MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA HELD MARCH 13, 2007.

Mayor/Chairman Guidi called the City Council, Community Redevelopment Agency, Parking Authority, and Housing Authority meeting to order jointly and concurrently at 6:05 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 4455 West 126th Street, Hawthorne, California.

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

Patricia Feldman from Olivet Lutheran Church gave the evening's invocation. City Treasurer Thierry Lubenec led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.

Mayor/Chairman Guidi recessed the City Council meeting to conduct a **Closed Session**: Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation . Significant Exposure in litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9 (One potential case).

Mayor/Chairman Guidi called the City Council meeting back to order following recess with all Councilmembers present except for Councilmember Parsons who was excused. He announced that the closed session was to discuss a Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation. Significant Exposure in litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9 (One potential case) and stated that the City Council was updated and that no action was taken.

2.

Under Elected Officials Reports and Recommendations:

City Treasurer **Lubenec** attended event on identity theft and stated that it is important that the public stay protected and be aware of what is going on. Attended Assemblyman Curren Price town meeting and the Ramona Neighborhood meeting.

Councilmember **Catano** attended the graduating ceremony for Title One kids at Hawthorne High, the Homeland Security event, Assemblyman Curren Price's Meet and Greet, the Teen Challenge fundraiser, the Hollypark Little League grand opening, Congresswoman Water's town hall meeting and the Ramona Neighborhood meeting. Also attended Youth and Government in Lawndale and suggested that the city have a similar program. Inquired on regulations at the skate park.

Councilmember **Lambert** asked that a thank you be sent to the gentleman that came from the Governor's office for Homeland Security and thanked all the city employees that helped put together this event. Advised that everyone should have a shredder to help prevent identity theft.

Councilmember **Parsons** thanked Councilmember Lambert for the Homeland Security event. Discussed how driver license and health insurance cards are a source of identity theft. Advised that if you see something suspicious, to call it in. Inquired if the new block party policy is on the web yet. Inquired if a department-by-department email address can be set up. Attended Commissioner W.D. McCoy's toastmaster contest at Nat's and Maxine Water's town hall meeting. Inquired on the liability of trees that fall in the parkway. Talked to some of the air cargo operators at LAX regarding noise at night.

Mayor **Guidi** congratulated Councilmember Lambert on the Homeland Security event. Thanked the Bodger Park and Ramona Neighborhood Association for inviting the Mayor to be a guest speaker at their last meeting. Attended the Ramona HOA. Also attended the Hollypark and Wiseburn Little League grand openings. Attended the Bodger Park neighborhood cleanup. Reported that the zero tolerance daytime curfew is working very well. Reported that the police is monitoring city parks. Stated that he will meet with a large company that will bring back a lot of manufacturing jobs. Shared pictures of updates at the airport. Upgrades have been made at Hollyglen Park. Announced that there will be an Italian Festival on June 16th . Thanked Channel 22 Cable for the State of the City taping. Yogi's Yogurt grand opening will be held on Saturday. Street paving on Rosecrans and Aviation is scheduled for March 19th.

3.

Under oral communications, **Margaret Jeppesen**, 11830 S. Gale, President of Friends of the Library, announced that they will be having a book and bake sale on April 14th from 9am to 3pm. **Jon Deichsel,** 14762 Bodger Ave., feels the city is not fairly enforcing state law regarding 72 hour RV parking and signs posted every 250 feet. Will write to RV industry companies asking if they are interested in helping him file suit against the city to get them to comply with state law. **Elaine Magdalany**, 4727 W. 129th St., reported that there is speeding on her street near a preschool and asked if speed humps could be put in. **Steven Bradford**, Public Affairs Regional Manager for Southern California Edison, announced that there is a summer discount program involving air conditioners which can save residents as much as $200. **Francis Stiglich**, 11534 Gale Ave., attended Assembly of God where Maxine Waters spoke and was impressed by the way Ms. Waters handled the public and tried to solve everybody's problems. **Resident** at 11323 Firmona, asked for parking meters on both sides of his street to deal with limited parking. On behalf of Mr. And Mrs. Coco Carboyan, presented a check to the city to distribute to a nonprofit of its choice. **Allen Richards**, 13828 Ramona Ave., President of the Ramona Neighborhood Association, announced that the Association is currently accepting applications for scholarships from high school seniors who live in the Ramona tract and are graduating this year.

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

5.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert, that the reading of the City Council minutes of the regular meeting of February 27, 2007 and the special meeting of March 6, 2007 be waived and that they be approved and adopted.

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

6.

Mayor Guidi, seconded by Councilmember Lambert, to waive full readings of resolutions and ordinances on March 13, 2007's agenda.

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

7.

