MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA HELD JUNE 26, 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, Mayor Guidi.
Absent: Councilmember Velez (excused).

Mrs. Darlene Love gave the evening's invocation. Mr. Alan Richards led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilmember Lambert presented a Proclamation to Mr. Larry Bender for being selected as the recipient of the Older American Recognition Award.

A brief video highlighting the 1st Annual Italian Festival and Bocce Ball Tournament was shown.

Mr. David Donnini, President of Unico West LA and representing Sons of Italy Hollywood, presented a check to Mr. Alex Monteiro for the Moneta Gardens organization. Mr. Monteiro, President of Moneta Gardens, presented certificates to various organizations and staff for their help with the Health Fair and Italian Festival.

Mayor Guidi presented a Proclamation to Hawthorne residents Oscar and Herminia Hernandez in honor of their 63rd Wedding Anniversary.

1.

Under Elected Officials Report and Recommendations:

Councilmember **Parsons** inquired about the possibility of the police department having a program that would allow citizens to file police reports on line. Inquired on when the police helicopter will be flying again. Inquired if a GIS would be a possibility for the city. Asked for an update regarding the trash situation.

Councilmember **Lambert** attended the Italian Festival, the Yogo Presso opening, the community tribute to police and fire, the Chamber installation dinner, the canine park rededication and the Italian Festival.

Councilmember **Catano** thanked Dawn Harris of Allied Waste for handling all the complaints regarding the trash pickup. Attended the Cimarron School playground dedication, the honoring of a teacher at Prairie Vista West, the graduation ceremony for the 1st graduating class at Hawthorne Math and Science Academy, the Police and Fire Awards, the Yogo Presso opening, the Chamber installation, the canine park rededication, the Moneta Gardens Health Fair and the Italian Festival. Thanked Allied Waste for the presentation they made at the health fair.

Mayor **Guidi** was pleased that more and more city staff is showing up at new business openings and encourages the community to patronize community businesses. Reported that the area near Imperial and Hawthorne Blvd. is being renovated. New signs have been put up near crosswalks to warn motorists about pedestrians crossing. Also signs have been put up near 129th advising about public parking. Encouraged the public to see the new houses going up in city neighborhoods. Advised that a flyer is going out to inform the public about fireworks regulations.

City Treasurer **Lubenec** attended the Health Fair and the Italian Festival. Congratulated Pat Donaldson for again being the Chamber of Commerce president. Thanked the trash company who was at the health fair for taking care of a trash issue.

City Clerk **English** attended the Moneta Gardens Health Fair, the Italian Festival, the Lions Installation, the Prairie Vista Teacher Recognition, the Yogo Presso grand opening, the Rotary/Kiwanis Police Fire ceremony and the Math and Science 1st graduation ceremony. Congratulated Mr. and Mrs. Hernandez for their 63rd Wedding Anniversary.

2.

