MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, HELD JULY 26, 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 Catano, Lambert, Parsons, Velez, Mayor Guidi.
Absent: None.

Father Gene Buhr from Saint Joseph's Church gave the evening's invocation. Steve Eads led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Guidi called on Mr. Dick Huhn, Pam Fees and Norman Morton from the President's Council. They presented a check for $9000 to Captain Effler that will go towards the Hawthorne Police Department's K-9 unit. Funds were raised at a community dinner held on May 17th.

Mayor Guidi called on Youth Commission members Hugo Rojas, Dixie Toby, Amar Kahf and Rosalinda Martinez to announce the winners of the art/essay contest held at the Hawthorne Home Depot Children's Safety Fair.

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 (1 potential case).

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 Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation. Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9 (1 potential case) and the City Attorney announced that no action was taken.

Mayor Guidi was absent during the closed session.

2.

Under Discussion/Action Items

Councilmember **Parsons** announced that the Hawthorne Air Faire will be held on August 13th at 10 am. This year's theme is "Heavy Metal".

Councilmember **Parsons** receives continued complaints about the space behind Jon's Market on Rosecrans and Prairie regarding gang activity, drugs and racing.

Councilmember **Parsons** reported on a scavenger truck overflowing with junk picked up off the street and inquired on whether this is legal.

Councilmember **Parsons** stated that the quarterly budget update is due at the October 11th meeting.

3.

Under oral communications, **Stephen Love**, 2003 W. 116th St., who is pursuing a career in theater arts, was accepted to Model Search America in Las Vegas and asked for donations to cover the cost of attending. **Allen Richards**, 13828 Ramona Ave., feels that some young people who come before the Council requesting donations for special trips have not worked to earn their way and they should be redirected to our city service organizations such as Kiwanis, Lions, Rotary and so forth. Also feels it is unfair to direct business owners in the audience to make donations and suggested that future requests for donations be refused**.** **James Taylor**, on behalf of the Hollypark HOA, thanked the following: Mari Guerrero from the CDBG for sharing some of the opportunities to help the homeowners with the development of their properties; Captain Beerling and Lt. Dixon for coming to the July neighborhood watch meeting and speaking on how to protect against burglaries and identity fraud; Mayor Guidi for

giving them the opportunity to fund raise for Teen Challenge at the car show; Rosalinda Martinez for the invitation to the Lions Club installation; Doug Krauss of the Public Works Dept. for working with their safety committee. Invited the Council to the August 4th meeting which will be an open forum made up of Hollypark constituents. Announced the new number for Hollypark, which is 310-943-6572. **Paul Lowe**, 11613 Haas, stated that there is a problem with trash pickup in Hollypark, Dr. Paul Foster, who works with the FAA and is a member of the National Black Coalition of Federal Aviation Employees, gave a report on the Aviation Career Education Academy that was held at Hawthorne Airport to introduce aviation to inner city kids. **Claudia Fishler** of the Hawthorne Library introduced new librarian Boris Lipczenko. **Darlene Love**, 2003 W. 116th St., thanked Council for making the one-way street at 2506 Imperial, but stated that there is now a bobcat and school buses parked on the street side of Inglewood on weekends making parking for the church patrons difficult.

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 Lambert, that the reading of the City Council minutes of the regular meeting of July 12, 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 Lambert, to waive full readings of resolutions and ordinances on July 26, 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 Proposed Sewer Service Fee Increase for the City of Hawthorne and Consideration of Resolution No. 6943.

The City Clerk submitted declaration of posting which was ordered filed. One written communication was received.

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

Public Work's Director, Arnie Shadbehr gave a brief explanation on the reasons why the increase was being implemented.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 6943.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING SEWER SERVICE FEES.

Councilmember Parsons moved, seconded by Mayor Guidi, that Resolution No. 6943 be approved and adopted.

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

Councilmember Lambert for the record stated: "The sewer fees have been essentially carried by the city for all of the residents and business people and everybody throughout the city for approximately 10 years. You have not had a raise in this sewer fee so that's why you have a raise now and I hope you will understand that we can't keep going on and holding up the city with these types of fees. I just wanted to assure the public that these are legitimate fees. They're not taxes. They're not anything above and beyond what our people need to do the work that they are doing. In 10 years you know that we have had added costs and through the years they've had raises. We have to account for all of those. So it's not really that big of an increase".

8.

The City Treasurer submitted a financial statement regarding warrants.

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

Warrants Nos.: 185006-185121 ; 345088-345993

Warrant Totals: $801,130.25 ; $2,258,155.31

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:

9.

Approve Contract with HDR Engineering Inc., for the EIR as related to the Vought Property Master Development Plan for $157,725.

10.

Approve Contract with HDR Engineering Inc for the EIR as related to the Airport Master Plan in compliance with CEQA and NEPA for $145,220.

11.

Approve to reject the only bid proposal submitted by Comet Electric, Inc., on July 12, 2005 for Modification of Traffic Signal at Prairie Avenue and Rosecrans Avenue and Authorize the project to be advertised for re-bid with a return date of August 12, 2005.

12.

Approve Progress Payment No.7 due to Trimming Land Co., Inc 10513 Dolores Avenue, South Gate, Ca 90280 for Street Tree Trimming. $1,500.00 to be funded by the Recreation and Community Services Tree Trimming Account # 100-6111-4051.

13.

Approve Progress Payment No. 9 due to CT&F, Inc, 7228 Scout Avenue, Bell Gardens, Ca 90201 for Traffic Signals Installation in the amount of $44,936.79 from Gas Tax Account # 220-4100-4106-4547.

14.

Approve New Classification Specification of Public Risk Manager, assign it to salary range 44 of the Hawthorne Municipal Employees' Association MOU and include it in the classified service.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert, that items 9 through 14 of the City Manager's agenda be approved.

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

NOES: None. ABSTAIN: None.

15.

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.

16.

Mayor Guidi adjourned the meeting at 7:55p.m.

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Daniel D. Juarez, MMC
City Clerk