

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE,
CALIFORNIA HELD FEBRUARY 12, 2008.**

Mayor/Chairman Guidi called the City Council, Community Redevelopment Agency, Parking Authority and Housing Authority meeting to order jointly and concurrently at 6:10 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.

Civil Service Commissioner Darlene Love gave the evening's invocation. Civil Service Commissioner Jose Gutierrez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Larry Gentile, former CEO of Behavioral Health Services (BHS) introduced Henry van Oudheusden, the new CEO of BHS.

1.

Under Elected Officials Reports and Recommendations:

Discussion/Action Items:

- Rezoning APN 4048-007-901 to Urban Open Space (Juarez)
- Air 55 fee schedule (Juarez)

Councilmember **Lambert** commented on the Daily Breeze article that gave credit to Gary Parsons for a grant from Supervisor Yvonne Burke for the swimming pool. She stated that there are also others that are responsible for getting the \$250,000 grant. Suggested that the neighborhood associations gather ideas from their members regarding the budget and then bring them to the budget workshop rather than receiving scattered input from around the city. Thanked the public for participating in the on line survey regarding ideas on what to build at the old police station. Announced that on January 1, 2008, a new law went into effect empowering local governments to aggressively crack down on illegal tobacco sales. Is glad to see that in two weeks, there are 14 new businesses in the city. Announced that there will be a hazardous waste roundup on April 5th at the Memorial Center. Reminded staff to RSVP if they will be attending the SBCCOG General Assembly.

Councilmember **Juarez** attended the South Bay Crime Prevention Summit and feels the bottom line is for everyone to get involved in their community. Attended the Holly Park Homeowners Association and found out that two of the residents were winners of the Christmas decorating contest. The Association also had an election and once again Jose Gutierrez was elected President and Olivia Valentine Vice President. They will also be having a golf tournament fundraiser on June 27th at the California Country Club. Anyone interested can contact Art Osborne at 323-777-6944. Attended a ribbon cutting for Liberty Tax Service in Hawthorne located at 13251 Hawthorne Blvd. You can still get on the city website to share your thoughts regarding the old police station. There will be a public hearing on April 8th on the clean water fee in the chambers at 6pm. Inquired on allotment of meals at the senior center. The senior center has received the Distinguished Site Award from the Los Angeles County Area on Ageing. Congratulated Mr. Jan Vogel, Executive Director for the South Bay Workforce Investment Board for his accomplishments on the annual report. The Youth Job Fair to be held on Thursday, April 17th from 9am-1pm at the Memorial Center is looking for volunteers. If anyone is interested, please contact Gabriela Lopez at 970-7701. Suggested a hot link for our website like the one Rolling Hills Estates has which lists all the things that the city is working on. Announced that the Hawthorne Parks and Recreation Foundation will hold their 18th Annual Golf Tournament on March 31st at La Canada Flintridge. Asked that you keep in your prayers those city Councilmembers that died in Kirkwood, Missouri. Will wait to see what happens with property on 118th & Doty as it is being put to auction by CalTrans. Let the public know that there is now a billing fee for Air 55 and inquired of Chief Heffner if he has had a meeting with other agencies regarding the fees.

Councilmember **Parsons** toured the pool site that is under renovation and asked that the things that really need to be fixed, be fixed. Inquired if the report to improve parks has been given out. Asked for input on

what the core vision of the city should be. Asked what would it take to hyperlink the agenda bill to the agenda. Proposed to agendize term limits and campaign donation limits for the November ballot.

Mayor **Guidi** suggested for the November ballot to have term limits and eliminate the Mayor's position and make it a five council seat where the Mayor's seat would be rotated every year. A community tax for parks was also suggested for the ballot. Congratulated Rick and Carol on their 29th Wedding Anniversary. Reported a problem with thugs at a Doty and El Segundo liquor store. There is a plan for Hawthorne Blvd. It was called the Specific Plan for the Downtown. Made it clear that Council is doing everything possible to reinvest in the community. Is putting efforts into finding a hospital to come into the Hawthorne, Inglewood or Gardena area. The State of the City will be held on February 14th.

