

**CITY OF SOUTH GATE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Bill De Witt called a regular City Council meeting to order at 6:44 p.m.

INVOCATION Lolita Brown Fletcher, Director of Personnel led the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Violet Rodriguez, Program Coordinator for the Long Beach Fair Housing Foundation 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 Martinez and Council Member Maria Davila; City Treasurer Rudy Navarro, City Manager Ronald Bates and City Attorney Raul Salinas

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PROCLAMATIONS The City Council issued a Proclamation declaring the month of April, 2008, as National Fair Housing Month.

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PRESENTATIONS The City Council accepted the presentation of an asset revenue sharing check from the Department of Justice in the amount of \$1,085,344.

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CITY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS The City Council made the following appointment to City Commissions and Committees which was ratified by a majority vote of the City Council.

Vice Mayor Hurtado moved, Mayor De Witt seconded and the motion carried unanimously (5-0), to appoint Dan Cruz to the Parks & Recreation Commission.

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**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/
HOUSING** The City Council unanimously conducted a Public Hearing and approved the Annual Action Plan for 2008-2009, including the proposed list of project funding allocations, attachments 1 & 2, by motion of Vice Mayor Hurtado and seconded by Council Member Gonzalez; and

- a) Approving the recommended amendments to the Five-Year Consolidated Plan, attachment 3; and
- b) Inform the public of the 30-day comment period.

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WATER

The City Council unanimously conducted a Public Hearing and approved (as amended) to remove the proposed Ordinance from the agenda, by motion of Council Member Martinez and seconded by Mayor De Witt; and

- a) Directing staff to develop a resolution decreasing Development Impact Fees by 50% for ¾ and 1 inch water meters for single family residential development on one parcel; and
- b) Set a Public Hearing for April 22, 2008 for consideration of the resolution to verify the Development Impact (Water) Fee.

AMENDMENT: The 1 inch (single family residential on one parcel and not part of a new subdivision) should be \$6,000 instead of \$8,090

DEVIATE FROM
THE AGENDA

At this time, there being no objections, Mayor De Witt stated that item 18 would be considered out of its regular agenda order.

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PARKS

The City Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 7240 entitled – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate declaring Potential Site 3A as preference for Los Angeles Unified School District Elementary School No. 9, by motion of Vice Mayor Hurtado and seconded by Council Member Davila.

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COMMERCIAL ASSESSMENT
DISTRICTS

The City Council unanimously conducted a Public Hearing to certify and approve (as amended) the Negative Declaration for Zone Text Amendment 2008-01, which was completed in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), by motion of Council Member Martinez and seconded by Council Member Gonzalez; and

- a) Directed staff to file Notice of Determination with the Los Angeles County Clerk; and
- b) Waived the reading in full and introduced Ordinance No. 2249 entitled – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of South Gate amending Title 11 (Zoning), Chapter 11.04 (Definitions) by adding Section 11.04.116 (Color Palette) and 11.04.376 (Paint Color Permit), and amending Chapter 11.30 (Uses – General Provisions, conditions, and exceptions) by adding Section 11.30.230 of the South Gate Municipal Code relating to the Regulation of Paint Color of Commercial Building exteriors on Tweedy Boulevard.

AMENDMENT: Project Location: Tweedy Boulevard between Hunt Avenue and Long Beach Boulevard

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STREET VACATIONS

The City Council unanimously conducted a Public Hearing and adopted Resolution No. 7241 entitled – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate ordering the vacation of Dorothy Avenue from Firestone Boulevard to 304.99 Feet South of Firestone Boulevard, the alley between Dorothy and Hunt Avenues, and the alley between Dorothy and Kauffman Avenues, by motion of Council Member Gonzalez and seconded by Vice Mayor Hurtado.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Christopher Chavez, 10111 San Miguel Avenue, is a South Gate High School Senior and a youth member of Communities for Better Environment, a non-profit organization that works on environmental justice issues in the Southeast Los Angeles region. He addressed City Council of his opposition to the power plant in the City of Vernon.

Gerald Molina, Youth Program Coordinator for Communities for Youth's Better Environment, addressed City Council of their opposition to the power plant in the City of Vernon and asked that the City support their cause by adopting a resolution against the power plant.

Benicio Herrera, President of the Committee for Ecuadorians invited the City Council and everyone to join him on Sunday, March 30th to an event the committee has to raise funds to assist their country due to natural disasters.

REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

Council Member Martinez reported that approximately 100 to 120 vehicles are stolen per month in the City. Police records show that crime is down, but a lot of people do not file police reports.

Council Member Davila announced that she will be receiving a video on the West Nile Virus. She hopes this information may be placed on the website.

Council Member Gonzalez directed the City Manager to agendaize an issue in regards to the LAUSD for possible discussion and action. The School Board recently passed a motion to start charging the youth for the use of any facilities in their schools.

Council Member Davila announced that HUB Cities will be having their 25th Annual Anniversary in July or August. She also reminded everyone of the Career Fair Expo scheduled for April 5th at the South Gate Middle School from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Vice Mayor Hurtado spoke about his experience witnessing a crime being done at the El Paseo. He asked staff to join him in the 8th Annual Los Angeles River Ride on Sunday, June 8th.