

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE,  
CALIFORNIA HELD FEBRUARY 10, 2009.**

Mayor/Chairman Guidi called the City Council, Community Redevelopment Agency, Parking Authority and Housing Authority meeting to order jointly and concurrently at 6:00 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 George Magdalany of Hope Chapel gave the evening's invocation. Sandy Mazza of the Daily Breeze led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.

Under oral communications **Danny Williams**, 11917 Cimarron, feels his claim regarding a robbery at Game Stop was denied because Council did not get the complete story of what happened. Mr. Williams gave a summary of what took place in regards to the claim. **Robert Fairfield**, 15021 Gerkin Ave., addressed public safety issues regarding license check points at Gerkin & Marine and public safety issues regarding the red light camera at Rosecrans west of the 405 Freeway. Requested a stop sign at the access road near Gerkin & Marine. **Damien Jackson**, 15015 Gerkin, would also like to see a stop sign and speed hump on westbound Marine near the service street. **Patricia Donaldson**, Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce President, reminded everyone that the State of the City Luncheon will be held on February 12<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon. She is still waiting to hear if the City will be putting an ad in the Sacramento Bee or the Daily Breeze. Inquired on the fee reduction status for the Memorial Center. **Alex Monteiro**, 12413 Ramona Ave., announced that the Relay for Life will be held on April 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. If you are a sponsor who will be donating \$500 or more, you need to submit your name and pledge by March 1<sup>st</sup> in order to get your name on the t-shirts. For information, call 310-978-4357 or visit [www.relayforlife.org/hawthorne.ca](http://www.relayforlife.org/hawthorne.ca) The Hawthorne Presidents Council, in conjunction with the City of Hawthorne, Chevron and other organizations will begin sending applications for nominees for Volunteer Appreciation Day on April 26<sup>th</sup>. The applications are due by March 13<sup>th</sup>. **Francis Stiglich**, 11534 Gale Ave., complained about not being informed regarding remodeling plans in the neighborhood. **Darlene Love**, 2003 W. 116<sup>th</sup> St., announced that the Leos will be holding a car wash on February 21<sup>st</sup> from 10am to 2pm at the Hawthorne Moose Lodge. This event is to raise funds for participation in the Relay for Life.

2.

Under Elected Officials Reports and Recommendations:

Councilmember Catano was excused from elected officials reports and recommendations.

**Discussion/Action Item:**

- Discount of City fee for the Chamber of Commerce – State of the City event (Parsons)

Councilmember **Parsons** has been working with the Chamber president and other board members to try and improve the Chamber of Commerce. He feels it is important to have a strong Chamber and a strong business climate in the city. After talking to others on what makes a good Chamber of Commerce, feedback has been that it would be good to have a full time bilingual office manager or better yet a director. Since there is not enough money to do that, Councilmember Parsons has been talking to the Chamber Board about using the State of the City event as a means to approach those that are not members in order to try to get them to join the Chamber.

Due to the struggles that the Chamber is currently experiencing, Councilmember Parsons made a motion to cut the fee in half that the Chamber would pay to rent the Memorial Center for the State of the City Address. Mayor Guidi amended the motion so that the whole fee is waived, Councilmember Juarez seconded that motion.

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

Councilmember **Lambert** reminded staff about getting paperwork together to help servicemen and women get discounted animal license fees. Reminded everyone to attend the State of the City Address event on February 12<sup>th</sup>. Thanked the Acting City Attorney Miyahira for his extensive and in-depth evaluation on ethics.

Councilmember **Juarez** stressed the importance of placing an ad in the paper regarding the budget situation in Sacramento. Money for the ad has been secured through contributions from local businesses. Mayor Guidi suggested publishing small ads that can be seen more times instead of one big ad. Congratulated Eagle Scout Christopher Thomas Bland who last weekend was presented a certificate on behalf of the Council. Congratulated Supervisor Mark Ridley Thomas on the great annual budget summit. Announced that the toxic waste event will be held on Saturday. On February 28<sup>th</sup>, Juan Cabrillo Elementary will be having an open house from 10am to 12pm. Inquired on the status of the resolution for the unmanned telecommunications facility at Eucalyptus Park which was previously rejected by Council. Congratulated SBWIB Executive Director Jan Vogel for the employee training grant he received totaling almost \$1,000,000. Reported on receiving a letter from the Water District advising that on July 1<sup>st</sup> water rationing will begin. Encouraged everyone to start thinking about water conservation. Announced that Assemblyman Curren Price will be holding a town hall meeting on Thursday regarding earthquake preparedness at the Veterans Memorial Auditorium in Culver City. Anyone interested in working part-time or full-time for the 2010 Census should contact Gary Mendez at 213-923-2528.

