MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA HELD MARCH 23, 2004.

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.

Deacon Tom Moske, representing St. Joseph Church, gave the invocation for the evening. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Girl Scout Troop 733.

Mayor Guidi presented a Certificate of Merit to Girl Scout Troop 733 for its service to the community as the color guard at the March 23, 2004 Hawthorne City Council meeting.

Mayor Guidi welcomed Pam Fees of El Camino College as the evening's representative from the Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor Guidi presented a short video of the Business to Business Network that was put on by the Economic Development Committee and the City Council.

Wendy Ostensen of the Hawthorne School District announced the "2nd Annual Hawthorne 5K Run/Walk" to be held on May 16th at Jack Northrop Airfield at 8 am. Steve Baldwin, Registered Dietician in the Hawthorne School District, commented that this is an event that is designed to increase awareness of the importance of physical activity and nutrition for the children of Hawthorne.

Neal Goldman, President of the Wiseburn Education Foundation, announced the "1st Annual Rock Around the Block" fund raising event, which is for the benefit of the Wiseburn School District. The goal is to raise $100,000 for music and arts education for the kids. The event will be held on April 24th.

Nikkie Birdsall, spokesman for Hugs and Kisses Sports Club, presented an award to Mayor Guidi and the Council for supporting Hugs and Kisses Sports Club.

Mayor Guidi presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Cory and Jo Ann Birdsall in recognition of their hard work, dedication and volunteerism to the Hugs and Kisses Sports Club program and for their involvement in assisting disabled children of the City of Hawthorne and surrounding communities that participate in sports.

Councilmember Velez presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Manuel Romero of Chips Restaurant in recognition of his outstanding support, participation and involvement with the Hawthorne/Lawndale Ministerial Association Breakfast held on March 10, 2004.

1.

Mayor Guidi recessed the City Council meeting to conduct a closed session regarding Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation, Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9 (One potential case).

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3.

Councilmember **Parsons** announced that the winning team of the annual baseball game between the Rotarians and the Kiwanis was the Rotarians. The score was 24 to 15.

Councilmember **Parsons** announced that there will be a toxic waste pickup on April 3rd at Imperial and Normandie Ave.

Councilmember **Parsons** announced that he has been selected from the South Bay area to speak to Air Force Cadets and Senior Air Force people at Maxwell Air force Base in Atlanta, Georgia.

Councilmember **Catano** attended the Wiseburn and Hollypark Little League grand openings.

Councilmember **Catano** announced that March 23rd has been designated as Diabetes Alert Day, a day for outreach and education about Diabetes.

Councilmember **Lambert** publicly thanked Allen Richards for the list he provided to the City regarding the use of unauthorized trash bins.

Councilmember **Lambert** was questioned by Councilmember Parsons regarding her decision to leave an ICRMA insurance pool based on a 10% increase. Lambert stated that as a result of the City's taking steps to leave the pool, ICRMA is now considering a 5% or 10% decrease.

Mayor **Guidi** thanked the Wiseburn Little League for involving the Council every year with their opening day ceremonies as it gives the Council an opportunity to hear the concerns of residents and parents.

Mayor **Guidi** announced the second meeting with the tenants regarding the Leslie Zepeda Neighborhood Improvement program. It will be held tomorrow night at 7 pm at Eucalyptus School.

Mayor **Guidi** thanked Jan Vogel for hosting the State Architect Board meeting last Wednesday.

Mayor **Guidi** thanked Lt. Valdez for taking care of a complaint from a business owner regarding a problem with a homeless camp.

Mayor **Guidi** requested that a walking tour be made from City Hall to 126th St. to Hawthorne Blvd. and onto 133rd St. in order to check the tree wells and then come back with a report. He also requested a walking tour and report of Hawthorne Blvd. to evaluate why some trees are dying and others are fine.

City Treasurer **Lubenec** thanked parents for volunteering their time to programs for kids.

City Treasurer **Lubenec** announced that there will be a chamber mixer at Cerise Auto next Thursday.

