MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA HELD JUNE 24, 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 Juarez, Lambert, Parsons, Mayor Guidi.
Absent: Councilmember Catano (excused).

Pastor George Magdalany from Hope Chapel 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 the June 24, 2008 City Council meeting.

Mayor Guidi presented a video promoting Hawthorne and businesses.

Mayor Pro Tem Lambert presented a Proclamation to Detectives Sean Galindo and Eric Lane in recognition of their outstanding service in the investigation into the death of two-year old Kayla Smoot. Another Proclamation was also given to Detective Eric Lane in honor of being chosen as Police Officer of the Year.

1.

Under oral communications, **Max Jimenez** expressed his complements to the city on the project at 120th and Broadway. **Hamid Haque** commended the great work being done on the Hawthorne Boulevard renovation and on the parking improvements near his Shafraa restaurant. **Alex Monteiro** presented a plaque to the City for its involvement in the Relay for Life event held in April. Also presented certificates to the City hall staff team, the Public Works department maintenance staff and Rick Carver, Public Works Director Arnie Shadbehr, the Police Department, Police Chief Mike Heffner, the South Bay Investment Board team and Danny Juarez from the Youth Soccer Organization. **Patricia Donaldson**, President of the Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce, applauded the Mayor, Rick Carver and the Public Works department for the work they have done on Hawthorne Boulevard. **Rick DeVusser**, 1654 W. 145th S., spoke on how much he and his wife enjoyed the Italian festival. **Bill Hassan** thanked everyone who has participated in the renovation of Hawthorne Boulevard by 120th Street as it has impacted his business in a positive way. **David LaSalle**, Chamber Board Member, commended everyone who participated in the improvement of Hawthorne Boulevard; it is a job well done. **Darlene Love**, 2003 W. 115th Street, expressed thanks for the beautiful boulevard, but was hurt that an article in the local paper portrayed the boulevard in a negative way. Enjoyed the Italian Festival. Thanked everyone who attended when she was given the honor of the citizen. **Ronny Manson** reported that visitors to Eucalyptus Park feel much safer now due to increased police presence. **Francis Stiglich** reported on traffic problems between Eucalyptus and Gale Ave. and on illegal food vendors. Also reported on two manhole covers on Eucalyptus that are not cemented down. Inquired on the health of Councilmember Catano.

2.

Under Elected Officials Reports and Recommendations:

Discussion/Action Items:

1) City Manager's Recommendations for Balancing 2008/09 Budget: (City Council)

- Use of one-time revenue to balance general fund;

One time monies that could be used for the proposed budget would include a $500,000 transfer from the equipment fund, a $700,000 transfer from the Proposition C Fund for police and graffiti removal activity and $300,000 from the COPS Allocation Fund to support the police department.

- Elimination of vacant positions, including 3 vacant police officer positions;

Councilmember Juarez opposes eliminating police officer positions and suggested laterals from other departments and more aggressive advertising. Mayor Guidi stated that if we have money for three more cops or we want to cut three more cops, he would rather give a bonus to the officers that are here to let them know we appreciate them for being here and staying here.

- Staff lay offs / early retirement incentives

The savings that would have come from early retirement incentives only generated four people.

- Retiree payouts being charged to reserves

Police department employees who are retiring would need $200,000 payoff their unused leave balances. It is recommended that this would come from reserve.

1) Earthquake Insurance (Lambert)
2) Police service calls to city parks (Juarez)

Mayor **Guidi** thanked all the volunteers, community groups and business owners that participated in the Italian Festival; Ronny Manson for helping out overnight with security; Rosalinda Martinez, Monica McClanahan and all the city employees that supported the event by donating their own time. Attended the LA Airforce Base Awards. Congratulated Darlene Love on her well-deserved award. Encouraged everyone to go to Equinox, which officially opened on Friday. Announced that five major corporations will be coming to Hawthorne. Reported changes and improvements at Eucalyptus and Thorpe parks. Inquired on the status of the pool at the youth camp. Requested a Jack Northrop Hawthorne Airport sign on the 405 somewhere between Imperial and El Segundo. Announced that the Teen Challenge Car Show will be held on July 12th. All homeowner's associations and non-profits are welcome. Asked that we keep Councilmember Catano in our prayers.

