MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA HELD JULY 12, 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 Lambert, Parsons, Velez, Mayor Guidi.
Absent: Councilmember Catano. (excused).

Pastor Phil Cookes from South Bay Celebration Assembly of God Church gave the evening's invocation. Guy Hocker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Guidi welcomed Bill Salfity as the evening's representative from the Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor Guidi asked for continued prayers for the Rendon family who suffered a tragedy when their 13 month old baby was accidentally run over by a family member. Mayor Guidi thanked those in the South Bay community who quickly came together with monetary donations to help the family. Funds left over after expenses were donated to the Leslie Zepeda Foundation.

1.

Under Elected Officials Reports and Recommendations:

Mayor **Guidi** publicly thanked Mr. Dick Huhn for ordering an anti graffiti sealer to protect the Beach Boys monument.

Councilmember **Velez** congratulated the Nibels for their Citizens of the Year award.

Councilmember **Velez** thanked those who contributed to the Rendon family and to the group than made possible the trip for the kids to go to Germany.

Councilmember **Velez** stated that despite the ordinance that was passed regarding fireworks, people were still using fireworks illegally so we need to reconsider for next year.

Councilmember Velez asked for an ordinance that would cut down on the number of shopping carts abandoned throughout the city.

Councilmember **Velez** wished associate planner Alvie Betancourt the best and thanked him for his service with the city.

Councilmember **Parsons** discussed the possibility of modifying our ordinance to allow legal fireworks only for one day on the 4th of July.

Councilmember **Parsons** got to go see our Airforce reserve in action on a training mission and took part in an air-to-air refueling of an F-16.

Councilmember **Parsons** stated that he got a letter saying that the bus benches on Prairie and El Segundo are missing.

Councilmember **Parsons** reported that the grass at the southern end of Glasgow Park is going brown and asked that the sprinklers be checked. Also asked that the street signs for the park be installed.

Councilmember **Parsons** asked that someone look into the policy that makes a homeowner pay for public sidewalk repair when they do a major remodel as this policy seems unfair to the homeowner.

Councilmember **Lambert** was disappointed that residents booed police officers doing their duty in Hollyglen to enforce the fireworks ordinance.

Councilmember **Lambert** congratulated the Nibels for their award, the Chamber for the event in El Segundo and to all the wonderful people that contributed to the Rendon family.

Mayor **Guidi** congratulated the Nibels and thanked those who contributed to the Rendon family.

Mayor **Guidi** reported that Councilmember Catano and Senator Vincent were in Sacramento fighting for the vehicle license fee on behalf of the city.

Mayor **Guidi** reminded everybody that the custom car show to support Teen Challenge will be held at Memorial Park on July 23rd from 10 am to 3 pm.

Mayor **Guidi** has received several calls from residents complaining about the yellow buses parked in their neighborhoods after business hours. If they are parked after 4 pm in residential neighborhoods, Mayor Guidi asked that they be towed as they are violating the city ordinance regarding commercial vehicles parked in residential neighborhoods.

Mayor **Guidi** wished Councilmember Lambert a happy birthday.

City Treasurer **Lubenec** congratulated the Nibels.

City Treasurer **Lubenec** thanked those who supported the various groups asking for donations.

City Clerk **Juarez** thanked Larry Bender for the new cable department format on channel 22.

City Clerk **Juarez** reminded everyone to come out and support the Airfaire on August 13th.

City Clerk **Juarez** stated that the Parks and Recreation Foundation is accepting donations for the Beach Boys monument in order to reimburse Harry Jarnogan for all the work he did on the project.

Mayor **Guidi** asked to look into the possibility of reopening Northrop Avenue as a public street.

Mayor **Guidi** thanked the Hawthorne Press Tribune for correcting the story on Hawthorne's crime rate.

2.

Under oral communications, **Darlene Love** thanked the Mayor on behalf Olivet Lutheran Church for bringing the barbeque pit to their fundraiser. **Debra White** requested the use of facilities at Memorial Park in order to hold a memorial in remembrance of her son Victor who was the victim of a random shooting in his front yard. **Walt Dixon**, 4378 W. 138th St., announced that I was the city's 83rd birthday. **Francis Stiglich**, 11534 Gale Ave., would like to have one-way streets from 118th to 120th on Eucalyptus and Gale. **Jerry and Kathryn Nibel** thanked the Council, Chamber of Commerce and anyone involved in bestowing the honor of Citizens of the Year onto them.

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.

Councilmember Lambert moved, seconded by Councilmember Velez, that the reading of the City Council minutes of the regular meeting of June 28, 2005 be waived and that they be approved and adopted.

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

5.

Councilmember Lambert moved, seconded by Councilmember Velez, to waive full readings of resolutions and ordinances on Tuesday, July 12, 2005's agenda.

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

6.

The City Clerk announced that this was the time and place to publicly receive and declare opened bids for Modification of Traffic Signal at Prairie Avenue and Rosecrans Avenue.

Public Works Department submitted declaration of publication, which was ordered filed.

The bid was publicly read from the following firm:

COMET ELECTRIC, INC $262,000

The bid was accompanied by a bidder's bond.

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

7.

City Clerk Daniel D. Juarez announced that this was the time and place for the public hearing confirming the Proposed Weed Abatement Assessment Report and Authorizing Collection of the Assessment and Consideration of Resolution No. 6970.

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. 6970.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, CONFIRMING ASSESSMENT FOR WEED AND WASTE ABATEMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE COLLECTION THEREOF.

Councilmember Lambert moved, seconded by Mayor Guidi, that Resolution No. 6970 be approved and adopted.

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

8.

The City Treasurer submitted a financial statement regarding warrants.

