MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA HELD FEBRUARY 26, 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.

Pastor Martir from St. George's Episcopal Church gave the evening's invocation. Girl Scout Troop # 774 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Guidi presented a Certificate of Merit to Girl Scout Troop #774 for their service to the community as the Color Guard at tonight's meeting.

Mayor Guidi introduced Katie Holmes, Community Development Manager of the American Cancer Society, who announced the times and dates for the Relay for Life event where they will be honoring cancer survivors and collecting money for a great cause. The relay will take place at Hawthorne High School on April 5th & 6th.

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Under Elected Officials Reports and Recommendations:

Councilmember **Catano** along with the Lions, Rotarians and Kiwanians met with the Principal of Leuzinger High School where $2500 was donated towards a program to keep kids in school. Attended a breakfast sponsored by the Lions and Behavioral Health Services where $1000 was raised. Half the money will go to the Lions for their Low Vision Program. Attended a meeting for the "Relay for Life" event. Announced that Assemblyman Price will hold an "All About Business" event on Friday at Hollywood Park. Announced that there will be two bills on the June 8th ballot regarding eminent domain.

Councilmember **Parsons** thanked the City Manager for the report on the police helicopter. Stated that on the propositions regarding eminent domain, there is one put on by special interest and one by cities, so read up on them carefully. Inquired on the Quimby report that he had previously asked for.

Councilmember **Juarez** congratulated the Chamber of Commerce for a successful State of the City. Attended the Jet Art event at the Hawthorne Airport. Attended Carson's 40th Birthday Party. Attended the Promenade of Prominence Induction for Congresswoman Diane Watson. Attended the Hollyglen Homeowners Association and thanked Public Works Director Arnie Shadbehr, Sgt. Chris Cognac and PSO Kathleen Burnett for coming to speak at the meeting. Announced that a 12-week long Citizen's Academy will begin on March 27th through June 19th and is limited to 25 applicants. For information, call Sgt. Steve Romero at 310-349-2823. In addition, elections were held for the Hollyglen Homeowner's Association and Dr. Dennis Wild was elected as the new president. Congratulated Hawthorne swim team, the Stingrays, for taking first place at a recent swim meet. Congratulated new HMEA President Mari Guerrero and officers Kathy Burnett, Mark Lindbergh, Holly Peck, Chris Burrus, Dennis Hernandez and Jimmy Carradine. Congratulated Rick and Carol DeVusser on renewing their vows. Attended the Lions breakfast. Inquired on the parking situation at Academy Insurance. Announced that volunteers are needed for the SBWIB Youth Job Fair on April 17th from 9am to 1pm. Announced that the City is putting on a Bunny Breakfast on March 15th from 9am to 11am at the Hawthorne Memorial Center. Announced that the Parks & Rec. Foundation will hold its 18th Annual Golf Tournament on March 31st. Anyone interested in attending the tournament should contact Dick Huhn. Announced that the Wiseburn Education Foundation will hold its "Rock Around the Block" event on April 26th. If anyone is interested in what Councilman Juarez inquired about, his questions and answers are filed with the City Clerk's office.

Councilmember **Lambert** announced that on March 6th, the Subway on El Segundo near the 405 will be holding a ribbon cutting. Attended the South Bay Council of Governments annual meeting. Has received many complaints regarding potholes on 137th Street near Hawthorne Blvd. Complimented everyone involved with the State of the City event for doing a great job.

Mayor **Guidi** thanked Patricia Donaldson and Monica McClanahan for putting together the State of the City event. Attended the South County Labor Breakfast. Stated that there is a problem with weeds and loud music at the laundromat at 133rd and Hawthorne Blvd. Requested a report on the distance allowed that pedophiles can live near parks and schools. Asked the community to come together with a proposal to reopen RFK Hospital. Announced that the façade on Hawthorne Blvd. between 129th and El Segundo is finally finished. Thanked Code Enforcement for cleaning up the area near 118th and Doty.

