

**CITY OF SOUTH GATE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Gil Hurtado called a regular City Council meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

INVOCATION Lolita Brown Fletcher, Personnel Director led the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Carmen Avalos, City Clerk led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL Carmen Avalos, City Clerk

PRESENT Mayor Gil Hurtado, Vice Mayor Henry C. Gonzalez, Council Member Gregory Martinez, Council Member Maria Davila and Council Member Bill De Witt; 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 week of May 18-24, 2008 as "National Public Works Week."

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PRESENTATIONS The City Council was introduced to four new South Gate Police Department Citizens on Patrol volunteers.

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PRESENTATIONS The City Council presented Certificates of Appreciation to the graduates of the South Gate Police Department Citizens Academy Class #3 in recognition of their participation and completion of the course.

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PRESENTATIONS The City Council presented Certificates of Appreciation to the 2007 Miss Azaleita Court for their participation in community events.

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PRESENTATIONS The City Council presented Certificates of Appreciation to the 2008 Azalea Festival Planning Committee Members.

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**COMMUNITY DEV/
HOUSING** The City Council conducted a Public Hearing and unanimously approved the Annual Action Plan for 2008-2009, by motion of Council Member Davila and seconded by Mayor Hurtado; and

- a) Approving the recommended amendments to the Five-Year Consolidated Plan

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COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Virginia Johnson, 5751 McKinley Avenue, addressed City Council in regards to an article on the Eminent Domain Measures 98 & 99. It states to vote “yes” on 98 and “no” on 99.

Ronald Garcia, Region Manager Public Affairs for the Southern California Edison Company informed City Council and the public that early this year the Edison Company Committee for the 2008 Earth Day received nominations for Environmental Hero Awards. One of the nominees was the City of South Gate (and they have over 800 cities and towns) in particular recognized were David Torres, Osie Harrell & Robert Dickey.

Mayor Hurtado is very proud that the City of South Gate was the only City to receive the “2008 Environmental Hero Award” from Southern California Edison Company. He also reminded staff about the June 8th Hollydale event.

Leo Quijano, 9604 Pinehurst Avenue, addressed Council in regards to an article in the newspaper about a person being accused of pedophilia and was permitted to return to work at the Southeast High School. He asked Council to investigate and write a letter to LAUSD to remove the individual.

Vice Mayor Gonzalez responded to Mr. Quijano’s concerns. He explained that the title of the news article makes the individual seem as he abused a child. The individual never abused the student it was a temporary teacher that got involved with the student.

Mayor Hurtado explained that the article gives a point of view where it implies that the principal, himself, is the one who molested the child. The article does say, he is just the principal and someone else did the crime.

REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

Lolita Brown Fletcher, Personnel Director highlighted upcoming community events.

Council Member Davila informed Lolita Brown Fletcher that the South Gate Multi-Cultural Women’s Club approved a \$100.00 check for the Revlon Cancer Walk South Gate team.

Robert Todd, Chief of Police thanked City Council and staff for attending the recognition dinner for the Police Department last week.

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

Steven Lefever, Director of Community Development thanked everyone that participated in the General Plan hearings.

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RECESS Prior to the conclusion of Reports and Comments from City Officials, the City Council recessed at 7:26 p.m. and reconvened at 7:33 p.m. with all Members of Counsel present.

**REPORTS AND COMMENTS
FROM CITY OFFICIALS**

Council Member Martinez announced that he is coaching a new softball team called Cardinals.

Council Member De Witt commended Council Member Martinez for coaching the softball team. He reported Public Works Department had a conference and training session at the South Gate Park and was attended by different cities through out Los Angeles and Orange counties. They also had a tour of the swimming pool at the Sports Center. He and Vice Mayor Gonzalez drove to the Board of Education in Downtown LA for presentations in regards to Elementary School No. 9.

Council Member Davila announced that Veronica Lopez, Code Enforcement Manager is the new president for the Multi-Cultural Women's Club. She also reported that the Southeast Cities Schools Coalition will be recognized by ASPA (American Society for Public Administration) for their effort to improve the education for the students.

Vice Mayor Gonzalez reported speaking to the Board of Education members in regards to a site for the new Elementary School No. 9. He respects everyone's opinion on how to vote on Measures 98 & 99. He asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Sandra Shelton and Mary Cole. He informed the public that he may be testifying on behalf of Mr. Angulo, Principal of the Southeast High School.

Council Member Davila informed staff receiving an invitation form Hollydale Elementary School. They are having a safety event and would like to have Public Works and Police Department participate.

Mayor Hurtado reported the JAA's opening day had a great turn out. He also reported having a meeting with a representative from LAUSD. He highlighted upcoming community events.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Agenda Items 7, 8, 9, 10 11, 12, 13, 15 and 16 were unanimously approved during consideration of the Consent Calendar by motion of Mayor Hurtado and seconded by Council Member Davila. Item 14 was removed for separate discussion.

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PERSONNEL ADMIN**

The City Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 7252 entitled – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate amending Resolution No. 6454 (Salary Resolution and Classification Plan) reflecting updated class specifications for Accountant, Aquatics Coordinator, Housing and Grants Analyst, Housing Supervisor, Information Systems Administrator, Police Cadet, Recreation Coordinator, Recreation Supervisor, Senior Accountant and Transportation Coordinator, during consideration of the Consent Calendar.