MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA HELD MARCH 9, 2004.

Mayor/Chairman 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 Phil Cooks from South Bay Celebration of God Church gave the evening's invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Hugo Rojas and the California Youth Karate Team.

Mayor Guidi called Adriana Cabrera to sing the National Anthem.

Mayor Guidi presented a Certificate of Merit to the California Youth Karate Club for its service to the community as the Color Guard for the March 9, 2004 City Council meeting.

Councilmember Catano presented a Proclamation honoring Girl Scouts of the United States of America Hawthorne Neighborhood Troop #750 and declaring the week of March 8 –12 as Girl Scout Week in the City of Hawthorne.

City Clerk Juarez introduced the South Bay Swim Team and Kathy Davids. Ms. Davids announced that the team recently participated in the Southern California Aquatic Association Winter Championship Meet.
The team took home the first place trophy for Division 3.

Mayor Guidi presented Certificates of Recognition to Advance Party Rentals, Awnings and Signs Unlimited and Ted's Donuts in appreciation of their support to the City of Hawthorne's Press Conference announcing the Leslie Zepeda Memorial Neighborhood Improvement Program held on Februray 28, 2004. Springhill Suites by Marriott and Starbucks Coffee were unable to attend.

Mayor Guidi presented two brief videos on Hug and Kisses Basketball and the Leslie Zepeda Home Improvement Project.

1.

Under Councilmember Reports and Recommendation:

Councilmember **Parsons** invited everyone to attend the softball game between the Rotarians and the Kiwanis of Hawthorne on March 21st. The event will be held at Jim Thorpe Park at 1:30 pm.

Councilmember **Parsons** announced that the Wiseburn School district will be holding a Rock Around the Block event at Dana Middle School on April 24th at 8 am. The event will raise money for the Wiseburn Educational Foundation to bring additional programs to the school.

Councilmember **Parsons** announced that on March 15th at 6:30, there will be a meeting at Del Aire Assembly of God Church at 4955 W. 119th St., to plan for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life event.

Councilmember **Parsons** announced that the Rotary is starting a program to collect used cell phones. The phones are programmed for 911 and given to battered women's shelters.

Councilmember **Parsons** announced that the Holly Park Homeowners Association meets the first Thursday of every month.

Councilmember **Parsons** stated that we will try to work with surrounding cities to help get funds for the improvement of Rosecrans in the future.

Councilmember **Parsons** stated that he has information on how to soundproof homes that are having trouble with airport noise.

Councilmember **Parsons** announced that Boeing in El Segundo has ceased to fly their helicopter over Hawthorne. The Coast Guard will also start flying a more industrial route over Hawthorne.

Councilmember **Parsons** spoke on SB744, which is being proposed by Senator Dunn. It allows a housing developer who's told he cannot build a project in the city to appeal to a state board that would allow the state to overturn a local land use decision.

Councilmember **Parsons** announced that the MTA will be cutting back on bus routes. There will be a meeting at the Carson Community Center on Wednesday to protest the termination of a local bus route that supports local kids.

Councilmember **Velez** thanked the Rotary, Kiwanis and Lions for the work they did for the Leslie Zepeda dinner and thanked Mayor Guidi and Bob Marsella for their part in the kitchen.

Councilmember **Velez** thanked Francis Stiglich for the work she has done in her neighborhood in conjuction with the Leslie Zepeda Community Improvement Program.

Councilmember **Lambert** also thanked Francis Stiglich for all her hard work.

Councilmember **Lambert** thanked the Hollypark Homeowners and pledged her support to get their association up and running.

Councilmember **Lambert** attended Hugs and Kisses on Saturday.

Councilmember **Lambert** attended a program called "Zero Waste in Businesses" and suggested that the City join the South Bay Business Environmental Coalition so City businesses that practice zero waste may be honored by the organization.

Councilmember **Lambert** brought to light a problem on 130th and Inglewood regarding a large white truck that parks on the street for three days at a time on the weekends obstructing traffic.

Councilmember **Catano** encouraged citizens to sign a petition that would get an initiative on the November ballot to stop the state from taking money from cities to balance their own budget.

Councilmember **Catano** attended the Ramona Neighborhood Association, which was very informative, as was the Hollypark Homeowner's Association.

Councilmember **Catano** thanked John Farace and Larry Bender for being the judges of the Lion Zone Speaker contest.