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

Warrants Nos.: 184921-185005 ; 344719-345087

Warrant Totals: $767,943.06 ; $4,836,317.88

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

Resolutions and Ordinances.

9.

RESOLUTION NO. 6971.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, GRANTING ANOTHER DESIGNATED PERIOD FOR TWO YEARS ADDITIONAL SERVICE CREDIT

Councilmember Lambert moved, seconded by Councilmember Velez, that Resolution No. 6971 be approved and adopted.

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

10.

RESOLUTION NO. 6972.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO ORDER THE VACATION OF THE SURPLUS RIGHT-OF-WAY ON THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF 135TH STREET AND RAMONA AVENUE, WITHIN THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE AND SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING.

Councilmember Lambert moved, seconded by Councilmember Velez, that Resolution No. 6972 be approved and adopted.

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

11.

RESOLUTION NO. 6973.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, ON BEHALF OF THE SOUTH BAY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD, TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS FOR THE GATEWAY COLLABORATIVE PROJECT

Councilmember Lambert moved, seconded by Councilmember Velez, that Resolution No. 6973 be approved and adopted.

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

12.

ORDINANCE NO.1824. (2nd Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, PREZONING PROPERTY LOCATED GENERALLY AT 11137 FREEMAN (APN 4035 –025-040 and 4035025-041) FROM R-2 (TWO FAMILY RESIDENCE ZONE) TO R-3 (HIGH-DENSITY RESIDENTIAL).

Councilmember Velez moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert, that Ordinance No. 1824 be approved and adopted.

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

13.

ORDINANCE NO. 1825. (2nd Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, RECLASSIFYING THE ZONING OF PROPERTY AS FOLLOWS: [1] APPLICATION 2005CZ01 – PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF SOUTH PRAIRIE AVENUE, BETWEEN THE 105 GLENN ANDERSON FREEWAY TO THE NORTH AND WEST 120TH STREET TO THE SOUTH, ALONG WITH A CONTIGUOUS PORTION OF WEST 118TH STREET, AND A CONTIGUOUS PORTION OF WEST 119TH PLACE FROM C-1 (FREEWAY COMMERCIAL MIXED USE) TO C-3 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL); [2] 2005CZ02 - THE EAST SIDE OF SOUTH GREVILLEA AVENUE, BETWEEN WEST 120TH STREET TO THE NORTH AND WEST BROADWAY TO THE SOUTH, ALONG WITH PROPERTIES LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF SOUTH GREVILLEA AVENUE, SOUTH OF WEST 120TH STREET, ALONG WITH PROPERTIES LOCATED ON WEST 120TH STREET, BETWEEN SOUTH GREVILLEA AVENUE AND SOUTH MANOR DRIVE FROM C-3 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) TO R-3 (HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL); AND [3] 2004CZ03 - THE SOUTH SIDE OF WEST EL SEGUNDO BOULEVARD, EAST OF SHOUP AVENUE, WEST OF SOUTH INGLEWOOD AVENUE IN THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE FROM C-3 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) TO C-1 (FREEWAY COMMERCIAL MIXED USE).

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Velez, that Ordinance No. 1825 be approved and adopted.

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

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

14.

Approve to Authorize to amend the existing contract for audit services between the City of Hawthorne and MSW Consultants.

15.

Approve Progress Payment No. 5 due to Security Paving, P. O Box 1489, Sun Valley, Ca 91353-1489 for CDBG Local Street Improvements in the amount of $1,054,641.25 from CDBG Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program Account # 727-4860-723-4779 and $53,105.30 from Gas Tax Account # 220-4106-000-4540.

16.

Approve Acceptance of Right-of-Way of a portion of Lot 311 and 312 in division "B" of Tract No. 874 – Dated 5/24/05 and authorize the City Clerk to record with the County Recorder.

17.

Approve The "Certification of Compliance with Government Code Section 20903" represents the City's decision to provide employees in specific classifications the benefit of two years of additional service credit in accordance with the pending contract amendment between the City and PERS. It also certifies that this decision is in compliance with Government Code Section 20903.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Velez, that items l4 through 17 of the City Manager's agenda be approved.

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

After the voting of all the items Councilmember Velez requested to reconsider the voting on item No. 16 of the City Manager consent calendar due to the need of a title amendment

MOTION TO RECONSIDER ITEM 17

Councilmember Velez moved, seconded by Mayor Guidi that on item No. 17 be approve and that the title of Director of Finance be amended as to Director of Airport.

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

18.

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 (1 potential case regarding H&C Disposal Company).

Mayor Guidi called the City Council meeting back to order following recess with all Councilmembers present except for Councilmember Catano who was excused. He announced that the closed session was to discuss Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation. Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9 (1 potential case regarding H&C Disposal Company) and that staff has been directed and no action has been taken.

19.

The City Attorney, Glen Shishido, recommended that the claim filed against the City of Hawthorne on behalf of Tito Thomas alleging city employee negligence be denied in its entirety.

Councilmember Parsons moved, seconded by Mayor Guidi, that the claim filed against the City of Hawthorne on behalf of Thomas alleging city employee negligence be denied in its entirety.

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

20.

The City Attorney recommended that the claim filed against the City of Hawthorne on behalf of Blanca Robbins alleging city employee negligence be denied in its entirety.

Councilmember Parsons moved, seconded by Mayor Guidi, that the claim filed against the City of Hawthorne on behalf of Blanca Robbins alleging city employee negligence be denied in its entirety.

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

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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 except for Councilmember Catano who was excused.

22.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33p.m in memory of Nayeli M. Rendon.

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Daniel D. Juarez, MMC
City Clerk