

**CITY OF SOUTH GATE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2017**

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Alexys Oliva 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 Jorge Morales; City Treasurer Gregory Martinez, City Manager Michael Flad, City Attorney Raul F. Salinas

ABSENT Council Member Gil Hurtado

**1
PROCLAMATION** The City Council issued a Proclamation declaring the month of March 2017, as Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month in the City of South Gate.

**2
INTRODUCTION OF NEW AND PROMOTIONAL FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES** The City Council allowed staff to introduce the new and promotional full-time employees hired or promoted between October 1, 2016 and December 31, 2016.

**3
INTRODUCTION OF LAUSD TEACHERS AND ADMINISTRATORS** The City Council was formally introduced to teachers and administrators from the Los Angeles Unified School District currently assigned to South Gate schools.

**4
CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION** The City Council presented Certificates of Appreciation to the South Gate Aztec Youth Football Cheer Squads 8U, 10U and 11U for winning their respective 2017 National Championship titles.

**5
CITY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS** The City Council continued the consideration of making an appointment to fill a vacancy on the Citizens Advisory Committee; the appointment will be ratified by a majority vote of the City Council, to the City Council meeting of April 25, 2017.

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EXCUSED FROM ITEM 6

At this time, Mayor De Witt was excused from participating on item 6 and departed from the Council Chambers.

6 TRANSPORTATION PLANNING/ADMIN

The City Council conducted a Public Hearing to consider:

- a. Receiving and filing a presentation of the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Firestone Boulevard Regional Corridor Capacity Enhancements Project, City Project No. 476-TRF; and
- b. Adopting a Resolution - adopting the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Firestone Boulevard Regional Corridor Capacity Enhancements Project, City Project No. 476-TRF, Metro Call For Project ID No. F3124.

Item 6 was continued to the City Council meeting of March 14, 2017, by motion of Vice Mayor Davila and seconded by Council Member Morales.

ROLL CALL: Vice Mayor Davila, yes; Council Member Morales, yes; Council Member Bernal, yes; Council Member Hurtado, absent; Mayor De Witt, was not present for discussion on the matter.

REJOINED MEETING

Mayor De Witt rejoined the Council during the comments from the audience.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Richard Rangel, 5142 Wood Avenue asked when LAUSD is going to rebuild Wood Avenue. He mentioned speaking to the Director of Public Works about placing a "No U-Turn" sign northbound on Wood and Atlantic going into the school due to the traffic in the morning & afternoon and a divider on Wood making a left turn.

Mr. Rangel also mentioned that the signal light going east on Tweedy and Atlantic takes a long time to change.

Idaly Godinez thanked Council Members for incorporating public school support.

Virginia Johnson, 5751 McKinley Avenue is concerned about attacks for South Gate candidates.

Alan Garcia, 10336 San Luis Avenue thanked Council for keeping the meetings formal and being respectful.

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COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE CONT'D

Nick Godoy, 8611 San Gabriel Avenue informed Council that an employee driving a City vehicle was speeding on Ardmore. He mentioned the sweeper was not working well. He also mentioned people parking on the red curve of Ardmore and San Gabriel.

REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

Arturo Cervantes, Director of Public Works had nothing to report.

Greg Martinez, City Treasurer informed Council that Mr. Paul Adams was not feeling well and asked that Treasurer Martinez speak on the Azalea Festival activities.

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

Jackie Acosta, Director of Administrative Services had nothing to report.

Randy Davis, Chief of Police stated that due to the Whittier Officer shot and killed a week or so ago, the South Gate Police Officers will be going Friday evening providing police services to the Cities of Whittier and Santa Fe Springs along with dispatching service. He asked everyone to keep the Whittier family and Officer Boyer's family in your prayers.

Mike Flad, City Manager had the pleasure of participating in three different meetings with Mayor De Witt over the last two days. The Mayor met with Edison's Senior Vice President with regard to reliability and price. Edison committed to meet with the City in two weeks.

Mr. Flad stated yesterday's meeting with the LA County Office of Education regarding a property on the corner of Gardendale and Paramount which has been vacant for many years. They also met with the Superintendent of LAUSD on a variety of topics and she'll be having a State of the Schools as requested by Council Member Bernal and Vice Mayor Davila.

Raul F. Salinas, City Attorney stated being asked by the League of California Cities to give a presentation on the issue of corruption.

Council Member Bernal attended the HUB Cities meeting in which they re-organized. Their new Chair is Mayor Baru Sanchez from the City of Cudahy and Vice Chair is Mayor Graciela Ortiz from the City of Huntington Park.

Council Member Bernal stated item 6 has been continued from previous meetings, but was wondering the impact on the project management plan that it is not moving forward.

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REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

CONT'D

Arturo Cervantes, Director of Public Works stated the Firestone Boulevard Regional Corridor Project is on schedule and the hearings are being continued because design on the project is still continuing.

Council Member Bernal stated a candidate forum was held yesterday and was pleased to see the outcome. We have nine candidates running for City Council. Sometimes we get caught up in social media. She is asking everyone to focus on the qualities of the individuals and not allow the drama to keep anyone away from the real issues.

