

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE,
CALIFORNIA HELD DECEMBER 11, 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, Juarez, Lambert, Parsons, Mayor Guidi.
Absent: None.

Mrs. Patricia Feldman gave the evening's invocation. Mr. Dick Huhn led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Steve Bradford, local Public Affairs Regional Manager for Southern California Edison, presented a State of the Utility, a brief update of where SCE is as it relates to Hawthorne. Upcoming projects include replacing three capacitors in the city and continuing with the replacement of deteriorated poles.

Councilmember Lambert presented a plaque to Cindy Macha and congratulated her on the great job done at the Western Museum of Flight.

Dick Huhn and Norman Morton from the Hawthorne President's Council presented a check for \$5000 to Chief Heffner for the K9 program. Proceeds were from the last K9 dinner held in May. An additional \$1300 in proceeds was used to refurbish the dog-training park across from city hall.

Mayor Guidi announced the winners of the Hawthorne Parade School Pride Competition: 3rd place, New Journey Christian School, \$200; 2nd place, St. Joseph Cheerleaders, \$400 and 1st place, Jefferson School, \$600.

Public Works Director Arnie Shadbehr gave a presentation on the revitalization of the city sewer system.

A video showing highlights of the Hawthorne Hometown Holiday Parade was shown.

The City Council presented a commemorative plaque to Lisa Miller for her tireless efforts in providing the highest quality holiday parade for the people of Hawthorne.

1.

Under Elected Officials Report and Recommendations:

Discussion/Action Items:

- Cancellation of the December 25, 2007 meeting. (Pathirana)

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Catano to cancel the December 25, 2007 meeting of the city council.

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

- Decision on the site of the old police station on 126th Street & Grevillea (Pathirana)

Mayor Guidi stated his support for Councilmember Parsons idea of turning the old police station into a park. Councilmember Parsons wants to recommend and move that this be referred to the Parks and Recreation Commission and for them to come back with what they'd like to see there and to hold public hearings to see what the public would like.

Mayor Guidi moved seconded by Councilmember Parsons to turn this property into a park or sell it.

For the record, Councilmember Lambert stated that the only reason she would reject that at this time is because it doesn't make sense financially to do that without knowing how much we are giving up and how much we are going to lose.

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

Councilmember Lambert removed her discussion action items.

- Revise density in R-3 zones in the General Plan (Lambert)
- Density guidelines for specific plans (Lambert)

- Reorganization of City Council, Commissions and Committees (Guidi)

Councilmember Catano moved, seconded by Mayor Guidi that Councilmember Lambert be appointed as Mayor Pro Tempore.

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

Nominations for persons to serve on boards:

Centinela Youth Services

Delegate: Larry Guidi
Alternate: Pablo Catano

City Selection Committee (Ad Hoc of League of California Cities).

Delegate: Gary Parsons
Alternate: Ginny Lambert

County Sanitation District No. 5

Delegate: Larry Guidi (must be the Mayor)
Alternate: Ginny Lambert

Independent Cities Association (ICA)

Delegate: Gary Parsons
Alternate: Daniel Juarez

Independent Cities Risk Management Authority (ICRMA)

Delegate: Ginny Lambert
Alternate: Dennis Hernandez

League of California Cities – Los Angeles County Division

Delegate: Gary Parsons
Alternate: Pablo Catano

South Bay Cities Association

Delegate: Ginny Lambert
Alternate: Daniel Juarez

South Bay Cities Council of Governments – JPA (ad hoc of South Bay Cities Association)

Delegate: Ginny Lambert
Alternate: Daniel Juarez

South Bay Corridor Steering Committee (ad hoc of South Bay Cities Association)

Alternate: Ginny Lambert
Delegate: Daniel Juarez

South Bay Regional Public Communications Authority Board of Directors (RCC)

Delegate: Larry Guidi

Alternate: Ginny Lambert

Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)

Community, Economic and Human Development Committee

Delegate/Alternate: Pablo Catano

Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)

Executive Committee

Delegate/Alternate: Pablo Catano

Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)

Energy & Environment Committee

Delegate/Alternate: Pablo Catano

Southern California Cities Consortium – JPA

Delegate: Daniel Juarez

Alternate: Ginny Lambert

Southern California Rapid Transit District

Policy Committee Representative of Corridor B

Delegate: Larry Guidi

Alternate: Gary Parsons

Technical Committee representative of Corridor B

Delegate: Jag Pathirana

West Basin Water Association – Board of Directors

Delegate: Larry Guidi

Alternate: Ginny Lambert

Councilmember Parsons moved, seconded by Councilmember Catano to ratify the representatives to various organizations/committees and boards.

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

NOES: None. ABSTAIN: None.

City Treasurer Lubenec thanked Mr. And Mrs. Claus for the cookies and candy. Congratulated Lisa Miller on the parade. Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

City Clerk **English** thanked Lisa Miller for another successful parade which was well organized and well attended. Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Looks forward to having her daughter return from New Orleans and spending her first Christmas with her new granddaughter.

