MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, HELD AUGUST 9, 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.

Pastor Arthur McKibben of the Church of the Nazarene gave the evening's invocation. City Manager Rick Prentice led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Hannibal Sullivan of the Los Angeles Area Council of the Boy Scouts gave a quick state of scouting in the City of Hawthorne. Last year Hawthorne produced over 15 Eagle Scouts. The Los Angeles Area Council through aggressive fundraising is going to be out providing programs and service opportunities for the youth of the city.

Candy Cardelfuller and Patricia Feldman proposed the following business venture with the City of Hawthorne and the Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce: a farmer's market that would provide fresh fruit and flowers, nursery stock, baked goods and a food court and other related items to the residents and the surrounding cities. It would be held every Saturday from 9 am to 1 pm at 126th Street near city hall. Mayor Guidi requested a meeting to be held so they can assign a couple of people that would work together on this project with Patricia and Candy.

A slide show presentation was given on the status of the bocce courts renovation at the Memorial Center. The courts are courtesy of Elite Homes and should be finished in 60 days.

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 Conference with Labor Negotiator pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency Negotiator: Jeff Freedman - Employee Organizations: All Employee Groups and the City Attorney Glen Shishido announced that the negotiator was instructed and that no action was taken.

2.

Under Elected Officials Reports and Recommendations:

Councilmember **Lambert** spoke on a letter received from the office of Michael Antonovich that stated the present new mayor of Los Angeles wants to hereafter appoint all the school board members in the districts. Councilmember Lambert asked that a letter be written to oppose this action.

Councilmember **Lambert** thanked Mr. Jan Vogel for getting funds through South Bay Workforce Investment Board to repair areas that were affected by bad weather.

Councilmember **Lambert** announced that the Chamber of Commerce will be holding a state line turnaround fundraiser on August 27th from 6 am to 10 pm. Cost is $25.

Councilmember **Lambert** announced that the Air Show will be held on August 13th.

Councilmember **Lambert** asked that a letter to take down an obscene billboard bordering Los Angeles be written to the owner and to the Board of Supervisors.

Councilmember **Catano** attended the groundbreaking of the bocce ball courts.

Councilmember **Parsons** spent time with those in the Air Force reserve and presented pictures from a soldier's point of view of what it is like to be in Iraq right now. Air Force Reservists took pictures.

Councilmember **Parsons** suggested that a section aimed at moviemakers be put on the website**.**

Councilmember **Parsons** assured the citizens of Hawthorne that the city will never use eminent domain to take personal residences in order to make room for a shopping center.

Mayor **Guidi** asked that a resolution be prepared opposing the Supreme Court on their new ruling of eminent domain.

Councilmember **Parsons** announced that thanks to the passing of Proposition 1A, when the state passed their budget, they did not come to local cities to take away money.

Councilmember **Parsons** asked that letters be written to the shop owners at Rosecrans and Prairie advising them that the Bodger Park neighborhood is behind their shopping center and to please not play loud music at night.

Councilmember **Parsons** stated that a residential wall abutting a commercial development can be as high as 10 feet.

Councilmember **Parsons** inquired on how the city is doing in regards to the state requirement of recycling 50% of the city's trash.

Councilmember **Parsons** inquired on the status of the audit on Time Warner. The audit is to make sure that we are getting our fair share of the franchise fee. It was reported that the audit is half way done.

Councilmember **Velez** announced that there will be a jazz festival put on by Mayor Guidi, the Chamber of Commerce and others on August 20th.

Mayor **Guidi** suggested mid street stop signs or speed humps for the area on 147th where the new Gold's Gym will be opening as there is a problem with speeding in this area.

Mayor **Guidi** met with the residents of Del Aire to address problems with speeding.

Mayor **Guidi** has been made aware that there is a house in the 4500 block of 133rd Street that is in a probate war and neighbors are concerned that once the house is sold, two or three high-density houses may be built on the lot.

Mayor **Guid**i attended a press conference for Maxine Waters where it was announced that different cities received funds. The funds that Hawthorne received were over $2 million for the widening of the Rosecrans and Aviation turn lanes.

Mayor **Guidi** announced that funds collected from the August 20th Jazz Festival will go back to the community.

Mayor **Guidi** announced that August 21st is open Mosque Day from 10 am to 5 pm at the Hawthorne Islamic Center.