Councilmember **Catano** attended the Hug and Kisses event.

Councilmember **Catano** represented the Mayor at a press conference against the LAX expansion.

Councilmember **Catano**, on behalf of his granddaughter, presented a plaque to Mayor Guidi for his support in the 2003 Amateur Softball Association Championships.

Councilmember **Catano** announced that on March 12 at 6:30 pm, the Hawthorne Lions Club, District 4L3 will hold a Community Recognition dinner honoring City Manager Richard Prentice. The event will be held at Behavioral Services, 15519 W. Crenshaw Blvd. Tickets are $10.

Councilmember **Parsons** announced that a three part series on the Hawthorne Fire Department will air on Time Warner channel 6 on March 15, 17 and 19 at 7 pm.

Councilmember **Parsons** stated that Mayor Hahn wants to put in more gates at LAX that would allow it to grow beyond its current 79 million passenger capacity. Mayor Gordon of El Segundo is trying to reduce the number of gates and we are supporting El Segundo.

Councilmember **Parsons** asked that the weeds on Rosecrans, between Isis and the fire station be cut down. Asked that shopping carts on Isis and Rosecrans be picked up, as they are starting to pile up. On the northeast corner of Rosecrans and Aviation, there is an old no hitchhiking sign that needs to be taken down.

Councilmember **Parsons** noted that the state is taking about 94% of our property tax. Only 6 1/2% stays in the City.

Mayor **Guidi** thanked staff for putting together and standing by the Gold's Gym project.

Mayor **Guidi** thanked the Street Dept. for all the signs that are being replaced in the City.

Mayor **Guidi** stated that there is a problem with the streetlights on Hawthorne Blvd. from Rosecrans to 133rd Street.

Mayor **Guidi** presented pictures to give an update on Eucalyptus Park.

City Treasurer **Lubenec** thanked the participants of the Spaghetti dinner.

City Clerk **Juarez** thanked everyone for coming out and voting last Tuesday and shared his experience as a precinct coordinator on Election Day.

City Clerk **Juarez** thanked the three service clubs for their participation in the Leslie Zepeda fundraiser and contributed $250 on behalf of AYSO to the fundraiser.

City Clerk **Juarez** thanked everyone who donated to the YMCA support campaign.

City Clerk **Juarez** announced that the Parks and Recreation Foundation would hold a golf tournament on April 5th in the city of Murrieta. Anyone interested can contact Mickey.

Mayor **Guidi** would like an ordinance prepared defining a code of ethics for employees, Councilmembers and department heads.

Mayor Guidi moved seconded by Councilmember Parsons to Change the Graffiti and Gang Abatement Commission name back to the Youth Commission.

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

2.

Under oral communications, **Gary Evans** of Pizza Show, requested that an ordinance be passed that would allow food establishments the option of not posting letter grades. **Rhonda Chatterton**, on behalf of the Hollyglen community, asked that the City help in the evaluation of a technical report concerning the rebuilding of three Wiseburn schools. **Steve Redlick**, 5517 W. 134th St., stated that the letter grades are not that important. **Gordon Meego**, 4535 W. 141st St., suggested a straight road from Hindry to Marine. Inquired on the current status of the development on the southwest corner of Rosecrans and Inglewood. **Ronny Manson,** reported on a vacant lot at 120th and Inglewood that needs to be cleaned up, shopping carts cluttering the skate park and vendors. **Francis Stiglich**, invited everyone to come to Nellie's to get the Eucalyptus Homeowner's Association up and running. Would like the City to have a transportation bus for seniors.

No one else indicated a desire to be heard.

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 24, 2004 and the adjourned regular meeting of March 2, 2004 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 9, 2004's agenda.

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

6.

City Clerk Daniel D. Juarez announced that this was the time and place for the Appeal Hearing on the Appeal of Planning Commission Resolution Number PC 2004-04 that recommended Approval of a Fitness Center on the Property Located at 4949 and 4917 West 147th Street in a M-2 (Heavy Industrial) Zone.

Planning Department submitted declaration of publication which was ordered filed. One written communication was received.

