**  
**THE AUDIENCE**

Virginia Johnson, 5751 McKinley Avenue, commented that the South Gate Gun club has been meeting for four (4) years at the Girl's Club House on Thursday evenings. She forgot to sign the new contract due to the holidays and couldn't meet this Thursday. Paulita DeLuna from the Parks & Recreation Department was very helpful setting up chairs in the auditorium so they could meet. She thanked Ms. DeLuna and advised that the Parks & Recreation Department has a conscientious employee.

Mayor De Witt thanked Ms. Johnson and said that it is always nice to hear positive comments in regards to our employees.

**REPORTS AND COMMENTS**  
**FROM CITY OFFICIALS**

Vice Mayor Hurtado reported receiving comments from constituents living near Tweedy and Hildreth in regards to drivers not stopping at the second signal light.

Mayor De Witt reported that the Directors of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California has come up with a new plan that would allocate water and the pricing of water to the twenty-six (26) different water districts in the time of drought conditions.

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### REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS CONTINUED

Steve Lefever, Director of Community Development reminded Mayor De Witt and Council Member Davila that the Orangeline meeting scheduled for tomorrow has been canceled.

Paul Adams, Director of Parks & Recreation informed City Council and the public that the City has prepared nomination forms for the Azalea Queen and Grand Marshall. He also announced the dedication ceremony for the Los Angeles River Bike entrance project at Hollydale Regional Park on January 17, 2008 at 11:00 a.m.

Lolita Brown Fletcher, Director of Personnel announced that thirty-six (36) families received food baskets containing multiple can goods and perishables donated by the employees, as well as, fifty (50) children from the social services program of the Los Angeles County received Christmas gifts from the employees. She also reminded everyone of the employee award dinner scheduled for Friday, January 25, 2008.

Robert Todd, Chief of Police informed City Council that Officer Diana Ochoa was involved in a very serious accident on Monday morning. He also announced that eight-five (85) families received Christmas presents through the Santa Cop Program over the holidays.

Carmen Avalos, City Clerk announced that the City will be celebrating its 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday on January 20, 2008. She informed City Council that she received her certificate from the International Municipal Clerk's Association and lastly, the 460 forms are due on January 31, 2008.

### CONSENT CALENDAR

Agenda Items 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8 and 9 were unanimously approved during consideration of the Consent Calendar by motion of Council Member Gonzalez and seconded Council Member Davila. Item 6 was removed for separate discussion.

### 2 MUNICIPAL CODE ADMINISTRATION

The City Council unanimously waived the reading and adopted Ordinance No. 2245 entitled – An Ordinance amending Chapter 9.01 (Building Standards Administrative Code), Chapter 9.02 (Building Code), Chapter 9.03 (Electrical Code), Chapter 9.04 (Mechanical Code), Chapter 9.05 (Plumbing Code), Chapter 9.06 (Energy Code), Chapter 9.07 (Historical Building Code), Chapter 9.08 (Code of Building Conservation), Chapter 9.09 (Referenced Standards Code), Chapter 9.12 (Administrative Code), Chapter 9.14 (Swimming Pool, Spa and Hot Tub Code) and Chapter 9.15 (Solar Energy Code) of Title 9 (Buildings) of the South Gate Municipal Code by adopting by reference the California Codes of Regulations; and adding a new Chapter 9.16 (Building Relocation), during consideration of the Consent Calendar.

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WATER PLANNING/  
ISSUES

The City Council unanimously approved the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement (Contract No. 2426) - between the Southeast Water Coalition and the cities of Artesia, Cerritos, Downey, Lakewood, Long Beach, Norwalk, Paramount, Santa Fe Springs, Signal Hill, and South Gate for integrated regional water planning and development, during consideration of the Consent Calendar; and

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

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PARKING & TRAFFIC  
ADMINISTRATION

The City Council unanimously approved an agreement (Contract No. 2427) with the City of Inglewood for parking citation processing services and authorizing the Mayor to execute the agreement in a form approved by the City Attorney, during consideration of the Consent Calendar.

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SOLID WASTE  
MANAGEMENT

The City Council unanimously received and filed a status report on Remediation of Stockpile Project located on City property at 10120 Miller Way, during consideration of the Consent Calendar; and

- a) Certifying that the emergency still exists necessitating the removal of the stockpile located at 10120 Miller Way.

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WARRANTS AND  
CANCELLATIONS

The City Council unanimously approved the Warrants and Cancellations for December 20, 2007, by motion of Council Member Gonzalez and seconded by Mayor De Witt.

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| Total of Checks:             | \$1,676,055.20 |
| Total of Payroll Deductions: | \$ <63,552.81> |
| Grand Total:                 | \$1,612,502.39 |

Cancellations: 137675, 138785, 139131-139137

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LAW ENFORCEMENT

The City Council unanimously authorized the appropriation of \$45,000 from the Asset Seizure Fund to the Police Training Account to pay for training of Police Department employees, during consideration of the Consent Calendar.