

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE,
CALIFORNIA HELD JANUARY 8, 2008.**

Mayor/Chairman 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, Mayor Guidi.
Absent: Councilmember Parsons (excused).

Patricia Feldman from Olivet Lutheran Church gave the evening's invocation. Keith Kauffman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Guidi presented a video celebrating city employees' anniversaries.

1.

Under Elected Officials Reports and Recommendations:

Councilmember **Lambert** commended Dennis Hernandez of the City Attorney Office (Risk Management division) for his work in recovering \$320,000 since last January. Through his efforts, the city also received the Star Award of Excellence in December from ICRMA. Reported on attending a Sanitation District meeting where they were in the talking stages of building new tunnels for recycled water which could cost homeowners \$75 to \$100 per household. Due to the recent winds, had trouble with her phone and apologized to anyone who could not reach her.

Councilmember **Juarez** applauded the city employees that were recognized earlier for their years of service. Inquired if the items that were on the last agenda would be put on the records retention schedule. Attended the Fit for Gold event program. Attended an informative meeting of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board at Dana School and encouraged citizens to attend future meetings. Announced that Metro now has Articulated buses, which are environmentally friendly, running on Hawthorne Blvd. Thanked Gary Premeaux of South Bay Ford for placing a recruitment ad for the city. Inquired if the city had billed other cities for the use of the helicopter on the five separate occasions it had been used by other cities. Announced that AYSO will hold its VIP Friendship Festival on January 19th from 10 to 3. Inquired on what can be done about the day laborers in front of Circuit City. On January 11th from 12 to 5, Assemblyman Curren Price will hold an open house at his district office in Inglewood. Shared a website called zipskinny.com which gives demographic information.

Councilmember **Catano** wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Mayor **Guidi** would like to see a tariff on the helicopter by the next council meeting. Requested a report on Code 11, 10.36.070, parking of advertising vehicles. Reminded everyone that the State of the City Address will be held on February 14th at 11:30am. Cautioned the public about Indian casino political commercials, which are promising money to the state if you vote for the propositions. Need to address the problem of homeless people sleeping on sidewalk storefronts as they are creating problems for the storeowners. Thanked the police department for catching taggers at the city yard.

City Clerk **English** announced that the California Legislature has reconvened. The Assemblyman is in Sacramento Monday through Thursday and returns on Friday, which is when events are scheduled. There will be collaborative between Mayor Guidi and Assemblyman Curren Price to host the South Bay Public Safety Gang Prevention forum, which will be held on January 26th at the Memorial Center Venus Room from 10am to 12pm. Also announced that Assemblyman Price will host his State of the District Address on March 7th from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at Hollywood Park. In regards to the homeless situation, she has contacts in LA County that can be of assistance.

2.

Under oral communications, **John Connor** asked that a very tall fence at 4857 W. 118th Place be looked into. Also at the same place there is a curb that was painted red by the resident.

3.

Mayor/Chairman 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 Catano, that the reading of the City Council minutes of the regular meeting of December 11, 2007 be waived and that they be approved and adopted.

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

NOES: None. Absent: Councilmember Parsons.

5.

Councilmember Lambert moved, seconded by Councilmember Catano, to waive full readings of resolutions and ordinances on January 8, 2008's agenda.

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

NOES: None. ABSENT: Councilmember Parsons.

6.

The City Treasurer submitted a financial statement regarding warrants.

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

Warrants Nos.: 189649-189555 ; 380373-381408

Warrant Totals: \$ 1,539,426.98 ; \$4,044,734.88

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

NOES: None. ABSENT: Councilmember Parsons.

Resolutions and Ordinances.

7.

RESOLUTION NO. 7153.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF POLICE DEPARTMENT INTERNAL AFFAIRS FILES (FROM JANUARY 1, 2002 TO DECEMBER 31, 2002) PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION NO. 6832.

Councilmember Lambert moved, seconded by Councilmember Catano, that Resolution No. 7153 be approved and adopted.

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

NOES: None. ABSENT: Councilmember Parsons.

8.

RESOLUTION NO. 7155.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE WEST BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT "ITS TIME TO GET SERIOUS" CONSERVATION AND WATER USE INITIATIVE.

Councilmember Lambert moved, seconded by Councilmember Catano, that Resolution No. 7153 be approved and adopted.

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

NOES: None. ABSENT: Councilmember Parsons.

9.

RESOLUTION NO. 7157.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT GRANT PROGRAM FOR HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL SWIMMING POOL RENOVATION PROJECT.

Councilmember Lambert moved, seconded by Councilmember Catano, that Resolution No. 7157 be approved and adopted.

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

10.

ORDINANCE NO. 1911. (1st Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, ADDING SECTION 13.56.030 TO THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE (“HMC”) IN REGARDS TO MAINTENANCE OF SEWER LATERALS AND AMENDING SECTION 13.76.020, 13.76.040, 13.76.050, 13.76.060, 13.76.070, 13.76.080, 13.76.100, 13.76.110 AND 13.76.120 CLARIFYING THE TERMS “GREASE CONTROL DEVICE,” “COMMERCIAL WASTE CONTROL DEVICE,” “INDUSTRIAL WASTE INTERCEPTOR “ AND “COMMERCIAL WASTE INTERCEPTOR”.

Ordinance No. 1911 was introduced by title only by Mayor Guidi.

11.

ORDINANCE NO. 1913. (1st Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING ENGINEERING & TRAFFIC SURVEYS PREPARED BY ALBERT GROVER & ASSOCIATES FOR THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE AND AMENDING CHAPTER 10.16 OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO PRIMA FACIE SPEED LIMITS ON VARIOUS STREETS WITHIN THE CITY.

Ordinance No. 1913 was introduced by title only by Mayor Guidi.

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

12.

Approve to issue Purchase Orders for purchases of certain equipment and/or services – purchase of Sewer Smart Covers, Bullet-proof vests and License Plate Recognition System.

13.

Approve Proposed Clean Water Fee to provide funding for the current and new State mandated NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) programs and authorize the General Services and Public Works to proceed with appropriate procedures and notifications for conducting a Public Hearing.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Catano that items 12 and 13 of the City Manager’s consent calendar be approved.

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

NOES: None. ABSENT: Councilmember Parsons.

The City Attorney, Glen Shishido, presented the following agenda and requested approval of the indicated recommendation:

14.

Mediated Settlement has been proposed in the case entitled Brittney Williams v. City of Hawthorne, (SBO7C00935) in the amount of \$10,000.00.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council authorize the settlement of the Brittney Williams lawsuit in the amount of \$10,000.00 and that the Finance Director release the settlement draft c/o City Attorney's Office to Plaintiff Brittney Williams and the law firm of Michael Millman & Associates, 2100 Sawtelle Blvd., Suite 105, West L.A., Ca, no later than January 10th, 2008.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Catano that this Settlement in the City Attorney's consent calendar be approved.

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

NOES: None. ABSENT: Councilmember Parsons.

15.

Mayor Guidi adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the memory of Ernesta Maji.

Angie Reyes English
City Clerk