3.

Under oral communications, **Kamla Sullivan**, introduced Media Arts Academy at Centinela, a free high school diploma program chartered by the Centinela Valley Union High School District. They are a school that utilizes project based learning through technology, small class sizes, real life skills and community service learning. Job training and soft skill services are also offered. Orientation for enrollment will be held August 16th at 6:30 and August 20th at 10 am at 3701 Rosecrans Ave. For additional information, call 310-263-1022. **Philip and Jacquelyn Jones** asked for more police patrol in the Hollypark area as there has recently been a rash of burglaries in the area. Asked for help to get the property at 3636 Imperial cleaned up. **Claudia Fishler**, Hawthorne Library 12700 Grevillea, announced that the Friends of the Hawthorne Library will present a program on August 20th at 10:30 am featuring our own Walt Dixon who will be doing a book talk and autograph. **Francis Stiglich**, 11534 Gale Ave., stated that for three weeks the sweeper has not come to the vacant lot and people who are throwing trash in the lot should be fined. Spoke on problems with a boombox and a lot of parked cars on her street. **Allen Hamblin,** 11519 Gale Ave., thanked everybody at the city for the improvements on Gale Ave. There is also an issue of a neighbor with loud music on Monday nights around 6 pm.

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 July 26, 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 August 9, 2005's agenda.

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

7.

Acting City Clerk Monica McClanahan announced that this was the time and place for the public hearing on Zone Text Amendments for 2005ZA11 and 2005ZA14, Ordinance No. 1827 – Categorically Exempt from CEQA.

Planning 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.

ORDINANCE NO. 1827. (1st Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTERS 17.16, 17.18, 17.20 AND 17.21 OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO ZONE TEXT AMENDMENTS AND REPEALING 17.62.110 OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO REFERRING ADVERSE DECISIONS OF THE CITY COUNCIL BACK TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

Ordinance No. 1827 was introduced by title only by Mayor Guidi.

8.

Acting City Clerk Monica McClanahan announced that this was the time and place for the public hearing on Self-Certifying Completion of Local Requirements for Conformance with the Los Angeles County Congestion Management Program (CMP).

City Clerk 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. 6974.

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 FOR 2005, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 65089.

Councilmember Lambert moved, seconded by Councilmember Parsons, that Resolution No. 6974 be approved and adopted.

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

9.

Acting City Clerk Monica McClanahan announced that this was the time and place for the public hearing on Proposed Vacation of Street Easement and Consideration of Resolution No. 6975.

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. 6975.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, ORDERING THE VACATION OF THE SURPLUS RIGHT-OF-WAY ON THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF 135TH STREET AND RAMONA AVENUE, WITHIN THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE.

Councilmember Lambert moved, seconded by Councilmember Velez, that Resolution No. 6975 be approved and adopted.

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

10.

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.: 185122-185228 ; 345994-346325

Warrant Totals: $ 770,507.01 ; $1,477,768.89

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

Resolutions and Ordinances.

11.

RESOLUTION NO. 6980.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS FINANCE DEPARTMENT RECORDS PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION NO. 6832 AND GOVERNMENT CODE 34090.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Catano, that Resolution No. 6980 be approved and adopted.

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

12.

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 CHANGING APPLICATION PROCESSING FEE BY WAY OF CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION.

Ordinance No. 1819 was introduced by title only by Councilmember Velez.

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

13.

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.

14.

Approve Local Workforce Investment Area Strategic Local Plan Modification No. 6 for Program Year (PY) 2005-06.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Parsons, that items l3 and 14 of the City Manager's agenda be approved.

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

15.

Approve a settlement that has been proposed in the case entitled Charles Smith vs. City of Hawthorne (YC 049 606) in the amount of $12,500.00 and that the Finance Director release the settlement draft to Mr. Smith and his attorneys no later than August 10, 2005.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Velez, that item No. 15 in the City Attorney's consent calendar be approved.

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

16.

The City Attorney, Glen Shishido, recommended that the claim filed against the City of Hawthorne on behalf of Kurtiss Harness be denied in its entirety.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Velez, that the claim filed against the City of Hawthorne on behalf of Kurtiss Harness be denied in its entirety.

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

17.

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.

18.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. in memory of Raymon Sulser and Hugh Robinson.

_____
Daniel D. Juarez, MMC
City Clerk