

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE,
CALIFORNIA HELD FEBRUARY 24, 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.

Darlene Love of Olivet Lutheran Church gave the evening's invocation. Dick Hobart led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Gary Mendez and Tommy Jaquet, Partnership Specialists with the United States Census Bureau, spoke on the upcoming 2010 Census. Both were assigned to the Hawthorne and the Inglewood area to help increase the response rate for the 2010 census. In order to simplify the census count, they will now be using a ten question short form instead of the long 27 questionnaire. Address canvassing will start in a couple of weeks. Jobs are currently available.

Mayor Guidi called for Oral Communications on Resolution 7243. No one expressed a desire to be heard.

RESOLUTION NO. 7243

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA AFFIRMING THE CITY'S SUPPORT OF AND PARTNERSHIP WITH THE 2010 UNITED STATES CENSUS.

Mayor Guild moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert, that Resolution No. 7243 be approved and adopted.

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

1.

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: Hawthorne Municipal Employees' Association. (HMEA)

Mayor Guidi called the City Council meeting back to order following recess with all Councilmembers present. He announced that the closed session was to discuss a closed session Conference with Labor Negotiator pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency Negotiator: Jag Pathirana - Employee Organization: Hawthorne Municipal Employees' Association and announced that staff has been advised.

2.

Under oral communications the **Islamic Center of Hawthorne** thanked all parties involved for their efforts towards resolving the camp issue in Wrightwood. **New Journey Ministries** thanked City Manager Jag Pathirana and the Islamic Center for working hard to bring together the organizations in order to do something good. **Francis Stiglich** feels the camp should not be given or sold to anybody. The City should keep it and let the people of Hawthorne decide whether they want to keep it or sell it. **Ariana Milo**, Marketing Admissions Director for Imperial Crest Healthcare, invited everyone to attend the Mardi Gras open house on February 26th from 11am to 3pm at Imperial Crest. Imperial Crest is a rehab and convalescent home for seniors and above at 11843 Inglewood Ave. **Kenneth Pride** spoke on tickets related to his cars that are parked in his driveway and on receiving a notice to abate and remove. **Frances Stiglich** feels she was misrepresented by Lowes regarding a rebate offer and asked for the City's assistance. **Alex Vargas**, North Hawthorne Community Association President, thanked the Mayor and Council for supporting and approving a resolution to put stop signs at Acacia and at Birch.

3.

Under Elected Officials Reports and Recommendations:

Councilmember Catano was excused from elected officials reports and recommendations.

Mayor **Guidi** offered congratulations on the Youth Center Valentine's Day BBQ. Stated that there are still problems with thugs hanging out at the doors of the Doty liquor store. Reported that the Secret Desires store has closed. Attended meeting on how to apply for the stimulus program, but found the process riddled with red tape. Feels stimulus money should be given directly to the cities and that we will have to depend on ourselves to create jobs in the city. Received from Michael Antonovich a new policy for residential restrictions on sex offenders and would like to put together an ordinance on this subject for the next council meeting.

Councilmember **Lambert** inquired on what were the four taxes that Governor Schwarzenegger put on his bill. Spoke on the Community Emergency Response Team, which begins classes on March 28th. For information, call 310-349-2904. Announced that six cities, including Hawthorne, met the criteria for the Star Status with ICRMA and each city will receive a trophy and \$1,000. Congratulated Hawthorne School Board member Hugo Rojas on being selected as Physical Fitness Ambassador. .

