

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE,
CALIFORNIA HELD OCTOBER 24, 2006.**

Mayor/Chairman Guidi called the City Council, Community Redevelopment Agency, Parking Authority, and Housing Authority meeting to order jointly and concurrently at 6:06 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 4455 West 126th Street, Hawthorne, California.

ROLL CALL-Present: Councilmembers Catano, Lambert, Parsons, Velez, Mayor Guidi.
Absent: None.

Father Gene Buhr from St Joseph's Church gave the evening's invocation. Girl Scout Troop #106 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Guidi presented a Certificate of Recognition to Girl Scout Troop #106.

A.

Mayor Guidi recessed the City Council meeting to conduct a **closed session** 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 closed session Conference with Labor Negotiator pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency Negotiator: Jeff Freedman - Employee Organizations: All Employee Groups and announced that the labor negotiator was instructed.

1.

Under oral communications **Claudia Fishler**, 12700 Grevillea, reminded the public that the library will be closed on November 10th and 11th. New librarian Frank Giamarino was introduced. **DeKai Amonrasi** inquired if the city will be providing free Wi Fi access at city facilities. **Jon Bales**, 5215 Torrance Blvd., Torrance, stated that the Daily Breeze supports the uniform news rack ordinance, but would like the Council to consider the following before implementing: The option of using either the KJ100 standard news rack or KJ100 flattop news racks for mechanical reasons; consider the color of the news racks; control of their own branding and logoing of news racks and timeframe of several years to replace all news racks. **Eban Jackson**, 11604 S. Ardath, on behalf of Hollypark Little League and as the 2007 president of Hollypark Little League, asked for Council's permission for improvements at the ball field in Hollypark. **Jon Deichsel** feels the 48-hour continuous time limit given to RVs for loading and unloading is impractical. Asked Council to put off enforcing ordinance for a while to allow those that are impacted to find a storage place. **Darlene Love**, 2003 W. 116th St., wished Laura Brown a happy 75th birthday. **Frances Stiglich** reported on unsupervised children playing under dangerous conditions in her neighborhood. **Vicky Henderson** of the California Crusader thanked the Council for closing the last meeting in her mother's memory.

2.

Under Elected Officials Reports and Recommendations:

Councilmember **Catano** thanked Mr. Jan Vogel, Director of the South Bay Workforce Investment Board for the 11th Alumni Awards breakfast.

Councilmember **Parsons** inquired on bringing back a recommendation on the cost of cleaning Hawthorne Boulevard sidewalks. Announced that the Hawthorne Police Department is hiring officers. Inquired on the status of the hiring of a chief of police. Regarding Prop. 90 asked that you read the voter guide carefully and make your decision appropriately.

Mayor **Guidi** stated that he is happy to see that the city is hiring. Congratulated Arnie Shadbehr and the airport staff on the new airport terminal. Congratulated Councilmember Catano on his car show.

10/24/06

Thanked staff for cleanup of blighted areas. Thanked the City Manager Jag Pathirana for his leadership and for cleaning up city hall. Asked what can be done about cars on the center island and at Eucalyptus Park with for sale signs. Announced that the Hawthorne Lions Club will have a pancake breakfast fundraiser on November 4th from 8 am to 11:30 am at Pacifica House, 2501 W. El Segundo.

City Treasurer **Lubenec** has received many inquiries on how to obtain speed humps and has been approached by some who would be open to contributing to a fund in order get the speed humps.

City Clerk **English** announced that brochures are available in the clerk’s office regarding the pros and cons of the upcoming election. Stated that the inka-vote system will be used in the voting process. Announced Thierry Lubenec’s birthday.

3.

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

4.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Parsons, that the reading of the City Council minutes of the regular meeting of October 10, 2006 be waived and that they be approved and adopted.

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

5.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Parsons, to waive full readings of resolutions and ordinances on October 24, 2006’s agenda.

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

6.

City Clerk English announced that this was the time and place for the Public Hearing to consider adoption of Resolution No. 7068 and Ordinance No. 1868 re: Establishing Uniform newsrack locations along the major corridors of the City of Hawthorne & establishing fees to reimburse the City for its administrative costs to implement uniform newsrack Resolution no. 7068. Motion to Approve Resolution No. 7068 and Motion to Introduce No. 1868.

Public Work’s submitted declaration of publication, which was ordered, filed. No written communications were received.

Jon Bales from the Daily Breeze Newspaper expressed his concerns under regular oral communications.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 7068.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING UNIFORM NEWS RACK LOCATIONS ALONG CRENSHAW BOULEVARD, PRAIRIE AVENUE, HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD, INGLEWOOD AVENUE, AVIATION BOULEVARD, ROSECRANS AVENUE, EL SEGUNDO BOULEVARD, 120TH STREET AND IMPERIAL HIGHWAY PURSUANT TO HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 12.34.160, REGULATING NEWS RACKS AND ESTABLISHING FEES TO REIMBURSE THE CITY FOR ITS ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Catano, that Resolution No. 7068 be approved and adopted.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1868. (1st Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTION 12.34.160 OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO UNIFORM NEWS RACKS. MOTION TO INTRODUCE.

Ordinance No. 1868 was introduced by title only by Councilmember Velez.

7.

The City Treasurer submitted a financial statement regarding warrants.

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

Warrants Nos.: 187929-187993 ; 362988-363816

Warrant Totals: \$ 713,443.92 ; \$ 3,286,747.71

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

Resolutions and Ordinances.

8.

RESOLUTION NO. 7070.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING ITS INTENTION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (SBCCOG) ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROCUREMENT PROGRAM.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Parsons, that Resolution No. 7070 be approved and adopted.

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

9.

