MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA HELD JUNE 14, 2005.

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

Darlene Love gave the evening's invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Girl Scout Troop #774.

Mayor Guidi presented a Certificate of Merit to Girl Scout Troop #774 for its service to the community as the color guard at the June 14, 2005 Hawthorne City Council meeting.

Girl Scout Troop #774 presented Mayor Guidi and Councilman Velez with a small token of appreciation to thank them for their continued support during the last four years.

Mayor Guidi presented a Proclamation to Mrs. Frances Stiglich to honor her for receiving the Older American's Recognition Honoree Award.

Mayor Guidi presented Cable Director Larry Bender a Proclamation recognizing Hawthorne Community Television Staff for winning entries in the Scannatoa Star Awards Competition.

1.

Mayor Guidi recessed the City Council meeting to conduct a closed session regarding Conference with Labor Negotiator pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency Negotiator: Jeff Freedman - Employee Organizations: All Employee Groups.

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 a closed session regarding a Conference with Labor Negotiator pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency Negotiator: Jeff Freedman - Employee Organizations: All Employee Groups and staff has been instructed and no action has been taken.

2.

Under Elected Officials Reports and Recommendations:

Councilmember **Lambert** went over some of the points of the new fireworks ordinance. It is no longer legal to set off fireworks on the street and sidewalk. Streets can no longer be closed.

Councilmember **Lambert** disagreed with a newspaper article regarding the budget process. Feels that the public does have input as the Council listens to the public's input year round.

Councilmember **Lambert** feels that Hawthorne has progressed because of things that the Council has done such as bringing more business to the city, not because of the economy, interest rates and demand as was stated by a previous speaker.

Councilmember **Velez** also feels that the city has progressed because of things that Council has done and not because of the economy. According to a newspaper article, there has been a 31.3% growth in property value and Councilmember Velez feels it has to do with the 24 hour graffiti removal program and a good police department that goes after crime fast and efficiently.

Councilmember **Velez** stated that Council has not hidden anything from the public regarding the budget and offered a draft budget for anyone who wants to see it.

Councilmember **Velez** stated that Council is very active in looking out to see how things in the city can be improved. Ordinances are created for the safety and welfare of the residents.

Councilmember **Parsons** stated that next year a public hearing on the budget will probably be held to get public input on which programs the public wants to keep and which ones to cut.

Councilmember **Parsons** stated that the West Nile virus is hitting the South Bay and Westside pretty hard and urged residents to get rid of standing water, as this is a breeding ground for mosquitoes.

Councilmember **Parsons** urged residents to join neighborhood associations, as this is a way to give your neighborhood clout to get things taken care of.

Councilmember **Parsons** attended the Sunday school graduation at the Hawthorne Islamic Center and was impressed to see that they want to get involved in the community and make it a better place to live.

Councilmember **Parsons** announced that Walt Dixon has a book on Hawthorne history for $20.

Councilmember **Parsons** announced that safe and sane fireworks are legal from 7 pm to 10 pm from June 28 to July 2nd and from 12 pm to 12 am on July 3rd and July 4th. If reporting illegal fireworks, try to give an address in order to better help the police.

Councilmember **Parsons** was selected by the United States Air Force to attend a Civic Leader tour to discus local issues. The tour will be held the last week of June.

Councilmember **Catano** explained that due to a death in his family causing him to be out of town is the reason a phone call from the paper was not returned.

Councilmember **Catano** attended various events around the city including the Rotary and Kiwanis honoring our finest, the Ramona Neighborhood Association, the Moneta Gardens 10th Anniversary and the VFW/American Legion honoring veterans.

Mayor **Guidi** thanked Captain Beerling and the police department for hosting the State Architect Board meeting at the police station.

Mayor **Guidi** reported that the bocce courts at the Memorial Center will be refurbished and paid for by Luigi and Ennio Schiappa of Elite Homes.

Mayor **Guidi** stated that after attending the Ramona Homeowners Association meeting, it was brought to attention that a stop sign is needed at 137th Pl and Ramona and that the curb at 140th and Inglewood Ave needs to be painted red in order to make it easer for the people to get out onto the avenue.

Mayor **Guidi** thanked the police department for catching the four taggers that tagged the skateboard park.

Mayor **Guidi** is looking into placing on-line cameras at places that have trouble with graffiti.

