MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA HELD MAY 13, 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.

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

The public drawing for fireworks stands was held. Out of 11 applicants, the following eight were chosen by random drawing: Hope is Helping, Jim Thorpe Little League, California Youth Karate Club, Hawthorne Parks and Recreation Foundation, Moneta Gardens Improvement, Hawthorne Moose Lodge, South Bay Celebration Assembly of God and Hawthorne Lions. The three alternates are Kiwanis Club of Hawthorne, Hawthorne High School Band and St. Joseph's School.

Congressional Aide Tiayanna Mendoza from Congresswoman Maxine Water's office announced that a Foreclosure Prevention and Homeownership Assistance Town Hall meeting will be held on Saturday, May 17th at Inglewood High School from 10am to 12pm. There will be on site credit counseling for anyone who feels they are in risk of foreclosure.

Hawthorne Cable TV employee Josh Robbins announced that he is planning a trip that involves traveling to all 30 major league baseball stadiums. His goal is to raise $10,000 and give half of it back to the community. Jim Thorpe Little League was chosen to receive these funds.

Mayor Guidi announced that May 12th to May 17th is Blue Ribbon Week in support of law enforcement.

A clip from last year's Children Safety Awareness Day was shown. The 2008 event will be held on May 17th at 10:30am.

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Discussion/Action Items:

Councilmembers duties and responsibilities (Catano)

Councilmember Catano spoke about a legal confidential prepared by the City Attorney regarding the duties and responsibilities of each individual councilmember. He stated that each councilmember should be cognizant of the limitations in their role when it comes to dealing with City Hall employees. Councilmember Parsons asked the City Attorney if the legal confidential regarding the duties and responsibilities of Councilmembers can be released to the public. The City Attorney, Mr. Shishido, said that he will agendize an item for the next meeting for the City Council to waive the attorney-client privilege in order to release the subject legal confidential.

- 5 year strategic plan (Guidi)

Mayor Guidi spoke on concerns he has for the City due to declining revenues and taxes. He would like the City Manager to come back with some sort of proposal to give us a strategic plan for the next five years.

Mayor Guidi moved seconded by Councilmember Catano to let the City Manager bring a proposal back to the City Council.

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

Under Elected Officials Reports and Recommendations:

Councilmember **Parsons** attended the Richstone Center Pier to Pier Walk. Inquired on how process to pay tickets online is coming along; the City Manager replied that it is now possible to pay tickets online by going to the City's website. Rep. Inquired on the status of the swimming pool; the City Manager replied that the project is on schedule and should be completed by mid July. Inquired if a Hawthorne officer is doing something outside of Hawthorne on City business and they need the helicopter to help them, if that is allowed under policy; Chief Heffner replied that it is allowed. Reported that longtime Hawthorne business H&C has filed for Chapter 7. Announced that Superintendent Dr. Brann of the Wiseburn School District is retiring this month; Tom Johnstone will be the new Superintendent. Spoke on Propositions 98 & 99 regarding eminent domain. Announced that there will be a public budget workshop on May 22nd at 6pm in City Hall.

Councilmember **Lambert** attended the volunteer ceremony, Rock Around the Block and the cancer walk at the high school. Thanked those who participated in Earth Day. Congratulated the Richstone Center for doing extremely well.

Councilmember **Juarez** attended Rock Around the Block, National Prayer Day at City Hall, the Islamic Center Health Fair, the Behavioral Health Services graduation, Volunteer Appreciation, the Rotary Club and El Camino Foundation honors Cora Travers, the Delmer L. Fox Humanitarian Awards, the Medal of Valor and the Northrop KC45 Tanker celebration. Congratulated Elon Musk of SpaceX for winning the Falcon Launch Vehicle contract. Announced that the RFP for the old police station site went out and is due on June 12th in the City Clerk's office by 4pm. Reported that progress is being made on the west side of Hawthorne Blvd. with the construction of protective parking bays. Received a report regarding fees that were not collected for the rental of the Memorial Center. Announced that this Sunday, Assemblyman Price will honor the 51st Assembly District Shero honorees, which include Mary Coleman, Isabel Brettner, Rosalinda Martinez, Nadia Barrera, Herminia Balboa, Margaret Jeppeson, Darlene Love and Viviana Franco. The opening of the Del Aire Farmer's Market will be held on May 21st at Del Aire Park from 3pm to 7pm.

Councilmember **Catano** attended the Northrop celebration, the Del Fox Awards, the Medal of Valor, Day of Prayer and the BHS graduation.

Mayor **Guidi** brought to the community's attention that we are headed for a severe recession. The governor will announce tomorrow that the state is in a $20million deficit that will affect the City. We need to stop balancing our budget with one time money and find a way to reduce spending, cost and expenses. Asked that Council not vote against a development because they don't like the developer. Asked for a report on what is being generated by business license because of the Hawthorne Airport. Thanked the building inspectors, along with Public Works and Planning departments for the good job they do working with new developers. Inquired on some trees that were lost at Memorial Park. Suggested we start replenishing trees in parks because a lot of them are not doing well. Asked that the Doty issue between El Segundo and 132nd be continuously monitored and that the parks be patrolled.

