

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE,  
CALIFORNIA HELD JULY 27, 2004.**

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.

The evening's invocation was given by Deacon Tom Moske. Rhonda Chatterton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Harry Jarnagon gave a preview of a presentation that he will be giving to the state of California concerning a proposal that he has put forward to the state to designate the site of the Wilson home once at 3701 W. 119<sup>th</sup> St., as a state historic landmark.

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. 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 City Attorney that staff has been directed.

2.

Under Councilmember comments:

Councilmember **Lambert** thanked Mayor Guidi for checking up on her while she was ill and also thanked those who called her at home.

Councilmember **Lambert** thanked Mayor Guidi and Councilmember Parsons for their contributions to the Air Fair. Councilmember Lambert also encouraged others to donate, as it is a tax write-off.

Councilmembers **Lambert** asked citizens to get on their computers and tell our legislators to vote no on SCA9, which goes before the Sacramento legislature tomorrow. SCA9 takes away our authority to rule our own city.

Councilmember **Lambert** warned that West Nile Virus is still a concern and to take precautions such as not letting water stand around the house.

Councilmember **Catano** attended the grand opening of the Ayres Hotel last Thursday.

Councilmember **Catano** attended the El Segundo/Manhattan Beach Chamber mixer at Chevron Park.

Councilmember **Velez** inquired on the stop sign for Freeman and 122<sup>nd</sup>.

Councilmember **Velez** thanked City Manager Prentice for taking action on a problem on the street in front of Olivet Church on Imperial.

Councilmember **Velez** attended the CVS grand opening.

Councilmember **Velez** attended the preliminary grand opening for the police station and commended Chief Port and Sergeants Heffner, Lane and Chidley for the great work that they have done on the facility.

Councilmember **Velez** referred to a comment in the Daily Breeze stating that Hawthorne is a financially troubled city and stated that he feels that is incorrect.

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Councilmember **Parsons** asked the city attorney to prepare an ordinance that would ban for one year any Councilmember or Department Head that leaves the city and then comes back to lobby the city.

Councilmember **Parsons** inquired if scooters that have an engine size of 50 CC or smaller can be pulled off the street.

Councilmember **Parsons** inquired on what is the time period allowed to fire off the safe and sane fireworks.

Councilmember **Parsons** nominated **James Cole** to the **Planning Commission**.

City Clerk Daniel D. Juarez advised the City Council that the City Clerk's Office had not yet received the application with the sign-off background check from the Police Department. The City Council postponed the appointment of this commissioner until the City Clerk's Office receives the background check sign-off application.

Mayor **Guidi** inquired on the process of getting a traffic signal at Grevillea and 120<sup>th</sup> as there are many senior citizens that frequent the area.

Mayor **Guidi** stated that Inglewood just passed a new ordinance regarding seizure of vehicles from illegal dumping and asked that the city attorney prepare a similar ordinance.

Mayor **Guidi** thanked the Ramona Neighborhood Association for putting on a great picnic.

Mayor **Guidi** thanked Councilman Ralph Franklin for working with us in regards to the problem in front of Olivet Lutheran Church.

Mayor **Guidi** announced that towards the end of August, the public will be invited to see the new police station.

Mayor **Guidi** encouraged everyone to participate in the upcoming Air Fair.

Mayor **Guidi** encouraged all the homeowner groups to participate in the Leslie Zepeda Memorial Neighborhood Improvement Program on Saturday, July 31st at 10am .

Mayor **Guidi** announced that there will be free small business tax seminar hosted by John Chiang from the State Board of Equalization and Mayor Guidi on Friday, August 6 from 8:30am to 12pm at the Hawthorne Memorial Center.

Mayor **Guidi** warned of a telephone scam going around where a person thinks they have a message or have won a prize and are asked to call a number with the area code of 809, 284 or 876. Once you call the number, you are connected to a phone number in the Cayman Islands, which can run up your phone bill by thousands of dollars.

Mayor **Guidi** announced that the Glasgow Strip will open on August 7<sup>th</sup> at 11am.

Councilmember **Velez** announced that he will be on vacation from August 7<sup>th</sup> to August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Mayor **Guidi** encouraged everyone to go and see the new charter high school on Broadway and Grevillea, the site of the former Masonic Lodge.

City Treasurer **Lubenec** attended the CVS grand opening and the Police Station dedication.