Mayor **Guidi** announced that the Leslie Zepeda Neighborhood Improvement project is up to 11 homes that have accepted the city's help to refurbish their homes.

Mayor **Guidi** thanked staff and newly promoted department heads for doing a good job in their positions.

Mayor **Guidi** stated that he will not support staff's recommendation to not make the sick leave payments.

Mayor **Guidi** reported that ice cream trucks are selling toy gun replicas that have caused some children to be expelled. Mayor Guidi has spoken to some of the vendors to ask them to stop selling these toys.

3.

Under oral communications, **Ammar Kahf**, Islamic Center of Hawthorne, thanked the Mayor and the Councilmembers that attended their Sunday school graduation over the weekend. Announced that there will be an upcoming yard sale on June 25th and 26th from 7:30 am to 3:00 pm to support the youth group. Appreciates the road maintenance work being done on Doty Ave. and spoke on problem of youths gathering at the Albertson parking lot on Sunday nights**.** **Claudia Fishler**, Hawthorne Library, announced that the summer reading program is beginning at both Hawthorne and Wiseburn libraries. **Allen Richards**, President Ramona Neighborhood Association, thanked Mayor and Council for attending their meeting last Thursday. Also thanked Captain Effler for his presentation on the new fireworks

ordinance. Announced that the American Legion Post #314 is having a flag burning ceremony this coming Saturday at 11 am. **Ronnie Manson** reported on illegal activities at the park such as drinking and dogs in the park. **Donna Hoebing**, 13421 Ramona Ave., talked about the code of ethics for journalists, complained about not being able to find the budget at the library, and stated that the progress and the rising prices for homes in this city are due to the economy, interest rates and demand and not because of the Mayor and Council. **Darlene Love**, 2003 W. 116th St., reported that the alley behind the church at 2506 West Imperial Highway is in deplorable condition due to homes being remodeled nearby. **Cindy Parsons,** 5428 W. 140th St., invited the Council to attend the Hollyglen Neighborhood Association meeting on June 16th. Agenda topics will include a proposed fundraiser for Dana School, which would involve a farmer's market in the school parking lot and an update on the school rebuilding and unification. **Francis Stiglich** inquired on how to faster reach the police department and putting a camera in the empty parking lot. Reported on a green ice cream truck that doesn't have a business license and comes around on Saturdays and Sundays. Feels Council should get double their salary.

No one else indicated a desire to be heard.

Mayor/Chairman Guidi ordered oral communications closed.

4.

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

5.

Mayor Guidi moved seconded by Councilmember Catano, that the reading of the City Council minutes of the regular meeting of May 24, 2005 be waived and that they be approved and adopted.

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

6.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Catano, to waive full readings of resolutions and ordinances on June 14, 2005'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 Confirming and Approving Diagram and Assessment Contained in the Engineer's Report, and Levying Assessment for Improvement of the Street Lighting System (Landscaping and Street Lighting Act of 1972) for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2006.

Public Work's Department 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 6958.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, CONFIRMING AND APPROVING THE DIAGRAM AND ASSESSMENT CONTAINED IN THE ENGINEER'S REPORT, AND LEVYING ASSESSMENT FOR IMPROVEMENT OF THE STREET LIGHTING SYSTEM (LANDSCAPING AND STREET LIGHTING ACT OF 1972) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2006.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert, that Resolution No. 6958 be approved and adopted.

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

8.

The City Treasurer submitted a financial statement regarding warrants.

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

Warrants Nos.: 184741-184826 : 343330-343721

Warrant Totals: $798,791.86 ; $3,090,449.20

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

Resolutions and Ordinances.

9.

RESOLUTION NO. 6959.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO LEVY WEED ABATEMENT ASSESSMENTS AND SETTING A HEARING DATE FOR SUCH PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Catano, that Resolution No. 6959 be approved and adopted.

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

10.

RESOLUTION NO. 6960.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING A ONE-WAY STOP SIGN AT THE INTERSECTION OF 119TH STREET AND KORNBLUM AVENUE

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Catano, that Resolution No. 6960 be approved and adopted.

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

11.

RESOLUTION NO. 6961.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, ADDING TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE CITATION SCHEDULE FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Catano, that Resolution No. 6961 be approved and adopted.