City Clerk **English** announced that the Lawndale Chamber of Commerce was here earlier and wanted to invite the Mayor and Council to their Farmer's Market, which is now held on Wednesdays from 2pm to 7pm at 147th St. and Hawthorne Blvd.

City Treasurer **Lubenec** thanked all the organizations for the events he attended. Stated that the boulevard looks great and is really coming along.

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Under oral communications, **Doris Martinez** thanked Mayor Guidi and Lt. Kaufman for taking care of a matter regarding Eucalyptus Park. **Patricia Donaldson**, President of the Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce, set the record straight in reference to an item that the Daily Breeze printed regarding the State of the City event. **Norm Morton**, 4612 W. Broadway, announced that the Hawthorne President's Council will hold their annual community dinner on May 15th at 5pm., the joint meeting of the Kiwanis and Rotary clubs will be held on May 16th and the Kiwanis will be hold their annual carnival from May 29th to June 1st at the Memorial Center. **Arthur Hunter** reported that he is still having problems with break-ins into his apartment and asked for assistance. City employee and resident **Evelyn Diaz** introduced resident **Valerie Sarmiento** who would like to participate in the Aids Life Cycle Ride on June

1st from San Francisco to Los Angeles. Valerie asked for assistance in raising the $2500 needed to participate in the ride. All monies go to the San Francisco Aids Foundation and the Jeffrey Goodman Clinic in Los Angeles. **Kyle Orlemann** announced that there will be a fundraiser for VFW Post 2075 on May 26th at Hometown Buffet from 2pm to 8pm. **Alex Monteiro** suggested that Jim Thorpe Little League make fliers that can be passed out in the schools in order to bring volunteers to the league. Announced that on May 19th at 6pm there will be a wrap-up meeting at the Hawthorne Moose Lodge to talk about the success of the Relay for Life event. The 13th Annual Hawthorne Health and Sports Fair, in conjunction with the Hawthorne School District Nutrition Network 5K Marathon, will be held on June 7th at the Memorial Center. **Gordon Michael Mego,** 4535 W. 141st St., spoke on the revitalization of the former Hawthorne Plaza mall and read letters from prospective businesses interested in the mall. **Ralph Kussner**, 130803 Eucalyptus, spoke in opposition of School Bond Measures A & H. **Jose Gutierrez** of Holly Park announced that there will be a multi group neighborhood watch meeting on May 31st from 9:30am to 11:30am in the Police Department Community room. **Ronnie Manson** announced that the Drum Corp had their last winter season show at Hawthorne High School and thanked those who made donations to the Corp by buying tickets. Reported that there have been drag racing incidents on 130th between Prairie and Jefferson and problems with trash being dumped in the gutters. **Lillian Carboyan** presented $500 to the City of Hawthorne Foundation (Mayor's Scholarship Fund). **Ben Garr** spoke regarding building issues with his property at 13531 Doty Avenue.

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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 Lambert, that the reading of the City Council minutes of the regular meeting of April 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 May 13, 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 to publicly receive, open and declare sealed bids for Memorial Center Roof Rehabilitation Project.

Public Works Department submitted declaration of publication, which was ordered filed. Bidder's bond are required.

THERE WERE 4 BIDS RECEIVED. (ALL WERE ACCOMPANIED BY BIDDER'S BOND)

THE PRICES WERE AS FOLLOWS:

ALCAL	$78,639.00
Best Contracting Inc	$78,293.00
Letner Roofing Co.	$77,350.00
Solar Intergrated	$77,000.00

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Juarez, that the bids be referred to staff for study and recommendation.

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

7.

City Clerk English announced that this was the time and place for the Public Hearing on Public Hearing on General Plan Amendment No. 2008GP01, amending General Plan Land Use Map for 4777 and 4787 West 120th Street from GC (General Commercial) to HDR (High Density Residential) and Change of Zone No. 2008CZ01, changing the zoning for 4777 and 4787 West 120th Street from C-3 (General Commercial) to R-3 (High Density Residential). Planning Department's declaration publication filed. No written communications. Call for oral comments. Motion-close hearing. Motion to approve Resolution No. 7171. Motion to Introduce Ordinance No. 1922.

Mayor Guidi called for public comments.

No one expressed a desire to be heard.

Mayor Guidi ordered the public portion of the hearing closed.

RESOLUTION NO. 7171

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA ADOPTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE HAWTHORNE GENERAL PLAN (2008GP01) LOCATED AT 4777 AND 4787 WEST 120TH STREET.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Juarez, that Resolution No. 7171 be approved and adopted.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1922. (1st Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING CHANGE OF ZONE APPLICATION NO. 2008CZ01, A CITY-INITIATED APPLICATION TO CHANGE THE ZONING OF PROPERTIES AT 4777 AND 4787 WEST 120TH STREET, FROM GENERAL COMMERCIAL (C-3) TO HIGH-DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (R-3), AND MAKING FINDINGS IN SUPPORT THEREOF.