Councilmember **Catano** suggested implementing council districts. Last Sunday only 42 students showed up for Senator Vincent's Cal Grant workshop. Another workshop will be held Saturday the 16th in Inglewood at 11am. Took a tour of La Vida Multi Specialty Medical Center which has a program for Healthy Families, Child, Health and Disability Prevention Program and Urgent Care to name a few. It is located on 116th about half a block west of Hawthorne Blvd.

2.

Under oral communications **Alex Monteiro**, 12413 Ramona, feels we should concentrate on beautifying the parks we have now before trying to build new parks. Announced that the American Cancer Society will hold the Relay for Life on April 5th at Hawthorne High School. The Lions will have a pancake breakfast on Saturday at BHS Pacifica House. **Norm Morton**, 4612 W. Broadway, as Chairman of the Parks & Rec/Fine Arts Commission, is planning to give a thorough and complete report to the Council regarding public input. **Olivia Valentine**, 2519 W. 115th Place, expressed thanks to public works for helping with the dumping problems in the alleys. **Jose Gutierrez**, 2526 W. 118th Pl., thanked the Hawthorne Police Department for helping to establish their neighborhood watch program. There will be a neighborhood watch multi group committee on February 27th at 6pm at the Hawthorne Police Department for anyone interested in starting a neighborhood watch program. **Allen Richards**, 13828 S. Ramona Ave., stated that there is a problem on Hawthorne Blvd. with 2 hour parking on Sundays when there are church events. Asked if the 2-hour parking could be exempted on Sundays. Feels the Mayor's term should be 4 years. Doesn't see any new parks being built as the current ones need to be maintained. **Jerry Nibel** inquired if the Wrightwood property is worth keeping. **Gordon Mego**, 4535 W. 141st St., has made contacts to discuss the possibility of reopening a hospital on the old RFK site. **Sylvan Franco**, 3760 W. 117th St., stated that CalTrans was dumping dirt on empty lot at 118th and Doty. **Francis Stiglich**, 11534 Gale Ave., complained that the same four guys are stealing recyclables from her neighborhood. Suggested that the apartment owners should be cited for the dumping in front of their buildings. **Mandy** would like to see more information on the city website. Wants it reevaluated on how Hawthorne is spending the taxpayer's money. **Luis Cruz** agrees that the vacant lot on 118th and Doty should be turned into a park. **Elizabeth Leon** is also in favor of a park. **Viviana Franco** is in favor of a park. She is with From Lot to Spot and is here to facilitate the creation of parks in blighted neighborhoods. **Darlene Love**, 2003 W. 115th St., reported that 545 people came to vote at Cimarron School, but there was a problem with people saying that their political parties had been changed. **Cindy Parsons**, 5428 W. 140th St., inquired on how much money in developer fees has been collected that is dedicated to the construction of new parks.

3.

Mayor/Chairman 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 Lambert, that the reading of the City Council minutes of the regular meeting of January 22, 2008 be waived and that they be approved and adopted.

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

5.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert, to waive full readings of resolutions and ordinances on February 12, 2008's agenda.

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

6.

The City Clerk Reyes English announced that this was the time and place for the Public Hearing on Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investments Partnership Program funding for Program Year 2008, July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009.

Planning Department's declaration publication filed. No written communications. Call for oral comments. Motion-close hearing. No further action taken at this time.

7.

The City Treasurer submitted a financial statement regarding warrants

Submittal of Treasurer's Investment Report for quarter ended December 31, 2007.

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

Warrants Nos.: 189558-189567 ; 382153-382540

Warrant Totals: \$ 1,603,875.79 ; \$5,219,698.57

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

Resolutions and Ordinances.

8.

