MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA HELD JUNE 12, 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, Velez, Parsons, Mayor Guidi.
Absent: None.

Pastor Tyronne Partee from Olivet Lutheran Church gave the evening's invocation. Girls Scout Troop # 292 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Guidi presented a Certificate of Merit to Girl Scout Troop #292 in acknowledgment of their service to the community as the Color Guard at tonight's meeting.

A video was presented highlighting the works of the Richstone Family Center in Hawthorne, a center for the prevention and treatment of child abuse. Rolando Ramirez, Executive Director of Richstone and Karen Sydney, Co–chair of the Pier to Pier Walk-a-Thon, thanked the Mayor and the City for their interest in the center, their interest in the walk-a-thon, their generous donations and their enthusiasm for getting others to participate in the walk-a-thon.

1.

Mayor Pro Tem **Velez** thanked the Hawthorne President's Council for holding the Pride Day event at the canine dog park where new equipment was installed and obstacle courses were rehabbed. Announced that Assemblymember Curren Price will host a town hall meeting regarding the WesPac pipeline on June 29the from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at the Hawthorne Memorial Center. Toured Pacific Glen on El Segundo and Aviation and gave a video update on the project. Housing prices range from $500,000 to $1million and square footage ranges from 950 to 2700 square feet per unit. William Lyons is receptive to the possibility of offering staff and police officers some type of incentive when the homes open up for sale.

Councilmember **Lambert** thanked everyone for the thoughtfulness and love that was expressed to her and her family over the death of her husband Olin. Thanked VFW Post 2075 and the ladies auxiliary for the memorial service. Also thanked Pastor Al Wise for the wonderful eulogy and the cities of Gardena and Lawndale, the American Legion, Maxine Waters and Supervisor Burke. Thanked all the city staff that attended, the police and fire department for their help, and all those that made monetary contributions to the Post. Inquired if there is an ordinance that could be created so people who have storefronts would do their own cleanup.

Councilmember **Catano** thanked Public Works Director Arnie Shadbehr, his staff and everyone who was involved in the Rosecrans/Aviation widening project. Attended the grand opening for Rosy's Bakery and Cuban Café.

Mayor **Guidi** thanked Cimarron School for career day. Thanked Ammar Kahf for the invitation to the 1st graduating class from Sunday school at the Hawthorne Islamic Center. Is amazed at the changes on Hawthorne Blvd. and encouraged the community to patronize businesses along the Boulevard. Announced that the Italian Festival, the Moneta Gardens Health Fair and the Kiwanis Fair will be held on Saturday. Thanked Lisa Miller and her code enforcement team, especially Chris Burrus, for the work they have done to improve two properties that were eyesores in the city.

Discussion/Action

- Imposing fines for damage and destruction to public and private property – e.g. graffiti (Guidi)

Mayor Guidi would like to impose stricter regulations on the amount of days that banners can be hung in front of businesses. The Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs of Hawthorne are inviting the public to their 2007

tribute to the police officers and firefighters of the year on June 20th at the Hacienda Hotel. The guest speaker will be former Angel Jay Johnstone.

Councilmember **Parsons** inquired on what is being done to inform the public about the new fireworks ordinance that only allows fireworks to be set off on July 4th. Was notified by a pilot that there is a problem with the radar at the Hawthorne airport that no longer allows instrument approach and asked that it be investigated. Inquired if there has been any update to get the air fair back. Asked if there's anything the city can file to collect money owed from H&C. Received a reimbursement check for $250 from Cal Water because of an error that occurred when they were transitioning away from H&C; residents who had direct funds transfer were billed for a year of trash service. Receiving complaints from commercial businesses that they are seeing a 40% spike in their trash rates from Allied. Attended the Health Fair at the Islamic Center.

City Clerk **English** attended the low cost vaccination and licensing for pets and the Rosy's Bakery opening. Announced that the State Assembly on the floor is going to be adjourning in the memory of Olin Lambert.

2.