Deputy City Clerk Monica Dicrisci announced that this was the time and place for the Public Hearing regarding Zone Text Amendment 2007ZA03 [Planning Commission Resolution No. PC 2007-07], Amending Section 17.35.010 definition of Copy, Copy – Commercial, Copy – Non-Commercial, Sign, off-premises and Sign, on-premises, adding section 17.35.105 substitution clause, and amending section 17.35.230 temporary Signs of the Hawthorne Municipal Code, CEQA determination: Categorically Exempt.

Planning Department's declaration publication filed. No written communications. Call for oral comments. Motion-close hearing. Motion to instruct the City Attorney to prepare Ordinance)

Under oral comments, no one expressed a desire to be heard.

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

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Catano to instruct the City Attorney to prepare Ordinance for the next meeting.

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

8.

The City Treasurer submitted a financial statement regarding warrants.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilwoman Lambert x that the following warrants, properly audited and signed, be paid.

Warrants Nos.: 188707-188771 ; 368528-368871

Warrant Totals: $ 765,363.95 ; $ 747,654.61

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

Resolutions and Ordinances.

9.

ORDINANCE NO. 1874. (2nd Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING ZONE CODE AMENDMENT NO. 2005ZA26 AND CHANGE OF ZONE NO. 2005CZ04, APPLICATIONS BY THE LEE GROUP FOR VAN NESS 120 LLC, TO AMEND THE HAWTHORNE ZONING ORDINANCE TO REFER TO THE CENTRAL PARK SPECIFIC PLAN AS THE APPLICABLE LAND USE DOCUMENT FOR APPROXIMATELY 24 ACRES OF LAND BOUNDED BY WILKIE WAY ON THE WEST, 120TH STREET ON THE NORTH, SOUTHERN PACIFIC RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY ON THE SOUTH AND VAN NESS AVENUE ON THE EAST, TO AMEND THE ZONING MAP FROM M-2 (HEAVY INDUSTRIAL) TO CPCSP (CENTRAL PARK SPECIFIC PLAN) FOR THE SAME PROPERTY, AND MAKING FINDINGS IN SUPPORT THEREOF.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert that Ordinance No. 1874 be approved and adopted.

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

10.

ORDINANCE NO. 1873. (2nd Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AN AMENDMENT AND PARTIAL TERMINATION OF THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE AND LOWE ENTERPRISES COMMERCIAL GROUP. MOTION TO ADOPT.

Councilmember Lambert moved, seconded by Councilmember Catano that Ordinance No. 1873 be approved and adopted.

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

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

11.

Approve to Authorize the City Manager to Authorize the Issuance of the Purchase Order for purchase of certain Equipment and/or Services – Purchase of Vehicle for Public Works Department.

12.

Approve and Authorize the Mayor/Mayor Pro Tem/City Manager to execute amendment to License Agreement between the City of Hawthorne and Resource Environmental, LLC (Grantee"). On October 24, 2006, the City Council approved the Grantee's request 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. With this amendment, Grantee shall have the right to drill one (1) additional well.

13.

Approve the request for bids for the sale of City property – Assessor's Parcel Nos. 4055-021-901, 4048-004-915, and 4055-008-901, including applicable general plan amendment, specific plan, zone text amendment, change of zone, and other land use entitlements, and complying with government code requirements for selling city property. This property is located North Side of West 120th Street, South of Interstate 105, West of Crenshaw Boulevard, and East of Kornblum Avenue (across from Hawthorne Municipal Airport).

14.

Approve Installation of Speed Humps on 133rd Street between Hawthorne Blvd. and Inglewood Ave.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Catano that the City Manager's consent calendar be approved with the exception of item No. 14 where Mayor Guidi abstained.

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

15.

The City Attorney, Glen Shishido, recommended that the claim filed against the City of Hawthorne on behalf of Aimee Wixon alleging dangerous condition of city property when she sustained personal injuries as a result of a pothole be denied in its entirety.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert, that the claim filed against the City of Hawthorne on behalf of Aimee Wixon alleging dangerous condition of city property when she sustained personal injuries as a result of a pothole be denied in its entirety.

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

16.

The City Attorney, Glen Shishido, recommended that the claim filed against the City of Hawthorne on behalf of Bretney Williams alleging employee negligence, causing personal injuries to herself when she was rear-ended by a vehicle driven by a City employee be denied in its entirety.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert, that the claim filed against the City of Hawthorne on behalf of Bretney Williams alleging employee negligence, causing personal injuries to herself when she was rear-ended by a vehicle driven by a City employee be denied in its entirety.

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

17.

Mayor Guidi adjourned the meeting at 8:00p.m. in the memory of Nancy Shishim.

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Monica Dicrisci
Deputy City Clerk