Councilmember **Juarez** thanked Lisa Miller for a job well done on the parade. Would like to see next year's chili cook-off be a sanctioned chili cook-off. That way there are prizes and they can move on with their recipes to other competitions. Attended the Vasek Polack ribbon cutting and noticed that the first day it opened, there was a line waiting. Attended the new Dana Middle School dedication. Received good information on gangs through Assemblyman Curren Price's office and asked if the information could be distributed in the lobby. Commended the Hawthorne Police Department for their professionalism in handling an incident that occurred outside his home at 2 o'clock in the morning. Directed the City Manager to write a letter to the paramedic service folks because they did not clean up after the incident. Encouraged residents to participate in the city home decorating contest. Entry forms are due December 19th.

Councilmember **Catano** thanked Lisa Miller and all the staff that participated in making the parade the great parade that it was. Also thanked all the young ladies and young men from the Leos, Hawthorne High School, Rotary, Kiwanis and Key Club that participated in putting the hot dogs, sodas and water together. Attended the Vasek Polack opening, the Rotary Education Grant event and the Ayres

Gingerbread House Village event. Announced that there will be a public meeting about the water board issues that we are having in the Hollyglen area. The meeting will be held on December 13th at 7pm at Dana School. Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Councilmember **Lambert** apologized for not being sworn in with her new colleague, but assured all that she has now been sworn in along with three new police officers. Thanked Angie English for swearing her in. Thanked everyone who voted and helped her in the election. T. Is still working on the area on Hawthorne Blvd. regarding detail. Thanked Mr. And Mrs. Claus. Announced that Subway has opened a store on El Segundo Blvd. Stated that even though it looks like we are paying for the water brooms on the agenda, it is just a process we must go through and later we will be reimbursed. Attended the Epilepsy fundraiser at the Ayres Hotel and the Vasek Polack health clinic opening. Wished everyone a blessed Christmas and a very safe New Year.

Councilmember **Parsons** commended Lisa Miller on the parade as being one of the most organized events in the city ever. Asked that if anyone witnesses a crime but is afraid to call the police, they can call 911 and still remain anonymous by telling the operator two times that they wish to remain anonymous and not to have an officer contact them. Spoke with the owner of the former RFK hospital and was told that plans to tear down the building for housing are currently on hold due to the housing market crash. If the community still wants a hospital, this is the time for the community to find someone who may want to operate it as a hospital or medical facility. Asked that at the next meeting in January if council can have a report or recommendation on how to modify our barking dog ordinance. Announced that there will be a meeting regarding underground contamination in Hollyglen on Thursday, December 13th at Dana Middle School at 7pm. Attended the Dana Middle School opening and is impressed with the new building. Thanked Jose Gutierrez of the Holly Park Homeowner's Association for the great work he has done. Wished everyone Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

Mayor **Guidi** asked for assistance in donating an unwrapped toy for Hawthorne Children's Organizations. Toys can be dropped off in the city manager's office. Deadline is December 19th at 4:30 pm. For information, call 349-2902. Met with the group that is building a Target store and announced that Target will be opening in July of 2008. Working on a very large athletic club that will have a restaurant, spa, basketball courts and swimming pool. Final details are nearing for a big retailer to come to Prairie and El Segundo. Attended the gingerbread village event at the Ayres Hotel. Made inquiries about opening a TGIF restaurant at the Levitz site at the suggestion of a citizen. Thanked Mr. Huhn for being a guardian to the Beach Boy monument. Improvements have been made in the neighborhood of 122nd and Menlo. Met with a well-known house builder who explained that we need to stop building homes in this recession and sell neighborhood stock first. The Board of supervisors took action to make December 20th "Day Without a Bag" encouraging shoppers to forgo single use plastic bags on this day. Also accepted a \$75,000 grant that would enhance story time programs at all 84 county libraries. Mayor Guidi talked about how beneficial the logistics company is to the city.

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Under oral communications, **Mr. And Mrs. Claus** wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. **Jose Gutierrez** presented the Holly Park Homeowner's Association Annual Report. **Ronnie Manson** thanked Lisa Miller and animal control for the sympathy card sent to his mom on the passing of her pet. **Linda Robb** gave a presentation on her new business, Super Suppers, which is a meal assembly business. Super Suppers is located at 5227 W. Rosecrans Ave., Hawthorne. **Allen Richards**, 13828 Ramona Ave., heard a rumor that a Wal-Mart might come to town and does not feel that we need a Wal-Mart. Praised Public Works Director Arnie Shadbehr for all the improvements he has made in the city and Lt. Catano of the police department for his work on DUI stings. Commended all those who sit on city commissions for giving of their time. Still waiting for the Council on the issue of dog barking in the Ramona area. **Mary Franklin**, 5351 Wiseburn Ave., thanked Council for the sidewalks that have been repaired in Hollyglen. Requested that a copy of the sewer presentation be put on the website. Reported that there may be a problem with the lights at Hindry and Rosecrans as it is hard for pedestrians to get across the street. Would like to see a park go up at the old police station. Appreciates the changes that are taking place in the city. **Alex Vargas** stated that he is impressed by the businesses coming to the Century Business Center but is not too pleased that logistical warehouse has been used to describe this project. Asked that the city council reject the trucking terminal and warehouse provision and that the council work with the developers to bring other possible tenants for this remaining portion of this project. **Guy Hocker** does not think it is appropriate to put a recycling center in back of Ralph's as it is right across the street from senior housing and a new residential development. **Alex Monteiro**, 12413 Ramona, thanked staff for a terrific parade. Invited everyone to

