MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA HELD AUGUST 26, 2008.

Mayor/Chairman Guidi called the City Council, Community Redevelopment Agency, Parking Authority and Housing Authority meeting to order jointly and concurrently at 6:03 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).

Rev. Tracy McKibben gave the evening's invocation. Francis Stiglich led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce President Pat Donaldson introduced new Chamber member Beatrice Williams.

1.

Under oral communications **Michael Ledesma**, 3227 W. 132nd St., who is a real estate investor, has joined forces with St. Margaret's Center in order to provide a financial literacy program that will be free to the community. Classes are scheduled for the beginning of October at St. Margaret's Center from 4pm to 5pm. **Steve Kosareff,** who is doing a TV documentary, requested photos or movies of Mr. Lloyd Denee, who was a prominent TV dealer in Hawthorne from 1946 to 1956. Mr. Kosareff can be reached by email at stevekosareff@stevekosareff.com. **Alex Vargas**, 11981 S. York Ave., spoke on the North Hawthorne Community Association. This is a group of residents that have decided to take action in changing the future of their section of Hawthorne. The NHCA is north of El Segundo Blvd., bordered by Crenshaw on the east, Imperial on the north and Inglewood Ave. on the west. Some of their concerns are gangs, graffiti and high-density housing. On behalf of the NHCA, thanked Police Chief Michael Heffner, Councilman Gary Parsons, Licensing and Code Enforcement Director Lisa Miller, Code Enforcement Officer Don Krause, Sgt. Romero, City Manager Jag Pathirana and Councilman Danny Juarez for the help they have provided to the association. The NHCA meets on the first Monday of the month except for September when they will meet on the second Monday. **Darlene Love**, 2003 W. 116th St., thanked everyone that attended the Holly Park Homeowners Association picnic. **Francis Stiglich**, 11534 Gale Ave., encouraged her neighbors to attend the September 8th meeting of the North Hawthorne Community Association.

2.

Mayor Guidi recessed the City Council meeting to conduct a **Closed Session**: Conference with Labor Negotiator pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency Negotiator: Jag Pathirana - Employee Organization: All Employee Groups.

Mayor Guidi called the City Council meeting back to order following recess with all Councilmembers present except for Councilmember Catano who was excused. He announced that the **closed session** was to discuss a Conference with Labor Negotiator pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency Negotiator: Jag Pathirana - Employee Organization: All Employee Groups and announced that the Agency Negotiator was instructed.

3.

Under Elected Officials Reports and Recommendations:

Discussion/Action Items:

- Customer service issues with respect to Allied Waste (Parsons)

Councilman **Parsons** stated that although problems were anticipated with the transition from H&C to Allied Waste, he still continues to get phone calls regarding different issues such as long hold times, not being able to resolve simple problems when customers call for help and missed streets. Would like to enforce the part of the contract that has financial penalties for violating quality concerns. Directed staff from this point forward that if Allied fails to meet those quality standards, that the penalty per the contract be implemented.

- Moving closed sessions to a different night or at the end of regular council meeting (Parsons)

Since closed sessions usually don't last more than an hour, Councilmember Parsons would like to hold closed sessions at 5 o'clock so that they are over by 6 o'clock and that way people who come to the meetings don't have to wait around for an hour. Recommended that council meetings start at 5 o'clock on days where there is a closed session and at 6 o'clock on days when there is no closed session. Councilmember Juarez supported this. Councilmember Lambert asked to think about it. Councilmember Parsons asked that it be re-agendized it for the next council meeting.

- Hawthorne Youth Camp (Pathirana)

City Manager Pathirana asked for direction on what to do with the youth camp in Wrightwood. He stated that it has minimal use and that general funds subsidize the program by $80,000 to $100,000 a year. A number of organizations have shown interest in taking over the place.

Councilmember Lambert moved, seconded by Councilmember Juarez, to begin to sever links with the youth camp in Wrightwood.

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

Councilmember **Juarez** congratulated the Hawthorne and Wiseburn School Districts on their STAR exam scores, which went up in both areas. Requested a report on when the Teen Center will be opening. Thanked Housing Director Hamid Pournamdari for the informative report on SB1137 and requested that the report be put on the city website. Asked that the proposal for the Strategic Plan be agendized for the next meeting. Requested that the City Manager take a look at the ordinance that the City of Glendale has regarding shopping carts. Attended Jim Wilson's retirement party and requested that the city manager prepare a proclamation.

Councilmember **Lambert** announced that there will be two speakers addressing the earthquake situation on September 13th from 10 am to 12pm. Asked that the Homeowner Associations be notified of this event. Congratulated Officer Steve Romero for creating the Citizens of Hawthorne Action Team (CHAT).

Councilmember **Parsons** inquired on why the County can fine taggers for graffiti and the city cannot. Asked for a report on this issue. For those facing financial hard times and looking at foreclosure of their homes, there is a state law that basically says your mortgage company cannot take any foreclosure action against you for at least 30 days after contacting you. This only applies if you bought your home between January 1, 2003 and December 31, 2007 and you have to live in your house. Announced that Assembly man Curren Price will hold a function on September 18th on how 501C3 non profits can raise funds. Anyone who needs more information regarding the new North Hawthorne homeowner group can contact Councilmember Parsons.

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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.