Councilmember **Juarez** congratulated Angie English for the successful Southern California City Clerk 's Association meeting that she hosted last week. Thanked the department heads that donated goodies to showcase the city for this event. Attended the Italian Festival. Congratulated Darlene Love for her Citizen of the Year award and Candy Fuller for receiving the Ned Chafee award. Inquired on where we are with the Memorial rental fees. Inquired if we submitted anything for "Most Business Friendly City in LA County". Asked that we try to conserve water as we are in a drought. Inquired if the city had submitted their project list for Prop.1B allocations. Read that Republic Services had bought Allied Waste and inquired what effect that would have on us. Announced that on Thursday Assemblymember Curren Price will be having the Committee for a Better 51 Assembly District and there are seven subcommittees that will be reporting (Councilmember Juarez belonging to the Health Committee) and it will be from 6 to 8 in the community room at Inglewood City Hall. On Friday the Hospital Association of Southern California will be hosting a health care summit for Los Angeles County, which will give citizens an opportunity to raise their concerns; it will be held at the Biltmore Hotel. The Islamic Center will be holding a yard sale this Saturday. The Hawthorne Education Foundation Golf Tournament will be held next Monday at Chester Washington from 1pm to 7pm. Vasek Polak Health Clinic now has classes for Diabetes on Thursdays. Congratulated his son Vincent on graduating from High School. Announced that he would not be here for the next Council meeting.

Councilmember **Parsons** inquired on the progress of the monument sign advertising businesses at Inglewood and 147th St. Inquired if there is a plan on how the Prop 1B funds will be spent. Due to concerns about overtime, asked for a monthly report by department. Asked for a monthly status report on police officer interviews, how many in the academy and how many on probation. Attended League of California Cities training classes for councilmembers, which was paid at his own expense. Classes included Economic Development, City Manager Evaluation, Preparing for a Ballot Measure and City Finance.

Councilmember **Lambert** congratulated Darlene Love on her award. Will be attending Lawndale's State of the City tomorrow and encouraged others to also attend. Would like to hold a presentation on earthquake preparedness before November 13th as this is the date when a practice drill for earthquake survival will be held. Encouraged everyone to visit www.shakeout.org and www.daretopreparte.org for earthquake information.

City Treasurer Lubenec attended the Italian Festival. Congratulated Darlene Love on her award.

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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.

The City Council minutes of the regular meeting of June 10, 2008 were requested to be brought back due to inconsistencies in titles.

No vote was taken at this time.

5.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Juarez, to waive full readings of resolutions and ordinances on June 24,2008's agenda.

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

6.

Deputized Acting City Clerk Tom Quintana announced that this was the time and place to hold the public hearing on Ordinance No. 1930, Zoning Code Amendment No. 2008ZA04 amending Chapter 17.04 [Definitions], adding Chapter 17.17 [Density Bonuses], amending Section 17.36.010(U) [Unclassified Uses], adding Section 17.58.060 [Off-Street parking and amending Chapter 17.68 (Apartment Conversion Projects).

Planning Department's Declaration filed. No written communications were received. Call for oral comments. Motion to close hearing. Motion to Introduce Ordinance No. 1930.

Mayor Guidi called for public comments.

No one expressed a desire to be heard.

Mayor Guidi ordered the public portion of the hearing closed.

ORDINANCE NO. 1930 (1st Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE CALIFORNIA APPROVING A CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION UNDER CEQA AND APPROVING ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT NO. 2008ZA04, AMENDING TITLE 17 (ZONING) OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE, AMENDING CHAPTER 17.04 [DEFINITIONS], ADDING CHAPTER 17.17 [DENSITY BONUSES], AMENDING SECTION 17.36.010(U) [UNCLASSIFIED USES], ADDING SECTION 17.58.060 [OFF-STREET PARKING], AND AMENDING CHAPTER 17.68 [APARTMENT CONVERSION PROJECTS].

Ordinance No. 1930 was introduced by title only by Councilmember Juarez.

7.

Public Information Officer Tom Quintana announced that this was the time and place to hold the public hearing on Resolution No. 7181 Confirming the Weed Abatement Assessment Report and Authorizing the Collection of the Assessment.

Public Work Department's Declaration filed. No written communications were received. Call for oral comments. Motion to close hearing. Motion to approve Resolution No. 7181.

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. 7181

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA CONFIRMING ASSESSMENTS FOR WEED AND WASTE ABATEMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE COLLECTION THEREOF.

Councilmember Juarez moved, seconded by Councilmember Parsons, that Resolution No. 7181 be approved and adopted.

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

8.

The City Treasurer submitted a financial statement regarding warrants.

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

Warrants Nos.: 189595-189596 ; 386845-387612

Warrant Totals: $ 767,832.15 $ 3,36,684.53

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

Resolutions and Ordinances.

9.

RESOLUTION NO. 7188

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA SUPPORTING SB 1722 (OROPEZA) THAT ESTABLISHES A CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY TO EXTEND THE METRO GREEN LINE LIGHT RAIL SYSTEM TO LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Juarez, that Resolution No. 7188 be approved and adopted.

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

10.

