

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE,
CALIFORNIA HELD FEBRUARY 22, 2005.**

Mayor Guidi 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, Parsons, Velez, Mayor Guidi.
Absent: None.

Pastor Al Wise from Del Aire Assembly of God Church gave the Invocation. Girl Scout Troop # 455 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Guidi presented a Certificate of Merit to Girl Scout Troop #455 for its service to the community as the Color Guard at the February 22, 2005 Hawthorne City Council meeting.

Girl Scout Troop #774 requested sponsorship for their upcoming trip in June to visit historic sites in New York.

Mayor Guidi welcomed Jeff Lyman of South Bay Ford as the evening's representative from the Chamber of Commerce.

Don Carrington, Superintendent of the Hawthorne School District, along with Hugo Rojas, Vice President of the Board of Trustees and Nilo Michelin, Clerk for the Board of Trustees, presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the City Council, City Manager and Staff in recognition of the outstanding support that they give to the children and staff of the Hawthorne School District.

Mayor Guidi presented a Proclamation to 5th grader Vanessa Suarez of Jefferson School for her hard work in the effort to aide the needy as a result of the tsunami.

Mayor Guidi presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Superintendent Don Carrington on behalf of all the Hawthorne School District Elementary Schools, staff, parents, teachers and PTA that assisted in the relief fund raiser for the victims of the tsunami in Southeast Asia

James Ryan, Director of Lomita Railroad, thanked the Council for allowing their train club to be in this city and for the display in the lobby. He also stated that they want to be of more service to the city.

Councilmember Catano read a Proclamation honoring "El Dia de los Ninos" – Celebrating Young Americans.

Kim Day, Executive Director of Los Angeles World Airports and Jim Ritchie, Deputy Executive Director of the Master Plan spoke on the noise level that affects the City of Hawthorne.

Mayor Guidi introduced John Beerling as the new Police Captain.

Harry Jarnagan, Chairman of the Beach Boys Historic Landmark Project, gave a status report with regard to the project that will go up on West 119th Street. This will be California Landmark No. 1041. Construction will be completed no later than May 18th and the dedication will be held on May 20, 2005. Information on the project can also be obtained at www.beachboyslandmark.org.

The 50th Anniversary of Hawthorne National Wiseburn Little League will be celebrated on March 12, 2005 at Wiseburn Field. (no representatives from the Wiseburn Little League attended this presentation)

The new Battalion Chief, Joseph Lindaman, was introduced.

The Budget Amendment Presentation for fiscal year 2004/05 was not held.

Mayor Guidi recessed the City Council meeting to conduct a closed session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 – Public Employment: City Manager.

Mayor Guidi called the City Council meeting back to order following recess with all Councilmembers present. He announced that the closed session was to discuss Public Employment: City Manager and no action was taken.

Mayor Guidi did not act on the discussion item.

- Direct staff regarding budget amendment for fiscal year 2004-2005 and for fiscal year 2005-2006. (Guidi)

2.

Under Elected Officials reports/recommendations:

Councilmember **Catano** stated that the U.S. Postal Center on Jefferson, which handles our mail, will be closing and could cause a delay in the delivery of our mail. Feels that the closing of the facility was not handled in a fair manner as cities were not given a chance at a hearing.

Councilmember **Lambert** congratulated everyone who worked at putting together the State of City for doing a fine job.

Councilmember **Lambert** requested that no items be added on the agenda (presentations), unless the Council is aware of it.

Councilmember **Lambert** feels that the no parking in alleys ordinance is not being enforced.

Councilmember **Lambert** feels that those who throw trash on front lawns should receive a notice and then be fined.

Councilmember **Parsons** announced that the Ramona Neighborhood Association will hold a meeting on Thursday, February 24th at Ramona School on 136th Street at 7 pm.

Councilmember **Parsons** thanked Lt. Salmon and Sgt. Tomatani for making presentations at various homeowner's groups.

Councilmember **Parsons** announced that hazardous waste is not picked up by H&C, but you can take it to the Hyperion Water Treatment Plant at the end of Imperial at the beach on weekends from 9am to 3pm. On April 30th, there will also be a hazardous waste roundup at the Memorial Center from 9am to 3 pm.

