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

Mayor/Chairman Guidi called the City Council, Community Redevelopment Agency, Parking Authority and Housing Authority meeting to order jointly and concurrently at 6:10 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. Parks and Recreation Commissioner Manuel Balboa led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Helen, Hanz and Fritz Legaspi, on behalf of Corporal Specialist Farley Legaspi, presented a special American Flag to Mayor Guidi in appreciation of the support that the Mayor and City Council showed to Corporal Legaspi before his deployment to Iraq.

- Monument signs on Inglewood Avenue and 147th Street (Guidi)

Dave Myer and Juan Rios of LDM Associates gave a presentation on creating a monument sign that would mark the entrance to Oceangate Plaza at the intersection of Inglewood and 147th.

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Under Elected Officials Reports and Recommendations:

Discussion/Action Items:

- Site of the old police station on Grevillea and 126th Street (Guidi)

Mayor Guidi moved to take the recommendation from the Parks and Recreation/Fine Arts Commission, Staff and community members which is to sell the police station site.

After discussion Mayor called for the question again.

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

- Use of Police K-9 Team and SWAT Team for the Wiseburn Education Foundation Rock Around the Block event (Parsons)

  Councilman Parsons would like to establish a policy whereby the city supports our school districts by having the K-9 or SWAT Team visit the schools once a year. This would be good community relations, help the kids, provide role models to the community and would be of minimal cost to the city.

- Re-affirm prior council actions regarding non-waiver of city fees. Reason: $4 million General Fund Budget Shortfall (Lambert)

  Councilmember **Lambert** reiterated that Resolution 6384, which was passed in 1997, states that no city fees shall be waived for any business or organization whether profit or nonprofit.

- Form a Health Committee/childhood obesity (Catano)

  Councilmember Catano stated that he is still meeting with members of the community regarding this item.

- Form an LAX Airport Committee (Guidi)

Mayor Guidi stated that he was holding off on this item.

Mayor **Guidi** requested that the reappointment of the Parks & Rec. Commission be put on the next agenda for Discussion/Action. Thanked Alex Monteiro for the cancer walk.

Councilmember **Catano** announced that Assemblymember Price's State of the District Address will be postponed. Attended the Relay for Life event. Mentioned that although we do not have a hospital facility, there is another medical institute that was opened by Little Company of Mary at 11633 Hawthorne Blvd., Ste. 410. There is also La Vida Medical Center near the old RFK facility.

Councilmember **Parsons** inquired on how the marketing of the summer camp in the mountains is coming along, why the budget projection for UUT was flat, how much the city will lose when the county reassesses properties, on the status of the bankruptcy of H&C and if there will be a public budget workshop. Announced that the South Bay Medal of Valor awards are coming up on May 1st where four of our officers will be honored. Asked that code enforcement check on Home Depot to make sure they are locking up their spray paint.

Councilmember **Lambert** attended a demonstration on the boulevard pertaining to water brooms. Attended the cancer walk.

Councilmember **Juarez** questioned whether fees were waived for the Chamber of Commerce to conduct the State of the City. Since it was a partnership we had with the Chamber, it was questioned whether the City shared in the money that was made. Attended the Jim Thorpe Little League opening day and a celebration for PFC Marcos Lopez who is leaving for his third tour of duty in Iraq. Thanked all the organizations and participants who participated in the Hawthorne Parks and Recreation Golf Tournament. Thanked Alex Monteiro for the successful cancer walk. Announced that Jan Vogel will be holding a Youth Job Fair at 9am on April 17th at the Memorial Center. Announced that the Richstone Center will hold their Pier to Pier Walkathon on April 26th. Earth Day and Rock Around the Block will also be held on April 26th. Asked that the website be updated to reflect the summer opening of the city pool. Requested Proclamations be prepared to honor Safety Seat Check-Up Week and Municipal Clerk's Week. Asked that a patrol car be sent to Eucalyptus Park around 3:30 pm as there have been complaints of illegal activities at that hour. Thanked Chief Heffner for the air support monthly stats and requested that a column be added to reflect time spent at other cities. Reported that according to data from the South Coast Air Quality Management District, Vought Aircraft is doing a good job of cleaning up the air toxins. Thanked Jan Vogel for the update on the Teen Center and asked him for the status on the Richstone Center to see if they are coming aboard. Encouraged citizens to use We Tip, a nonprofit organization that takes reports on criminal activity. It is anonymous and can be reached at 800-78-CRIME. Inquired on the status of a property on the January redevelopment agenda that was to be sold and an item on the January agenda pertaining to new media being incorporated into the retention schedule. Asked that the city look into getting a tobacco retailer ordinance like the City of Cerritos has regarding the illegal sale of tobacco products to minors. Questioned funding for the ECHO program.