Mayor **Guidi** thanked the Chamber and his colleagues for supporting the State of the City. Asked everyone to support new local business The Apple Tree. Suggested that everyone write to President Obama asking that we be sent our portion of the stimulus money directly instead of sending it to Sacramento. If there is any leftover, then we would send it to Sacramento. Reported that Costco and SpaceX are currently hiring.

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 Parsons, that the reading of the City Council minutes of the regular meeting of January 27, 2009 be waived and that they be approved and adopted.

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

NOES: None.

5.

Councilmember Lambert moved, seconded by Councilmember Parsons, to waive full readings of resolutions and ordinances on February 10, 2009's agenda.

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

NOES: None.

6.

City Clerk English announced that this was the time and place for the Public Hearing on proposed amendment to Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan for Program Year 2008 – Neighborhood Stabilization Program.

Planning Department's declaration of publication filed. No written communications were received. Call for Planning Director's presentation.

Mayor Guidi called for public comments.

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

Mayor Guidi closed the public portion of the hearing.

No action taken at this time.

7.

City Clerk English announced that this was the time and place for the Public Hearing on Resolution No. 7237, “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Hawthorne, California, Adopting a Schedule of Increased Civil Penalties for Parking Violations and Increase of Vehicle Equipment Inspection Fees.”

City Clerk Department’s declaration publication 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 closed the public portion of the hearing.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 7237**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA ADOPTING A SCHEDULE OF INCREASED CIVIL PENALTIES FOR PARKING VIOLATIONS AND INCREASE OF VEHICLE EQUIPMENT INSPECTION FEES.

Councilmember Juarez inquired if it was being proposed to increase the delinquent amount for no-front plates as it was left blank in the report. Business License Director Miller replied that there should have been an amount there showing a \$40 increase.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Juarez, that Resolution No. 7237 be approved and adopted as amended.

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

8.

The City Treasurer submitted a financial statement regarding warrants.

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

Warrants Nos.: 68480-68864 ; 395042-395323

Warrant Totals: \$ 760,762.69 ; \$ 971,850.02

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

9.

Treasurer’s Investment Report for quarter ended December 31<sup>st</sup> 2008.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the City Council receive and file the Treasurer’s Investment Report.

Councilmember Lambert moved, seconded by Councilmember Parsons, that Treasurer’s Investment Report for quarter ending December 31, 2008 be approved.

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

10.

**RESOLUTION NO. 7236**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA OPPOSING THE SACRAMENTO BUDGET CUTS WHILE ALLOWING OTHER WASTEFUL SPENDING PROGRAMS TO CONTINUE TO DRAIN THE STATE'S COFFERS.

Councilmember Lambert moved, seconded by Councilmember Parsons, that Resolution No. 7236 be approved and adopted.

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

NOES: None.

11.

**RESOLUTION NO. 7238**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA APPROVING A CERTIFICATE OF ACCEPTANCE WHICH WILL BE ATTACHED TO THE SEWER EASEMENT CONVEYANCE DOCUMENTS FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 27281.

Councilmember Lambert moved, seconded by Councilmember Parsons, that Resolution No. 7238 be approved and adopted.

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

NOES: None.

12.

**RESOLUTION NO. 7239**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA ESTABLISHING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF 119<sup>th</sup> STREET AND BIRCH AVENUE.

Councilmember Lambert moved, seconded by Councilmember Parsons, that Resolution No. 7239 be approved and adopted.

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

NOES: None.

13.

**RESOLUTION NO. 7240**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA ESTABLISHING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF 118<sup>th</sup> STREET AND ACACIA AVENUE.

Councilmember Lambert moved, seconded by Councilmember Parsons, that Resolution No. 7240 be approved and adopted.

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

NOES: None.

14.

**ORDINANCE NO. 1928 (1<sup>st</sup> 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 introduced by title only by Mayor Guidi.

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

15.

This item was pulled by the City Manager before the City Council meeting.

For the record, Councilman Juarez stated that he was contacted by both groups and he told them that he could not discuss this matter with them.

Transfer of the City’s Camp in Wrightwood.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the City Council Authorize staff to initiate the transfer of the Camp to the New Journey Ministries.

16.

Mayor Guidi adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

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Angie Reyes English  
City Clerk