MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA HELD JULY 13, 2004.

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

The evening's invocation was given by Darlene Love. Allen Richards led the Pledge of Alegiance.

Mr. Don Harris, President of the Chamber of Commerce, introduced the new Board of Directors for the Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor Guidi with concurrence from the City Council, wished Mr. Jan Vogel Executive Director for the South Bay Workforce Investment Board a Happy Birthday.

1.

Mayor Guidi recessed the City Council meeting to conduct a closed session regarding Conference with Labor Negotiators (Subdivision (a) of Section 54957.6 of the California Government Code. Name of Labor Negotiator: Jeff Freedman (re: Executive Group).

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 Labor Negotiators (Subdivision (a) of Section 54957.6 of the California Government Code. Name of Labor Negotiator: Jeff Freedman (re: Executive Group) and legal staff has been advised.

2.

Under Councilmember Reports and Recommendations:

Councilmember **Velez** moved seconded by Mayor **Guidi** to agendize putting a stop sign on 122nd and Freeman because of too many accidents.

Councilmember **Velez** spoke on a problem with the trash enclosure behind RiteAid on 132nd, which is being overfilled with trash.

Councilmember **Velez** noticed two tubs of oil in the street that were not being picked up and asked that employees be on the lookout for these types of incidents and to report them.

Councilmember **Velez** asked for some way to limit the number of nail and hair salons on the boulevard.

Councilmember **Velez** asked for an update on the mini-motorcycle task force.

Councilmember **Velez** questioned the purpose of some bricks on an empty lot on Grevillea.

Councilmember **Velez** attended the opening of the new Gas Company building.

Councilmember **Parsons** announced that there will be a ballot initiative on the November ballot (Prop. 65) that would let us keep the monies that we get from such things as property tax and sales tax.

Councilmember **Parsons** stated that you can stop getting pre approved credit card applications in the mail, which can lead to identity theft, by calling 888-567-8688.

Councilmember **Lambert** thanked staff and department heads for their dedicated contribution in putting together the budget.

Councilmember **Lambert** attended the Gas Company opening.

Councilmember **Lambert** inquired if the police respond to persons stealing recyclables from the curb.

Councilmember **Lambert** inquired if we have an option to demand that every owner on the boulevard clean up the front of their own sidewalk.

Councilmember **Lambert** announced that the Cockatoo is probably going to be rehabbed and redeveloped and anyone interested in this project can attend the Planning Commission meeting on August 4th at 6:30 pm.

Mayor **Guidi** stated that the Police Department is handling the recyclers and they have different teams on different nights in the city.

Mayor **Guidi** and Councilmember **Velez** had the opportunity to go out to the DUI checkpoint on Rosecrans and Isis. Mayor Guidi was amazed to see the amount of people that are still drinking and driving.

Mayor **Guidi** asked that the Police and City Manager work to find a solution for the fireworks problem.

Mayor **Guidi** requested that a conditional use permit given to a church on 142nd be investigated as it is causing parking problems for business owners in the area.

Mayor **Guidi** would like to do a sidewalk assessment on both sides of Hawthorne Blvd. and other major streets in the city.

Mayor **Guidi** announced that he will be co-sponsoring with Ken Chiang with the State Board of Equalization, a small business summit at the Memorial Center on August 6th.

Mayor **Guidi** announced that the Chamber of Commerce would like to invite everybody to an open house on July 29th from 4 pm to 8 pm.

Mayor **Guidi** announced that on July 27th, Time Warner's state of the art Surf Shack will visit City Hall from 4 pm to 6 pm. Surf Shack contains all the bells and whistles of the technology revolution.

Councilmember **Parsons** inquired about making more parking available to business owners on Hawthorne Blvd. who want to expand their businesses.

Councilmember **Parsons** shared how the Hawthorne Rotary Interact Club, which is composed of Hawthorne High students, participated in the 9th Annual Lennox Family Festival by reading to 400 children and adults. Councilmember **Parsons** encouraged everyone to join a service club and get involved in the community.

Councilmember **Lambert** announced that Congresswoman Maxine Waters will be coming to Hawthorne on July 31st from 2 to 4 pm to discuss local issues.

City Treasurer **Lubenec** walked Hawthorne Blvd. and reported that there are very few trash cans between El Segundo and Rosecrans.

City Treasurer **Lubenec** reminded that the Cancer Walk is coming up in August and also the Air Fair.