City Treasurer **Lubenec** thanked Alex Monteiro for the great job he did with the walk**.**

2.

Under oral communications, **Don Carrington and Maria Garcia** of the Hawthorne School District gave information on the ALL Program (Academic Lifelong Learning), a structured after school program that began in 2004/2005. Thanked the City Manager for forwarding a series of documents to the Council outlining a number of tutorial and academic programs that are offered on a regular basis throughout the district. **Alex Monteiro,** 12413 Ramona Ave., thanked the Council and Staff for their participation in the Relay for Life event on Saturday. Reminded everyone that the Castle grand opening will be held on April 16th at 11am and the Hawthorne President's Council Volunteer Appreciation Day will be held on April 27th. **Juana Walker, Kenya Phillips, Diane Walker and Annalisa Rodriguez** praised the Hawthorne School District's ALL program for the difference it has made in their children's education. **Mary Franklin,** 5351 Wiseburn, would have liked to see more recommendations on what to do with the old police station. Regarding agenda item 14, feels the city should purchase more energy efficient vehicles and on item 15 questioned the life cycle of the product that was to be approved. **Gordon Mego,** 4535 W. 141st St., feels it is important not to squander valuable assets of the city as you never know when you might need them and you also shouldn't sell any of the public land in Hawthorne since land is valuable and it will cost more to acquire it later. With regards to forming a LAX citizen's committee, while it is a good idea on a local level, they should work in conjunction with the Alliance for Regional Solutions for Airport Congestion and the Community Noise Round Table. Announced that the Los Angeles World Airport will hold a public hearing on the matter of the various upgrade modernizations of the airport on May 7th from 6pm to 9pm at the Proud Bird restaurant and also on May

10th from 9am to 12pm. **Patricia Navarro,** 4012 W. 129th St., inquired if the management company of her apartment building would have to relocate the tenants if the building were condemned. **Cindy Parsons**, 5428 W. 140th St., is disappointed that the proposed park at the old police station fell victim to funding issues. Is confused on how we got from a rosy budget picture back in June to where we are today that we have to sell city property. **Francisco Cortez**, 4445 W. Imperial, complained about the city not approving the colors that he painted his business. **Francis Stiglich** is against selling the old police station lot because more open space is needed. Is happy to hear that the kids have the ALL program. **Ruben Gomez**, 12322 York Ave., spoke on parking and littering problems in his neighborhood and asked how to go about starting a parking permit process.

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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.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Parsons, that the reading of the City Council minutes of the regular meeting of March 25, 2008 be waived and that they be approved and adopted.

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

5.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Parsons, to waive full readings of resolutions and ordinances on April 8, 2008's agenda.

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

6.

The City Clerk English announced that this was the time and place for the Public Hearing on 2008ZA01 Zoning Code Amendment. Planning Department's declaration publication filed. No written communications were received. Call for oral comments. Motion-close hearing. Motion to Introduce Ordinance No. 1915.

Mayor Guidi ordered the public portion of the hearing closed.

ORDINANCE NO. 1915

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA APPROVING A CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION UNDER CEQA AND AMENDING TITLE 17 (ZONING) OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE, ADDING SECTION 17.04.079 [ASSEMBLY HALL] AND SECTION 17.20.280 [ASSEMBLY HALL] AND AMENDING SECTION 17.04.158 [CHURCH], SECTION 17.14.020 [PERMITTED AND CONDITIONALLY PERMITTED USES AND BULK REQUIREMENTS], SECTION 17.16.020 [PERMITTED AND CONDITIONALLY PERMITTED USES AND BULK REQUIREMENTS], SECTION 17.18.020 [PERMITTED AND CONDITIONALLY PERMITTED USES AND BULK REQUIREMENTS], SECTION 17.19.020 [PERMITTED AND CONDITIONALLY PERMITTED USES AND BULK REQUIREMENTS], SECTION 17.20.170 [CHURCH OR OTHER RELIGIOUS ASSEMBLY USE], AND SECTION 17.30.020.