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Under oral communications **Jose Gutierrez** of the Holly Park Homeowner's Association reminded the community that the neighborhood watch multi group meeting that was previously scheduled for February 27th has been rescheduled to March 1st from 9:30am to 11am at the Hawthorne Police Department Community Room. **Doris Martinez**, 11982 S. Truro Ave., reported that there is a problem with drugs at Eucalyptus Park. **Ronnie Manson** announced that the Hawthorne High School Drum and Bugle Corps will be starting their winter season. They took 1st place at their first competition at Claremont High School. They will also perform at Artesia High School on March 1st and at Disneyland. **Minerva Soba,** 11963 Acacia, asked for assistance after being denied a permit to add a driveway. **Allen Richards**, 13828 Ramona Ave., on behalf of the Ramona Homeowner's Association, thanked Public Works Director Arnie Shadbehr for cleaning up the sidewalks on the westside of Hawthorne Blvd. from El Segundo south and for installing the street signs at Grevillea and El Segundo Blvd. Invited Council and staff to a public meeting of the Ramona Neighborhood Association on March 6th at 7pm at Ramona School. **Monica Simon** proposed a plaque or red ribbon event to bring attention to the problem of drugs in the parks.

Under Discussion/Action Items:

- Term Limits (Parsons)

Councilmember Parsons would like to consider putting term limits to the voters on the November ballot. After talking to people during last November's campaign, it was determined that one of the issues they had was that they would like to have a chance to vote on term limits. Most South Bay cities have some form of term limits and most cities in LA County have adopted term limits. The State has adopted term limits and when the State tried to change the term limits, almost in every case the voters said not to touch the term limits because they liked them the way they were. Term limits would allow new people and new ideas to come to the city.

Councilmember Parsons moved, seconded by Councilmember Juarez, to direct staff to come back with a survey of general law cities in LA County, a summary of what type of term limits they have and bring back that report to the Council.

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

- Campaign contribution limits (Parsons)

Councilmember Parsons feels that the amount of money that comes into an election is horrendous. Questioned why people who don't live in the city would contribute large amounts of money to a Councilmember's campaign. Wants to know if they are giving money to a Councilmember because they want something in return.

Councilmember Parsons moved, seconded by Councilmember Juarez, to direct staff to bring back a report on what other general law cities are doing as far as campaign donations.

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

- Rotating of Mayor position – annually (Guidi)

Mayor Guidi pulled this item from the Discussion/Action Items.

- Council Districts (Catano)

Councilmember Catano pulled this item from the Discussion/Action Items.

- Community Park Tax (Guidi)

Mayor Guidi pulled this item from the Discussion/Action Items.

- Change Mayor's term to 4 years (Lambert)

Councilmember Lambert pulled this item from the Discussion/Action Items.

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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 Juarez, to waive full readings of resolutions and ordinances on February 26, 2008's agenda.

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

5.

The City Clerk English announced that this was the time and place for the Public Hearing to receive public comments and to consider adoption of proposed Ordinance No. 1914 to amend chapter 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.

Building and Safety Department's declaration publication and posting filed. No written communications were received. Call for oral comments. Motion-close hearing. Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1914.

ORDINANCE NO. 1914 (2nd 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.

Councilmember Juarez moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert, that Ordinance No. 1914 be approved and adopted.

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

6.

The City Treasurer submitted a financial statement regarding warrants.

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

Warrants Nos.: 189568-189571 ; 382571-383352

Warrant Totals: $ 761,112.25 ; $2,703,836.69

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:

7.

Approve Updating the City's telecommunications Utility Users Tax Ordinance (with a reduction in rate) subject to the provisions of Proposition 218.

Councilmember Parsons moved, seconded by Councilmember Juarez, that item 7 of the City Manager's consent calendar be approved.

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

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

8.

The City Attorney, Glen Shishido, recommended that the Claim of Mary Blanchard alleging personal injuries due to a malfunctioning street signal be denied in its entirety.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert, that the claim of Mary Blanchard alleging personal injuries due to a malfunctioning street signal be denied in its entirety.

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

9.

The City Attorney, Glen Shishido, recommended that the Claim of Clayton Arzu alleging personal injuries and property damage during a minor collision with a vehicle driven by a city employee be denied in its entirety.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert, that the claim of Mary Blanchard alleging personal injuries due to a malfunctioning street signal be denied in its entirety.

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

10.

The City Attorney, Glen Shishido, recommended that the Claim of Tiffany Dixon alleging personal injuries due to a minor collision with a vehicle driven by a city employee be denied in its entirety.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert, that the claim of Tiffany Dixon alleging personal injuries due to a minor collision with a vehicle driven by a city employee be denied in its entirety.

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

11.

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

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Angie Reyes English
City Clerk