Councilmember **Parsons** cautioned that there is a private company that is mailing out an official looking envelope that looks like it comes from the government office of the County Tax Assessor. Inside is what looks like your property tax bill saying that for \$179 they will file an appeal to the County Tax Assessor to try to lower the assessed value of your house. Warned that this is a scam. Announced that the Wiseburn School District will be holding their Rock Around the Block fundraiser on April 4th at Anza School. Wiseburn School District will also be opening their charter high school in August; teachers are currently being hired. CERT is currently full, but there is a waiting list. LAX controllers have been retrained to fly quietly and not allow aircraft to use the outboard runway to take off. This coming week, will be attending an aircraft noise conference where he has been asked to moderate a panel on community relations and noise. Will be coming back with more information on what other parts of the country are doing to work with their airports to get them to fly more quietly. Has been working with the Chamber president and several board members to see what it takes to bring a farmer's market to Hawthorne. Asked that information regarding census employment be posted on the city website. Regarding Hawthorne Mall, he is trying to set up a meeting to get further information on proposals. The League of California Cities has put together a booklet on how to cut through red tape, who to contact and how to apply for the different funding available through the stimulus package. Councilmember Parsons went on record to say that taking that money raised by business owners and buying a full page ad is a colossal waste of money. He would rather ask the business community to help fund the Christmas parade. He would much rather take that money they raise and fund the Christmas parade or possibly start a non-profit for the police foundation. The money should go into the community, not to embarrass our people in Sacramento.

Councilmember **Juarez** congratulated Chamber president Pat Donaldson and Mayor Guidi for the State of the City. Suggested strategizing in what direction we want to go with the money that was collected by local businesses to place an ad. Wants the City to take a closer look on the things that it buys from other cities and start buying them in Hawthorne to help keep tax dollars in the City. Attended the Teen Center event and found out that staff is overwhelmed with the number of people that are attending the center. Wants to see the overtime report differentiate between the overtime that we expend out of our general fund versus the overtime we expend out of our grants. Asked for the list of projects that were targeted to receive stimulus funds. Would like to pursue the code of ethics project. Would like the City to participate in Earth Hour on March 28th, a project being put on by the City of Manhattan Beach where everything is turned off from 8:30 to 9:30. Announced that Hollyglen does qualify for a sound wall. Assemblyman Curren Price will be holding a Child Safety Event this Saturday from 11am to 2 pm in the Ladera Center.

Mayor/Chairman Guidi recessed the Community Redevelopment Agency, Parking Authority and Housing Authority meetings to conduct the meeting of the City Council.

5.

Councilmember Juarez moved, seconded by Mayor Guidi, that the reading of the City Council minutes of the regular meeting of February 10, 2009 be waived and that they be approved and adopted.

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

NOES: None.

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6.

Councilmember Juarez moved, seconded by Mayor Guidi, to waive full readings of resolutions and ordinances on February 24, 2009's agenda.

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 General Plan Amendment No. 2008GP02, changing the land use designation from HDR (High-Density Residential) to GC (General Commercial) on the properties at 646 Grevillea Avenue; and the lot directly south of that lot and directly north of 11930 Grevillea Avenue (no address).

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.

RESOLUTION NO. 7217

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA ADOPTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE HAWTHORNE GENERAL PLAN (2008GP02), RELATED TO THE PROPERTIES AT:

- 646 GREVILLEA AVENUE; AND
- THE LOT DIRECTLY SOUTH OF THAT LOT AND DIRECTLY NORTH OF 11930 GREVILLEA AVENUE (NO ADDRESS).

IN THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, AND MAKING FINDINGS IN SUPPORT THEREOF.

Councilmember Lambert requested for the record:

Councilmember Lambert: I read in the report that there are some actual residences in that rezoning and if you're going to go to another code, gc, what does that do to the owners of Prop. 13? Will that take it away from them, will it change it because some of them are old enough to have the Prop 13?

Planning Director Roth: The general plan amendment are two commercial properties. They are part of the parking lot of the Ralph's shopping center. There are no residential properties involved in the general plan amendment.

Councilmember Juarez moved, seconded by Councilmember Parsons, that Resolution No. 7217 be approved and adopted as amended.

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

8.

City Clerk English announced that this was the time and place for the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 1940, "A Change of Zone Application No. 2008CZ03, changing the zoning of properties located in Area C-11930-11982 Grevillea Avenue and 4433-4481 West 120th Street and Area D – a portion of 4467 Broadway from C-3 (General Commercial) to R-3 (High-Density Residential).

