

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE,
CALIFORNIA HELD APRIL 28, 2009.**

Mayor/Chairman Guidi called the City Council, Community Redevelopment Agency, Parking Authority and Housing Authority meeting to order jointly and concurrently at 6:15 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 John Jefferson from Del Aire Baptist Church gave the evening's invocation. Ralph Mailloux led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilmember Juarez presented a Proclamation to City Clerk Angie English and staff in honor of Municipal Clerks Week.

Ralph Mailloux from the South Bay Regional Public Communications Authority made a presentation explaining the cellular wireless connectivity to the dispatch center for police and fire communications. .

Councilmember Parsons spoke on the Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) that has been going on for the last three Saturdays. Here 33 Hawthorne volunteers are being trained on what to do if there is a major disaster like an earthquake or a terrorist attack. Basic first aid, how to pull out someone from a damaged building and how to put out fires are some of the things that the students are learning.

1.

Under oral communications **Alex Monteiro** thanked everyone who helped with the Volunteer Appreciation Day on Sunday. Congratulated Mayor Guidi for the award that he received from the Sons of Italy. Announced that the Lions and the Leos will hold a pancake breakfast on May 9th at the Pacifica House from 8am to 11am. Donations for the breakfast are \$5 and will go towards the scholarship program. **Allen Richards** 13828 Ramona Ave., gale and 118th, requested a four-way stop sign at Gale & 118th where it is almost impossible to make a left to right turn there due to cars that are parked right up to the intersection. Asked that the city consider allowing some narrow streets in the Ramona tract to allow parking on the opposite side of the street on street sweeping days for a period of four to six hours as it is tough to find parking spaces. **Jose Gutierrez**, Holly Park Homeowners Association President, 2526 W. 118th Place, thanked Sergeant Robby Williams for coming to a neighborhood in Holly Park as part of the Neighborhood Watch program and addressing concerns about attempted break-ins. This resource is part of the Community Affairs Office and is available to all Hawthorne residents. Sergeant Williams can be reached at 310-349-2822. Encouraged residents to visit the new Costco store on Prairie as they have a good selection and short lines. **Don Rowe** of the Hawthorne Library thanked the Mayor and Council for the National Library Week Proclamation he received. Thanked Councilmember Juarez for his excellent performance at the preschool story time; it was well received and enjoyable. Announced upcoming programs coming to the library that will include a Chinese cooking demonstration on May 2nd at 2pm, a recycling program on May 16th at 2pm and a movie production program for grades 6th through 12th on Tuesdays and Wednesdays starting May 5th. **Pat Donaldson** announced that no City Councilmember or the Mayor or anyone in the city asked the Chamber to step down from the farmers market. She stated that Dr. Dennis Wild approached her about six weeks ago and asked if the Chamber would step down because the Holly Glen Association wanted to take over and be a partner with Del Aire and she told him that they would. Also presented a plaque to a Costco Assistant Manager for recently becoming a Chamber member. **Alex Vargas**, 11981 York Ave., thanked the Public Works department for the makeover that the northern side of Hawthorne has received. **Francis Stiglich** congratulated Mayor Guidi on the honor he received. **Ammar Kahf**, 13011 Doty, invited everyone to the 4th Annual Health Fair and Blood Drive on May 9th from 10am to 2pm at the Islamic Center. **Phillip Jones**, 11549 Tarron Ave., thanked the police department for the sweep they did regarding handicapped parking. Thanked Public Works Director Arnie Shadbehr for explaining about the requested turn lane by Target.

2.

Under Elected Officials Reports and Recommendations:

Councilmember Catano was excused from elected officials reports and recommendations.

Councilmember Juarez, in conjunction with Earth Day, encouraged residents to stop using plastic bags and to instead use reusable bags like the ones that were handed out at the Earth Day event. Congratulated all the 200 plus volunteers that were recognized on Sunday for Volunteer Appreciation Day. Due to the swine flu epidemic that we are currently experiencing, reminded everyone to take precautions such as covering your nose and mouth when you sneeze. Inquired on the status of the sink hole on Doty; it is being repaired by Golden State Water. Asked that the utility company that did work on Isis and 137th be contacted to repatch the sidewalk in concrete like they found it and not in asphalt which is how they left it. Asked that speed humps be put in near Hawthorne Middle School near 130th and Hawthorne Boulevard. Expressed opposition to a jet fuel pipeline that the Los Angeles council will be voting on; this pipeline would run through the City of Hawthorne. Requested that AB155 be put on the agenda; this is a bill dealing with municipality bankruptcy. Announced that there will be a Smart Landscape Expo at the Edward C. Little recycling facility in El Segundo from 9am – 1pm on Saturday.

Councilmember **Lambert** thanked Sandy Mazza of the Daily Breeze for the great article on the new mozzarella factory. Thanked everybody for attending Earth Day and to Chief Heffner for cooking at the event. Congratulated all those who were honored on Sunday at Volunteer Appreciation Day. Congratulated Mayor Guidi for being honored by the Italian Club of Hollywood.

