

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE,
CALIFORNIA, HELD SEPTEMBER 27, 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, Mayor Guidi.
Absent: Councilmember Velez (excused)

Darlene Love gave the Invocation. Girl Scout Troop # 750 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Guidi presented a Certificate of Merit to Girl Scout Troop #750 for its service to the community as the Color Guard at the September 27, 2005 Hawthorne City Council Meeting.

1.

Mayor Guidi recessed the City Council meeting to conduct a closed session regarding a 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 except for Councilmember Velez who was excused. 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 announce that no action was taken and that the Labor Negotiator was instructed.

2.

Under Elected Officials reports and recommendations:

Mayor **Guidi** asked that the Municipal Code be changed so that all trash enclosures must be updated with secured doors and fenced off with a chain link fence with a lid

Mayor **Guidi** requested a mid street stop sign on 147th to slow down traffic and look into a second stop sign between Circuit City and Best Buy.

Mayor **Guidi** asked to look into a program to put parking meters down the boulevard center island down 147th.

Mayor **Guidi** asked about checking into being able to buy the building next to Western Surplus in order to level it and turn it into a public parking lot with metered parking.

Mayor **Guidi** stated that signs on Rosecrans northbound on the West side to 138th have faded and need replacement.

Mayor **Guidi** announced that at the Jose Marti annual festival, the City was presented with a flag, which will fly over the Housing Department.

Mayor **Guidi** thanked all those that came out on Saturday and Sunday for the Hurricane Katrina drive that was held at the Zaharoni property on Rosecrans.

Councilmember **Catano** attended the South Bay Ford mixer on Thursday, the St. Joseph Rainbow Fiesta on Friday and the Cuban Festival on Sunday.

Councilmember **Catano** attended the Bodger Park HOA "Meet the Candidates".

Councilmember **Catano** attended the grand opening of a new Head-start program on the North side, a joint venture that includes Volunteers of America, LA County Office of Education Children's Service Division and the Baptist Church on 119th.

Councilmember **Parsons**, who is on the LAX Noise Round Table, announced that a two-year study gathering data to ban eastern departures that turn south over Hawthorne Blvd is going well.

Councilmember **Parsons** attended a meeting at the Coast Guard headquarters where Congresswoman Jane Harmon talked about what went wrong in the aftermath of hurricane Katrina and the kind of message she sent was that you should not rely on local government to help you out for at least three days, maybe a week after a national disaster.

Councilmember **Parsons** will be attending a conference of the California Space Authority on December 1st and 2nd in hopes of attracting aerospace jobs to Hawthorne.

Councilmember **Parsons** inquired on whether the city has a CERT team (Community Emergency Response Team), a program that train civilians on how to respond to national disasters.

Councilmember **Parsons** stated that the confusion with the lane going south and north bound at Isis and Rosecrans will be resolved once Rosecrans is widened by adding more lanes. It should be completed at the end of the summer in 2006.

Councilmember **Lambert** thanked Nancy Peters of the Hawthorne Press Tribune for her wonderful writing and for the article on City Treasurer Thierry Lubenec.

Councilmember **Lambert** publicly thanked Monica McClanahan of the city manager's office her quick response in arranging a Certificate of Appreciation for the City of Vernon's 100th Birthday celebration that Councilmember Lambert attended and also for arranging a turnaround.

Councilmember **Lambert** inquired if the city has purchasing coop purchasing power with other cities.

Councilmember **Lambert** inquired if there is a district formation assessment fee for the Marine Village and the Fusion that is going up on Aviation.

Mayor **Guidi** encouraged parents who have kids that will soon be entering high school to look into the charter school system as they have very strict academics. A recent newspaper article recently named our charter high school one of the top in the South Bay area.

Mayor **Guidi** suggested doing studies in neighborhoods to see the benefits of one-way streets.

Mayor **Guidi** asked for extra sweeper patrol on Rosecrans from Prairie to Yukon as there is a problem with trash on the south side of the street.

Mayor **Guidi** announced that street sweeping signs will be going up in all neighborhoods due to a law that now requires all streets to be swept.

Mayor **Guidi** announced that there will be future monthly meetings with the FAA Deputy Director and staff to develop the airport.

3.