Planning Department's declaration 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.

ORDINANCE NO. 1940

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE CALIFORNIA, APPROVING CHANGE OF ZONE APPLICATION NO 2008CZ03, A CITY-INITIATED APPLICATION TO CHANGE THE ZONING OF PROPERTIES:

- 11930-11982 GREVILLEA AVENUE
- 4433-4481 WEST 120TH STREET; AND
- A PORTION OF 4467 BROADWAY,

IN THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, AND MAKING FINDINGS IN SUPPORT THEREOF.

Ordinance No. 1940 was introduced by title only by Councilmember Lambert.

9.

City Clerk English announced that this was the time and place for the Public Hearing on Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investments Partnership Program funding for Program Year 2009, July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010.

Planning Department’s declaration publication filed. No written communications were received.

Under oral communications, **Herb Child**, Executive Director of Access Community Housing, reported that they are nearing completion of the rehabilitation of the 90th home for low income families in the city. They requested that next year’s fiscal budget have money for HOME funds and CDBG funds for the program. There are currently four additional families that need home repair. **Jeff Byter**, Program Director, introduced program recipients Patricia Gazillo and Rafael Bando who praised the work that Access has done on their homes. Mr. Byter also spoke on the work done for Maureen Patterson and Helen Tarbutton who were unable to attend.

Mayor Guidi closed the public portion of the hearing.

No further action taken at this meeting.

10.

The City Treasurer submitted a financial statement regarding warrants.

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

Warrants Nos.: 68865-69251 : 395325-396070

Warrant Totals: \$ 743,257.23 ; \$ 2,639,594.77

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

Resolutions and Ordinances.

11.

RESOLUTION NO. 7241

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA ADOPTING AND ESTABLISHING DISCOUNTED ANIMAL LICENSE FEES FOR CERTAIN MILITARY PERSONNEL AND DISABLED VETERANS.

Councilmember Juarez moved, seconded by Mayor Guidi, that Resolution No. 7241 be approved and adopted as amended.

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

NOES: None.

12.

RESOLUTION NO. 7242

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA ESTABLISHING A STOP ON THE MARINE AVENUE SERVICE ROAD FOR THE WESTBOUND TRAFFIC AT ITS INTERSECTION WITH GERKIN AVENUE.

Councilmember Juarez moved, seconded by Mayor Guidi, that Resolution No. 7242 be approved and adopted as amended.

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

NOES: None.

13.

ORDINANCE NO. 1928 (2nd 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.

Councilmember Parsons moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert, that Ordinance No. 1928 be approved and adopted as amended.

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

NOES: None.

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

14.

Approve an Amendment to the Consolidated Plan/Annual Action Plan for Program Year 2008 – Neighborhood Stabilization Program.

15.

City of Hawthorne membership in the Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System (LA-RICS) Joint Powers Agreement project.

16.

Approve the Transfer of the City's Camp in Wrightwood to the New Journey Ministries with the Islamic Center of Hawthorne getting 3-months of free usage after the transfer.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Juarez to approve the transfer of the City's Camp in Wrightwood to the New Journey Ministries with the Islamic Center of Hawthorne getting 3-months of free usage after the transfer.

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

NOES: None.

17.

Approve to Award of Contract for the Weed Abatement, Landscape, and General Maintenance – 3 year Contract (Project No. 08-08) to Martinez Landscape Co., Inc. of Sylmar, CA.

18.

Apply for grant funding from the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) issued by the State of California Office of Traffic Safety and authorize the City Manager to execute a grant application and subsequent grant acceptance documents upon award of \$137,463.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert, that items 14, 15, 17 and 18 of the City Manager's consent calendar be approved.

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

19.

Mayor Guidi adjourned the meeting in the memory of John D'Alessandro and Tim Dahlum at 9:15 p.m.

Angie Reyes English
City Clerk