Under oral comments, **Stan Gidaszewski** concluded that CEQA applies to this project and it is not exempt and therefore the initial study should of required at least a traffic survey and possibly additional measures to take care of any possible consequences to the current traffic situation in that neighborhood and the surrounding area. **Aaron Harp**, on behalf of the City of Lawndale, supports the appeal. Stated that overall the City of Lawndale is not opposed to the project, but feels that any project that's constructed must comply with California Environmental Quality Act. **Hugo Rojas**, spoke on how a partnership with Gold's Gym would benefit kids. **Unidentified speaker,** feels a gym in Hawthorne would be good for the kids. **Chris Young**, Commissioner for City of Redondo Beach and Cofounder of California Karate Club feels Gold's Gym would be an asset for Hawthorne. **Unidentified speaker**, feels kids need a place to go to and mentors to look up to and a gym could provide this. **Unidentified speaker,** stated that Gold's Gym is a good organization that opened its doors to him. **Darlene Love**, feels that a gym would be good for both young and old. **Walt Dixon**, is in favor of a fitness center and feels it would be good for kids. **Christina Chiappe**, is 100% behind Gold's Gym coming to the City. Feels it is a great opportunity for the residents and especially for the young people. **Unidentified speaker**, is in favor of the gym. **Unidentified speaker,** feels a gym would be a positive role model for young people. **Unidentified speaker,** pointed out that the location of the gym at 147th St. only has one lane each direction in the middle and suggested that two lanes be made in each direction to improve traffic. **Daniel Banning,** thanked everyone that is here acknowledging the importance of such a project for our youth. Presented letters of support from local business owners and local business managers to support this project. **Herschel Banning**, does not see project as sales tax for city improvements or for aesthetics but sees it for how it has and would help residents. **Mike Sherad**, has been an 11 year member of Gold's Gym and feels it would be good for the City. **Terry Kane**, a long time Gold's Gym member, spoke in favor of a gym. **Dolly Muneros**, a Lawndale resident, supports the building of the gym and thinks it would be good for her kids. **Keith Franklin**, credits Gold's Gym with turning his life around and is now a part of the organization. **Don Harris**, representing Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce, supports Gold's Gym and the addition that it will bring to the City. **Carol Wilbanks**, spoke in favor of gym. **Unidentified speaker,** spoke in favor of gym and how it would give opportunity to the youth. **Francis Stiglich,** is in favor of gym. **William Spiller,** a Juvenile Court Referee, deals with kids and criminals and thinks the gym is a good idea.

City Attorney, Glen Shishido stated that Mr. Charles Herbertson, Public Work's Director, had a few comments.

Charles Herbertson: Mr. Herbertson stated that considerable mitigation measures have been implemented on Rosecrans Avenue pursuant to the Gateway and Oceangate projects and that the City of Hawthorne has done more that its share in terms of addressing traffic on Rosecrans and that the City continues do so now. For example, Rosecrans was widened from Isis to Inglwewood Avenue. Hindry was widened and a signal was installed at Hindry and the freeway, including a double left lane onto the freeway. A second westbound lift was installed at Rosecrans and Hindry and a second westbound left was installed at Rosecrans and Oceangate. In addition, progress continues on the Aviation/Rosecrans widening project which is fully funded and the right0of0way is all acquired. The project is now being reviewed by Caltrans and shortly the City will obtain final approval. The City has executed an agreement with Chevron for pipeline relocation work will start construction sometime in the near future. The City has already spent $5 million to relocate the railroad bridge at the Aviation/Rosecrans intersection back in

1995. The City will now be doing the intersection widening, including all the way from Isis to Douglas Street on Rosecrans and Douglas is in El Segundo, the City is the lead agency and Hawthorne is carrying the ball and overseeing the construction even if the city of El Segundo. The city will be widening Aviation all the way from Hawaii down to Marine Avenue. The City has agreed to take over a County project from Marine to 33rrd Street and the City will be administrating that as well asp part of this project, sot it is clear that Hawthorne is doing a lot in regards to traffic mitigation for Rosercrans. In addition there has been an updated traffic study performed since the Oceangate/Gateway Final EIR's were done. In reviewing the traffic study, it should be noted that here has been improvement at a number of intersections as a result of the mitigation measures that have been implemented. That would include Inglewood and 147th Street in both the am and pm. Inglewood and Rosecrans in both am and pm. Oceangate and Rosecrans in both the am and pm and the I-405 northbound on the off ramps in the pm. Mr. Herbertson introduced Augustus Arjuwara, to discuss the traffic study that was recently completed.

Mayor Guidi: Mr. Shishido, I'm going to close oral communications.