RESOLUTION NO. 7189

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 7165 PERTAINING TO THE MAIL BALLOT ELECTION LANGUAGE AS IT RELATES TO THE PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF CLEAN WATER FEES.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Juarez, that Resolution No. 7189 be approved and adopted.

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

11.

RESOLUTION NO. 7190

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA COMMEMORATING JUNE 8, 2008 AS THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF PROPOSITION 13.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Juarez, that Resolution No. 7190 be approved and adopted.

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

12.

RESOLUTION NO. 7191

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA SUPPORTING ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 1819 (PRICE), WHICH ALLOWS A PERSON TO PRE-REGISTER TO VOTE ONCE HE OR SHE IS 16 YEARS OLD.

Councilmember Parsons moved, seconded by Councilmember Juarez, that Resolution No. 7191 be approved and adopted.

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

13.

ORDINANCE NO. 1923. (2nd Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING CHANGE OF ZONE APPLICATION NO. 2008CZ02, A CITY INITIATED APPLICATION TO CHANGE THE ZONING OF PROPERTIES AT 14016 THROUGH 14024 LEMOLI AVENUE, FROM HORTICULTURAL (H) TO MEDIUM-DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (R-2), AND MAKING FINDINGS IN SUPPORT THEREOF. Motion to adopt.

Councilmember Parsons moved, seconded by Councilmember Juarez that Ordinance No. 1923 be approved and adopted.

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

14.

ORDINANCE NO. 1926. (2nd Reading)

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 CHAPTER 17.41 REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES UNDER THE FAIR HOUSING AMENDMENTS ACT.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert that Ordinance No. 1926 be approved and adopted.

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

15.

ORDINANCE NO. 1927. (2nd Reading)

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, SECTION 17.58.040 (G) ACCESSIBLE PARKING STALLS.

Councilmember Juarez moved, seconded by Councilmember Parsons that Ordinance No. 1927 be approved and adopted.

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

16.

ORDINANCE NO. 1929. (2nd Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA APPROVING A CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION UNDER CEQA AND APPROVING ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT NO. 2008ZA03, AMENDING TITLE 17 [ZONING] OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE, AMENDING SECTION 17.04.260 [FAMILY].

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert that Ordinance No. 1929 be approved and adopted.

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

17.

ORDINANCE NO. 1931. (2nd Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA APPROVING A NOTICE OF EXEMPTION AND ZONING CODE AMENDMENT 2008ZA05 DELETING HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 17.35.250 PERTAINING TO BOND REQUIREMENTS.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Parsons that Ordinance No. 1931 be approved and adopted.

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

18.

ORDINANCE NO. 1928. (1st Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, ADDING CHAPTER 5.87 TO THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE IMPOSING VIDEO FRANCHISE FEES AND REGULATING CUSTOMER SERVICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND VIDEO COMPETITION ACT.

Ordinance No. 1928 was pulled before the Council meeting by the City Manager.

19.

ORDINANCE NO. 1934. (1st Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 12.16 OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO ENCROACHMENT IN PUBLIC PLACES.

Ordinance No. 1930 was pulled before the Council meeting by the City Manager.

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

20.

Approve to authorize the City Manager to issue a Purchase Order to purchase certain equipment and/or services – Groundsmaster Lawn Mower.

21.

Approve Progress Payment No. 9 due to Martinez Landscape Co, 12337 San Fernando Road, Sylmar, CA 91342 for Landscaping and General Maintenance (Project #06-06) in the amount of $110,716.80. $15,000.00 from Sewer Fund (Account No. 560-9101-000-4730); $5,716.80 from General Fund (Account No. 100-4109-000-4730); $90,000.00 from Street Fund (Account No. 225-4106-000-4540).

22.

Approve Progress Payment # 5 to Trimming Land Co. Inc., 10513 Dolores Avenue, South Gate, CA 90280 for Street Tree Trimming (Project # 06-03) in the amount of $10,000.00 to be charged to Acct. # 100-4111-000-4051, $15,030.00 to be charged to Acct # 220-4106-000-4540.

23.

Progress Payment # 2 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, Project No. 07-06 in the amount of $29,369.43 funded from Gas Tax Account # 220-4106-000-4547.

24.

Approve to ratify the following appointments to the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB): Ms. Tina Kinsel, representing the City of Lawndale's business private-sector, to serve a 4-year term of office commencing July 1, 2008, and ending June 30, 2012; and Mr. Fred Davis, representing the City of Gardena's business private-sector, to serve an additional 4-year term of office commencing July 1, 2008, and ending June 30, 2012.

Councilmember Lambert moved, seconded by Councilmember Juarez that items 20 through 24 of the City Manager's consent calendar be approved.

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

25.

Mayor Guidi adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

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Tom Quintana
Acting Deputized City Clerk