

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE,
CALIFORNIA HELD OCTOBER 9, 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)

Civil Service Commissioner Darlene Love gave the evening's invocation. Parks and Recreation Commissioner Alex Monteiro led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Katie Holmes from the American Cancer Society presented a Proclamation to the City for its participation in the "Relay for Life" event.

Mayor Guidi presented a joint Proclamation to Evelyn Ware and Anazel Joseph of Soroptimist Inglewood/Hawthorne declaring the month of October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month and the month of November as End Domestic Violence Month.

Mayor Guidi presented a short video of the Rotary Baseball Clinic held Saturday, October 6. He thanked Mr. Jan Vogel and Mr. Vogel's son for putting it all together and making a difference for young kids in the community.

1.

Under Elected Officials Report and Recommendations:

Discussion/Action Items:

- Appoint Nadia Barrera to the Youth Commission (Guidi)

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Catano to appoint Ms. **Nadia Barrera** to the Youth Commission.

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

- Evaluate other options such as a park, soccer fields and other open space for old Police Station property instead of high-density housing/retail. Hold public hearings in different parts of the city to solicit resident input. (Parsons)

Councilmember Parsons spoke about making the old police station a park and would like to give the residents the right to give input on a park that would go on city owned property. Would like to hold public hearings throughout the city to get input on other ideas that the citizens have in mind for the old police station property.

- Post City Council candidate's campaign donation and expenditure records (Form 460's) on city website. (Parsons)

Councilmember Parsons was informed that all the 460 forms (candidate campaign disclosure forms) were already on the city's website.

2.

Under oral communications, **Alex Monteiro** said his words were misused when he said that Little Company of Mary did not want the poor people of Hawthorne to go to Torrance so he stated for the record that he is in favor of the Little Company of Mary proposed clinic for the City of Hawthorne. **Alex Vargas**, 11974 York Ave., thinks it's a good idea to have a park where the old police station used to be as it would make it look like a true civic center. **Dave Frye, 4594 W. 132nd St.**, is in favor of

getting more parks around the City, especially soccer fields. **Minnie Frye**, 4594 W. 132nd St., pleaded for dedicated fields for soccer. **Norm Morton**, 4612 W. Broadway, Chairman of the Parks and Recreation/Fine Arts Commission, had requested that Recreation and Community Service send a memo to the City Manager for recommendations from the Commission asking for parks and asked that the memo be considered by Council. **Hugo Rojas** congratulated Nadia Barrera for her appointment to the City Youth Commission. Invited all to the dedication ceremony for the new classrooms built at Prairie Vista Middle School. The ceremony will be held on November 3rd from 11am to 2pm. On behalf of the Hawthorne School District Board of Trustees, is proposing a mandatory dress code. This item will be on the agenda for the Board meeting of October 24th at 7pm. The meeting will be held at the District Office, 14120 S. Hawthorne Blvd. The public is asked to support this. **Gordon Mego** emphasized objections regarding the Ocean Park project such as it being too dense, near railroad tracks and under a flight path. **Darlene Love** thanked the Rotarians for the baseball clinic at Holly Park. **Jesus Salazar**, 11320 Mansel Ave., upset about filming that took place in his neighborhood because it enhanced prostitution which is a problem in that area. **Margaret Jeppessen**, 11830 S. Gale, President of Friends of the Library, reminded everyone that the used book sale and bake sale will be held on October 13th from 9am to 3pm. **Carla Cooper**, 5533 W. 140th St., feels that we are short of parks, need more green and across the street from City Hall would be a perfect place to make a true civic center with a true focus. **Cindy Parsons**, 5428 W. 140th St., announced that there will be a candidate's forum tomorrow night from 7pm to 9pm at the new Dana School. Announced that on November 5th there will be a public hearing at Anza Elementary School in Del Aire at 6:30pm regarding a conditional use permit for a proposed marijuana dispensary on Aviation Blvd. October 20th is Lights Out Los Angeles, which is to promote energy conservation. The public is asked to turn off all unnecessary lights from 8pm to 9pm on October 20th. Spoke in support of turning the old police station into a park. **Ramon Pulido** thanked the Mayor for supporting more soccer fields in the city. **Albert Sanchez**, 12128 S. Ramona, announced that he is running for the Hawthorne School District Board on November 6th. His number is 310-678-0121 if anyone wants to speak with him. **Norm Huber**, 13919 Eucalyptus, clarified that he stands by what he wrote regarding the current campaign and that it did not come from any candidate he supports. He stated that what he wrote is not slanderous or libelous, but rather they are issues and the 1st Amendment gives him the right to his views. What he wrote was given to one person and was not meant to be distributed nor was it a campaign flyer. **Molly Smith**, 4521 W. 133rd St., stated that she was the person who received the article that Mr. Huber mentioned. She turned in the article to City Hall because in her opinion it was slanderous. For the record she turned it in personally as a Hawthorne resident; it had nothing to do with the Ramona Association.