the 2008 Relay for Life on April 5th at Hawthorne High. Mr. Monteiro is the co chair for the event and the next meeting will be held on January 14th at the Moose Hall on Inglewood Ave. and 132nd St. and encourages businesses and civic leaders to attend in order to lend support to the cause. Is in favor of passing Resolution 7156 on tonight's agenda. Invited his supporters and the public to attend the swearing in ceremony for the newly elected Hawthorne School Board Members, of which Mr. Monteiro is one, tomorrow at 7pm at Hawthorne Middle School. **Darlene Love**, 2003 W. 116th, thanked everyone who put the parade together. Reported that an armored 18-wheeler truck is parked in front of 2506 every Sunday.

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 November 27, 2007 be waived and that they be approved and adopted.

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

NOES: None. ABSTAIN: Councilmember Lambert.

5.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Catano, to waive full readings of resolutions and ordinances on December 11, 2007's agenda.

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

NOES: None.

6.

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.: 189453-189548 ; 380089-380372

Warrant Totals: \$ 1,065,735.99 ; \$1,721,850.62

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

NOES: None.

Councilmember Parsons voted NO on warrants numbers: 380280 and 380308

Resolutions and Ordinances.

7.

Mayor Guidi **excused** himself from acting on this item due to a possible Conflict of Interest between himself and Century Business Center.

Councilmember Juarez also **excused** himself from acting on this item due to a possible Conflict of Interest between his employer Northrop Grumman and Century Business Center.

RESOLUTION NO. 7143.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO CENTURY BUSINESS CENTER SPECIFIC PLAN NO. 2006SP01, SECTION 4.2 PERMITTED USES, SUBSECTION 153, SECTION 4.4 DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS, SUBSECTION 4.4.6 TRUCKING USE REQUIREMENTS,

SECTION 4.4 DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS, SUBSECTION 4.4.9 D, PARKING FACILITIES, AND MAKING FINDINGS IN SUPPORT THEREOF.

Councilmember Lambert moved, seconded by Councilmember Catano, that Resolution No. 7143 be approved and adopted.

ROLL CALL-AYES: Councilmembers Catano, Lambert.

NOES: Councilmember Parsons. ABSENT: Councilmember Juarez, Mayor Guidi.

8.

RESOLUTION NO. 7152.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, OPPOSING THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY ("MTA") PLAN TO SWITCH CAR POOL LANES TO TOLL ROADS.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Catano, that Resolution No. 7152 be approved and adopted.

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

NOES: None.

9.

RESOLUTION NO. 7154.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A DISPOSITION PROCEDURE FOR RECORDS THAT HAVE BEEN REPRODUCED IN ANOTHER ELECTRONIC STORAGE MEDIUM (AS DEFINED BY CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 12168.7).

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Catano, that Resolution No. 7154 be approved and adopted.

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

NOES: None.

10.

RESOLUTION NO. 7156.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF THE NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION "FROM LOT TO SPOT" (FLTS) TO DEVELOP VACANT PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE CORNER OF DOTY AVENUE AND 118TH STREET INTO A NEIGHBORHOOD PARK.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Parsons, that Resolution No. 7156 be approved and adopted.

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

NOES: None.

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

11.

Approve Amendment to Final Annual Action Plan for Program Year 2007 taking \$436,631 proposed for Multifamily Housing Rehabilitation adding it to the Leslie Zepeda Program for Single Family Housing Rehabilitation.

12.

Approve to issue Purchase Orders for purchases of certain equipment and/or services – Purchase of vehicle for the police department and water brooms for the public works department.

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13.

Approve to ratify the following City of Carson appointees to the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB): 1) Dobard, with Milestone Mortgage; 2) Mr. David Cardona with Alcoa Fasteners; 3) Ms. Brenda Green with Wells Fargo Bank; 4) Mr. Jeffrey Jennison with Watson Land Company; 5) Mr. Joe Merton with Farmers Insurance; 6) Ms. Michelle Olson with New Age Electronics; and 7) Ms. Katy Wick with Target Stores.

14.

Approve Progress Payment No. 3 to Trimming Land Co., 10513 Dolores Ave., South Gate, Ca 90280 for Street Tree Trimming in the amount of \$47,430 to be funded by Account #100-4111-000-4051.

15.

Approve Progress Payment No. 5 to Martinez Landscape Company, 12337 San Fernando Road, Sylmar, Ca 91342 for the Abatement of Weeds and General Maintenance in the amount of \$10,155.50 funded from Weed Abatement Account #225-4106-408-4548.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert, to approve items 11 through 15 from the City Manager's consent calendar.

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

NOES: None.

16.

Mayor Pro Tem Lambert adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Angie Reyes English
City Clerk