

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE,
CALIFORNIA HELD SEPTEMBER 13, 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 Chris Bazyouros from St. Joseph's Church gave the Invocation. Walt Dixon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilmember Velez presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Chuck Potter, Sportmart Store Manager, in recognition of his support for supplying school needs to a needy family of three children in the Hawthorne community. J.R. Diaz, Store Manager of Office Depot was unable to attend, but was also recognized with a Certificate of Appreciation for helping the family with school supplies.

Robert White of the Del Aire Neighborhood Association thanked the Mayor and Council for the stop signs that went up between Burl, Broadway and Sundale and the street sweeping signs that are going up. They have made a big difference already in the cut down of traffic and the safety of the neighborhood. Brought up the suggestion to put up some stop signs and make it a one way street going out onto Inglewood on the small street called 121st which is another safety factor in the neighborhood. Making it a one way street will eliminate that dangerous corner at Inglewood and 121st Street.

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 a Conference with Labor Negotiator pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency Negotiator: Jeff Freedman - Employee Organizations: All Employee Groups and announced that the Negotiator has been instructed.

2.

Mayor Guidi recessed the City Council meeting to conduct a closed session regarding Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9) Name of Case: Van Lingen Body Shop, Inc a California Corporation doing business as “Van Lingen Towing” v. City of Hawthorne, Case No. BC 334975.

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 – Existing Litigation (subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9) Name of Case: Van Lingen Body Shop, Inc a California Corporation doing business as “Van Lingen Towing” v. City of Hawthorne, Case No. BC 334975 and announced that the counsel has been advised.

3.

Under Elected Official comments:

Mayor **Guidi** announced that on September 24th and 25th, Calvary Chapel South Bay and the City of Hawthorne will collect food items for the victims of hurricane Katrina from 8 am to 3 pm at 5500 Rosecrans. Items will be taken by trailer to Calvary Churches in the affected areas and distributed directly to the victims. In order to make distribution easier, it is suggested that items be brought by case pack.

Mayor **Guidi** emphasized that signs are posted throughout the city stating that commercial vehicles are not to be parked in neighborhoods.

Mayor **Guidi** announced that donations are being accepted on behalf of Officer Roosevelt Matthews for his elderly aunts who are victims of hurricane Katrina. Donations can be made payable directly to the Hawthorne Police Officers Association, dropped off at City Hall or taken directly to the Police Department.

Mayor **Guidi** gave special thanks to all those who have held fundraisers for the victims of hurricane Katrina.

Councilmember **Catano** attended the Ramona annual picnic and the AYSO opening night.

Councilmember **Catano** stated that 2000 residents from Louisiana will be coming to California and asked that we concentrate on helping them.

Councilmember **Catano** announced that the Hawthorne Lions Club donated \$500 towards gas for the trucks taking supplies to Louisiana.

Councilmember **Catano** announced that on October 2nd the Hawthorne President's Council will hold "Chocolate Sunday" at the Memorial Center from 2 pm to 5 pm. Service clubs will set up tables and serve various chocolate goodies. Proceeds will go towards the Centinela Valley Union High School District music program. Tickets are \$20. For more information, contact Rosalinda Martinez or Monica McClanahan at City Hall.

Councilmember **Velez** thanked local businesses who have responded to letters that Council sent out asking for financial support for the hurricane victims.

Councilmember **Velez** has received many complaints regarding 137th and Washington and asked that steps be taken to put in a stop sign.

Councilmember **Velez** distributed emergency preparedness checklists that he researched on the Internet.

Councilmember **Lambert** announced that FEMA is advertising for young people to work for them in downtown Los Angeles. Information is available on the FEMA website.

Councilmember **Lambert** stated that if you are a veteran, you can purchase goods at a discount at the Air Force Base.

Councilmember **Lambert** attended the Ramona picnic and the soccer opening.

Councilmember **Lambert** asked that a commercial truck parked on Inglewood and 130th on the weekends be ticketed as it is in a residential neighborhood. It is also blocking people when coming out of 130th.

Councilmember **Lambert** asked that a Certificate of Appreciation be given to Cindy Macha for all the work she did on the Air Faire.

