

**CITY OF SOUTH GATE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER Mayor W.H. (Bill) De Witt called a Regular City Council meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

INVOCATION Reverend Sean Pica, Redeemer Lutheran Church led the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Michael Flad, City Manager led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL Carmen Avalos, City Clerk

PRESENT Mayor W.H. (Bill) De Witt, Vice Mayor Maria Davila, Council Member Maria Belen Bernal and Council Member Gil Hurtado; City Treasurer Gregory Martinez, City Manager Michael Flad, City Attorney Raul F. Salinas

ABSENT Council Member Jorge Morales

IN MEMORIAM City Clerk Avalos requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Mr. Isauro Castellanos who passed away on December 23rd and had been a South Gate resident for 45-years. Mr. Castellanos was a former employee of General Veneer. His family is grateful for the recognition of their father and for adjourning in his memory.

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APPOINTMENTS**

The City Council made the following appointments to City Commissions and Committees to fill vacancies; the appointments were ratified by a majority vote of the City Council.

Jose Delgado was re-appointed to the Planning Commission by motion of Vice Mayor Davila and seconded by Mayor De Witt.

Vice Mayor Davila recognized Mr. Delgado as her appointee four years ago. Mr. Delgado had the opportunity to attend Harvard.

Adam Lara was appointed to the Citizen's Advisory Committee by motion of Council Member Bernal and seconded by Mayor De Witt.

Council Member Bernal stated Mr. Lara is a long time resident and has a Bachelor's of Arts in Chicano and Latinos Studies from Cal-State Long Beach, a Masters of Arts in Education & Social and Cultural Analysis from Cal-State Long Beach. Mr. Lara is currently in the process of completing his PhD in Educational Leadership Policy and Organizations in the K-12 systems. Mr. Lara is currently employed at the Centers for

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APPOINTMENTS CONT'D Community Engagement at Cal-State Long Beach. He served on the Youth Commission and is a School Board Member at the local St. Helen's Catholic Church.

Jerry Guevara was appointed to the Planning Commission by motion of Council Member Bernal and seconded by Council Member Hurtado.

Council Member Bernal stated Mr. Guevara is a former City of South Gate employee as an Assistant Planner and is currently working for the City of Santa Ana as an Assistant Planner. Mr. Guevara holds a Bachelors in Urban and Regional Planning.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Virginia Johnson, 5751 McKinley Avenue mentioned PWS Laundry Mat is implementing a Marconi Appliance Parts and not a coffee shop or other community themed retail establishment. She is not in favor of having alcohol at the movie theater in El Paseo.

Ms. Johnson stated that "Coloring for Adults" is every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. and Smart Gardening Program on Saturday, February 4th from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Hollydale Library.

Adolfo Varas, 3375 Wisconsin Avenue highlighted two events (Thanksgiving Turkey Drive and Toy Giveaway) and asked Council to recognize the volunteers. Mr. Varas also recognized Director for Central Basin Leticia Vasquez, City Clerk Carmen Avalos and City Treasurer Greg Martinez.

Nick Godoy, 8611 San Gabriel Avenue is concerned about the gravel causing possible liability to City and issues of enforcement on City streets.

Lillian Linares, 8955 Hildreth Avenue thanked Council for closing the street during the holydays. Ms. Linares inquired about a resolution or an upcoming meeting regarding traffic congestion.

Gilbert representing Victory Outreach highlighted some thoughts in finding another way out of drugs and support for people. The organization supports the police department, community and City staff. They offer free services. They would like to plan an event at South Gate Park. It will be a drama called "The Last Blast Drama."

Jenny Perez, 10319 Bowman Avenue thanked Council and City staff for their civil service and hard work in the community. Ms. Perez hopes the

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COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

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City will unite and not allow a certain person that was on the closed session agenda to create havoc in the City again.

RECESS

The City Council recessed at 7:03 p.m., and reconvened at p.m., with four (4) Members of Council present.

REPORTS AND COMMENTS

FROM CITY OFFICIALS

Arturo Cervantes, Director of Public Works provided updates on City projects.