Mayor **Guidi** congratulated City Clerk **Juarez'** soccer team for wining the nationals.

City Clerk **Juarez** announced that the November election is fast approaching and encouraged people to participate in this process. October 18th is the last day to register in order to vote in this election.

City Clerk **Juarez** announced that the County has established a Corporate Poll Worker program.

City Clerk **Juarez** announced that the Diabetes Walk will be held on September 26th. City Clerk Juarez is this year's chairman.

Mayor **Guidi** reported on a problem with parking at 7-11 due to a building that was split into two businesses and asked that this be researched.

Councilmember **Lambert** thanked Councilmember **Velez** for filling in for her at a meeting of the SBCOG.

Councilmember **Lambert** discussed the possibility of having the homeowner associations bring up to the homeowners whether they are in favor of getting rid of fireworks altogether.

3.

Under oral communications, **Ronnie Manson**, announced that a board member of his radio team is in the hospital. **Sandra Suarez**, was here to defend and preserve such honors as proclamations, awards, and recognition that deserving people earn and not devalue them by giving them to undeserving people. **Cathy Lawson**, concerned that Hollyglen Park has become overcrowded during holidays and weekends, causing safety issues such as the passage of emergency vehicles, overcrowding, lack of permits and air quality. **Allen Richards**, 13828 S. Ramona Ave., spoke on illegal fireworks and how they abused the peace and quiet of the neighborhoods. Feels it is time to stop fireworks once and for all. **Paul Lowe,** 11613 Haas Ave., inquired if it is legal to dump trash in the park bins. **Victor Hugo Rosario**, 4857 W. 118th Pl., asked for assistance in resolving a situation whereby a neighbor widened her driveway and as a result, created a lake in front of Mr. Rosario's house. **Darlene Love**, 2003 W. 116th St., reported that there is a problem with trash in the alley behind the church at 2506 W. Imperial Hwy. **Pat Carey**, 4588 W. 130th St., inquired about getting a second container for trash. Invited everyone to the Hawthorne Airport Community Association (HACA) potluck annual general membership meeting at 6:00 pm on Monday night at Security Aviation. Announced that the Hawthorne Airfair will be on August 14th. For those that wish to participate, call the museum at (310) 322-6228. **Cindy Parsons**, 5428 W. 140th St., asked for the city's support to encourage the school district to keep all pickups and drop-offs on 135th St. as opposed to 134th St. **Frances Stiglich**, suggested deputizing volunteers and putting them in uniform. Likes the idea of giving a ¼% tax for the police. Suggested a crosswalk at 126th and Prairie. Requested all expenditures on what it costs to run the senior center.

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 Parsons, that the reading of the City Council minutes of the regular meeting of June 22, 2004 be waived and that they be approved and adopted.

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

6.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Parsons, to waive full readings of resolutions and ordinances on July 13, 2004's agenda.

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

7.

City Clerk Daniel D. Juarez announced that this was the time and place for the public hearing Regarding Proposed Annual Budget including Projected Revenue and Requested Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2004-2005.

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

Assistant Finance Director, Jag Pathirana gave a brief explanation on the budget.

Councilmember Lambert requested her comments for the record:

"I just wanted to be on record saying that I'm not happy about cutting, I think it was, was it $100,000 from the police department for overtime? That makes me very uncomfortable, but I'll tell you what satisfies me if by the grace of God we are able to get that, is it quarter cent? On the books in November, it's supposed to be on the ballot. This city stands to gain approximately $4.2 million. If I didn't... I'm sorry? $4 million, okay. But if I didn't see that on the horizon and I believe there shouldn't be one person that wouldn't approve a quarter cent and I'm hoping all of you are listening carefully because that gives money to all the police departments across this county. And it will also enforce our police department, but homeland security, which is becoming even more and more critical everyday. So, I just want to be on record saying that I do really object to cutting down this overtime because in my mind, first and foremost, is fire and police no matter what. No matter what ever else happens in our city, fire and police comes first. But with that on the horizon, I'm praying that we will have people vote for it. The other thing is I wanted to say on the record that I thank, she's not here tonight, but, and I wasn't here for this budget hearing because it was postponed on the agenda, so I missed it. I had to leave. But I think she's done a fine job and she's accepted some of our changes and the gentlemen's changes and I think she's done a very, very, fine job and we should give her credit for all the work and your department as well. All of you, I want to thank you very much for a really good job that you did, okay. Thank you".

