

**CITY OF SOUTH GATE  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES  
TUESDAY, MAY 27, 2008**

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Gil Hurtado called a regular City Council meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

**INVOCATION** Co-Pastor Sara Solorzano, Rios de Agua Viva led the Invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Gissele Lopez, Miss South Gate 2008 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 Manager Ronald Bates and City Attorney Raul Salinas

**LATE** City Treasurer Rudy Navarro arrived at 6:35 p.m.

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**PRESENTATIONS** The City Council presented Certificates of Appreciation to the outgoing Miss South Gate Court 2007 in recognition of their dedicated services to the community; and

a) Introduced the incoming Miss South Gate Court 2008.

**COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

Mary Johnson, 9711 San Gabriel Avenue, addressed City Council about a rumor that the City wrote a character letter regarding Mr. Angulo, Southeast High School Principal.

Raul F. Salinas, City Attorney responded that this matter is for the school district and as far as he is aware the City Council never took up the issue. The City itself has not taken any official position with this matter.

Mary Johnson reported attending a Southeast Coalition meeting a month ago and noted that the translation was for Spanish speaking people. She feels that everyone should be treated as an equal.

Julio Munoz, 5130 Wood Avenue, commended the Police Department for their hard work.

Nick Godoy, 8611 San Gabriel Avenue, asked what department is in charge of pre-sale inspections. He mentioned that in his wife's eyes the memorial service was outstanding, but in his eyes there were some flaws.

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### COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE CONTINUED

Carlos Gil, 3904 Southern Avenue, asked if the City will ever have any major book stores.

Council Member Gonzalez responded that was one of the recommendations made by Council to staff.

### REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

Lolita Brown Fletcher, Personnel Director highlighted upcoming community events.

Julia James, Finance Director reported attending the League of California Cities budget briefing in Sacramento. She met with Senator Lowenthal regarding South Gate's budget.

Robert Todd, Chief of Police highlighted upcoming community events.

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

Steven Lefever, Community Development Director informed Council of the 972 illegal conversions, including garage conversions which are under investigations.

Ronald Bates, City Manager informed Council that City Attorney, Steve Lefever and himself have been working with the LA Superior Courts at the Council's direction advancing the courthouse project in South Gate. He also mentioned that he and Council Member Davila will be meeting on Thursday with the group of elected officials and city managers to discuss the advancing of the orange aliment transit study.

Council Member Martinez agrees that South Gate needs a book store, but as patrons order books on line it kills the store profits. He apologized for missing the memorial ceremony this weekend but he had made a commitment with the Boy Scouts.

Council Member De Witt reported that he and Vice Mayor Gonzalez attended the LA Unified Board of Education meeting and the Vice Mayor spoke very eloquently in regards to Elementary School No. 9.

Council Member Gonzalez spoke to the School Board Members regarding Elementary School No. 9 and gave them a copy of a resolution that Council unanimously adopted in March. He too agrees that everyone should be treated as an equal. He supports Mr. Angulo but no letter was ever written.

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## CONSENT CALENDAR

Agenda Items 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 were unanimously approved during consideration of the Consent Calendar by motion of Vice Mayor Gonzalez and seconded by Council Member Davila.

## 2 COMMUNITY DEV/ HOUSING

The City Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 7256 entitled – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate certifying Habitat for Humanity as a Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) to receive Home Program Funds, during consideration of the Consent Calendar.

## 3 STREETS/SIDEWALKS/ LANDSCAPING

The City Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 7257 entitled – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate approving the application for grant funds for the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhoods, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2002, the Water, Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002, and the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Prop 84), during consideration of the Consent Calendar.

## 4 TRANSPORTATION PLANNING/ADMIN

The City Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 7258 entitled – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate approving administering Agency-State Agreement for Federal-Aid Projects, No. 07-5257R (Contract No. 2452), and Program Supplement Agreement No. 008-N (Contract No. 2453) for the design phase of I-710/Firestone Boulevard Interchange, Phase IV, (Firestone Boulevard Bridge Widening over the Los Angeles River), City Project No. 354-ST, during consideration of the Consent Calendar; and

- a) Authorizing the Mayor to execute Master Agreement No. 07-5257R and Program Supplement Agreement No. 008-N in a form approved by the City Attorney.

## 5 STREETS/SIDEWALKS/ LANDSCAPING

The City Council unanimously approved Amendment No. 4 to Contract No. 2400 with Willdan in the amount of \$159,990 for Construction management Services for Street Improvements on California Avenue from Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard to Santa Ana Street, City Project No. 336-ST, Federal Project No. STPL-5257 (015), during consideration of the Consent Calendar; and

- a) Authorizing the Mayor to execute said Amendment in a form approved by the City Attorney; and
- b) Concurring with Caltrans' National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) determination dated July 6, 2007.