Paul Adams, Director of Parks & Recreation stated that on Monday, January 23rd will be having a ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony for the new State Street Park at 2:00 p.m.

Joe Perez, Director of Community Development had nothing to report.

Nellie Cobos, Deputy Director of Administrative Services/Human Resources & Risk Manager on behalf of Jackie Acosta, Director of Administrative Services had nothing to report.

Randy Davis, Chief of Police stated the CERT training (Community Emergency Response Training) for citizens are scheduled for this Saturday.

Mike Flad, City Manager had nothing to report.

Raul F. Salinas, City Attorney reminded the public that the Council is limited by what they can say and response because it is not on the agenda.

Carmen Avalos, City Clerk attended the City Clerk Summit at the LA County Registrar-Recorder's Office regarding the upcoming March election. Senate Bills 415 and 450 were addressed at the summit. The City will have an election ballot drop-off box in City Hall. She will also be attending another meeting on Thursday in regards to the City's preparation of the March election & updates.

City Clerk Avalos was invited to attend a neighborhood watch meeting over on Firestone Plaza before Christmas regarding parking issues. She provided information regarding preferential parking.

City Clerk Avalos thanked Mr. Varas for presenting certificates to many volunteers for contributing their time during Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Gregory Martinez, City Treasurer stated that he will not be attending the next Council Meeting because he will be participating in the 2017 Greater

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REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

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Los Angeles Homeless Street Count. He thanked City staff for their help, and is reaching out to the community because volunteers are needed.

Treasurer Martinez mentioned a CalPERS report came out for the first time in 85 years that CalPERS cutback on employee retirement benefits due to a City that pulled out of the CalPERS system about three years ago.

Council Member Bernal had an opportunity to tour some housing developments that PacVentures has developed in Gardena & Long Beach. She and Mayor De Witt had an opportunity to meet with the staff of School Board Member Ref Rodriguez before the Christmas break. Council Member Bernal asked staff to focus on customer service

Council Member Hurtado appreciates City Treasurer Martinez being involved in the Homeless Count. He mentioned a parcel tax might be on the ballot in March to assist the homeless issue.

Council Member Hurtado was asked if it is legal to park on an actual corner because it is not painted red.

Vice Mayor Davila stated that the Board of Supervisors had a presentation from the Sheriff's Department and the Superintendent of Schools regarding the immigration issue and would like to the outcome of that presentation.

Mayor De Witt explained that the Homeless Count is like the Census. People need to be counted so the cities can receive federal monies. He will be returning the Mayor's Football Trophy to the City of Bell because the South Gate High School Football Team defaulted on the game.

Mayor De Witt stated that the Director of Administrative Services provided CalPers information to him and City Manager.

Mayor De Witt enjoyed the Rose Bowl game. He went to the mountains to check-out the water supply for the cities and stated that the water supply will be better this year.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor De Witt asked if any member of the City Council, City staff or the public wished to remove or pull an item from the Consent Calendar. There was no request from City staff or the public to remove any items on the consent calendar. Council Member Bernal requested to pull item 5.

Agenda Items 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, and 9 were approved during Consent Calendar by motion of Council Member Hurtado and seconded by Vice Mayor Davila.

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MUNICIPAL CODE ADMIN The City Council waived the reading in full and introduced Ordinance No. 2333 entitled – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of South Gate amending certain sections of Chapter 5.06 (Motion Picture, Television and Photographic Production), of Title 5 (Streets and Sidewalks), of the South Gate Municipal Code pertaining to requirements and procedures for the recording of visual images, during consideration of the Consent Calendar.

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**PERSONNEL BENEFITS/
RETIREMENT ADMIN**

The City Council waived the reading in full and introduced Ordinance No. 2334 entitled – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of South Gate authorizing an amendment to the contract between the Board of Administration of the California Public Employees' Retirement System and the City Council of the City of South Gate, during consideration of the Consent Calendar; and

- a. Adopted Resolution No. 7745 entitled – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate declaring the City Council's intention to approve an amendment to the contract between the Board of Administration of the California Public Employees' Retirement System and the City Council of the City of South Gate.