City Treasurer **Lubenec** toured the charter high school.

City Treasurer **Lubenec** thanked the Ramona Neighborhood Association for their annual picnic.

City Clerk **Juarez** attended the police department opening and the Ramona Neighborhood Association picnic.

City Clerk **Juarez** announced that from August 18 to September 6, old computers can be dropped off at Office Depot free of charge.

City Clerk **Juarez** attended the Bodger Park Neighborhood Association meeting where one of the concerns was to have a representative attend a council meeting.

City Clerk **Juarez** announced that the Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce will hold an open house on Thursday from 4pm to 8pm.

City Clerk **Juarez** announced that the American Walk for Diabetes will be held on September 26<sup>th</sup> in Redondo Beach. Anyone interested in participating can contact Mr. Juarez.

City Clerk **Juarez** thanked the Hawthorne Lions and the Hawthorne Rotary for signing up in the Corporate Poll Worker Program.

City Clerk **Juarez** announced that the last day to register to vote for the November election is October 18<sup>th</sup>

Councilmember **Catano** reported that there is still a problem with parking on Hawthorne Blvd. near Mi California restaurant.

Mayor **Guidi** asked that something be done about the broken sign in front of the old photography studio next to the Chamber of Commerce.

Councilmember **Velez** thanked Charles Herbertson and Joe Kobus for fixing up the Hawthorne Airport sign at 120<sup>th</sup> and Crenshaw.

Mayor **Guidi** thanked Michelle Winters for fixing up the tree wells.

Mayor **Guidi** showed slides of the police station and pictures of the confiscated pocket bikes, he also talked about looking into a trash ordinance and writing citations. He said to move forward with an ordinance writing tickets to habitual trash over stuffers. He also talked about putting fireworks on the ballot.

Mayor Guidi moved seconded by Councilmember Velez to put on ballot for the November election if the City continues to sell fireworks.

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

NOES: None. ABSTAIN: None.

3.

Under oral communications, **Maria Lopez**, 12118 Birch Ave., complained about noise, parking, trash and vandalism caused by meetings at the Southwest Alano Club at 12130 Birch. **Allen Richards**, 13828 S. Ramona Ave., donated a 3x5 American flag to Ramona Park. Feels that an educational program is needed regarding trash pickup. Reported that SBC telephone distribution box on the southwest corner of 138<sup>th</sup> and Ramona is in need of repair and that Ramona Park has a serious graffiti problem. Announced that a new Shepherd is coming to Calvary Presbyterian Church on September 1<sup>st</sup>. **Georgina Briggs**, 4577 W. 133<sup>rd</sup> St., stated that illegal fireworks were at their worst this year to the point that they had to get rid of their dogs. Asked for some way to ticket or identify the people that are doing the illegal fireworks. As a representative for the American Cancer Society, is searching for cancer survivors to attend the relay event. Anyone interested can call Ms. Briggs at 310-344-8473. **Brent Morgan**, 3843 W. 146<sup>th</sup> St., as president of the Bodger Park Homeowner's Association, gave thanks to the City and the Council for giving their support at last night's meeting. Stated that the preferred choice of residents in Bodger Park would be to preserve safe and sane fireworks and to crack down on the illegal ones.

**Unidentified speaker**, thanked the Council and the city of El Segundo for their support of the Air Force Base project. **Ronnie Manson**, thanked the Council on behalf of the family of one of his members that has fallen ill for the Council's condolences to the family. **Francis Stiglich**, 11534 Gale Ave., thanked the Mayor and Council for getting her group at the vacant lot between Gale and Eucalyptus. Asked that something be done about the illegal vendors selling ice cream and corn in her neighborhood and about the scavengers that go through resident's trash. Suggested they should be fined. Inquired on exactly how much the new police station cost and stated that people are upset because they were not invited to the opening of the station. **Gordon Michael Mego**, 4535 W. 141<sup>st</sup> St., feels that residents that overstuff their

trash bins should first receive a warning and then they should be issued a citation. Agrees that the fireworks issue should be put on the ballot.

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 13, 2004 be waived and that they be approved and adopted with a correction to reflect that Councilmember Catano was not present at the meeting and the Roll-call shows him present and that Councilmember Velez was not present at the voting on item No. 9 of the agenda of July 13, 2004 meeting.