Under oral communications **Barbara Johnson**, Wiseburn Library Manager, announced that the libraries will have many summer programs and activities for children. Pastor **Al Wise** announced that October 7th is date that they are looking at to open the new worship center at Del Aire Assembly of God. They are still short $200,000 and asked for help from the public. If anyone knows anyone who can help, please call 310-676-6859. **Sal Camaria** asked for help in getting a sign for 116th and Freeman where numerous accidents have occurred. **Bretton Gurlock**, Property Manager for Unified Property Mgmt., reported that a number of his clients have complained about the increase in rates and missed days of service from Allied. **Carolyn Kramer**, Chief Financial Officer for H&C Disposal, said that in the past they have very quietly done nothing and articles have been published in the newspaper regarding the city of Hawthorne and H&C Disposal Company. Since they have made changes at H&C recently, they now decided to speak out. Stated that on June 1, 2007 at 6:00 a.m., they had Allied people come to H&C's yard to exchange remote controls with H&C drivers and explain the remote controls. Therefore, there is no excuse for the transition problems with the new haulers since Allied has been provided with the remote controls. Kramer further stated that H&C has paid in excess of $4 million dollars to the City in franchise fees. H&C has been denied due process and the right to mediation. H&C feels that the residential contract was breached when the City cancelled the trash contract, which was not set to expire until 2010. H&C stopped paying fees to the City because H&C was paying the City 48% of its gross revenues to satisfy the franchise obligation. At no time has H&C failed to cooperate with the City or the new trash company. H&C was not even allowed to bid under the new contract that was eventually awarded to Allied. **William Wilson** thanked city staff, Council, residents and businesses for their patience during this transition period. Stressed that Allied has ample trucks and resources to serve the city. The greatest challenge they have faced during the transition of commercial and residential services is a lack of accurate service and customer information, not resources. Allied is working diligently to gather information and additional supervisors have been employed to go door to door collecting keys and gate codes. They are now at 95% in containment of problems. **Alex Monteiro** congratulated Dawn Harris of Allied for taking care of the trash issues at Plaza Town Homes.

3.

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

4.

Councilmember Lambert moved, seconded by Mayor Guidi, that the reading of the City Council minutes of the regular meeting of June 12, 2007, be waived and that they be approved and adopted.

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

5.

Councilmember Lambert moved, seconded by Mayor Guidi, to waive full readings of resolutions and ordinances on June 26, 2007's agenda.

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

6.

City Clerk Angie Reyes English announced that this was the time and place for the Public Hearing on Confirming the Weed Abatement Assessment report and authorizing the collection of the assessment. Public Works Department's declaration publication filed. No written communications. Call for oral comments. Motion-close hearing. Motion to Approve Resolution No. 7118.

Under oral comments, no one expressed the desire to address this topic.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 7118.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, CONFIRMING ASSESSMENTS FOR WEED AND WASTE ABATEMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE COLLECTION THEREOF.

Councilmember Lambert moved, seconded by Mayor Guidi that Resolution No. 7118 be approved and adopted.

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

7.

City Clerk Angie Reyes English announced that this was the time and place for the Public Hearing and Staff presentation on Proposed Annual Budget including Projected Revenue and Requested Appropriations for Fiscal-Year 2007-2008. City Clerk Department's declaration publication filed. No written communications. Call for oral comments. Motion-close hearing. Motion to Approve Resolution No. 7119.

Under oral comments, no one expressed the desire to address this topic.

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

Mayor Guidi called on the City Manager Pathirana for a brief presentation on the budget.

RESOLUTION NO. 7119.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Parsons that Resolution No. 7119 be approved and adopted.

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

8.

City Clerk Angie Reyes English announced that this was the time and place for the Public Hearing on Final Environmental Impact Report for Prestige Villas Project, General Plan and Land Use Map Amendment No. 2006GP03 amending General Plan Land Use Map from GC (General Commercial) to HDR (High Density Residential), Prestige Villas Specific Plan No. 2007SP01, Zone Text Amendment No. 2007ZA07 (Prestige Villas Specific Plan), and Change of Zone No. 2006CZ07 amending zoning map from C-3 (General Commercial) to PVSP (Prestige Villas Specific Plan).
Planning Department's declaration publication filed. No written communications. Call for oral comments. Motion-close hearing. Motion to Instruct the City Attorney to prepare necessary Resolution and Ordinances for consideration and adoption.