Under oral communications, **William Wilson**, Allied General Manager for the Gardena Division, apologized for the services that have been experienced over the past 25 days. Assured that the unexpected issues that have come up will be resolved. Additional drivers have been put on the streets, days of service have been added and supervisors are out on routes. Dawn Harris, a customer service representative of Allied, can be reached at city hall by calling 349-2986. Allied is committed to serving the city. **Stan Kaplan** is unhappy with Allied's commercial pickup. Out of five scheduled pickups, three have been missed since June 1st. Also upset with large increase in rates and having to prepay for services. **Alex Monteiro** of Plaza Town Homes is experiencing problems with getting new bins and recycles for his complex since the old hauler took away their bins. Appreciates the efforts that have been made tonight. Announced that the annual Health Fair will be held on June 16th along with the Italian Festival. There will be prizes and screenings. Everyone is invited. **Diane Buehler**, 13303 Judah Ave., complained that the new company throws around the trashcans. Feels the citizens should have the right to vote for their trash service. Wants the old hauler back. **Tim Morrow** feels it's ridiculous to not have a voice and for the rates to go up so high. Stated that Million Air is putting Nat's out of business because now pilots can't park at Nat's unless they gas up there or pay for parking. **Francis Stiglich** doesn't like what's going on with single-family residences where the hospital used to be. Mentioned other places in the city where housing will be built that she feels will cause overcrowding. Doesn't think enough was done to keep the hospital in the city. **Ronny Manson** sends his and his family's regards to Councilmember Lambert. His church did spring-cleaning and between the trash not being picked up and illegal dumping, there is no room to walk.

Councilmember Lambert requested her comments for the record:

Well, because there's one issue that was brought up by Mr. Morrow and Ms. Buehler and both of these lovely people objected to a sole source. Now, where do you think we came from? We came from a monopoly of 50 years with H&C and their prices were reasonable. I can tell you I agreed with the speakers. Their service was incredible. They never failed to come and pick up extra stuff, whatever. The problem was that we were not being paid and this city cannot afford to go on and accumulate a debt from the former hauler, H&C, into the millions and that's where we were. So what you're saying is you want your constitutional right and you had it for 40 or 50 years, but we had to get our money back. We had to go to another hauler and so we went to multiples. And now we were back to this one because we had some complaints about too many trucks on the road. And that's true. There were too many trucks, but eventually we realized that H&C was, had a major portion of the commercial and they continued to pick up our trash at our homes. But what happened again, and this is for the record so that you folks aren't going to be feeling bad and say I've lost my constitutional right. That's not true. They didn't pay us again. So we're being billed and billed and billed and we don't get our money. We cannot keep police for you and fire for you (you can't speak sir, I'm sorry) we can't keep police and fire and our police dogs and try to get the chopper back and all the things that you do want. All the things that you want for your children. We can't run this city on air. So we are back again to going out to bid. We had four bidders and our staff diligently reviewed it and now we are back to one. So you haven't lost anything per say because you've got to remember I've been here since 52 or 55, whatever it is, in the 50's, early 50's and H&C had just come in and they were run by a different owner at that time. It was Mr. Tumanjan but when the younger man came up, he was not as astute in his business management and he was not paying us. So that's the reason. You haven't lost anything. We are now back to a single service and I wanted to put

that on the record because it's not, it's incorrect to say you've lost your rights. You have not lost your rights. We had 50 years of one hauler and we had to go do something different now. So that's the reason we're back to one hauler. I hope you understand. If you don't understand, call me.

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 Lambert, that the reading of the City Council minutes of the regular meeting of May 22, 2007, be waived and that they be approved and adopted.

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

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

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

5.

Mayor Guidi, seconded by Councilmember Lambert, to waive full readings of resolutions and ordinances on June 12, 2007's agenda.

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

6.

The City Treasurer submitted a financial statement regarding warrants.

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

Warrants Nos.: 189078-189129 ; 372441-372777

Warrant Totals: $ 749,357.09 ; $ 2,404,549.09

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

Resolutions and Ordinances.

7.

RESOLUTION NO. 7114.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO LEVY WEED ABATEMENT ASSESSMENTS AND SETTING A HEARING DATE FOR SUCH PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS.

Mayor Guidi moved, moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert, that Resolution No. 7114 be approved and adopted.

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

8.

RESOLUTION NO. 7115.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF FELTON AVENUE AND 119th STREET. Motion to adopt.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert, that Resolution No. 7115 be approved and adopted.

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

9.

ORDINANCE NO. 1890. (2nd Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, ADDING THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS TO THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE: SECTION 2.22.130 (T) PROHIBITING PROPANE BARBECUES IN CITY PARKS AND ADDING 2.22.130 (U) PROHIBITING JUMPERS IN CITY PARKS.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert that Ordinance No. 1890 be approved and adopted.

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

10.

ORDINANCE NO. 1893. (1st Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, CONTAINING A DESCRIPTION OF THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE'S PROGRAM TO ACQUIRE REAL PROPERTY BY EMINENT DOMAIN IN REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA NO. 2.