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

6.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert, to waive full readings of resolutions and ordinances on July 27, 2004's agenda.

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

7.

The Arroyo Group gave a power-point presentation on the Hawthorne Specific Plan.

City Clerk Daniel D. Juarez announced that this was the time and place for the public hearing on the Proposed Hawthorne Boulevard Specific Plan General Plan Amendment Application No. 2004GP04, Hawthorne Boulevard Specific Plan change of Zone Application No. 2004CZ04, Zone Code Amendment Application No. 2004ZA03 and Certification of a Program Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR), adoption of an Environmental Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, and Adoption of Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations.

The Planning Department submitted declaration of posting/publication which was ordered filed. No written communications were received.

Mayor Guidi and Councilmember Velez excused themselves and stated that they will be abstaining from participating in the City's consideration of this item based on the potential impact that this project may have on their employer, the Hawthorne School District.

Under oral comments, **Hamdul Haque**, 12211 S. Hawthorne Blvd., **Gordon Michael Meego**, 4535 W. 141<sup>st</sup> St., and **Allen Richards**, 13828 Ramona Ave., all spoke in favor of plan. No one spoke in opposition.

No one else indicated a desire to be heard.

Mayor Pro Tem Catano ordered to close the public portion of the hearing. MOTION CARRIED.

Councilmember Lambert moved seconded by Councilmember Parsons to **tabled** this item until the next City Council meeting.

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

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City Clerk Daniel D. Juarez announced that this was the time and place for the public hearing regarding a Resolution Self-Certifying Completion of Local Requirements for Conformance with Los Angeles County Congestion Management Program (CMP).

The Planning Department submitted declaration of publication which was ordered filed. No written communications were received.

No one indicated a desire to be heard.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 6897.**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, FINDING THE CITY TO BE IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (CMP) AND ADOPTING THE CMP LOCAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 65089.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert, that Resolution No. 6896 be approved and adopted.

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

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

The City Clerk submitted declaration of publication/posting, which was ordered filed.

The bids were publicly read from the following firms:

COMET ELECTRIC INC	\$637,366.00
CT&F INC	\$438,693.00

All bids were 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.

10.

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.: 182125-182270 ; 328566 - 329516

Warrant Totals: \$771,268.25 ; \$3,626,493.22

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

11.

**RESOLUTION NO. 6896.**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING A FOUR-WAY STOP SIGN AT THE INTERSECTION OF DOTY AVENUE AND 144<sup>TH</sup> PLACE.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert, that Resolution No. 6896 be approved and adopted.

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

12.

**RESOLUTION NO. 6898.**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF DUPLICATE ARREST REPORTS (DATED JANUARY 1, 1999 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2001) FOR CLOSED PROSECUTION CASES PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION NO. 6832.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert, that Resolution No. 6898 be approved and adopted.

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

13.

**RESOLUTION NO. 6899.**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE ISSUANCE BY THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE OF TAX ALLOCATION REFUNDING BONDS IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$5,250,000 AND AFFIRMING SUBORDINATION OF AGENCY OBLIGATIONS TO THE CITY.

**This Resolution was pulled by the City Manager before the City Council meeting.**

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

14.

Approve Execution of the HUD Funding Approval/Agreement for CDBG Funds and Funding Approval and HOME Investment Partnerships Agreement for HOME Funds.

15.

Approve Progress Payment No.8 due to Los Angeles Engineering, Inc, 4141 Temple City Blvd, Rosemead, Ca 91770 for Eucalyptus Park Improvement in the amount of \$58,567.45 from Account # 100-6115-4223.

16.

Approve Progress Payment No. 1 to Sequel Contractors, Inc, 13546 Imperial Hwy, Santa Fe Springs, Ca 90670 for Local Street Improvements in the amount of \$388,486.93 from State Gas Tax.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert, that items 14, 15 and 16 of the City Manager's agenda be approved.

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

17.

Mayor Pro Tem Catano recessed the City Council meeting to reconvene meetings of the Community Redevelopment Agency, Parking Authority and Housing Authority.

Mayor Pro Tem Catano called the City Council meeting back to order following recess with all Councilmembers present except for Councilmember Velez and Mayor Guidi who were excused.

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The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m. in memory of Michael Corey Smith and Antone (Tony) Arruda.

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Daniel D. Juarez, MMC  
City Clerk