

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE,  
CALIFORNIA HELD JANUARY 25, 2005.**

Mayor Pro Tem Catano called the City Council, Community Redevelopment Agency, Parking Authority and Housing Authority meetings to order jointly and concurrently at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of the City Hall, 4455 West 126th Street, Hawthorne, California.

ROLL CALL-Present: Councilmembers Catano, Lambert, Velez.  
Absent: Councilmember Parsons, Mayor Guidi. (excused)

Pastor George Magdalany of Hope Chapel gave the evening's invocation. Austin Lillard of Boy Scout Troop #283 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Pro Tem Catano welcomed Tom Quintana as the evening's representative from the Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor Pro Tem Catano called Mr. Brian Polkinghorn and Mr. Bob Tarnoffky from Rosecrans/Hindry Retail Partners LLC for a brief presentation for a potential development on the corner of Rosecrans and Hindry. Mr. Polkinghorn asked the city for an Exclusive Negotiating Agreement. Although Mr. Polkinghorn asked for a nine month ENA, Councilmember Lambert stated that the city would only grant him a six month ENA with the possibility of an extension.

1.

Under Elected Officials reports/recommendations:

Councilmember Lambert requested the following for the record:

I just want to get one thing off the table. Last week Mr. Parsons asked me to join him in a meeting over the discussion he held regarding our insurance supplier with ICRMA and I did comply and I have Mr. Prentice with us and my alternates on the board in which I sit and he's learned a lot from sitting and talking with us, so do either of you have any problem with my going ahead with what I planned to do?

Councilmember Velez: I personally don't.

Mayor Protem Catano: I don't either. You are the delegate and I think you have the oomph to do what you feel is right for our city, so thank you for that.

Councilmember Lambert: Thank you very much. We work very hard at this. As you know, I've been on the board for 13 years, so I pray this works out really well. And we discovered, by the way, in the interim I didn't get to tell you this because I can't talk about things like that in more than one, but the company, the former insurance company owes us about \$23,000, which we are also striving to get back.

Councilmember Lambert moved seconded by Councilmember Velez to hold the one day airfaire in August.

ROLL CALL-AYES: Councilmembers Catano, Lambert, Velez.  
NOES: None. ABSENT: Councilmember Parsons, Mayor Guidi.

Councilmember **Lambert** suggested that each Homeowner's Association communicate with the other on which days they will hold their meetings.

Councilmember **Lambert** announced that City Hall has new phone numbers.

Councilmember **Lambert** congratulated Jan Vogel on all the work he has done for the city.

Councilmember **Velez** introduced Arnold Shadbehr, the new Director of Public Works.

Mayor Protem **Catano** thanked Commissioner and School Board Member Hugo Rojas for inviting him to Sheriff Baca's Community Multi Faith Breakfast and Healthfair.

Mayor Protem **Catano** attended the VFW breakfast, the Hawthorne Chamber Business Women's Luncheon at the Ramada Inn, the grand opening of The Rustic Light on Hawthorne Blvd. and the Bodger Park Homeowner's Association.

City Treasurer **Lubenec** announced that the AYSO program is having tournaments these last couple of weekends with kids from all over the South Bay.

City Clerk **Juarez** congratulated Jan Vogel on his report.

City Clerk **Juarez** attended the breakfast at the VFW post, the Chamber of Commerce Women's Council, the Rustic Light grand opening and the Bodger Park HOA.

City Clerk **Juarez** stated that on Hawthorne Blvd., just south of El Segundo Blvd., on the west side, there is a light pole in ruins that poses a possible danger.

City Clerk **Juarez** thanked Director of Licensing Lisa Miller for laying the groundwork to recover a missing laptop from a former Hawthorne business.

City Clerk **Juarez** thanked the Kiwanis Club of Hawthorne, Advanced Party Rental, Nelson Realty, Luigi's Restaurant, First Class Foods, Rampwest Liquor, the Hawthorne Police Department and Thierry Lubenec for their services and food donations at the VIP Tournament for the Special Olympic kids.

Councilmember **Lambert** stated that the traffic problems at Rosecrans and Prairie are being taken care of by the cities of Lawndale, Hawthorne and the LA County.