Under oral communications, **Darlene Love** invited everyone who is running for office to the Women's Club candidate's forum on October 18th at 11:30 am. Inquired on who owns the bit of land at the end of Hollypark where the dogs run as it has become a dumping ground. **Barbara Johnson**, 5335 W. 135th St., Wiseburn Library, announced that the Friends of the Library will hold a book and bake sale on October 15th from 9:00 am to 3:00 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.

Councilmember Parsons moved, seconded by Mayor Guidi, that the reading of the City Council minutes of the regular meeting of September 13, 2005 be waived and that they be approved and adopted.

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

6.

Councilmember Parsons moved, seconded by Mayor Guidi, to waive full readings of resolutions and ordinances on Tuesday, September 27, 2005 's agenda.

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

7.

City Clerk Daniel D. Juarez announced that this was the time and place for the public hearing on Zone Text Amendments for 2005ZA22, Ordinance No. 1833 -Categorically Exempt from CEQA. The City of Hawthorne has initiated an application to amend Title 17 (Zoning) of the Hawthorne Municipal Code (HMC) by amending Section 17.58.010(D) regarding joint or shared use of common parking facilities by two or more commercial or industrial enterprises operating separately and individually.

The 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. 1833. (1st Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTION 17.58.010 (D) OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO JOINT PARKING USE.

Ordinance No. 1833 died for a lack of a motion.

8.

The City Treasurer submitted a financial statement regarding warrants.

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

Warrants Nos.: 185559-185650 : 317606-348461

Warrant Totals: \$801,829.74 ; \$2,462,862.71

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

Resolutions and Ordinances.

9.

RESOLUTION NO. 6971.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, GRANTING ANOTHER DESIGNATED PERIOD FOR TWO YEARS ADDITIONAL SERVICE CREDIT.

Councilmember Parsons moved, seconded by Mayor Guidi, that Resolution No. 6971 be approved and adopted.

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

10.

RESOLUTION NO. 6987.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF 137TH STREET AND WASHINGTON AVENUE.

Councilmember Parsons moved, seconded by Mayor Guidi, that Resolution No. 6987 be approved and adopted.

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

11.

RESOLUTION NO. 6989

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION, ACCEPTANCE OF AN ALLOCATION OF FUNDS AND EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FOR A MATCHING GRANT FOR FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA) APPROVED PROJECT UNDER AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (AIP) NO. 3-06-010-09.

Councilmember Parsons moved, seconded by Mayor Guidi, that Resolution No. 6989 be approved and adopted.

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

12.

ORDINANCE NO. 1834. (1st Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTION 9.35.020 OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO LIABILITY FOR COSTS OF SUBSEQUENT RESPONSES TO LOUD NOISE DISTURBANCES.

Ordinance No. 1834 was introduced by title only by Mayor Guidi.

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

13.

Approve to Award Project to Christopher R. Morales of City of Industry, Ca for Modification of Traffic Signal at Prairie Avenue and Rosecrans Avenue in the amount of \$95,000.00 from the City of Lawndale's contribution and the balance of \$52,900.00 from the City's Gas Tax Fund. Total bid amount is \$147,900.00.

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14.

Approve Progress Payment No. 8 to Trimming Land, Co. Inc, 10513 Dolores Avenue, South Gate, Ca 90280 for Street Tree Trimming in the amount of \$16,800.00 to be charges to the Recreation and Community Services Tree Trimming Account # 100-6111-4051.

15.

Approve New Classification Specification of Public Works Maintenance Superintendent and assign it to salary range 45 of the Hawthorne Municipal Employees' Association MOU and include it in the classified service.

16.

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 City's contract with PERS. It also certifies that this decision is in compliance with Government Code Section 20903.

17.

Approve Ratification of the City of Manhattan Beach Appointment of Ms. Jean Cordero to the South Bay Workforce Investment Board.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert that items 13 through 17 of the City Manager's agenda be approved.

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

18.

Settlement has been proposed in the rear-end auto accident case entitled Blanca I. Robbins [Claim No. 38-05] in the amount of \$13,000.00.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council authorize the settlement of the Blanca Robbins claim in the amount of \$13,000 and that the Finance Director release the settlement draft c/o City Attorney's Office to Claimant Blanca Robbins and Horacio Lozano, Esq. no later than September 28th, 2005.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert that the Settlement that has been proposed in the rear-end auto accident case entitled Blanca I. Robbins [Claim No. 38-05] in the amount of \$13,000.00 be approved.

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

19.

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 Velez who was excused.

20.

Mayor Guidi adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Daniel D. Juarez, MMC
City Clerk

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