Councilmember **Lambert** would like to consider canceling the November 8th city council meeting due to it falling on election night.

Councilmember **Parsons** stated that the Hawthorne and Lawndale Rotary Clubs got together and they got a couple of 50 foot trucks donated to be filled with supplies for the hurricane victims. Drop offs are being held all this week from 8 am to 5 pm at the Memorial Center.

Councilmember **Parsons** thanked community businesses and organizations that are helping with donations to give to hurricane victims.

Councilmember **Parsons** stated that Los Angeles Air Force Base was not put on the Pentagon list that went to Congress to close bases.

Councilmember **Parsons** stated that the land swap and modernization that we did is ahead of schedule and under budget.

Councilmember **Parsons** stated that some homeowner's groups will be holding a "Meet the Candidates Night". Hollypark will have theirs on October 7th at 7 pm; Hollyglen on October 13th at 7 pm at Dana Middle School and Bodger Park will have theirs on September 26th at 6:30 pm.

Councilman **Parsons** inquired on how the police departments of other South Bay cities handle complaints regarding loud parties.

City Treasurer **Lubenec** attended the Ramona picnic and the AYSO opening.

City Clerk **Juarez** announced that the last day to register to vote for the November 8th election is October 24th.

City Clerk **Juarez** thanked employees Evelyn Diaz and Mark Lindbergh for holding a car wash to help hurricane victims and to the businesses in the area that closed in order to make use of the parking lots for the car wash.

City Clerk **Juarez** announced that the American Diabetes Association will have a walk coming up on September 25th.

4.

Under oral communications **Olivia Valentine** asked what measures have been taken to protect the residents of Hawthorne in the event of a natural disaster or terrorist attack and if there is such a plan how can the public be made aware of it. **Francis Stiglich** congratulated Mayor Guidi on the write up in the paper and stated she supports him 100%. Asked for a one-way street on Gale from 120th to 118th. Complained about garbage on her street and asked why an ordinance is not made that would make the apartment owners responsible. Asked for a stop to the people who rummage the garbage cans.

5.

Mayor/Chairman Guidi recessed the Community Redevelopment Agency, Parking Authority and Housing Authority meetings to conduct the meeting of the City Council.

6.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert, that the reading of the City Council minutes of the regular meeting of August 23, 2005 and the special meeting of September 1, 2005 be waived and that they be approved and adopted.

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

NOES: None. ABSTAIN: None.

7.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert, to waive full readings of resolutions and ordinances on September 13, 2005's agenda.

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

NOES: None. ABSTAIN: None.

8.

City Clerk Daniel D. Juarez announced that this was the time and place for the public hearing on and Approval of Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER) for Program Year 2004.

The Planning Department submitted declaration of publication, which was ordered 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.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Velez, that the City Manager be instructed to execute and submit all documents to the U.S Department of HUD.

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

9.

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.: 185342-185558 ; 347185-347605

Warrant Totals: \$ 1,555,768.74 ; \$3,485,744.16

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

Resolutions and Ordinances.

10.

RESOLUTION NO. 6986.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING A ONE-WAY STREET ON 121ST STREET BETWEEN INGLEWOOD AVENUE AND BURL AVENUE.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert, that Resolution No. 6986 be approved and adopted.

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

11.

ORDINANCE NO. 1826. (2ND Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 17 OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO ZONE TEXT AMENDMENTS: 17.38.050 STRUCTURAL ALTERATION OR ENLARGEMENT, SECTION 17.38.055 CHANGE OF NONCONFORMING USE; SECTION 17.38.065 DISCONTINUATION OF A LEGAL NONCONFORMING USE; SECTION 17.21.090 OFF-STREET PARKING AND FACILITIES; SECTION 17.58.030 REQUIRED PARKING; SECTION 17.04.200 FAMILY DAY NURSERY CARE HOMES; SECTION 17.14.020 PERMITTED USES; SECTION 17.18.020C. PERMITTED USES; CHAPTER 17.73 FAMILY DAY CARE HOMES; SECTION 17.25.060 OFF-STREET PARKING; SECTION 17.14.020 PERMITTED USES; SECTION 17.14.040 LOT AREA PER DWELLING UNIT; SECTION 17.14.080 HEIGHT; SECTION 17.14.090 MINIMUM FLOOR AREA; SECTION 17.25.020 PERMITTED USES; SECTION 17.26.020 PERMITTED USES; SECTION 17.28.020 PERMITTED USES; SECTION 17.30.020 PERMITTED USES; SECTION 17.32.020 PERMITTED USES SECTION 17.58.030 REQUIRED PARKING; SECTION 17.42.100 PERMITTED INTRUSIONS IN REQUIRED YARDS; SECTION 17.35.210 PROHIBITED SIGNS.