RESOLUTION NO. 7160

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA APPOINTING MAYOR PRO TEM GINNY LAMBERT AS THE CITY'S REPRESENTATIVE ON THE SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS ["SBCOG"] AND APPOINTING COUNCILMEMBER DANIEL JUAREZ AS ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE ON THE SBCOG GOVERNING BOARD.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert, that Resolution No. 7160 be approved and adopted.

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

9.

ORDINANCE NO. 1914. (1st Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTION 15.04.010 OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE ("HMC"), REPEALING & REENACTING HMC CHAPTER 15.05 AND ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE 2007 EDITION OF THE CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE, AS AMENDED HEREIN, THE 2007 EDITION OF THE CALIFORNIA MECHANICAL CODE, THE 2007 EDITION OF THE CALIFORNIA PLUMBING CODE, THE 2007 EDITION OF THE CALIFORNIA ELECTRICAL CODE, THE 2007 EDITION OF THE CALIFORNIA EXISTING BUILDING CODE, AND AMENDING HMC CHAPTERS 15.06 AND 15.08 AND REPEALING AND REENACTING HMC CHAPTERS 15.24 AND 15.28.

Ordinance No. 1914 was introduced by title only by Councilmember Lambert.

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

10.

Approve to issue Purchase Order for purchase of certain equipment and/or services – purchase of Network Equipment for upgrading citywide computer network.

11.

Approve Mid-year budget revisions to the General Fund for fiscal year 2007/08.

12.

Approve Progress Payment No. 2 to Griffith Company, 12200 Bloomfield Ave., Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670, for Hawthorne Municipal Airport Runway Reconstruction Project, Federal A.I.P. Project No. 3-06-0101-11 (Project #06-05) in the amount of \$3,263,618.05 funded from FAA Grant Fund. AIP # 3-06-0101-11.

13.

Approve Progress Payment No. 3 to All American Asphalt, P.O. Box 2229, Corona, CA 92878-2229 for the 2007 Street Improvement Project, Project No. 07-03, Federal #STPL-5253 (10) in the amount of \$376,225.72 funded from CDBG Account #727-4830-000-4775 and Proposition 42 Account # 220-4106-409-4540.

14.

Approve Progress Payment No. 2 to California Commercial Pools, Inc., 2255 E. Auto Centre Drive, Glendora, CA 91740-6721 for the Hawthorne Municipal Pool Renovation Project, Project No. 06-01 in the amount of \$128,861.98 funded from Proposition 40 Account # 100-6115-000-4231 and \$144,828.02 from CDBG Account #727-4830-000-4777.

15.

Progress Payment No. 6 to Martinez Landscape Company, 12337 San Fernando Road, Sylmar, CA 91342 for the Abatement of Weeds and General Maintenance in the amount of \$62,006.50. \$5,406.50 will be funded from Weed Abatement (Account No. 225-4106-408-4548) and \$56,600.00 from Street Gas Tax (Account No. 220-4106-000-4540)

16.

Approve to Award Contract for the Modification of Traffic Signals on Hawthorne Boulevard between 120th Street and Broadway Avenue (Project No. 07-06) to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, PTM General Engineering Services, Inc of Riverside, Ca.

17.

Approve to Ratify City of Inglewood appointment of Von Crockett, President, Centinela Freeman Health System to the South Bay Workforce Investment Board.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Parsons that items 10 through 17 of the City Manager's consent calendar be approved.

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

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

18.

Claim of Harold and Doris Reed alleging loss of property and personal injuries during a collision with vehicle driven by city employee.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council deny the claim.

The City Attorney Glen Shishido removed this claim form the agenda until the next City Council meeting.

TABLED ITEM

Create new employee classifications of Finance Manager and Human Resources Manager.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve the employee classifications of Finance Manager and Human Resources Manager.

Councilmember Parsons made a motion to remove this item from the table.

MOTION DIED FOR A LACK OF A SECOND.

19.

Mayor Guidi adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m. in the memory of John Michael Muslim.

Angie Reyes English
City Clerk