City Clerk **Juarez** received a letter from the Boy Scout organization advising that their affiliates are not eligible to participate in the fireworks sale.

City Clerk **Juarez** announced that the Hawthorne President's Council will hold their "22nd Annual Volunteer Appreciation Day" on April 25th.

City Clerk **Juarez** announced that on April 2nd , the South Bay Leadership Group will host a Prayer Breakfast at the Proud Bird Restaurant.

City Clerk **Juarez** noticed a problem with old furniture dumped on the county side near Inglewood Ave.

4.

Under oral communications, **Michael Genthe**, 949 South Coast Dr., of Trammell Crow spoke on a project involving 450 high end apartments units in the county area of the City near the Los Angeles Municipal Courthouse. **Lee Harrington**, 444 S. Flower St., President of the LA County Economic Development Corporation, requested that the vote be put off on Resolution 6867 so that they can work further with the Council in order to get a sense of the project. **Gary Evans**, 13344 Hawthorne Blvd., on behalf of himself and many businesses in Hawthorne, stated that he opposes grades in windows. **Robert Guszak**, 4450 W. 130th St., addressed the problem of no overnight parking signs that were posted near his home in a public parking lot, thereby causing the apartment dwellers in the area to park on his street and making parking for the residents impossible. Requested help in trying to find a solution. **Pat Carey**, 4588 W. 130th St., encouraged the Council to promote Hawthorne businesses to other cities, including his flight school located at the Hawthorne Airport.

No one else indicated a desire to be heard.

Mayor/Chairman Guidi ordered oral communications closed.

5.

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

6.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Parsons, to waive full readings of resolutions and ordinances on March 23, 2004's agenda.

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

7.

City Clerk Daniel D. Juarez announced that this was the time and place for the public hearing on Preliminary Consolidated Plan/Annual Plan for Program Year 2004, July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005. City Clerk's Department declaration publication filed. No written communications. Call for oral comments. Motion-close hearing. (No further action taken at this meeting).

The City Clerk submitted declaration of publication, which was ordered filed. No written communications were received.

Under oral comments, no one indicated a desire to be heard.

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

(No further action taken at this meeting).

8.

City Clerk Daniel D. Juarez announced that this was the time and place for the 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 and establishing March 23, 2006 as the date for existing utilities to be removed and placed underground.

Public Work's declaration publication filed. No written communications. Call for oral comments. Motion-close hearing. Motion to Approve Resolution No. 6866.

Under oral comments, no one indicated a desire to be heard.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 6866.

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 AND ESTABLISHING MARCH 23, 2006 AS THE DATE FOR EXISTING UTILITIES TO BE REMOVED AND PLACED UNDERGROUND. Motion to adopt.

Due to problems with language on the Resolution title, this Resolution will be placed at the next City Council meeting.

9.

The City Clerk announced that this was the time and place to publicly receive and declare opened bids for 2004 Local Street Improvement Project.

Public Work's submitted declaration of publication/posting, which was ordered filed.

The bids were publicly read from the following firms:

ORION CONTRACTING, INC	*$740,740.00*
SECURITY PAVING	*$724,800.00*
GRIFFITH COMPANY	*$833,500.00*
SULLY-MILLER CONTRACTING	*$838,250.00*
EXCEL PAVING, CO	*$830,905.00*
SEQUEL CONTRACTORS, INC	*$684,600.00*

All bids were accompanied by a bidder's bond.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Catano, that the bids be referred to staff for study and recommendation.

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

10.

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.: 181182-181295 ; 322873-323891

Warrant Totals: $ 728,480.27 ; $ 3,825,655.68

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

Resolutions and Ordinances.

11.

RESOLUTION NO. 6864.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING A THREE-WAY STOP SIGN AT THE INTERSECTION OF EUCALYPTUS AVENUE AND 116th STREET

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Parsons, that Resolution No. 6864 be approved and adopted.

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

12.