Council Member Morales attended the Contract Cities meeting and the Board finalized the endorsement of Measure H which will be on the March 7th Ballot. The Board adopted a letter in support of SB 1 and AB 1. He also attended the League of California Cities Board meeting and he seats on the Statewide Board which includes about 50 Council Members throughout the state and they discussed SB 1, AB 1, SB 5 and AB 18.

Vice Mayor Davila thanked all candidates for attending yesterday's forum. She is asking City Manager to draft a letter to LAUSD and place it on the agenda for Council's support because a charter school is being planned to be placed at South Gate Middle School.

Mayor De Witt attended the County Sanitation District meeting and the Board concluded litigation against Southern California Edison. The County Sanitation District had to bring a lawsuit against Edison for failure to perform certain contractual obligations.

Carmen Avalos, City Clerk stated that this is the first time the City has consolidated with the County of Los Angeles for the March 7, 2017 election. The County will be counting the ballots. The clerks from various cities will be receiving a certified report to be presented to Council certifying the election results from the County. Lastly, April 11th will be the swearing-in for the newly elected.

Gregory Martinez, City Treasurer wished every candidate good luck.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Agenda Items 8, 10 and 11 were approved by motion of Council Member Morales and seconded by Vice Mayor Davila. Mayor De Witt abstained from voting on item 12. Items 7, 9, 13 and 14 were pulled for separate discussion.

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BOND ADMIN

The City Council adopted Resolution No. 7747 entitled – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate approving coverage of all officers and employees under one master faithful performance bond, by motion of Mayor De Witt and seconded by Vice Mayor Davila.

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PERSONNEL ADMIN

The City Council adopted Resolution No. 7748 entitled - A Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Gate updating the Hourly Pay Table, during consideration of the Consent Calendar.

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COMMUNITY PROMOTION

The City Council approved an Event License Agreement (Contract No. 3302) with the Tweedy Mile Association to produce the Annual Tweedy Street Fair Festival for a term of three years, by motion of Vice Mayor Davila and seconded by Council Member Morales; and

- a. Authorized the Mayor to execute the Agreement in a form acceptable to the City Attorney; and
- b. Appointed the Director of Community Development as the City Agent to act on behalf of the City in matters required for the successful execution of this Agreement.

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PARKING & TRAFFIC

The City Council approved Amendment No. 2 to Contract No. 3069 with Vali Cooper & Associates, Inc., providing construction management services on the Highway Safety Improvements Program Cycle 4, two protected left turns phasing at the intersections of Firestone Boulevard and State Street, and California Avenue and Tweedy Boulevard, City Project No. 468-TRF, in an amount not to exceed \$30,920, during consideration of the Consent Calendar; and

- a. Authorized the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 2 in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

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PUBLIC WORKS/ ENGINEERING ADMIN

The City Council approved Amendment No. 2 to Contract No. 3200 with CivilSource providing staff augmentation services for delivery of Capital Improvement Program Projects, in an amount not to exceed \$120,000, during consideration of the Consent Calendar; and

- a. Authorized the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 2 in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

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WATER

The City Council accepted completion of construction, effective February 10, 2017, of the Automatic Meter Reading Water Meter Upgrade, City Project No. 504-WTR, performed by T.E. Roberts, Inc., by motion of Council Member Morales and seconded by Vice Mayor Davila; and

- a. Directed the City Clerk to file a Notice of Completion with the Los Angeles County Recorder's Office.

ROLL CALL: Vice Mayor Davila, yes; Council Member Bernal, yes; Council Member Morales, yes; Mayor De Witt, abstained; Council Member Hurtado, absent.

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PARKING & TRAFFIC

The City Council appropriated \$210,000 in unassigned General Funds to Account No. 100-701-31-6101 to perform a citywide parking study to evaluate parking conditions in residential neighborhoods to identify issues and mitigation measures, by motion of Council Member Morales and seconded by Vice Mayor Davila.

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LAW ENFORCEMENT

The City Council authorized the purchase of ten new Heckler & Koch HK416 patrol rifle for the Police Department, by motion of Council Member Morales and seconded by Vice Mayor Davila; and

- a. Appropriated \$19,481 from the unassigned balance of the Asset Seizure Fund to Account No. 235-570-21-6202 for this purchase.

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ELECTION ADMIN

The City Council considered deciding on the implementation of SB 415 pertaining to voter participation with either option listed below:

Option 1: Consolidation: Allow for the implementation of SB 415 Statewide Election Cycle Consolidation which will take effect on January 1, 2018 and requires the adoption of an ordinance for election date change with notification to all voters; **OR**

Option 2: Stand- Alone: Continue with the current Stand-Alone Election which will require an ordinance for an extension of 4 years until 2022.

Item 15 was continued to the City Council meeting of March 14, 2017.

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WARRANTS

The City Council approved the Warrants for February 28, 2017, by motion of Council Member Auditor Bernal and seconded by Mayor De Witt.

Total of Checks:	\$2,755,417.75
Voids	\$ (0.00)
Total of Payroll Deductions:	<u>\$ (318,624.72)</u>
Grand Total:	\$2,436,793.03

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor De Witt adjourned the meeting at 9:26 p.m. and seconded by Vice Mayor Davila.

PASSED and **APPROVED** this 28th day of March, 2017.

ATTEST:



W.H. (Bill) De Witt, Mayor



Carmen Avalos, City Clerk