Councilmember **Parsons** announced that the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) money we get for city improvements will be cut back by millions of dollars by the federal government.

Councilmember **Parsons** announced that the Hawthorne Rotary will be giving away low flush toilets on February 26th at the Betty Ainsworth Center to those who bring in their old toilets two weeks later.

Councilmember **Parsons** stated that H&C Disposal customers are entitled to free bulky item pickup twice a year. You must call ahead to schedule a pickup. For extra trash, you can request tags.

Councilmember **Parsons** got a chance to see pictures of the new homes that will be built near Aviation and Marine and stated that they are absolutely gorgeous. Model homes will open sometime in the fall.

Councilmember **Parsons** was invited to hear the Governor speak on the topic of the LA Airforce Base. His message is that this base is the number one base to keep in the state. The official Pentagon closure list will be coming out in May of this year.

Councilmember **Parsons** would like an ad-hoc committee formed to come up with an overall plan on how we are going to deal with illegal fireworks.

Councilmember **Velez** asked for an update on the monument on Hawthorne Blvd. that was hit by a car.

Councilmember **Velez** inquired on who is in charge of weeds on the street.

Councilmember **Velez** congratulated Mayor Guidi on the State of the City and also thanked the staff.

Mayor **Guidi** thanked Council and staff for supporting him and his decisions.

Mayor **Guidi** thanked Monica McClanahan for her work on the State of the City event.

Mayor **Guidi** warned that Sacramento will be cutting a lot of funds.

Mayor **Guidi** is speaking with an attorney that will advise the city on ways to cut down on vandalism.

Mayor **Guidi** spoke about ongoing parking problems that are affecting local businesses.

Mayor **Guidi** wants city ordinances enforced to cut down on violations such as payphone and newsrack encroachments.

3.

Under oral communications, **Walt Dixon**, 4378 W. 138th St., commended the Mayor and staff for putting on one of the finest State of Cities that he's heard in years. Also requested pictures of Kiddyland that used to be on 117th and Hawthorne. Inquired on the status of the historical museum. **Darlene Love**, reported that the one way street was going well, except when there was a funeral and the hearse and limousine drivers were not aware of the change. Suggested that notices be sent to the funeral home to let them no which way to go now that the street is changed. **Alan Amblin**, 11519 Gale Ave., thanked the people of the city and the contractors who are doing the work on the Zepeda renewal project. Stated that they are still having parking issues at the fire hydrant. Complained that during the week of the 15th when reconstruction was going on, H&C neglected to pick up yard waste. Also, there is still a problem on 116th and Gale with pillows, mattresses etc. still being thrown about apartment complexes. **Tim Ostensen**, 5336 W. 137th St., invited the Council to the Cub Scout Pack 856 Blue and Gold Dinner this Friday at 7 pm at Dana Middle School.

No one else indicated a desire to be heard.

Mayor Pro Tem Catano ordered oral communications closed.

4.

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

5.

Councilmember Velez moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert, that the reading of the City Council minutes of the regular meeting of January 25, 2005 be waived and that they be approved and adopted.

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

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

6.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert, to waive full readings of resolutions and ordinances on Tuesday, February 22, 2005 's agenda.

ROLL CALL-AYES: Councilmembers Catano, Lambert, Parsons, Velez, Mayor Guidi.

NOES: None.

7.

The City Treasurer submitted a financial statement regarding warrants.

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

Warrants Nos.: 183893-183987 ; 338150-338486 ; 183988-184094 ; 338487-339411

Warrant Totals: \$ 803,800.94 ; \$2,667,241.39 ; \$ 787,059.17 ; \$ 2,591,501.80

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

Resolutions and Ordinances.

8.

RESOLUTION NO. 6937.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF POLICE DEPARTMENT INTERNAL AFFAIRS FILES (FROM JANUARY 1, 1999 TO DECEMBER 31, 1999) PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION NO. 6832.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert, that Resolution No. 6937 be approved and adopted.

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

9.