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**DEVELOPMENT/ ALCOHOLIC
BEVERAGE CONTROL**

The City Council considered adopting Resolution No. 7746 entitled - A Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate making a determination of public convenience or necessity for the sale of beer and wine for on-site consumption at Pizza Studio restaurant located at 5840 Firestone Boulevard, during consideration of the Consent Calendar.

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**PUBLIC WORKS/
ENGINEERING ADMIN**

The City Council approved a Professional Services Agreement (Contract No. 3295) with Nobel Systems, Inc., to update the City's Geographic Information System with the latest technology and infrastructure data for the municipal water and sanitary sewer systems necessary to fill planning, operations and maintenance needs, in an amount not-to exceed \$280,000, by motion of Vice Mayor Davila and seconded by Council Member Hurtado; and

- a. Appropriated \$20,000 from the unassigned balance in the Sewer Fund to Account No. 411-731-71-9568; and
- b. Authorizing the Mayor to execute the Agreement in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

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6 PURCHASING SERVICES

The City Council authorized the purchase of one Ford F550 truck and aerial unit (Ford F550 Unit) from Altec Industries, Inc., through the National Joint Powers Alliance Cooperative Contract Purchasing Program, necessary for maintenance of municipal electrical systems, in the amount of \$109,447, during consideration of the Consent Calendar; and

- a. Authorized the City Manager to execute the documents necessary to purchase the Ford F550 Unit in forms acceptable to the City Attorney.

7 PURCHASING SERVICES

The City authorized the purchase of one Ford F550 Super Cab-N-Chassis with Graffiti Body (Ford F550 Unit) from National Auto Fleet Group through the National Joint Powers Alliance Cooperative Contract Purchasing Program, necessary for graffiti abatement services, in the amount of \$132,500, during consideration of the Consent Calendar; and

- a. Transferred \$10,000 in Water Funds from savings forecasted in the Water Main Replacement Project, Account No. 411-731-71-9551 and Account No. 411-731-71-9549 to Account No. 100-712-29-9003 to fully fund the graffiti removal truck; and
- b. Authorized the City Manager to execute the documents necessary to purchase the Ford F550 Unit in forms acceptable to the City Attorney.

8 SOLID WASTE MGMT

The City Council authorized the Director of Public Works to initiate a Green Waste Pilot Program necessary to address a request form CalRecycle to implement a permanent Green Waste Program to further comply with SB 1066, in an amount not-to-exceed \$24,000, during consideration of the Consent Calendar, during consideration of the Consent Calendar; and

- a. Appropriated \$24,000 from the revenue collected from the Waste Management Franchise Agreement to Account No. 413-733-51-6101 to fund the Green Waste Pilot Program.

9 MINUTES

The City Council approved the Special and Regular Meeting minutes of November 22, 2016, during consideration of the Consent Calendar.

10 EMPLOYMENT RESOURCE CENTER

The City Council appointed Vice Mayor Davila and Council Member Bernal to form a subcommittee with City staff on the development of the South Gate Employment Resource Center.

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WARRANTS AND
CANCELLATIONS

The City Council approved the Warrants and Cancellations for January 10, 2017, by motion of Council Member Auditor Bernal and seconded by Mayor De Witt.

Total of Checks:	\$7,352,005.11
Voids	\$ (171,589.86)
Total of Payroll Deductions:	<u>\$ (533,644.74)</u>
Grand Total:	\$6,646,770.51

Cancellations: 68792, 68289, 67068, 69183, 69153

ADJOURNMENT

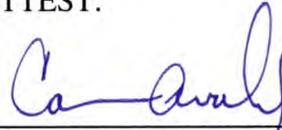
Council Member Hurtado adjourned the meeting in memory of Isauro G. Castellanos, long time South Gate resident at 7:57 p.m. and seconded by Vice Mayor Davila.

PASSED and **APPROVED** this 14th day of February, 2017.

ATTEST:



W.H. (Bill) De Witt, Mayor



Carmen Avalos, City Clerk