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. 6882.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004-2005.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Velez, that Resolution No. 6882 be approved and adopted.

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

8.

City Clerk Daniel D. Juarez announced that this was the time and place for the public hearing regarding Confirming Assessment for Weed and Waste Abatement and Authorizing the Collection Thereof

The City Clerk submitted declaration of posting which was ordered filed. Public Work's certification of mailed notice filed. No written communications were received.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 6893.

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

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert, that Resolution No. 6893 be approved and adopted.

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

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City Clerk Daniel D. Juarez announced that this was the time and place for the public hearing on TEFRA – Hearing regarding Multifamily Housing Revenue Bond Sale for Hawthorne Terrace (So. Cal Housing).

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.

RESOLUTION NO. 6894.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING REVENUE BONDS BY THE CALIFORNIA STATEWIDE COMMUNITIES DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Parsons, that Resolution No. 6894 be approved and adopted.

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

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The City Clerk announced that this was the time and place to publicly receive and declare opened bids for Installation of Traffic Signals.

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

The bids were publicly read from the following firms:

CT&F	$442,415.00

This bid was accompanied by a bidder's bond.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert, that this project be re-advertised and re-bid.

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

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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.: 182007-182124 ; 328126-328565

Warrant Totals: $106,481.08 : $ 12,235,405.91

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

Resolutions and Ordinances.

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RESOLUTION NO. 6891.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A CITY POLICY TO EXTEND COMPENSATION BENEFITS TO THOSE EMPLOYEES WHO ARE ACTIVATED OR REACTIVATED FROM RESERVE MILITARY STATUS TO ACTIVE DUTY DURING THE CONTINUING IRAQI CONFLICT.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Parsons, that Resolution No. 6891 be approved and adopted.

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 6895.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AMENDMENT NO. 4 TO THE JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT CREATING THE INDEPENDENT CITIES LEASE FINANCE AUTHORITY AND PROVIDING OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATING THERETO.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Parsons, that Resolution No. 6895 be approved and adopted and Councilmember Lambert requested the Jag Pathirana be the 3rd Alternate to the Lease Financing Authority.

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.

Approval of General Release and Waiver in order to secure the funds for the WIB.

15.

Approve to renew the Office Building Lease for the South Bay One Stop Business & Career Center, Westchester, commencing on July 1, 2004 and terminating on June 30, 2007 and Authorize the Mayor to execute it on behalf on the JTDD.

16.

Approve Reduced CalPERS rates.

17.

Approve Agreement with Access Community Housing Inc for administration of the Leslie Zepeda Memorial Neighborhood Improvement Program's Paint Program, Landscaping/Fencing Program and Housing Rehabilitation Program. Approval includes authorizing the City Manager to sign the Agreement and all related documents. Cost of the project is $400,000.

18.

Approve Progress Payment No. 22 to Pepper Construction, 17841 Mitchell, Irvine, Ca 92614 for Construction of the New Hawthorne Police Station in the amount of $567,522.59 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 Local Hazard Mitigation Planning and Direct the City Manager to finalize an Agreement with James Thernes and Associates for Consultant and Professional Services.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Parsons, that items 14 through 19 of the City Manager's agenda be approved.

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

20.

The City Attorney, Glen Shishido, recommended that the claim/s filed against the City of Hawthorne on behalf of Phuc Minh Dang alleging dangerous condition of city property causing personal injuries when he was struck by vehicle while crossing at El Segundo and Hawthorne Boulevard be denied in its entirety.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Velez, that the claim filed against the City of Hawthorne on behalf of Phuc Minh Dang alleging dangerous condition of city property causing personal injuries when he was struck by vehicle while crossing at El Segundo and Hawthorne Boulevard, be denied in its entirety.

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

21.

The City Attorney recommended that the claim filed against the City of Hawthorne on behalf of Denise Cade alleging police misconduct be denied in its entirety.

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

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

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The City Attorney recommended that the claim filed against the City of Hawthorne on behalf of Aaron Richard alleging police misconduct be denied in its entirety.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Velez, that the claim filed against the City of Hawthorne on behalf of Aaron Richard alleging police misconduct, 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.

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Mayor Guidi adjourned the City Council meeting at 10:10 p.m. in memory of Charlene Palmer Hernandez and Mesrob Vergatian.

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Daniel D. Juarez, MMC

City Clerk