Ordinance No. 1915 was introduced by title only by Councilmember Juarez.

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.: 189580-189585 ; 384393-384691

Warrant Totals: $ 775,609.40 ; $ 1,085,816.45

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

Resolutions and Ordinances.

8.

RESOLUTION NO. 7164

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA CALLING FOR THE BOYCOTT OF OPENING CEREMONIES OF THE 2008 BEIJING SUMMER OLYMPICS BECAUSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS OCCURRING BY THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT IN TIBET.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Parsons, that Resolution No. 7164 be approved and adopted.

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

9.

RESOLUTION NO. 7166

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA PARTICIPATING IN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SINGLE-USE PLASTIC BAG REDUCTION PROGRAM.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Parsons, that Resolution No. 7166 be approved and adopted.

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

10.

RESOLUTION NO. 7167

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA OPPOSING PROPOSITION 98.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Parsons, that Resolution No. 7167 be approved and adopted.

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

11.

RESOLUTION NO. 7168

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA APPROVING AMENDMENT NO. 7 TO JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT WITH THE INDEPENDENT CITIES LEASE FINANCE AUTHORITY AND PROVIDING OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATING THERETO.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Parsons, that Resolution No. 7168 be approved and adopted.

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

12.

ORDINANCE NO. 1917. (1st Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE USE OF MAIL BALLOT ELECTIONS AND ADDING SECTION 11.02 TO THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE.

Ordinance No. 1917 was introduced by title only by Mayor Guidi.

13.

ORDINANCE NO. 1918. (1st Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 5.84 OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE TO REGULATE THE SALE AND POSSESSION OF INDELIBLE INK FELT TIP MARKERS.

Ordinance No.1918 was introduced by title only as amended by Mayor Guidi.

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

14.

Staff is seeking city council's authorization to issue Purchase Order to purchase certain equipment and/or services – Vehicles.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council authorize the City Manager to issue the purchase order.

MOTION TO TABLE

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Juarez to table this item until the next meeting

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

15.

Approve Progress Payment No. 7 due to Martinez Landscape Company, 12337 San Fernando Road, Sylmar, Ca 91342 for the Abatement of Weeds and General Maintenance in the amount of $165,471.95.

16.

Approve Plans &Specifications for the Hawthorne Memorial Center Building Roof Rehabilitation Project located at 3901 West El Segundo Boulevard, Hawthorne, CA (Project # 08-03) – OUT TO BID, for bids with a return date of May 13, 2008.

17.

Approve Installation of Speed Humps construction on 138th Street between Jefferson Avenue and Prairie Avenue and on Jefferson Avenue between 138th Street and 139th Street.

18.

Approve contract with Martin & Chapman to handle mail ballot election process for proposed Clean Water Fee and authorize the Public Works Director to execute it on behalf of the City.

19.

Staff is seeking city council's authorization to issue Purchase Order to purchase certain equipment and/or services – Video Recording System for HPD Jail.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council authorize City Manager to issue purchase order.

MOTION TO TABLE

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Juarez, to table this item until the next meeting

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

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Catano that items 15 through 18 of the City Manager's consent calendar be approved.

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

20.

The City Clerk English announced that this was the time and place for the Public Hearing to Proposed Clean Water Fee for the City of Hawthorne. The fee is to be used to fund increased maintenance services for the City storm drain system, including, but not limited to the cleaning of storm drains to prevent street flooding, adding filtering systems and repairing pipelines, catch basins and infrastructure to improve storm water quality. Public Works' Department declaration posting/publication filed. Notices of Public Hearing were mailed out to all property owners in the week of January 28, 2008. Five written communications were received. Call for oral comments. Motion-close hearing. No further action taken at this time.

Mayor Guidi called for Oral Communications:

Gordon Mego, 4535 W. 141st St., expresses ideas on how to keep the stormdrains clean without unreasonably burdening the taxpayers

Mayor Guidi ordered the public portion of the hearing closed.

No action needed to be taken at this time

21.

Mayor Pro Tem Lambert adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m. in the memory of Charlotte Sampson, Dorothy Shishim and Betty Knox.

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Angie Reyes English
City Clerk