

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE,
CALIFORNIA HELD DECEMBER 12, 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.

Pat Feldman from Olivet Lutheran Church gave the evening's invocation. Mr. Walt Dixon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Patricia Feldman, President of the Chamber of Commerce, announced that there will be a chamber Christmas party this Thursday from 5:30pm to 7:30pm; bring a toy to get in. The Christmas party will be on December 23rd at which time 2,000 toys will be distributed to underprivileged children. December 31st is the last day to put in orders for the chamber map.

Mayor Guidi announced the winners of the School Pride competition held at the Hometown Holiday Parade. The winners were Jefferson, Zela Davis and St. Joseph schools. Each school received a check for \$600 and a Certificate of Recognition.

Mayor Guidi thanked the sponsors of the Hometown Holiday Parade and presented them with Certificates of Appreciation for participating in the parade.

Mayor Guidi thanked the employees who volunteered at the parade.

1.

This closed session was pulled before the meeting by the City Manager.

Closed Session: Conference with Labor Negotiator pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6.
Agency Negotiator: Jeff Freedman - Employee Organization: All Employee Groups.

2.

Mayor Guidi recessed the City Council meeting to conduct a **closed session** Conference with Legal Counsel – Initiation of Litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (One Case – H&C Disposal Company).

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 Legal Counsel – Initiation of Litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (One Case – H&C Disposal Company) and the City Attorney announced that the city council would not take any action on this.

3.

Under oral communications **Allen Richards**, 13828 Ramona Ave., presented city historian Walt Dixon with a piece of history entitled "Here's Hawthorne 1957", which was given to Mr. Richards via former Hawthorne resident Sharon Gale. **Walt Dixon**, 4378 W. 138th St., commended Louis Velez, Jag Pathirana, Lisa Miller and Mark Hardison for all the hard work they did on the holiday parade. **Ronnie Manson** thanked Council and Lisa Miller for the gifts that were donated to his church, Hawthorne United Methodist, to help needy children in Hawthorne. **Jack Kenton**, 835 Dune St., El Segundo, representing the California Pilot's Association, spoke in opposition of item No. 8 on this agenda.

4.

Under Elected Officials Reports and Recommendations:

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DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM:

- LIMITING/CIRCUMSCRIBING INDIVIDUAL COUNCILMEMBER'S CONTACTS WITH CONSULTANTS. (VELEZ)

Councilmember **Velez** expressed his concerns about the city council not talking and circumventing the procedures that are in place. Explained that there is a city manager and staff who hire consultants and they know what they're doing with the consultants. That there are programs in place and they are working on projects. They've got multimillion-dollar contracts in place that they're working on and they're dealing with these consultants on a daily basis. He requested that Councilmembers don't go interfering with any process that may be in place that staff is working on that may throw something off or may taint a process or project or views that the consultant may have. He thanked staff for placing this item on the agenda along with an Ordinance that instructs policies and procedures.

ORDINANCE NO. 1879. (1st Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTION 2.06.230 OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO DIRECTION AND INSTRUCTION FROM THE CITY COUNCIL. MOTION TO INTRODUCE.

Ordinance No. 1879 was introduced by title only by Councilmember Velez.

Councilmember **Velez** thanked the Rotary for the great job they did on the Casino Night event. Thanked Lisa Miller and Mari Guerrero for the all the work they did on the parade. Also thanked the police officers and the motors for maintaining crowd control at the parade. Asked that a proclamation be prepared for Grand Marshall David Caruso. Thanked Rick Carver for the volunteer work he did at the parade and Mark Hardison for the snow display.

- CANCELLATION OF DECEMBER 26, 2006 COUNCIL MEETING. (LAMBERT)

Mayor Guidi moved seconded, by Councilmember Velez that the meeting of December 26th be cancelled due to the holidays.

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

NOES: None.

Councilmember Lambert requested for the record to show that City Hall was going to be open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday so that everyone would know that if they still needed help they could call in.

- DIRECT CITY MANAGER NOT TO COMMENCE ANY MEDICAL INSURANCE PAYMENTS TO FORMER CITY MANAGER RICK PRENTICE'S WIFE UNTIL AFTER CITY ATTORNEY UNDERTAKES AND COMPLETES LEGAL RESEARCH TO DETERMINE THAT SUCH PAYMENTS ARE APPROPRIATE." (PATHIRANA)

Mayor Guidi moved seconded by Councilmember Velez to approve the City Manager's recommendation.

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

NOES: None. ABSENT: Councilmember Catano.

The City Council requested the record to show that no payments have been made yet.

City Treasurer **Lubenec** thanked everyone who participated in the parade and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Deputy City Clerk **Dicrisci** commended Lisa Miller for her work on the parade.

Councilmember **Lambert** thanked Lisa Miller, her crew and the city employees for their participation in the parade. If anyone needs to reach Councilmember Lambert during the holidays, call city hall and they will get a message to her.

Councilmember **Parsons** thanked the city manager and employees for all their hard work. Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

Mayor **Guidi** thanked Chief Heffner for fixing the problem on Glasgow Strip. Thanked the Rotary for Casino Night. Thanked Rosalinda Martinez for the work and long hours she put into the parade.

5.

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

NOTE:

The Deputy City Clerk, Monica Dicrisci, informed the City council that bids were opened for Weed Abatement and General Maintenance. Only one bid received for Martinez Landscape in the amount of eight hundred thousand two hundred seventy five dollars.

