

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE,
CALIFORNIA HELD OCTOBER 23, 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)

Pastor Partee from Olivet Lutheran Church gave the evening's invocation. Youth Commissioner Ammar Kahf led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilmember Lambert presented a Proclamation to Darlene Shima to thank and commend her for her 26 years of dedication, commitment and service to the City of Hawthorne.

Public Works Director Arnie Shadbehr presented a video on the effect that the 2005 reorganization combining the Airport and Parks & Recreation department with the Public Works department had on the airport.

Assemblyman Curren Price reported on some activities going on in the 51st District such as the signing of AB288 to stop voter intimidation. He had lunch with the kids at Hawthorne Middle School and Washington Elementary School last week during National School Lunch Week which was a very humbling experience. Reminded everyone that October is Lupus Awareness month and January will be designated as Voter Registration Month.

1.

Under Elected Officials Report and Recommendations:

Councilmember **Lambert** made it clear to everyone that Council did listen to the people regarding the property on 118th and as a result of listening, they succeeded in bringing down the density three times and changing the plan to include the sidewalks that others had mentioned. She feels they did a responsible thing because the property is in bad shape and to leave it like that is not fair to the neighbors in the surrounding area. Unfortunately the property could never be a hospital again. It is out of Council's hands and should be put to rest. Also cleared up that Mr. Hocker was not responsible for Moneta Gardens as it was brought into the city years ago when Betty Ainsworth was still here and she did it thinking it would help the community and bring more tax money. Attended the Holiday Assistance Program at the Memorial Center and reported that \$4500 were raised. Apologized to the Veterans for not being able to attend their function.

Councilmember **Parsons** announced that Monday the 22nd is the first day of the new trash day in the community. Trashcans should be put on the parkway. The Western Museum of Flight will have an open house on November 4th at Torrance Airport. Inquired when the next quarterly budget update will be out. Reminded citizens to exercise their right to vote on November 6th.

Councilmember **Catano** attended the grand opening of 360 Degrees at South Bay. Thanked Laurie Brown for the Friends of the Library Book Sale. Also attended the groundbreaking of Central Park and the President's Council BBQ. The Public Works department will be putting in more greenery at 147th and Ocean Gate.

Mayor **Guidi** wished the candidates good luck on the November 6th election. Asked the City Attorney to look into implementing an administrative citation against parents whose children tag city property. Announced that the Prairie Vista Middle School open house will be held on November 3rd at 11am. The Hawthorne Parade will be held on December 1st where the 1st Annual Chili Cook-off will take place. For more information contact Lisa Miller at 310-349-2935. Announced that the South Bay Workforce Investment Board will hold their 12th Annual Alumni & Awards Breakfast at the Ayres Hotel on November Friday 9th from 7:30am to 10am. To buy tickets or attend, call 310-970-7700. On October 25th there will be a free flu shot clinic at the Senior Center at 9am.

City Clerk **English** announced that the Southern Coast Air Quality Management District and Edison have a couple of advisory press releases regarding the fires out front for anyone who is interested. Attended the groundbreaking on 147th and Oceangate, the Community Dinner and 360 Grand Opening. Reminded everyone to vote on November 6th.

City Treasurer **Lubenec** announced that the Ramona Neighborhood Association will hold a candidate's forum on the 25th at 7pm at Ramona School. Thanked the Friends of the Library for the book sale. Attended the President's Council dinner. Asked why we are taking prime land at the mall and using it as residential when there could be other business plans that could be produced. Announced that there will be a Chamber Mixer on October 25th at Hometown Buffet.

2.

Under oral communications, **Kyle Orlemann** on behalf of the Hawthorne VFW Post 2075 and its Ladies Auxiliary, invited the public to a number of activities such as the monthly Spaghetti Dinner, the monthly breakfast, and a Friday night Bingo. Activities are held at the VFW Post at 4563 W. 131st Street. The Post and Auxiliary also support the Veterans by visiting the VA Hospitals in Long Beach and West LA. and by selling entertainment books for \$20. There will also be a fundraiser on November 13th from 3:30pm to 8pm at the Hawthorne Hometown Buffet. **Richard DeVusser**, 1654 W. 145th St., Gardena, presented a homemade gift to Councilmember Lambert. **Michael Battle** stated that since he purchased a building at 11602 Freeman Ave., he has had a lot of problems with the City and the City Attorney. **William Chappell**, 4735 Broadway #29, has been having trouble with the mail due to street name changes involving Broadway and Jack Northrop Avenue. Requested that the city council take action to find out what happened with the U.S. Postal Service data base and if they can do something to fix the problem. **Paul Lowe**, 11643 Haas Ave., inquired on why the trash pick-up days in Holly Park had been changed to coincide with the street sweeping days. **Darlene Love**, 2003 W. 116th Street, stated that neighbors are confused about the placement of their trash containers and the trash pick-up day schedule. **Frances Stiglich**, 11534 Gale Ave., appalled that 116 units were voted on in favor of being built when there is already overcrowding in the city.

3.

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

4.

This item was pulled by the City Clerk

5.

Councilmember Lambert moved, seconded by Councilmember Parsons, to waive full readings of resolutions and ordinances on October 23, 2007's agenda.

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

6.

The City Clerk, Reyes English announced that this was the time and place to publicly receive, open and declare sealed bids for Hawthorne Pool Renovation.

Public Works Department submitted declaration of publication, which was ordered filed. Bidder's bond are required.

THERE WERE 2 BIDS RECEIVED. (ALL WERE ACCOMPANIED BY BIDDER'S BOND)

THE PRICES WERE AS FOLLOWS:

CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL POOLS	\$1,764,000
CONDOR INC.	\$1,968,000

Mayor Guidi moved seconded by Councilmember Parsons that the bids be referred to staff for study and recommendation.

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

7.

The City Treasurer submitted a financial statement regarding warrants.

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

Warrants Nos.: 378186-318969 ; 189441-189444

Warrant Totals: \$ 3,111,315.01 ; \$761,072.40

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

Resolutions and Ordinances.

8.

ORDINANCE NO. 1910. (2nd 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).

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.

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

9.

Approve to authorize the City Manager to issue Purchase Orders for purchase of certain equipment and/or services - Purchase of 3 vehicles for the Police Department; high-pressure sewer cleaner and an air conditioning/heating unit for the Public Works Department.

10.

Approve Section 29 of the Ground Lease Agreement between the City of Hawthorne and Hawthorne Airport, LLC concerning option to lease of sections 3, 8 and 10 of the Hawthorne Municipal Airport as depicted on the attached Exhibit map.

11.

Approve to authorize the City Attorney to draft appropriate Ordinance/Resolution for the Reduction in the application fee to \$300 for an Appeal from the Approved Color Chart.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert, to approve items 9 through 11 from the City Manager’s consent calendar.

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

12.

The City Attorney, Glen Shishido, recommended that the claims filed against the City of Hawthorne on behalf of Rafael Cabrera alleging property damage to plumbing due to tree roots be denied in its entirety.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Catano that the claim filed against the City of Hawthorne on behalf of Rafael Cabrera alleging property damage to plumbing due to tree roots be denied in its entirety.

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

13.

Mayor Guidi adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Angie Reyes English
City Clerk