

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE,
CALIFORNIA, HELD MARCH 8, 2005.**

Mayor/Chairman Guidi called the City Council, Community Redevelopment Agency and Parking Authority meeting 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.

Mr. Manuel Balboa led the Pledge of Allegiance. Al Richards gave the Invocation.

Mayor Guidi welcomed Betty Patterson from LV Travel as the evening's representative from the Chamber of Commerce.

Jan Vogel, President of the Hawthorne Education Foundation, announced the 1st Annual Golf Tournament. This event will be held on April 18th to raise funds for kids that attend schools within the Hawthorne School District. Mayor Guidi will be the honorary chairman of the event.

Steve Baldwin from the Hawthorne School District sought support for the 3rd Annual Hawthorne Community 5K Run & Walk to be held on May 22nd at the Hawthorne Airport.

Kim Paperin, Project Manager for Trammell Crow, gave a presentation on the proposed housing community at Imperial and La Cienega, which would consist of 430 upscale rental units.

1.

Councilmembers Reports and Recommendations

Councilmember **Lambert** attended the Cub Scout Pack #856 Blue and Gold Dinner and read a certificate from the Council acknowledging the extraordinary accomplishments of Cub Scout Pack #856.

Councilmember **Lambert** attended the Gold's Bar-B-Que.

Councilmember **Catano** attended the Ramona Neighborhood Association meeting and introduced Al Richards, the new president.

Councilmember **Catano** attended the Cub Scout 75th Anniversary event at Dana School.

Councilmember **Catano** attended the Waste Management luncheon honoring community members.

Councilmember **Catano** thanked Mr. Larry Bender and Mr. Jan Vogel for being judges at the Zone Lion Speaker Contest.

Councilmember **Catano** announced that Jonathan Nguyen is the new postmaster of Lawndale. He is the first Asian postmaster in the country and he is also a resident of Hawthorne.

Councilmember **Catano** announced that the Hawthorne Lions Club District 4-L3 will hold their Community Recognition Dinner on March 15th at Behavioral Services, 15519 Crenshaw Blvd. in Gardena. Jan Vogel will be honored as Community Person of the Year. Tickets are \$10 and are available at city hall.

Councilmember **Parsons** announced that Waste Management will honor volunteers in the cities they serve. Brent Morgan, founder of the Bodger Park Neighborhood Association in Hawthorne, was nominated by Councilmember Parsons.

Councilmember **Parsons** reminded that those who participated in the free low flush toilet offer must bring back their existing toilets or they will be charged \$110 on their water bill.

Councilmember **Velez** congratulated Mr. Al Richards, the new president of the Ramona Neighborhood Association.

Mayor **Guidi** thanked Mr. Jan Vogel and Manuel Balboa for their efforts in securing a \$1.5 million grant for training and job placement for those who were laid off from Robert F. Kennedy Hospital.

Mayor **Guidi** thanked Al Richards for the taking the lead of the Ramona Neighborhood Association.

Mayor **Guidi** announced that the Leslie Zepeda Community Dinner will be held on April 21st. The Lion's Club, the Rotary Club and Kiwanis Club will host the event along with the Hawthorne School District and the Superintendent. A location for the event has not yet been decided on.

Mayor **Guidi** thanked Public Works Director Arnie Shadbehr and his crew, on behalf of Darlene Love, for putting up the one-way signs on the Van Ness side of Imperial.

Mayor **Guidi** thanked the residents who called him about the problems in Hollypark.

Mayor **Guidi** stated that one of the largest food processing plants from up north is looking for six acres in order to open their corporate headquarters here in Hawthorne.

Mayor **Guidi** went over local ordinances that have been directed to staff to enforce the cleanup of the city.

Mayor **Guidi** asked that an ordinance similar to Santa Monica's ordinance on converted garages be prepared for the next council meeting.

City Clerk **Juarez** spoke on the corporate poll worker program held in conjunction with the November elections. He stated that 49 service clubs in Los Angeles County provided 224 of the 345 corporate poll worker positions. The Kiwanis, Lions and Rotarians earned \$18,000 for their clubs.

City Clerk **Juarez** acknowledge Boy Scout Ashton Erwin of Hawthorne for his Eagle Scout project that consisted of collecting blood for the tsunami relief.

City Clerk **Juarez** thanked Michelle Winters for putting up the signs at Glasgow Park to prohibit bike riding on the paths.

City Clerk **Juarez** recommended attending the monthly luncheon meetings of the Hawthorne Chamber Women's Council as they have good speakers.

City Clerk **Juarez** announced that the Hawthorne AYSO Boys U12 and Girls U10 finished in the top 4 At the section tournament held in Riverside. The All Star tournament will be held this weekend in Riverside.

City Clerk **Juarez** announced that the American Diabetes and Long Beach Ice Dogs have partnered up for a game on April 2nd at the Long Beach Arena. For every ticket that is sold, American Diabetes receives \$5 back.

City Clerk **Juarez** announced that Volunteer Appreciation Day will be held on April 24th at the Memorial Center.

City Clerk **Juarez** announced that the Canine BBQ dinner will be held on May 17th at the Memorial Center.

City Clerk **Juarez** announced that the YMCA Campaign Kickoff will be held on March 16th. On April 4th, the Hawthorne Parks and Recreation Foundation will be having their golf tournament.

City **Treasurer** Lubenec thanked Tim Ostensen from the Cub Scouts for the 75th Anniversary event and Steve Tavera of Gold's Gym for the Customer Appreciation Day BBQ.

City **Treasurer** Lubenec congratulated Al Richards and the new board of the Ramona Neighborhood Association.