RESOLUTION NO. 7071.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE AND THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Parsons, that Resolution No. 7071 be approved and adopted.

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

10.

RESOLUTION NO. 7072.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA PROVIDING FOR THE COMPENSATION OF THOSE EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION, ACCORDING TO THE

PROVISIONS OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE AND REPEALING RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH. MOTION TO ADOPT.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Parsons, that Resolution No. 7072 be approved and adopted.

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

11.

RESOLUTION NO. 7073.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA PROVIDING FOR THE COMPENSATION OF THOSE EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE **HAWTHORNE POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION**, ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE AND REPEALING RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Parsons, that Resolution No. 7073 be approved and adopted.

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

12.

RESOLUTION NO. 7074.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, PROVIDING FOR THE COMPENSATION OF THOSE EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE **HAWTHORNE EXECUTIVE GROUP**, ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE AND REPEALING RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Parsons, that Resolution No. 7074 be approved and adopted.

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

13.

For the record, Mayor Guidi excused himself from this Public Hearing due to the possibility of a conflict of interest.

ORDINANCE NO. 1864 (2nd Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, RESCINDING THE CITY’S PRIOR APPROVALS OF ZONE CODE AMENDMENT 2006ZA05 AND CHANGE OF ZONE NO. 2006CZ03, APPROVING REVISED VERSIONS OF ZONE CODE AMENDMENT 2006ZA05 AND CHANGE OF ZONE NO. 2006CZ03, APPLICATIONS BY MS KEARNY NORTHROP AVENUE, L.L.C., TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO REFER TO THE CENTURY BUSINESS CENTER SPECIFIC PLAN AND TO CHANGE THE ZONING OF APPROXIMATELY 86 ACRES OF PROPERTY BOUNDED BY CRENSHAW BOULEVARD TO THE EAST, JACK NORTHROP AVENUE TO THE SOUTH, PRAIRIE AVENUE TO THE WEST AND THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT TO THE NORTH, FROM HEAVY INDUSTRIAL (M-2) TO CENTURY BUSINESS CENTER SPECIFIC PLAN (CBCSP), SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS, REPEALING ORDINANCE NOS. 1858 AND 1859, AND MAKING FINDINGS IN SUPPORT THEREOF. MOTION TO ADOPT.

Councilmember Lambert moved, seconded by Councilmember Parsons that Ordinance No. 1864 be approved and adopted.

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

14.

For the record, Mayor Guidi excused himself from this Public Hearing due to the possibility of a conflict of interest.

ORDINANCE NO. 1860. (2nd Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR THE CENTURY BUSINESS CENTER DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AND MAKING FINDINGS IN SUPPORT THEREOF.

Councilmember Parsons moved, seconded by Councilmember Parsons, that Ordinance No. 1860 be approved and adopted.

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

NOES: None. ABSENT: Mayor Guidi.

15.

ORDINANCE NO. 1867. (1st Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTIONS 17.14.020 AND 17.48.020 OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO AN INCREASE IN FENCE HEIGHT FOR RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES THAT ARE ADJACENT TO PROPERTIES ZONED FOR SCHOOL USES, OR THAT ARE IMPACTED BY CRIMINAL ACTIVITY.

Councilmember Lambert requested for the record that the Ordinance reflects the word “fence/wall”.

Ordinance No. 1867 was introduced by title only by Councilmember Lambert.

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

16.

Approve to Award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder, Trimming Land Company, of Los Angeles, California in the amount of \$154,355.00 annually funded 100% from the City’s State Gas Tax fund.

17.

Approve Progress Payment No. 10 To Martinez Landscape Company, 14862 Ryan Street, Sylmar, CA 91342 for Abatement of Weeds and General Maintenance. \$65,965.00 from Weed Abatement Account #225-4106-408-4546; \$44,708.00 from Street Gas Tax Account #220-4106-000-4540; Total \$110,673.00.

18.

Approve Authorization to exercise Alternative Bid with Rural Contracting to proceed with item 2 (Marking and Restriping of South Taxiway) for Hawthorne Municipal Airport Improvement Project.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council Authorize Rural Contracting of Meza, Arizona to proceed with the alternative bid received in February 2006.

19.

Approve and authorize staff to issue Purchase Orders for purchase of certain equipment and/or services.

20.

Approve License Agreement between City of Hawthorne and Resource Environmental, LLC, (“GRANTEE”) wherein grantee desires to drill three (3) monitoring wells at the Memorial Park for the purpose of determining the extent, if any, of hydrocarbon migration from the Northwest, Southwest, and/or Southwest corners of the intersection of El Segundo Boulevard and Prairie Avenue in the City of Hawthorne and authorize the City Manager to execute this agreement.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert, that items 16 through 20 of the City Manager's consent calendar be approved.

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

21.

The City Attorney, Glen Shishido, recommended to Authorize settlement in the case entitled Barbara Clemente v. City of Hawthorne, (Case No. YC 053 665) in the sum of \$12,000.00 as payment in full for her claims arising from her slip and fall incident described in Complaint YC 053 665 and authorize Finance Director to release warrant on or before October 15, 2006 payable to Barbara Clemente and the Law Offices of Burris & Schoenberg in the amount of \$12,000.00.

Councilmember Catano moved, seconded by Mayor Guidi, that the proposed settlement be approved.

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

22.

THIS OPTIONAL CLOSED SESSION WAS NOT HELD AT THIS MEETING

Optional Closed Session – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9 of the California Government Code. Name of Case: Barbara Clemente v. City of Hawthorne, (Case No. YC 053 665)

23.

Mayor Guidi adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m. in the memory of Fernando Daniel Robinson.

Angie Reyes English
City Clerk