Councilmember **Velez** announced that the Leslie Zepeda Community Improvement Program will be held this Saturday at Eucalyptus and 116<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Protem **Catano** thanked City Manager Prentice for emailing him the police daily crime logs.

## 2.

Under oral communications, **Olivia Valentine**, member of Hollypark HOA who recently moved into the area, stated that she is chair of the safety committee of the Hollypark HOA and they have already started working very hard to try and improve the condition of the residents. **James Taylor**, President of the Hollypark HOA, presented a donation on behalf of Hollypark for the tsunami relief fund via the Lions Club. **Darlene Love** reported that she was unable to attend with the group that was to go to the senior center, but she did go later and spoke with various seniors and from the information she gathered, it seems there is a bit of a racial problem, but overall everyone there is happy. Reported that the new light at 116<sup>th</sup> and Wilton went out the day after it was put in. **Donna Warren**, Block Captain for the Hollypark HOA, would like Hawthorne to consider passing a resolution to amend California's three-strikes law to violent felonies only. **Alan Hamblin**, 11519 Gale Ave., called the police department to tow a car that was blocking his driveway, but the car was ticketed and Mr. Hamblin ended up blocked in his driveway. On January 19<sup>th</sup> reported a trash problem on Gale Ave. from 120<sup>th</sup> to the cul-de-sac barrier. There are still trashcans being left on the streets after trash collection, that are left out for weeks. Complained that six months after 120<sup>th</sup> from Inglewood Ave. to Prairie was resurfaced, the Gas Company and others came in and started digging up the street. **Pat Carey**, 4588 W. 130<sup>th</sup> St., introduced the new helicopter chart issued in December of 2004. Was pleased to see the new shops developed at 120<sup>th</sup> and Crenshaw. Asked that light in front of his home be fixed. **Sam** complained that he filed a claim because of a pothole that damaged his car on Rosecrans, but was not reimbursed due to laws that he feels are unfair. **James Taylor**, 11723 Atkinson Ave., asked that the light at the corner of 119<sup>th</sup> and Van Ness off the 105 freeway be repaired as it has not worked since before August of 2004. **Francis Stiglich**, 11534 Gale Ave., inquired on why there is an apartment building across the street painted a loud orange when we are only supposed to have pastel colors on buildings. Asked for soundproof windows to cut down on airport noise. Thinks ticketing people for trash that is left out too long is a good idea. Resents the fact that somebody said there is a racial problem at the senior center and complained that people are selling items there also. **Richard Hobart** went to Senior Center for two days and his consensus was that everything is fine.

No one else indicated a desire to be heard.

Mayor Pro Tem Catano ordered oral communications closed.

## 3.

Mayor Pro Tem Catano recessed the Community Redevelopment Agency, Parking Authority and Housing Authority meetings to conduct the meeting of the City Council.

4.

Councilmember Lambert moved, seconded by Councilmember Velez, that the reading of the City Council minutes of the regular meeting of January 11, 2005 be waived and that they be approved and adopted.

ROLL CALL-AYES: Councilmembers Catano, Lambert, Velez.  
NOES: None. ABSENT: Councilmember Parsons, Mayor Guidi.

5.

Councilmember Lambert moved, seconded by Councilmember Velez, to waive full readings of resolutions and ordinances on Tuesday, January 25, 2005 's agenda.

ROLL CALL-AYES: Councilmembers Catano, Lambert, Velez.  
NOES: None. ABSENT: Councilmember Parsons, Mayor Guidi.

6.

The City Treasurer submitted a financial statement regarding warrants.

Councilmember Lambert moved, seconded by Councilmember Velez, that the following warrants, properly audited and signed, be paid.

Warrants Nos.: 183800-183892 ; 337215-338149

Warrant Totals: \$ 959,700.39 ; \$3,409,257.75

ROLL CALL-AYES: Councilmembers Catano, Lambert, Velez.  
NOES: None. ABSENT: Councilmember Parsons, Mayor Guidi.

Resolutions and Ordinances.

7.

**ORDINANCE NO. 1806.** (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTIONS 2.14.020, 2.17.020, 2.18.030, 2.22.020 AND 2.28.020 OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO APPOINTMENT TO VARIOUS CITY COMMISISIONS.

Councilmember Lambert moved, seconded by Councilmember Velez, that Ordinance No. 1806 be approved and adopted.