City Attorney, Glen Shishido stated that traffic consultants from Gold's Gym should be made part of Oral Communications.

Augustus Arjuwara, Transportation Engineer, stated that he was hired to perform a study regarding the traffic impact of the proposed Gold's Gym. He concluded that the proposed Gold's Gym Fitness Club has no adverse impact on the circulation system or the critical intersections that are a concern.

Christian Inacha, Environmental Services, stated that this project would not result in significant adverse air quality impact.

Stan Gerasdeski, said he is not against Gold's Gym but only wants every project to follow applicable law. Stan asked whether the Circuit City project was processed in a manner similar to Gold's Gym.

Mayor: He said that the appeal should be pulled in order to allow all these young people to work everyday.

Jerry Jamgotian, spoke on the financial impact of this project on the city and asked various questions such as how much the city is contributing to this project and if this project is paying any sales tax.

No one else indicated a desire to be heard.

Mayor Guidi ordered to close the public portion of the hearing. MOTION CARRIED.

Councilmember Velez moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert, to uphold Planning Commission's decision and deny the Appeal and instructed the City Attorney to prepare the necessary Resolution/Ordinance.

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.: 181073-181101 ; 322510-322872

Warrant Totals: $759,642.40 ; $ 1,536.948.05

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

Resolutions and Ordinances.

8.

RESOLUTION NO. 6860.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE PUBLIC NECESSITY, HEALTH, SAFETY, OR WELFARE REQUIRES THE FORMATION OF AN UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT ON 120TH STREET FROM YORK AVENUE TO 1900 FEET WEST OF CRENSHAW BLVD, AND ON PRAIRIE AVENUE FROM 120TH STREET TO 116TH STREET.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Parsons that Resolution No. 6860 be approved and adopted.

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

9.

RESOLUTION NO. 6863.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, CALIFORNIA SUPPORTING A STATEWIDE BALLOT INITIATIVE TO REQUIRE VOTER APPROVAL BEFORE STATE GOVERNMENT MAY TAKE LOCAL TAX FUNDS.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Parsons that Resolution No. 6863 be approved and adopted.

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

10.

ORDINANCE NO. 1792. (2nd Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, , RECLASSIFYING THE ZONING OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 14234-38-42 PRAIRIE AVENUE (APN 4051-031-006) FROM M-1 (LIMITED INDUSTRIAL TO C-3 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL).

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Velez, that Ordinance No. 1792 be approved and adopted.

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

11.

ORDINANCE NO. 1793. (2nd Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT RELATIVE TO LEGAL NONCONFORMING BUILDINGS AND USES UNDER CHAPTER 17.38 OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE.

Councilmember Catano moved, seconded by Mayor Guidi , that Ordinance No. 1793 be approved and adopted.

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:

12.

Approve Progress Payment No. 4 due to Los Angeles Engineering, Inc., 4141 Temple City Blvd, Rosemead, Ca 91770 for Glasgow Strip Improvements in the amount of $ 103,239.35 from Proposition 12 per Capita funds, Account #100-6113-4223.

13.

Approve Progress Payment No. 3 due to Los Angeles Engineering, Inc., 4141 Temple City Blvd, Rosemead, Ca 91770 for Eucalyptus Park Improvements in the amount of $229,812.84 from Account #726-4830-000-4477.

14.

Approve to Amend the Existing Lease Agreement with SBC Capital Services to provide Telecommunication (voice-products) Equipment to the City of Hawthorne dated 12/27/2001.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert, that items l2-13-14 of the City Manager's consent calendar be approved.

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

15.

The City Attorney, Glen Shishido, recommended that the claim filed against the City of Hawthorne on behalf of Sandra Smith alleging police misconduct be denied in its/their entirety.

Councilmember Lambert moved, seconded by Councilmember Catano, that the claim filed against the City of Hawthorne on behalf of Sandra Smith alleging police misconduct be denied in its entirety.

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

16.

The City Attorney recommended that the claim filed against the City of Hawthorne on behalf of Claim of Charles Smith and Trevon Conner alleging police misconduct be denied in its entirety.

Councilmember Lambert moved, seconded by Councilmember Catano, that the claim filed against the City of Hawthorne on behalf of Charles Smith and Trevon Conner alleging police misconduct be denied in its/their entirety.

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

17.

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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Mayor Guidi adjourned the meeting at 11:15 p.m.

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Daniel D. Juarez, MMC
City Clerk