City **Treasurer** Lubenec thanked the Mayor, Council and Staff for all the work they are doing to make the city a better place.

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Under oral communications, **Guy Hocker**, spoke in opposition of the 430 units that are trying to get built near the community and presented a petition to the Council with 500 signatures in opposition. **Donna Warren**, 2505 W. 116th St., asked for an update on a resolution she submitted to amend California's 3 Strikes Law to violent felonies only. **Tony Dauer** is upset that the bikepath his family has used for years has been closed and feels that there should be an easement issue involved. Questioned why others who are not in the Del Aire area are fighting the housing project. **Margaret Wehbi**, 5426 W. 122nd St., is disappointed that the bike path closed as it was a safe way for the children to commute to Dana Middle School and now they have to travel on major boulevards. Urged Council to reopen the path. **Sam Wagner**, is opposed to housing development. **Ardis Dahl**, 5248 W. 119th Pl., spoke in opposition of the Trammell Crow development. **Paul Lowe**, spoke on traffic problem at Crenshaw and 120th and suggested a no u-turn sign for south on Crenshaw. Also spoke on left turn traffic problem on 120th and Van Ness. **Rhonda Chatterton** thanked Mayor Guidi, Councilman Velez and Councilman Parsons for being part of their open community forum at the last general meeting on February 17th. Stated that the bike path was closed due to safety reasons and gave a brief outline and summary of what has occurred in the last few years. **Emerita Pena**, 13009 Glasgow Pl., is glad that the bike path is closed because of much vandalism and crime over the years. **Mary Franklin**, 5351 Wiseburn, would like to see the bike path stay closed. Does not agree with the Pacific Concourse building. **Carol Wilbanks**, 13723 Rossburn, opposed to 430 unit development. Stated that there are many careless drivers on Aviation and asked for more police patrol on Aviation. **James Taylor**, 11723 Atkinson, thanked Lt. Salmon for taking care of homeless problem off the 105 and Crenshaw. Thanked Chief Port for his commitment to have neighborhood watch on a monthly basis in Hollypark. Thanked Danny Juarez for providing voting statistics and encouraged Hollypark residents to vote. Thanked Richard Prentice for keeping him informed of crime activity in his area. **Kyle Orleman**, 5237 Wiseburn, thanked Council for having the wisdom to close the bikepath, but advised that area is not secured due to some broken locks on the fence and gate. Stated that those at the north end of Hollyglen are having a hard time getting to the Gateway project due to the closure of Isis at Rosecrans. Also asked if a motor officer can be called to the intersection of Ocean Gate and Rosecrans. **Santa Solis** stated that there are a lot of people who object to the housing project. **Helen Dunkin**, 11935 Tarron Ave., thanked Thierry Lubenec for being at their last meeting. **Francis Stiglich**, thanked Council for starting on her street. Hopes the planned enforcement of city codes works out. Opposed to the 425 units. **Alan Richards** asked for volunteers to form a committee to fight illegal fireworks.

Mayor/Chairman Guidi ordered oral communications closed.

3.

Mayor/Chairman Guidi recessed the Community Redevelopment Agency, Parking Authority and Housing Authority meetings to conduct the meeting of the City Council.

4.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Parsons, that the reading of the City Council minutes of the regular meeting of February 22, 2005 be waived and that they be approved and adopted.

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

5.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Parsons, to waive full readings of resolutions and ordinances on March 8, 2005's agenda.

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

6.

The City Clerk announced that this was the time and place to publicly receive and declare opened bids for Hawthorne Youth Camp Renovation Project.

Public Work's Department submitted declaration of publication which was ordered filed.

The bids were publicly read from the following firms:

J.M BUILDERS, INC

\$1,135,000

Bid was accompanied by a bidder's bond.

MOTION TO TABLED

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert, to tabled this item until the next meeting.

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

7.

The City Treasurer submitted a financial statement regarding warrants.

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

Warrants Nos.: 184095-184188 ; 339412-339754

Warrant Totals: \$ 588,097.13 ; \$1,435,664.25

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

Resolutions and Ordinances.

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ORDINANCE NO. 1809 . (1st Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTIONS 8.34.030 AND 8.34.060 OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE ESTABLISHING THAT NO MORE THAN EIGHT PERMITS TO SELL FIREWORKS SHALL BE GRANTED IN A CALENDAR YEAR THAT POST 314 (INCLUDING LADIES AUXILIARY POST 314) AND THE VFW POST 2075 (INCLUDING LADIES AUXILIARY POST 2075) SHALL EACH BE DEEMED A CERTIFIED APPLICANT FOR RECEIVING A PERMIT TO SELL FIREWORKS).

Ordinance No. 1809 was **PULLED** by Councilmember Lambert.

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

9.

Approve Progress Payment No. 1 due to Security Paving, P. O Box 1489, Sun Valley, Ca 91353-1489 for CDBG Local Street Improvements in the amount of \$ 230,050.80 from CDBG Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program Account # 727-4860-723-4779.

10.

Approve Progress Payment No. 5 due to CT&F, 7228 Scout Avenue, Bell Gardens, Ca 90201 Inc, for Traffic Signals Installation in the amount of \$83,652.52 from Account # 727-4860-723-4779.

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11.

Approve Payment No. 28 and Final Acceptance to Pepper Construction, 17841 Mitchell Avenue, Irvine, Ca 92614 for Construction of the New Police Station. 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.

12.

Approve Installation of Speed Humps on 132nd Street between Kornblum Avenue and Yukon Avenue.

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

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

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

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

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. in memory of Dori Meade and Essie Garcia.

Daniel D. Juarez, MMC
City Clerk