ROLL CALL-AYES: Councilmembers Catano, Lambert, Velez.  
NOES: None. ABSENT: Councilmember Parsons, Mayor Guidi.

8.

**ORDINANCE NO. 1807.** (2<sup>ND</sup> Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 5.94 OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE. TO CREATE A PROCEDURE FOR SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF PERMIT FOR FELONY CONVICTION.

Councilmember Lambert moved, seconded by Councilmember Velez, that Ordinance No. 1806 be approved and adopted.

ROLL CALL-AYES: Councilmembers Catano, Lambert, Velez.  
NOES: None. ABSENT: Councilmember Parsons, Mayor Guidi.

The City Manager, Richard Prentice, presented the following agenda and requested approval of the indicated recommendations:

9.

Approve County of Los Angeles and the County Sanitation District No. 2 County of Los Angeles and the County Sanitation District No. 2 have agreed to co-sponsor a Household Hazardous and Electronic Waste Collection Event (“Roundtrip”) to provide L.A. County residents an environmentally safe means and place to dispose of household hazardous waste at the Betty Ainsworth Memorial Center on April 30, 2005.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the City Council Authorize the City Manager/Public Works Director to execute agreement with County of Los Angeles and Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 2 to provide a hazardous waste roundup at the Memorial Center on April 30, 2005. Authorize City Manager/Public Works Director to execute any amendments to this agreement subject to City Attorney approval as to form and provided that there is no cost to the City other than the provision of the Memorial Center for the Roundup. have agreed to co-sponsor a Household Hazardous and Electronic Waste Collection Event (“Roundtrip”) to provide L.A. County residents an environmentally safe means and place to dispose of household hazardous waste at the Betty Ainsworth Memorial Center on April 30, 2005 and Authorize the City Manager/Public Works Director to execute agreement with County of Los Angeles and Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 2 to provide a hazardous waste roundup at the Memorial Center on April 30, 2005. Authorize City Manager/Public Works Director to execute any amendments to this agreement subject to City Attorney approval as to form and provided that there is no cost to the City other than the provision of the Memorial Center for the Roundup.

10.

Approve Progress Payment No. 4 to CT&F, 7228 Scout Avenue, Bell Gardens, Ca 90201 for Traffic Signals Installation in the amount of \$120,351.60 from Account # 727-4860-723-4779.

Councilmember Velez moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert, that items 9 through 12 of the City Manager's agenda be approved.

11.

Approve Hawthorne Youth Camp Renovation – Jackson Lake, 22601 Big Pines Highway, Big Pines, Ca., and Approve the Plans and Specifications and authorize the project to be advertised for bids with a return date of February 22, 2005.

12.

Approve Agreement between the City of Hawthorne and Associated Soils Engineering, Inc., to provide Geotechnical Engineering Services including Field Compaction and Laboratory testing services in conjunction with CDBG Local Street Improvements (Project #04-01) and authorize the City Manager to execute it on behalf of the City.

Councilmember Velez moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert, that items 9 through 12 of the City Manager's agenda be approved.

ROLL CALL-AYES: Councilmembers Catano, Lambert, Velez.  
NOES: None. ABSENT: Councilmember Parsons, Chairman Guidi.

13.

The City Attorney, Glen Shishido, recommended that the settlement against the City of Hawthorne in the case entitled Denise Cade vs. City of Hawthorne (USDC CV 04-7153 JFW (Ex) in the amount of \$42,500.00 be approved.

Councilmember Lambert moved, seconded by Councilmember Velez, that the settlement against the City of Hawthorne in the case entitled Denise Cade vs. City of Hawthorne (USDC CV 04-7153 JFW (Ex) in the amount of \$42,500.00 be approved.

ROLL CALL-AYES: Councilmembers Catano, Lambert, Velez.

NOES: None. ABSENT: Councilmember Parsons, Mayor Guidi.

14.

Mayor Pro Tem Catano recessed the City Council meeting to reconvene meetings of the Community Redevelopment Agency, Parking Authority and Housing Authority.

Mayor Pro Tem Catano called the City Council meeting back to order following recess with all Councilmembers present.

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The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. in the memory of April Lou Flynn, Luigi Raffaele Stamegna and Velma Bellissimo.

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Daniel D. Juarez, MMC  
City Clerk