Under oral comments, **Alex Monteiro** encouraged the approval of rechanging zone. Believes Prestige Villas is a good decision because a balance is needed between the rentals and homeowners in Hawthorne. **Frances Stiglich**, 11534 Gale Ave., feels this project is too crowded and the 128 units should be reduced. Also thinks there is too much concrete and not enough grass. Does not like this project and has 100 signatures of others who do not like it either. **Jose Garcia**, 3750 W. 115th, major concern is that there is no setback in the front of the homes. Would like to see some setback so it looks like homes and not a town home development with alleyways connecting. **Guy Hocker** assured that this project has been fined, refined, bisected, expanded and a great deal of effort has been placed in putting as much landscaping as possible. **Ike Mbelu,** architect for project**,** stated that they were allowed to provide 139

units on the site, but was lowered to 128 units. Presented a slide show on the project detailing aspects such as square footage, rooms, parking and amenities. **Mr. Jones**, 11549 Terron, feels units are too crammed together. Would like to see something nice with more space. **Allen Richards**, 13828 S. Ramona Ave., inquired on how wide the street is inside the project. With no setback on the garage, if you are working on your car you would have it backed out into the street since people don't always keep their cars in their garages. Does not think this is a very good project.

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

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Catano to Instruct the City Manager to prepare the necessary Ordinance for the next meeting.

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

9.

The City Treasurer submitted a financial statement regarding warrants.

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

Warrants Nos.: 189130-189180 ; 372778-373610

Warrant Totals: $ 738,897.08 ; $ 3,518,251.70

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

Resolutions and Ordinances.

10.

RESOLUTION NO. 7117

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO LEVY STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008 AND SETTING TUESDAY, JULY 10, 2007 AT 6:00 P.M. AS THE TIME AND DATE OF A PUBLIC HEARING.

Councilmember Lambert moved, seconded by Mayor Guidi, that Resolution No. 7117 be approved and adopted.

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

11.

RESOLUTION NO. 7120.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING THE APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008 PURSUANT TO ARTICLE XIIIB OF THE CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION.

Councilmember Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert that Resolution No. 7120 be approved and adopted.

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

12.

RESOLUTION NO. 7124.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE ADMINISTRATIVE CITATION BAIL SCHEDULE FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert that Resolution No. 7124 be approved and adopted.

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

13.

ORDINANCE NO. 1894. (2ND 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.

Councilmember Lambert moved, seconded by Mayor Guidi that Ordinance No. 1894 be approved and adopted.

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

14.

ORDINANCE NO. 1893. (2nd 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.

Councilmember Lambert moved, seconded by Mayor Guidi that Ordinance No. 1893 be approved and adopted.

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

For the record Councilmember Lambert reiterated that this does not have anything to do with residential property.

15.

ORDINANCE NO. 1895. (1st Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, ADDING SECTION 10.36.015 OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO ENFORCEMENT OF PARKING VIOLATIONS BY CODE ENFORCEMENT AND ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS.

Ordinance No. 1893 was introduced by title only by Mayor Guidi.

16.

ORDINANCE NO. 1896. (1st Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA,

AMENDING SECTION 1.22.010 OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING THE REMOVAL OF GRAFFITI AND MASSAGE VIOLATIONS FROM THE SCHEDULE OF INFRACTIONS AND ADDING SECTION 8.14.020 (A&B) [LITTERING] TO THE INFRACTION SCHEDULE.

Ordinance No. 1896 was introduced by title only by Mayor Guidi.

17.

ORDINANCE NO. 1899. (1st Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTION 8.14.020 OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE DUTY OF TENANTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS TO REMOVE WASTE FROM ADJOINING SIDEWALK.
Ordinance No. 1899 was introduced by title only by Councilmember Lambert.

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

18.

Approve to ratify and make the following appointments/reappointments to the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB): 1) Ratify the City of Redondo Beach appointment of Ms. Jacqueline Devlin, One Stop Manager for the South Bay Business and Career One Stop Center, Beach Cities; 2) Ratify the City of Hermosa Beach reappointment of Mr. Joe Terry, All City Computers, as the private sector business representative; 3) make the reappointment of Mr. Richard Navarro, and 4) make the appointment of Mr. Dana Dickson both representing the Hawthorne private sector.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Catano that item No. 18 of the City Manager's consent calendar be approved.

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

19.

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

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Angie Reyes English
City Clerk