Ordinance No. 1922 was introduced by title only by Councilmember Lambert.

8.

The City Treasurer submitted a financial statement regarding warrants.

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

Warrants Nos.: 189588-189689 ; 385461-385825

Warrant Totals: $ 768,268.04 ; $2,431,508.94

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

Resolutions and Ordinances.

9.

RESOLUTION NO. 7165

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA AUTHORIZING THE USE OF A MAIL BALLOT ELECTION AND ESTABLISHING A MAIL DROP OFF CENTER FOR THE ELECTION, CALLING A SPECIAL MAIL BALLOT ELECTION FOR AUGUST 26, 2008 FOR SUBMITTAL OF A PROPOSED ANNUAL FEE TO A VOTE OF THE OWNERS OF REAL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO THE FEE, AND ADOPTING PROCEDURES FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert, that Resolution No. 7165 be approved and adopted.

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

10.

RESOLUTION NO. 7172

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE SOUTH BAY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS FOR THE BRIDGE TO WORK PROGRAM ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert, that Resolution No. 7172 be approved and adopted.

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

11.

RESOLUTION NO. 7174

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA OPPOSING AB 2676 PROHIBITING A CITY OR COUNTY FROM IMPOSING A TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX (TOT) RETROACTIVELY IN CERTAIN SITUATIONS.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert, that Resolution No. 7174 be approved and adopted.

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

12.

ORDINANCE NO. 1916. (2nd Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTIONS 8.34.090 D, 8.34.090G AND 8.34.120P OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO PRESCRIBED TIMES TO SELL SAFE AND SANE FIREWORKS, PERMIT FEES TO BE SET BY RESOLUTION AND DEADLINE TO REMOVE LITTER NEAR FIREWORKS BOOTH.

Councilmember Lambert moved, seconded by Councilmember Juarez, that Ordinance No. 1916 be approved and adopted.

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

13.

ORDINANCE NO. 1920. (2nd Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, ADDING CHAPTER 5.98 TO THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO TOBACCO RETAIL LICENSING REGULATIONS.

Councilmember Juarez moved, seconded by Mayor Guidi, that Ordinance No. 1920 be approved and adopted.

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

14.

ORDINANCE NO. 1921. (1st Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, ADDING SECTION 2.06.240 OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO TIME LIMIT FOR INDIVIDUAL COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS DURING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS.

Ordinance No. 1921 was introduced by title only by Councilmember Catano.

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

15.

Approve to appoint New Members nominated to the South Bay Workforce Investment Board. Mr. Jim Littrell, Northrop Grumman staffing, Brenda Lacy-Roberts, Century 21 Real Estate Consultant; and Ms. Brenda Brent, District Administrator, Department of Rehabilitation.

16.

Approve Agreement between the City of Hawthorne and the City of Torrance re: the booking and housing of any Torrance detainees who require American with Disabilities Act ("ADA") compliant jail facilities.

17.

Approve of Final Annual Action Plan for Program Year 2008, July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009 authorizing the City Manager to sign the application, certifications and all related documents and to submit same to HUD.

Councilmember Catano stated that he needed to excuse himself from this item due a Conflict of Interest. He is currently a board member of BHS. Councilmember Catano left the Council Chamber before the City Council took a vote.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Juarez that items 17 be approved.

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

18.

Approve Approval of Agreements with Public Service providers for use of CDBG and HOME funds – Annual Action Plan for Program year 2008, July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009 with the following public service providers:

a. Behavioral Health Services $1,000
b. CA Youth Karate Club $1,000
c. Moneta Gardens Improvement $1,000
d. Housing Rights Center $40,800
The approval authorizes the Mayor to execute the four Agreements.

Councilmember Catano stated that he needed to excuse himself from this item due a Conflict of

Interest. He is currently a board member of BHS. Councilmember Catano left the Council Chamber before the City Council took a vote.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Juarez that item 18 be approved.

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

19.

Approve to issue Purchase Order to purchase certain equipment and/or services – Stainless Steel Bus Benches.

20.

Approve Progress Payment # 4 to the current contract with the California Commercial Pools, Inc. 2255 E. Auto Centre Dr., Glendora, CA 91740-6721 for the Hawthorne Municipal Pool Renovation Project, Project No. 06-01 in the amount of $190,350.00 funded from Proposition 40 Account # 100-6115-000-4231.

21.

Approve Progress Payment # 1 to the current contract with PTM General Engineering Services, Inc, 5942, Acorn St., Riverside, CA 95504-1040 for the Hawthorne Blvd. Traffic Signal Modification Project No. 07-06 in the amount of $93,667.50 funded from Gas Tax Account # 220-4106-000-4547.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Juarez that items 15, 16, 19, 20 and 21 of the City Manager's consent calendar be approved.

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

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Mayor Guidi adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m. in the memory of Jim Culling and Jeffrey Rand.

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Angie Reyes English
City Clerk