

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE,
CALIFORNIA HELD JULY 11, 2006.**

Mayor/Chairman Guidi called the City Council, Community Redevelopment Agency, Parking Authority, Housing Authority and Public Financing Authority meeting to order jointly and concurrently at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 4455 West 126th Street, Hawthorne, California.

ROLL CALL-Present: Councilmembers Catano, Lambert, Velez, Mayor Guidi.
Absent: Councilmember Parsons (excused).

Pastor Phil Cookes from South Bay Assembly of God Church gave the evening's Invocation.
Allen Richards led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Guidi wished Councilwoman Lambert a Happy Birthday and invited everyone to go outside the Chambers for cake

1.

Under oral communications, **Claudia Fishler** of the Hawthorne Library reminded everyone that tomorrow at 11:00 am is the banking and senior awareness program for senior citizens to help them get accustomed to the idea of using ATM machines and possibly on-line banking. The new children's librarian, Julie Todd, was also introduced. **Mike Mares** asked for council's help with a situation involving the sale of a car. **Allen Richards**, 13828 Ramona Ave., read emails from various citizens regarding the fireworks situation. **Marc Blackburn**, Universal Waste, spoke on item #15. Expressed disappointment with things that were said about Universal Waste in the staff report. **Jack Wong**, JWA Urban Consultants, was going to inquire on sale of property, but earlier discussion answered his questions. **Paul Lowe** asked how he could deal with the Mayor of Los Angeles about a LAUSD issue when he is a resident of Hawthorne. **Don Burkhower** spoke on incidents in his neighborhood regarding the vandalism of rare plants and feels the police department did not do enough when he called to ask for help. **Francis Stiglich** suggested the disbandment of fireworks. Still sees a problem in her neighborhood regarding the theft of recyclables from bins. Asked that when building permits are issued, to make sure that enough yard space be made for the kids to play in. **Pat Carey**, 4588 W. 130th St., doesn't want to lose sight of the goal of improving the Northeast quadrant of the city near the airport.

No one else indicated a desire to be heard.

Chief Stephen Port gave a report on fireworks, which included the precautions that were taken beforehand and citations issued among other things. Chief Port feels strongly that this should be a city that prohibits all safe and sane fireworks

After discussion, Mayor Guidi moved seconded by Councilmember Lambert asked that the fines regarding fireworks be raised from \$100 to \$500 and possibly \$1000.

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

Mayor/Chairman Guidi ordered oral communications closed.

2.

Under Elected Officials Reports and Recommendations:

Discussion/Action Items:

- Termination of H&C Commercial & Residential Trash Contracts (Parsons/Lambert)

Councilmember **Lambert** met with the City Manager who showed her valid checks from H&C therefore striking the item regarding termination of H&C commercial and residential, but did state that she does not want to keep getting bounced checks and then receiving valid payment two weeks later.

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- Recruitment of and Appointment of City Manager (Guidi)

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Catano to appoint Jag Pathirana for one year as city manager.

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

Mayor **Guidi** requested that every department head follow Mr. Pathirana’s directions and to give him full support and loyalty.

- Engage broker/consultant to analyze options for the sale of property located at 4440 W. 126th St. Hawthorne (site of old police station) (Guidi)

Mayor Guidi moved, second by Councilmember Lambert to move forward on the sale of the old police station.

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

- Authorize City Manager to recommend plan(s) to improve financial and operational stability at the Hawthorne Municipal Airport (Guidi)

Mayor Guidi suggested that a committee be formed to meet with Hawthorne LLC to see if they have a proposal or plan to take over the management of the Hawthorne Airport.

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

Councilmember Lambert requested her thoughts for the record.

Councilmember Lambert stated that she didn’t realize that the intent of this would be to give up as she sees it, control of our own airport. By watching LLC, she feels that we don’t have much to say anymore. The airport means everything to her.

- Enforcement of all City Recycling rules (Guidi/Lambert)

Councilmember Lambert stated that the city is not enforcing rules that state commercial bins should be behind gates and with a top.

Mayor Guidi and Councilmember Lambert spoke on the issue of recycling in the city and how it has now become a commercial business to take items from neighborhood recycling bins and inquired on what powers or rights the city has to combat this problem.

- Fuel Surcharge (Guidi/Lambert)

Mayor Guidi removed this item from the action/discussion list.

- Change procurement schedule for Towing Services RFP (Pathirana)

Police Chief Stephen Port gave a brief explanation on why Sgt. Tomatani requested an extension and stated that is was to allow him to do the proper analysis that is required by the RFP.

Councilmember Lambert requested this item stay on schedule because the city was hauling cars too far away and she would like somebody in town.

Councilmember Lambert moved seconded by Mayor Guidi to make a recommendation for the next council meeting.