RESOLUTION NO. 6865.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE ROBERT-Z'BERG-HARRIS BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM UNDER THE CALIFORNIA CLEAN WATER, CLEAN AIR, SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS, AND COASTAL PROTECTION ACT OF 2002.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Parsons, that Resolution No. 6865 be approved and adopted.

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

This item was number 1 in the Addendum to the Agenda.

RESOLUTION NO. 6867.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, OPPOSING THE PROPOSED PACIFIC CONCOURSE DEVELOPMENT OF 450 UNITS ON LA CIENEGA AT THE SOUTHWEST INTERSECTION OF THE 405 AND 105 FREEWAYS IN UNINCORPORATED LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Parsons, that Resolution No. 6867 be approved and adopted.

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

13.

RESOLUTION NO. 6868.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF POLICE DEPARTMENT INTERNAL AFFAIRS FILES PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION NO. 6832

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Parsons, that Resolution No. 6868 be approved and adopted.

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

14.

RESOLUTION NO. 6869.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, MAKING FINDINGS AND UPHOLDING THE APPROVAL BY THE ZONING AND PLANNING COMMISSION OF A CONDITIONAL USE APPLICATION FOR A FITNESS CENTER ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4949 AND 4917 WEST 147TH STREET.

Resolution No. 6869 was pulled by the City Manager.

15.

ORDINANCE NO. 1795. (1st Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, REPEALING CHAPTER 8.10 OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICPAL CODE RELATING TO LETTER GRADE INSPECTION SCORE SYSTEM FOR FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS AND FOOD HANDLER'S CERTIFICATIONS.

Ordinance No. 1795 was introduced by title only by Councilmember Lambert.

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

16.

Approve Lease No. DTFAWP-03-L-22535 between the City of Hawthorne and The United States of America for land on which is located FAA equipment essential for Airport operation (VASI Runway 07) and authorize the City Manager to execute the Lease on the City's behalf.

17.

Approve Lease No. DTFAWP-03-L-22534 between City of Hawthorne and The United States of America for land on which is located FAA equipment essential for Airport operation (ILS/LOCALIZER and associated equipment) and authorize the City Manager to execute the lease on the city's behalf.

18.

Approve Progress Payment No. 19 to Pepper Construction, 17841 Mitchell, Irvine, Ca 92614 for Construction of the New Hawthorne Police Station. This payment of $799,853.25 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.

19.

Approve Progress Payment No. 2 to Trimming Land Co., Inc, 8006 Ramsgate Avenue, Los Angeles, Ca 90045 for Street Tree Trimming in the amount of $8,548.00 to be charged to the Recreation and Community Services Tree Trimming Account # 100-6111-4051.

20.

Approve Lease between the City of Hawthorne and Southern California Historical Aviation Foundation (SCHAF) for certain Property at Hawthorne Airport and authorize the City Manager to execute the final version of the Lease as approved by SCHAF's board subject to City Attorney Approval as to form.

21.

Approval of Project Location Amendment – Section 108 Loan to Muscle Improvement Inc (Gold's Gym).

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council Approve the Final Consolidated Plan, Annual Plan, Program Year 2003 Project Loan Amendment for Section 108 Loan Guarantee to Muscle Improvement Inc (Gold's Gym). Project will be located at 4917 West 147th Street, Hawthorne.

This item was pulled by the City Manager.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert, that items l6 through 20 of the City Manager's agenda be approved.

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

22.

The City Attorney, Glen Shishido, recommended that the claim filed against the City of Hawthorne on behalf of Manzoor Begum alleging dangerous condition of city property (malfunctioning traffic lights at Prairie Avenue and 120th Street) be denied in its/their entirety.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert, that the claim filed against the City of Hawthorne on behalf of Manzoor Begum alleging dangerous condition of city property (malfunctioning traffic lights at Prairie Avenue and 120th Street) be denied in its/their entirety.

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

23.

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 10:00 p.m. in memory of Jean Dorsey Oddo.

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Daniel D. Juarez, MMC
City Clerk