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

NOES: None. ABSTAIN: None.

12.

ORDINANCE NO. 1817. (2nd Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, ADDING CHAPTER 6.25 OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE ABATEMENT OF BARKING DOGS AS A NUISANCE AND REPEALING SECTION 6.24.110.

Councilmember Parsons moved, seconded by Mayor Guidi, that Ordinance No. 1817 be approved and adopted.

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

13.

ORDINANCE NO. 1818. (2nd Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, ADDING CHAPTER 12.31 OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO DEPOSIT OF BULKY WASTE ON SIDEWALKS, STREETS AND PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert, that Ordinance No. 1818 be approved and adopted.

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

14.

ORDINANCE NO. 1820. (1st Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, ADDING CHAPTER 9.60 RELATING TO THE MARKING, INJURING OR DISTURBING OF ANY LANDMARK OR MONUMENT ON CITY RIGHT-OF-WAY.

Ordinance No. 1820 was introduced by title only by Mayor Guidi.

15.

ORDINANCE NO. 1821. (1st Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 17 OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO ZONING.

Ordinance No. 1821 was introduced by title only by Mayor Guidi.

16.

URGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 1822.

AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 9.74 OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO CURFEW FOR MINORS.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Catano, that Ordinance No. 1822 be approved and adopted.

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

17.

ORDINANCE NO. 1823. (1st Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 9.74 OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO CURFEW FOR MINORS.

Ordinance No. 1823 was introduced by title only by Councilmember Catano.

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

18.

Approve Progress Payment No. 4 due to Security Paving, P.O Box 1489, Sun Valley, Ca 91353-1489 for CDBG Local Street Improvements in the amount of $980,255.43 from CDBG Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program Account # 727-4860-723-4779.

19.

Approve Progress Payment No. 6 to Martinez Landscape Company, 14862 Ryan Street, Sylmar, Ca 91342 for Abatement of Weeds and General Maintenance $2,000.00 from Recreation & Community Services Account #225-4106-408-4546; $15,000.00 from Gas Tax Account 220-4106-000-4548 and $11,615.00 from CDBG Account # 727-4860-723-4779; Total $28,615.00.

20.

Approve Progress Payment No. 6 to Trimming Land Co. Inc., 10513 Dolores Avenue, South Gate, Ca 90280 for Street Tree Trimming $10,692.00 to be charged to the Recreation and Community Services Tree Trimming Account #100-6111-4051.

21.

Approve South Bay Workforce Investment Board Re-Appointments: (1) Joseph Costello, (2) Larry Franklin, and (3) Bob Helfant. Appoint the Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors re-nominations of Mr. Joseph Costello and Mr. Larry Franklin to the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) as representatives of the Hawthorne private sector, and ratify the Redondo Beach Mayor and City Council appointment of Mr. Bob Helfant as a representative of the Redondo Beach private sector.

22.

Approve Various Amendments to the City Budget for Fiscal Year 2004/05.

23.

Approve Modification of Traffic Signal at Prairie Avenue and Rosecrans Avenue and Approve the Plans and Specifications that authorizes the project to be advertised for bids with a return date of July 14, 2005.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Catano, that items l8 through 23 of the City Manager's agenda be approved.

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

24.

The City Attorney, Glen Shishido, recommended that the claim on behalf of William Verner alleging police misconduct be denied in its entirety.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Catano, that the claim filed against the City of Hawthorne on behalf of William Verner alleging police misconduct be denied in its entirety.

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

25.

The City Attorney recommended that the Late Claim filed against the City of Hawthorne on behalf of Karen Mitchell alleging police misconduct be denied in its entirety.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Catano, that the Late Claim filed against the City of Hawthorne on behalf of Karen Mitchell alleging police misconduct be denied in its entirety.

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

26.

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.

27.

TABLED ITEM

ORDINANCE NO.1819. (1st Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, TO AMEND SECTION 5.06.040 A & B OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO INCREASING APPLICATION PROCESSING FEE BY $5.00. Motion to introduce.

Motion to remove the Tabled Item:

Councilmember Lambert moved seconded by Mayor Guidi to remove this Ordinance from the table.

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

After a brief discussion, this **ITEM DIED DUE TO A LACK OF A MOTION.**

28.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. in memory of Charles Franklin Macha,

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Daniel D. Juarez, MMC
City Clerk