5.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Juarez, that the reading of the City Council minutes of the regular meeting of August 12, 2008 be waived and that they be approved and adopted.

Councilmember Lambert requested that the minutes reflect the order in which the motion to reconsider occurred on item #4. The motion to reconsider occurred approximately 3 hours into the meeting after item #23.

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

6.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Juarez, to waive full readings of resolutions and ordinances on August 26, 2008's agenda.

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

7.

City Clerk Angie English announced that this was the time and place to hold the public hearing on Proposed Annual Budget including Revenue and Expenditure Details for Fiscal-Year 2008-2009.

City Clerk Department's Declaration filed. No written communications were received.

Mayor Guidi called for public comments.

Under oral communications, no one indicated a desire to be heard.

Mayor Guidi ordered the public portion of the hearing closed.

RESOLUTION NO. 7203.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert, that Resolution No. 7203 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.: 189608-189693 ; 389257-390012

Warrant Totals: $ 803,741.35 $ 2,309,991.85

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

Resolutions and Ordinances.

9.

RESOLUTION NO. 7208

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA APPROVING A THROUGH-THE-FENCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE AND WOLFE FAMILY TRUST OF 1992.

Mayor Guidi announced he had decided to recuse himself from participating in decisions on this agenda item. His recusal is because there is a possibility that he may have a conflict of interest in this project. The potential conflict is very remote and arises because of his business relationship with the Crenshaw Business Complex which is a business entity not located near the Century Business site but could still be indirectly affected by this development project. In order to avoid even the appearance of a conflict of interest, I have been advised by our City Attorney that it is best for me to step aside from this matter. Therefore, I will not be participating in this agenda item.

Councilmember Parsons requested a correction be made on page eight of the agreement. On item 8.6 there are two references to 125.1 MHz. The second reference in the seventh line should by changed to 121.1MHz.

Councilmember Parsons moved, seconded by Councilmember Juarez, that Resolution No. 7208 be approved and adopted.

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

10.

RESOLUTION NO. 7209

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF BICYCLES LICENSES (JUNE 1998 THROUGH DECEMBER 2004) AND DOG LICENSES (JANUARY 2002 THROUGH DECEMBER 2005) PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION NO. 7170 AND GOVERNMENT CODE § 34090.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Juarez, that Resolution No. 7209 be approved and adopted.

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

11.

RESOLUTION NO. 7210

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA DECLARING SEPTEMBER 2008 AS NATIONAL ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADDICTION RECOVERY MONTH.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Juarez, that Resolution No. 7210 be approved and adopted.

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

12.

RESOLUTION NO. 7211

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF CITY CLERK CLAIMS FILES (FOR YEARS 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002 AND 2003) PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION NO. 7170 AND GOVERNMENT CODE § 34090.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Juarez, that Resolution No. 7211 be approved and adopted.

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

13.

ORDINANCE NO. 1936. (2nd Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, RELATED TO SOLAR PANELS, APPROVING A CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION UNDER CEQA AND APPROVING ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT 2008ZA09, AMENDING TITLE 17 (ZONING) OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE, AMENDING CHAPTERS 17.04 [DEFINITIONS], 17.20 [SUPPLEMENTARY USE AND BULK REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL RESIDENTIAL ZONES], 17.25 [C-1 FREEWAY COMMERCIAL/MIXED USE CLASSIFICATION], 17.26 [C-2 LOCAL COMMERCIAL CLASSIFICATION], 17.28 [C-3 GENERAL COMMERCIAL CLASSIFICATION], 17.30 [M-P INDUSTRIAL PARK CLASSIFICATION, 17.32 [M-1 LIMITED INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION], 17.34 [M-2 HEAVY INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION], AND 17.44 [BUILDING HEIGHT).

Councilmember Parsons moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert, that Ordinance No. 1936 be approved and adopted.

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

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

14.

Approve to create new employee classifications of Finance Manager, Human Resources Manager, Electrician and Sewer Service Technician.

15.

Approve to appoint Mr. Richard McNish and ratify the appointment of Mr. Roland Talton to the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB). Mr. McNish was nominated by the South Bay Economic Development Partnership to represent economic development in the South Bay Workforce Investment Area, and Mr. Talton was appointed by the Inglewood Mayor and City Council to represent the City of Inglewood's business private-sector, both to complete the term of office ending June 30, 2010. and ratify new Members to the South Bay Workforce Investment Board

Councilmember Lambert moved, seconded by Mayor Guidi, that items 14 and 15 of the City Manager's consent calendar be approved.

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

TABLED ITEM

ORDINANCE NO. 1924. (2ND Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA ADDING SECTIONS 2.24.115 AND 2.24.116 TO THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO FEE & DEPOSIT EXEMPTIONS FOR CITY AND OTHER GOVERNMENT SPONSORED ACTIVITIES AND REDUCED FEE REQUIREMENTS FOR NON-PROFIT GROUPS AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS APPLYING FOR PERMITS TO USE CITY OF HAWTHORNE PARK FACILITIES. Motion to adopt.

Councilmember Parsons moved, seconded by Mayor Guidi, to remove this item from the table.

MOTION TO TABLE

After discussion, Councilmember Parsons requested that this item be tabled again.

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

16.

Mayor Guidi adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

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Angie Reyes English
City Clerk