Under discussion, Councilmember Lambert questioned whether Council was happy with the fact that a Conditional Use Permit was no longer needed, for example, for a health club. Councilmember Lambert feels the CUP should be retained.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Catano, that Ordinance No. 1826 be approved and adopted.

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

NOES: None. ABSTAIN: None.

12.

ORDINANCE NO. 1829. (2ND Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, ADDING SECTION 13.74.015 OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE PROVIDING FOR A PARTIAL EXEMPTION FROM THE SEWER SERVICE FEE.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert, that Ordinance No. 1829 be approved and adopted.

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

NOES: None. ABSTAIN: None.

13.

ORDINANCE NO. 1830. (2ND Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AND ADOPTING NEW SPECIFIC COLORS FOR BUILDINGS IN THE COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL ZONES.

Councilmember Catano moved, seconded by Councilmember Velez, that Ordinance No. 1830 be approved and adopted.

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

NOES: None. ABSTAIN: None.

14.

ORDINANCE NO. 1831. (1st Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 5.57 OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO VENDING.

Ordinance No. 1831 was pulled by the City Attorney, Glen Shishido.

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

15.

Approve to adopt the New Classification Specification of Director of Housing, assign it to salary range 35 of the Hawthorne Executive Group MOU and not include it in the classified service.

16.

Approve to adopt the New Classification Specification of Engineering Technician and assign it to salary range 30 of the Hawthorne Municipal Employee's Association MOU and include it in the classified service.

17.

Approve to adopt the New Classification Specification of Senior Transportation Engineer and assign it to salary 51 of the Hawthorne Municipal Employee's Association MOU and include it in the classified service.

18.

Approve Progress Payment No. 6 and Final Acceptance due to Security Paving, P. O Box 1459, Sun Valley, Ca 91353-1489 for CDBG Local Street Improvements in the amount of \$200,000.00 from CDBG Account #727-4830-000-4775; \$ 90,000.00 from Account # 410-4601-4051; and \$381,461.78 from Account #285-3400-000-4450. Total \$671,461.78.

19.

Approve Progress Payment No. 1 due to Horizons CCI Services, Inc, 2111 W. Crescent Avenue, Suite G, Anaheim, Ca 92804 for Hawthorne Youth Camp Renovation-Jackson Lake, 22601 Big Pines Highway, Big Pines, in the amount of \$51,050.92 from Account #100-6104-4224.

20.

Approve Agreement between the City of Hawthorne and John L. Hunter & Associates Inc., for Consultant Services relating to the Implementation of the City’s NPDES (Municipal Storm Water) Permit for FY 05-06 and Authorize the City Manager to execute it on behalf of the City.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Catano, that items 15 through 20 of the City Manager's consent calendar be approved.

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

21.

A mediated settlement has been proposed in the case entitled Esmine Williams v. City of Hawthorne (YC049 755) the amount of \$22,000.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council authorize the settlement of the Esmine Williams lawsuit in the amount of \$22,000 and that the Finance Director release the settlement draft c/o City Attorney’s Office to Plaintiff Esmine Williams and C. Chike Amobi, Esq.

Councilmember Lambert moved, seconded by Councilmember Parsons, that the recommended settlement be approved in the amount of \$22,000 and that the Finance Director release the settlement draft c/o City Attorney’s Office to Plaintiff Esmine Williams and C. Chike Amobi, Esq.

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

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.

22.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m. in memory of Charles Selig, Ervin Krueger, Henry Suppes and Mr. De’Jurnett.

Daniel D. Juarez, MMC
City Clerk