

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE,
CALIFORNIA HELD APRIL 10, 2007.**

Mayor 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, Velez, Mayor Guidi.
Absent: None.

Pat Feldman from Olivet Lutheran Church gave the evening's invocation. Assistant City Attorney Russell Miyahira led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilmember Velez presented a Certificate of Recognition to Hanz Frauces Legaspi for her academic achievements in the Los Angeles County Regional Spelling Bee. Hans placed second in the County regional phase and will move on to the California state level competition.

Councilmember Velez presented a Certificate of Appreciation to United States Army National Guard Farley Legaspi in recognition of his dedication and support as a family man, a friend, a community supporter and duty to our country.

Councilmember Catano presented Proclamations to Barbara Johnson of the Wiseburn Library and Julie Todd of the Hawthorne Library in honor of National Library Week held April 15 to April 21, 2007.

Mayor Guidi announced on behalf of Jan Vogel that at the SBWIB Annual Youth Job Fair, 500 kids attended, approximately 100 were hired and another large group is going for second interviews.

1.

There were no Elected Officials Reports and Recommendations:

2.

Under oral communications, **Rachel and Joseph Fuerstinger**, Hawthorne soccer players from AYSO, have been selected to represent the United States playing soccer in the people to people friendship games in Holland this summer. The trip will cost \$5500 for each youth and they are seeking financial sponsors to enable them to experience this opportunity. **Phillip Jones**, 11549 Tarron Ave., inquired on an article he saw in the paper regarding a pipeline installation near Crenshaw and 120th. **Tershama Hill** speaking for **George Hoyle** is seeking resolution for the monies he had to pay for getting his hitch and truck out of the impound without understanding why he was towed to begin with. **Jim Smith**, 13315 Judah Ave., asked for Council's help regarding a zoning code that would prevent him from moving his garage to the front of his home.

3.

Mayor 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 Catano, that the reading of the City Council minutes of the regular meeting of March 27, 2007 be waived and that they be approved and adopted.

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

5.

Mayor Guidi, seconded by Councilmember Catano, to waive full readings of resolutions and ordinances on April 10, 2007'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 on Preliminary Annual Action Plan for Community Development Block Grant and Home Investments Partnership Program funding for Program Year 2007, July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008.

Planning Department's Declaration publication filed. No written communications. Call for oral comments. Motion-close hearing. No further action taken at this time.

Mayor Guidi called for oral comments.

No one indicated a desire to be heard.

Mayor Guidi ordered the public portion of the hearing closed. MOTION CARRIED.

7.

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.: 188836-18898 ; 370001-370316

Warrant Totals: \$ 750,489.65 ; \$ 1,705,253.51

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

Resolutions and Ordinances.

8.

ORDINANCE NO. 1883. (2nd Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTIONS 17.35.010 OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE [DEFINITION OF COPY, COPY-COMMERCIAL, COPY - NON-COMMERCIAL, SIGN, OFF-PREMISES, AND SIGN, ON-PREMISES] AND 17.35.230 [TEMPORARY SIGNS] AND ADDING SECTION 17.35.105 [SUBSTITUTION CLAUSE].

Councilmember Lambert moved, seconded by Councilmember Velez, that Ordinance No. 1883 be approved and adopted.

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

9.

ORDINANCE NO. 1884. (2nd Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A NOTICE OF EXEMPTION AND ZONING CODE AMENDMENT 2007ZA02 REGARDING HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTIONS 17.21.090 AND 17.25.020 PERTAINING TO ATTACHED RESIDENTIAL UNITS AND TANDEM PARKING.

Councilmember Lambert moved, seconded by Mayor Guidi, that Ordinance No. 1884 be approved and adopted.

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

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

10.

Approve Progress Payment No. 1 to Trimming Land Co. Inc, 10513 Dolores Ave, South Gate, Ca 90280 for Street Tree Trimming in the amount of \$60,000.00 to be funded by account #100-4111-000-4051, and \$18,552.00 by account #100-4111-000-4453; total of \$78,552.00.

11.