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 Councilmember Parsons, that the reading of the City Council minutes of the regular meeting of September 25, 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 Councilmember Parsons, to waive full readings of resolutions and ordinances on October 9, 2007's agenda.

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

NOES: None. ABSENT: Councilmember Velez.

6.

The City Treasurer submitted a financial statement regarding warrants.

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

Warrants Nos.: 189431-189440 ; 377878-378185

Warrant Totals: \$ 773,420.99 ; \$1,157,559.13

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

NOES: None. ABSENT: Councilmember Velez.

Resolutions and Ordinances.

7.

ORDINANCE NO. 1897. (2nd Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING ZONE CODE AMENDMENT NO. 2007ZA07 AND CHANGE OF ZONE NO. 2006CZ07, APPLICATIONS BY RAMONA GARDENS, LLC, TO AMEND THE HAWTHORNE ZONING ORDINANCE TO REFER TO THE PRESTIGE VILLAS SPECIFIC PLAN AS THE APPLICABLE LAND USE DOCUMENT FOR APPROXIMATELY 8 ACRES OF PROPERTY BOUNDED BY RAMONA AVENUE TO THE WEST, 116TH STREET TO THE NORTH, 118TH STREET TO THE SOUTH, AND GREVILLEA AVENUE TO THE EAST, TO AMEND THE ZONING MAP FROM C-3 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) TO PVSP (PRESTIGE VILLAS SPECIFIC PLAN) FOR THE SAME PROPERTY, AND MAKING FINDINGS IN SUPPORT THEREOF.

Councilmember Lambert moved, seconded by Mayor Guidi that Ordinance No. 1897 be approved and adopted.

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

NOES: None. ABSENT: Councilmember Velez.

8.

ORDINANCE NO. 1903. (2nd Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 2 AND CHAPTER 5 OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE REPLACING THE TERM “BUSINESS LICENSE SUPERVISOR” WITH “DIRECTOR OF LICENSING AND CODE ENFORCEMENT.”

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Parsons that Ordinance No. 1903 be approved and adopted.

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

NOES: None. ABSENT: Councilmember Velez.

9.

ORDINANCE NO. 1905. (2nd Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 6 OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE REPLACING THE TERM “CHIEF OF POLICE” WITH “DIRECTOR OF LICENSING AND CODE ENFORCEMENT” & AMENDING SECTION 6.04.081 RE: POWERS & IMMUNITIES OF BUREAU OF ANIMAL SERVICES.”

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Catano that Ordinance No. 1905 be approved and adopted.

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

NOES: None. ABSENT: Councilmember Velez.

10.

ORDINANCE NO. 1910. (1st Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTION 8.16.165 OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE PROVIDING FOR A REFUSE SELF-HAUL POLICY (EXEMPTION FROM NECESSITY OF REFUSE COLLECTION – 8.16.160).

Ordinance No. 1910 was introduced by title only by Mayor Guidi.

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

11.

Approve Appointments of the following nominees to the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB). California State University (CSU) Chancellor nomination of Dr. Mildred Garcia and the County of Los Angeles Community Action Board nomination of Ms. Tracie Weathers.

12.

Approve Agreement between the City of Hawthorne and CBM Consulting, Inc. to provide construction inspection and support services in conjunction with the City Capital improvement projects and authorize the City Manager to execute it on behalf of the City.

13.

Approve Agreement Between The City of Hawthorne and Labelle Marvin, Inc. to provide Geotechnical Engineering Services including Field Compaction and Laboratory Testing Services in conjunction with 2007 Street Improvements (Project # 07-03) and Hawthorne Municipal Pool (Project # 06-01) and authorize the Public Works Director to execute it on behalf of the City.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert, to approve items 11 through 13 from the City Manager's consent calendar.

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

NOES: None. ABSENT: Councilmember Velez.

14.

After a brief discussion, Mayor Guidi adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m. but Councilmember Parsons objected to the adjournment because the City Council had not yet finished discussing his item on the agenda. While Councilmember Parsons voiced his disapproval of the adjournment, Mayor Guidi returned and reopened the meeting. Thereafter, the City Council discussed Councilmember Parsons' idea to have the City consider having green open space where the old police station is located.

Mayor Guidi adjourned the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

Angie Reyes English
City Clerk

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