6.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Velez, that the reading of the City Council minutes of the regular meeting of November 28, 2006 and the special meeting of December 1, 2006 be waived and that they be approved and adopted.

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

NOES: None. ABSENT: Councilmember Catano.

7.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Velez, to waive full readings of resolutions and ordinances on December 12, 2006's agenda.

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

NOES: None. ABSENT: Councilmember Catano.

8.

Deputy City Clerk, Monica Dicrisci announced that this was the time and place for the Public Hearing to consider a proposal to whether or not to overrule the county of Los Angeles airport land use commissioner's decision of November 20, 2006 which found the central park project (aviation case no. 2006-00003 – (2) to be inconsistent with the Los Angeles county airport land use plan (CLUP). Planning Department's declaration of publication filed. Twenty-two written communications in favor of this project were received. Motion-open hearing. Since applicant has requested that this public hearing be continued, staff recommends public hearing be continued to January 9, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. Motion to continue.

Mayor Guidi moved seconded by Councilmember Velez that this item be continued until January 9, 2007 council meeting.

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

NOES: None. ABSENT: Councilmember Catano.

9.

Deputy City Clerk Monica Dicrisci announced that this was the time and place for the Public Hearing in accordance with section 6586.5(a)(2) of the California Government Code with respect to the issuance of revenue bonds (the "bonds") by the South Bay Regional Public Communications Authority (the "authority"), in an amount not to exceed \$4,000,000. the bonds are being issued to refund the authority's \$4,300,000 South Bay Regional Public communications authority variable rate demand revenue bonds, 2001 series b (city of Hawthorne project), of which \$3,765,000 principal amount is currently outstanding. the 2001 bonds were issued to finance a portion of the costs of the acquisition, construction, installation and equipping of emergency communications facilities and equipment for use, in part, by the City. Declaration of publication filed. No written communications were received. Call for oral comments. Motion-close hearing. Motion to Approve Resolution No. 7090.

RESOLUTION NO. 7090.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF REFUNDING REVENUE BONDS BY THE SOUTH BAY REGIONAL PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE MONEYS TO REFUND ITS OUTSTANDING SOUTH BAY REGIONAL PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY VARIABLE RATE DEMAND REVENUE BONDS, 2001 SERIES B (CITY OF HAWTHORNE PROJECT), AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING EXECUTION OF RELATED DOCUMENTS, AND AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL ACTIONS.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Velez, that Resolution No. 7090 be approved and adopted.

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

10.

The City Treasurer submitted a financial statement regarding warrants.

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

Warrants Nos.: 188131-188295 ; 365097-365420

Warrant Totals: \$ 1,020,661.99 ; \$ 1,730,435.98

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

Resolutions and Ordinances.

11.

RESOLUTION NO. 7091.

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

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Velez, that Resolution No. 7091 be approved and adopted.

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

12.

ORDINANCE NO. 1875. (2nd Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING ZONE CODE AMENDMENT NO. 2006ZA08 AND CHANGE OF ZONE NO. 2006CZ05, APPLICATIONS BY SBF PROPERTIES, INC., TO AMEND THE HAWTHORNE ZONING ORDINANCE TO REFER TO THE PRIMAVERA COURTS SPECIFIC PLAN AS THE APPLICABLE LAND USE DOCUMENT FOR APPROXIMATELY 4.4 ACRES OF LAND BOUNDED BY HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD ON THE WEST, 138TH STREET ON THE NORTH, 141ST STREET ON THE SOUTH AND EXISTING USES ON THE EAST, TO AMEND THE ZONING MAP FROM C-2 (LOCAL COMMERCIAL) TO PCSP (PRIMAVERA COURTS SPECIFIC PLAN) FOR THE SAME PROPERTY, AND MAKING FINDINGS IN SUPPORT THEREOF.

Councilmember Velez moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert, that Ordinance No. 1875 be approved and adopted.

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

13.

ORDINANCE NO. 1877. (2nd Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTION 2.04.040 (F) AND (M) AND ADDING 2.04.040 (N) OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO CITY MANAGER POWERS AND DUTIES.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Velez, that Ordinance No. 1877 be approved and adopted.

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

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

14.

Approval of Program Supplemental Agreement No. 005-n to Administer Agency State Master Agreement No. 07-5253r and Authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement on the City’s behalf.

15.

Approval of An Administering Agency State Master Agreement No. 07-5253r & Program Supplemental Agreement No. 004-n with California Department of Transportation and Authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement on the City’s behalf.

16.

Approve Progress Payment No. 6 due to Griffith Company, P.O Box 2150, Santa Fe Springs, Ca 90670-0150 for Rosecrans/Aviation Intersection Widening Project in the amount of \$574,555.86 funded by the Federal Demo and SAFETEA-LU funds Account # 286-5502-440-4773.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Parsons that items 14 to 16 of the City Manager’s consent calendar be approved.

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

17.

The City Attorney, Glen Shishido, recommended that the claim filed against the City of Hawthorne on behalf of Scott Tierney alleging personal injuries during police booking process be denied in its entirety.

Councilmember Lambert moved, seconded by Mayor Guidi, that the claim filed against the City of Hawthorne on behalf of Scott Tierney alleging personal injuries during police booking process be denied in its entirety.

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

18.

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 Catano who was excused.

19.

Mayor Guidi adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m. in the memory of Margaret Barton, William “Ralph” Hawthorne and Delmer Denny.

Monica Dicrisci
Deputy City Clerk