Ordinance No. 1893 was introduced by title only by Councilmember Lambert.

11.

ORDINANCE NO. 1894. (1st Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A NEGATIVE DECLARATION UNDER CEQA AND AMENDING (INCLUDING REPEALING IN PART AND ADDING IN PART) HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 17.04 DEFINITION, CHAPTER 17.14 R-1 LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION, CHAPTER 17.16 R-2 MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION, CHAPTER 17.18 R-3 HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION, CHAPTER 17.19 R-4 MAXIMUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION, CHAPTER 17.20 SUPPLEMENTARY USE AND BULK REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL RESIDENTIAL ZONES, CHAPTER 17.38 NONCONFORMING BUILDINGS AND USES, AND CHAPTER 17.42 YARD AND OPEN SPACES.

Ordinance No. 1894 was introduced by title only by Councilmember Lambert.

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

12.

Approval of Agreements with Public Service Providers for use of CDBG and HOME funds –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.

The Public Service Providers were:

a) Behavioral Health Services $ 1,000 ;

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert that the amount given to this service provider be approved.

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

b). CA Youth Karate Club $ 1,000 ;

Councilmember Lambert moved, seconded by Mayor Guidi, that the amount given to this service provider be approved.

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

c). Moneta Gardens Improvements Inc $ 1,000 ;

Councilmember Lambert moved, seconded by Mayor Guidi that the amount given to this service provider be approved.

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

d) Housing Rights Center $ 40,800.

Councilmember Lambert moved, seconded by Mayor Guidi that the amount given to this service provider be approved.

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

13.

Public Hearing regarding Levying Assessment for Improvement of the Street Lighting System (Landscaping and Street Lighting Act of 1972) for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2008. The Public Hearing is rescheduled to June 26, 2007.

THIS ITEM WAS PULLED BEFORE THE COUNCIL MEETING

14.

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

Councilmember Velez seconded by Mayor Guidi that item 14 of the City Manager's consent calendar be approved.

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

15.

Approve the Runway Rehabilitation and Improvement Project at Hawthorne Municipal Airport and also approve the Plans and Specifications and authorize the project to be advertised for bids, with bids being returned on July 10, 2007.

Councilmember Velez seconded by Mayor Guidi that item 15 of the City Manager's consent calendar be approved.

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

16.

Approve Progress Payment No. 1 due to Mead & Hunt, Inc., P.O. Box 68-9948 Milwaukee WI, 53268-9948 for providing Engineering Services for Runway Rehabilitation and Improvement Project at Hawthorne Municipal Airport in the amount of $131,665.00 funded from the FAA Grant No. 3-06-0101-11.

17.

Approve Progress Payment No. 2 to Martinez Landscape Company, 12357 San Fernando Road, Sylmar, CA 91342 for Abatement of Weeds and General Maintenance $23,435.00 from Sidewalks Fund Account #220-4106-000-4548; $87,365.00 from Street Fund Account # 220-4106-000-4540; $2,034.80 from SB 821 Account #225-4106-408-4574; Total $112,834.80.

18.

Approve Progress Payment No. 2 to Trimming Land Co., Inc., 10513 Dolores Avenue, South Gate, CA 90280 for the Street Tree Trimming in the amount of $26,530.00 to be charged to Account #220-4106-000-4540.

19.

Approve Progress Payment No. 12 to Griffith Company, P.O. Box 2150, Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670-0150 for Rosecrans/Aviation Intersection Widening Project in the amount of $275,787.31 funded by Account #286-5502-442-4773.

Mayor Guidi, seconded by Councilmember Parsons that items 16 through 19 of the City Manager's consent calendar be approved.

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

20.

The City Attorney, Glen Shishido, recommended that a settlement that has been proposed in the case entitled Alejandro Salazar v. City of Hawthorne & James Lodinsky (YC 053 884) in the amount of $8,800.00 be approved and that the Finance Director release the settlement draft c/o City Attorney's Office to Plaintiff Alejandro Salazar and Law Offices of Gerard A. Fierro no later than June 15, 2007.

Mayor Guidi, seconded by Councilmember Lambert that that a settlement that has been proposed in the case entitled Alejandro Salazar v. City of Hawthorne & James Lodinsky (YC 053 884) in the amount of $8,800.00 be approved and that the Finance Director release the settlement draft c/o City Attorney's Office to Plaintiff Alejandro Salazar and Law Offices of Gerard A. Fierro no later than June 15, 2007 be approved.

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

21.

Mayor Guidi adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

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Angie Reyes English
City Clerk