Approve Progress Payment No. 10 due to Griffith Company, P.O. Box 2150 Santa Fe Springs, Ca 90670-0150 for Rosecrans/Aviation Intersection Widening Project in the amount of \$64,878.76 funded from the Federal Demo Prop. C and SAFETEA-LU funds Account #285-3400-000-4450, and \$216,214.60 from Account # 286-5502-440-4773; total of \$281,093.37.

12.

Approve Bingo Renewal Permit for Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 2075.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert that the City Manager’s consent calendar be approved.

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

13.

CONTINUED ITEM

City Clerk English announced that this was the time and place for the Public Hearing on Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring Program, Approving the Residential and Commercial Refuse, and Recycling Services System update and redesign program. Consider awarding both the Residential and Commercial Refuse Franchise Agreements to one hauler.

Public Work’s Department's Declaration publication filed. No written communications. Call for oral comments. Motion-close hearing. Motion to Approve Resolution No. 7104.

Under oral comments **Annazell Joseph** spoke in support of H&C. **Allen Richards**, representing Ramona Neighborhood Association, suggested that the city represent its residents by going after the money owed, as they do not relish paying more for trash pickup when a new company comes on board. **Francis Stiglich** spoke in support of H&C and inquired why people are still taking things from resident’s trash and recycle bins. **Ron Saldana**, Executive Director of the Los Angeles County Disposal Association, has concerns regarding the rates that the commercial businesses and multi family folks in the community will have to pay if there is an exclusive program for the city. Encourages the Council to meet with the haulers they’ve taken proposals from to solicit all their input and ideas for a better way to do things. **Sid Kanazawa** gave some history of how H&C has contributed to the city in the past with events such as the air fair, paying for police vehicle tires and paying funeral expenses of a drive-by shooting victim when the family of the victim could not afford to do so. Feels that the city miscalculated H&C’s franchise fees by charging 4.33 times the franchise fee they’re supposed to be charging. Stated that H&C doesn’t want anything special, just to be treated fairly, openly and honestly, which should include following the contract and following the mediation procedures in the contract and following the independent expert provisions of the contract. Proposed that the contract be followed, in 30 days have a mediation and at 60 days have an independent expert determine these issues. **Mark Blackburn**, Universal Waste, expressed disappointment that after four years of servicing the city and trying to be a part of the city, did not get a phone call or a letter saying that the city decided to get another hauler but instead read it in the paper. Does not want to hurt or take anyone’s business, but if there is an opportunity for Universal Waste as a hauler and the city needs a hauler, he wants to give a price and try to do the best that he can to do that, but doesn’t think that’s happening here. **Greg Loughnane**, Manager for Allied Waste Industries, spoke on the process itself and stated that he believes that it was open and clear. Stated that his staff worked very

hard and diligently about putting a very comprehensive proposal to the city. His staff is prepared to work very diligently on a transition plan should the city decide to recommend them to service the city.

Staff gave a presentation in regards to the new exclusive agreement and what it entails in comparison to what we had and experienced in the past few years.

RESOLUTION NO. 7104.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, (1) APPROVING THE INTEGRATED MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE SERVICES SYSTEM UPDATE AND REDESIGN PROGRAM AND ADOPTING A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND MITIGATION MONITORING PROGRAM, (2) RATIFYING PRIOR AMENDMENTS THAT EXTENDED THE SEMI-EXCLUSIVE COMMERCIAL AND MULTI-FAMILY REFUSE / C&D DEBRIS FRANCHISE AGREEMENTS AND DIRECTING EXPIRATION THEREOF, (3) DIRECTING TERMINATION OF THE EXCLUSIVE RESIDENTIAL FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH H&C DISPOSAL, INC., FOR DEFAULT, AND (4) AWARDING THE EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT FOR RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL, MULTI-FAMILY, ROLL-OFF, ABANDONED REFUSE AND BUS STOP SOLID WASTE HANDLING SERVICES TO ALLIED WASTE SERVICES OF NORTH AMERICA LLC.

Councilmember Catano moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert that Resolution No. 7104 be approved and adopted.

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

14.

Mayor Guidi adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m. in the memory of Thomas (Tom) Martin and John William Goodman.

Angie Reyes English
City Clerk