RESOLUTION NO. 6938.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING RESOLUTIONS OF INTENTION FOR COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2004-1 (FUSION AT SOUTH BAY) TO ALLOW FOR FINANCING OF ADDITIONAL FACILITIES AND TO CHANGE DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert, that Resolution No. 6938 be approved and adopted.

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

10.

RESOLUTION NO. 6939.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING CITY TREASURER AND FINANCE DIRECTOR TO RELEASE WARRANTS WHEN CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE CANCELLED DUE TO A LACK OF QUORUM.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert, that Resolution No. 6939 be approved and adopted.

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

11.

RESOLUTION NO. 6940

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, APPROVING THE FORM OF AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT AND RELATED DOCUMENTS WITH RESPECT TO THE SALE OF THE SELLER'S VEHICLE LICENSE FEE RECEIVABLE FROM THE STATE; AND DIRECTING AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN OTHER ACTIONS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert, that Resolution No. 6940 be approved and adopted.

ROLL CALL-AYES: Councilmembers Catano, Lambert, Parsons, Velez, Mayor Guidi.

NOES: None. ABSTAIN: None.

12.

RESOLUTION NO. 6941

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, RESTRICTING CURB PARKING ON THE NORTH SIDE OF BROADWAY FOR 200 FEET EAST OF GREVILLEA AVENUE.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert, that Resolution No. 6941 be approved and adopted.

ROLL CALL-AYES: Councilmembers Catano, Lambert, Parsons, Velez, Mayor Guidi.

NOES: None. ABSTAIN: None.

13.

RESOLUTION NO. 6942

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA PROCLAIMING ITS COMMITMENT TO KEEPING THE HAWTHORNE POOL OPEN AND SUPPORTING THE CITY'S APPLICATION FOR A \$1 MILLION GRANT FOR THE HAWTHORNE SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert, that Resolution No. 6942 be approved and adopted.

ROLL CALL-AYES: Councilmembers Catano, Lambert, Parsons, Velez, Mayor Guidi.

NOES: None. ABSTAIN: None.

14.

ORDINANCE NO. 1808 (1st Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, ADDING SECTION 8.34.095 OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE ASSESSING A SURCHARGE ON THE SALE OF SAFE AND SANE FIREWORKS AND AMENDING SECTIONS 8.34.120 (H) AND 8.34.180 OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO MINIMAL ELECTRICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR OPERATION OF FIREWORKS STANDS AND PROHIBITIONS ON USE OF FIREWORKS. Motion to introduce.

Councilmember Lambert moved seconded by Councilmember Parsons, to pull this Ordinance out of the agenda.

ROLL CALL-AYES: Councilmembers Catano, Lambert, Parsons, Velez, Mayor Guidi.

NOES: None. ABSTAIN: None.

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

15.

Approve Airport Improvement Grant (A.I.P) Application for Airport Master Planning Services.

16.

Approve Bingo Permit for VFW Post 2075.

17.

Staff is seeking the City Council's Authorization for amendments to the General Fund Budget for fiscal year 2004/05.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council Approve the additional appropriations and revision projected revenues.

This item was pulled by the City Manager.

18.

Progress Payment No. 25 and Final Acceptance to Pepper Construction, 17841 Mitchell, Irvine, Ca 92614 for Construction of the New Police Station.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council Authorize this Progress and Final Payment. This payment of \$523,109.90 will come from a low-interest loan from the California Infrastructure & Economic Development Bank Account # 380-2101-4086. The total project will be funded from this loan and contributions from the City's General Fund.

This item was pulled by the City Manager.

19.

Approve Staff to enter into a contract with the firm of MuniFinancial for a fee study for Development Impact Fees and Authorize the City Manager to execute a contract for service on behalf of the City (subject to City Attorney approval).

20.

Approve to Award Contract to Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. to provide engineering and design services for Hawthorne Airport Improvement Project No's 3-06-0101-07 and 3-06-0101-08 and Authorize the City Manager 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.

Mayor Pro Tem Catano moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert, 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.

18.

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.

30.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 p.m. in the memory of Basil William Charles Mego, Anna Mego, Phul Singh, Lal Singh, Sebastian Aliano and Lynnett Juniel.

Daniel D. Juarez, MMC
City Clerk