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

Mayor **Guidi** thanked everyone who worked hard the day after July 4th to clean up the neighborhoods from fireworks debris.

Mayor **Guidi** wants the general public to know that because the city council passed the budget, we have been able to hire police officers and the kids working in the parks.

Mayor **Guidi** received pictures from a gentleman on the 4100 block of 134th St. where there is a problem with scooters and asked that the appropriate solutions be taken.

Mayor **Guidi** stated that he didn't mind receiving criticisms and complaints over the phone regarding the fireworks situation, but it is his daughters who clear the answering machine messages, so please refrain from using profanity when leaving a message. The Mayor also stated that no one on the council has taken money as bribes from fireworks companies to keep having fireworks here.

Mayor **Guidi** asked that a resolution be made so that public streets will not be barricaded for the purpose of block parties.

Councilmember **Catano** shared a voice mail from a person making false accusations about TNT Fireworks and Councilmember Catano.

Councilmember **Catano** attended the grand opening of Le Nina Dental for kids on 132nd and Hawthorne Blvd.

Councilmember **Catano** congratulated and thanked Jan Vogel, Steve Tavera and Mayor Guidi for their "Fit for Gold" program that is helping the community.

Councilmember **Catano** thanked Debbie and Shannon for supporting the Lions Club.

Councilmember **Velez** encouraged everybody to call the police department when they have concerns or issues of any kind.

Mayor **Guidi** inquired on the status of the drug policy. He stated that Councilman Parsons had decided to rescind his no vote and that he agreed with the majority of the Council that it is a good policy and it should go forward. Unfortunately, it can't be re-voted on.

Mayor **Guidi** requested that by the next council meeting, a decision be made on what will be done to put more officers on the street.

Mayor **Guidi** reported on problems with drinking and smoking at Memorial Park.

Councilmember **Lambert** asked for permission to do a celebration and unveiling of the "In God We Trust" plaque at the next city council meeting.

Mayor **Guidi** announced that the Teen Challenge Car Show would be held this Saturday at 10:00 am.

3.

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

4.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Catano, that the reading of the City Council minutes of the regular and special meeting of June 27, 2006 be waived and that they be approved and adopted.

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

5.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Catano, to waive full readings of resolutions and ordinances on July 11, 2006's agenda.

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

6.

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.: 187219-187295 ; 359107-359425

Warrant Totals: \$ 747,618.73 ;\$ 2,765, 050.21

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

7.

Redevelopment Agency Resolution

8.

Redevelopment Agency Resolution

Resolutions and Ordinances.

9.

RESOLUTION NO. 7048.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, APPROVING THE ISSUANCE BY THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE OF TAX ALLOCATION BONDS IN THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$32,000,000 AND AFFIRMING SUBORDINATION OF AGENCY OBLIGATIONS TO THE CITY.

Councilmember Velez moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert, that Resolution No. 7048 be approved and adopted.

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

NOES: None.

10.

Public Financing Authority Resolution

11.

RESOLUTION NO. 7046.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING CERTAIN DESIGNATED CITY OF HAWTHORNE OFFICERS TO ORDER THE DEPOSIT OR WITHDRAWAL OF MONIES FROM THE LOCAL AGENCY INVESTMENT FUND.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Catano, that Resolution No. 7046 be approved and adopted.

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

NOES: None. ABSENT: Councilmember Parsons.

The City Manager, Jag Pathirana, presented the following agenda and requested approval of the indicated recommendations:

12.

Approve Progress Payment No. 11 due to Rural Contracting, 9502 E. Main St., Mesa, Az 85207 for Hawthorne Municipal Airport Improvement Project Phase VII & VIII Federal A.I.P. in the amount of \$36,969.40 funded from FAA Grant Funds No. 3-06-0101-07 & 08 (Account # 520-3500-3505-250). to amend the Low and Moderate Income Housing Set-a-Side fund budget for fiscal year 2005-2006.

13.

Approve Re-Appointment of Dr. Thomas Fallo to the South Bay Workforce Investment Board for the term of office that commenced July 1, 2006, and terminates June 30, 2010.

14.

Approve the Interim City Manager to authorize the issuance of the Purchase Orders for purchase of certain equipment and/or services.

15.

Award of Contract for Collection, Recycling and Disposal of Bulky Items and City Bus Stop Receptacle Refuse.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council Award the Contract to H&C Disposal Company.

This item was ordered to be sent out to be bid again.

Councilmember Lambert moved, seconded by Mayor Guidi that item 15 of the City Manager's agenda be sent out to be re-bid.

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

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Catano, that items 12, 13 and 14 of the City Manager's consent calendar be approved.

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

16.

Mayor Guidi adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Angie Reyes English, City Clerk