Councilmember **Parsons** encouraged residents to call city hall if they see unsafe conditions. Inquired on the water complaints received from residents in North Hawthorne. Clarified that Code Enforcement does not have to receive a formal complaint before they investigate complaints regarding illegally converted garages. Inquired if Code Enforcement is allowed to do inspections of alleys to make sure residents are keeping up their property on the alley side. Asked that since we now have a Community Relations Officer, Sgt. Robbie Williams, when he goes out to meetings neighborhood meetings there should be a report of the issues the residents have and how the issues are dealt with. While talking to Census staff at the Earth Fair, found out that Hawthorne is the only city in the area that is really supporting the census effort. This is a sad statement because it is important that an accurate count of everyone is taken as there is money tied to the accuracy of the count. There will be a meeting at the Memorial Center on May 4th for community organizations related to the Census effort. Asked that the website be kept current by rotating the survey questions and updating the neighborhood association webpage. Announced that the LAX Airport Advisory Committee is looking for one or two people to sit on their committee.

Mayor Guidi reported that there was a blood drive today with 35 participants who gave 22 units of blood. Each unit saves about 3 people. Mayor Guidi thanked all the participants who donated blood. Thanked Public Works Director Arnie Shadbehr for the grant he recently got. Thanked SBWIB Executive Director Jan Vogel and his staff for the recent youth job fair held at the Memorial Center. Stressed the importance of being aware what Sacramento is doing with our tax dollars.

Discussion/Action Items:

- Charging the Chamber of Commerce for fees previously waived for the State of the City event. (Juarez)

A few months ago prior to the state of the city luncheon, we granted a waiver for the fees to the chamber of commerce. At that time, there was a feeling amongst the councilmembers that through the leadership of Pat Donaldson that she was going to try to raise some money for a print advertisement to the Governor. Donaldson is now saying that we did not raise the money for the ad which was the basis for the waiver. Now, the Mayor is saying that he does not support a fee waiver for the Farmers Market on the basis that the City can't waive fees. Juarez made a motion asking for the city council to charge the chamber of commerce. There was no second. Juarez stated that he withdraws his second item

- Rescind council approved resolution regarding fee waivers (Juarez)
- Reimbursement of costs for city services for traffic accident reports for non residents (Guidi)
Mayor Guidi asked that staff look into this issue.
- Allowing Farmers Market in Hawthorne (Parsons)

Councilmember Parsons moved seconded by Mayor Guidi to direct staff to amend city ordinances to allow farmers market under community event permit section chapter 9.39.

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

3.

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 Juarez, to waive full readings of resolutions and ordinances on April 28, 2009’s agenda.

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

5.

The City Clerk Reyes English announced that this was the time and place to publicly receive, open and declare sealed bids for 135th Street and Aviation Boulevard Improvement Project.

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

THERE WERE 8 BIDS RECEIVED. (ALL WERE ACCOMPANIED BY BIDDER’S BOND)

THE PRICES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

EXCEL PAVING	\$1,106,305.70
SHAWNAN	\$1,016,235.00
HARDY & HARPER	\$ 919,000.00
SULLY MILLER	\$ 995,889.00
ALL AMERICAN ASPHALT	\$ 988,843.00
IMPERIAL PAVING	\$ 963,232.50
ELITE BOBCAT	\$ 904,652.50
SEQUEL	\$ 803,068.00

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

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 City Council consideration of approving an exclusive agreement with Redflex Traffic Systems, Inc. for a term of three (3) years. The City of Hawthorne had previously entered into an agreement with Redflex Traffic Systems, Inc. in 2003.

City Clerk Department’s declaration publication was provided pursuant to Vehicle Code § 21455.6. No written communications were received.

Mayor Guidi called for public comments.

Under oral communications **Francis Stiglich** questioned if this was a camera that was going to spy on us.

Mayor Guidi closed the public portion of the hearing.

Councilmember Lambert moved, seconded by Councilmember Parsons, to approve the agreement with the amendment made by Councilmember Juarez.

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 Hearing on proposed second amendment to Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan for Program Year 2008 – Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP).

Planning Department’s declaration of publication filed. No written communications were received.
Mayor Guidi called for public comments.

Under oral communications no one addressed this issue.

Mayor Guidi closed the public portion of the hearing.

No action taken on this item at this time.

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.: 189884-189887 : 397458-398175

Warrant Totals: \$ 724,372.28 ; \$3,078,176.59

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

9.

Approve Treasurer’s Investment Report for quarter ended March 31st 2009.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Juarez, that the Treasure’s report for quarter ending March 31, 2009 be approved.

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

Resolutions and Ordinances.

10.

RESOLUTION NO. 7249

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO LEVY WEED ABATEMENT ASSESSMENTS AND SETTING A HEARING DATE FOR SUCH PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Juarez, that Resolution No. 7249 be approved and adopted.

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

11.

RESOLUTION NO. 7250

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, ORDERING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS / CITY ENGINEER TO PREPARE A REPORT ON THE IMPROVEMENTS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR THE STREET LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010 AS REQUIRED BY THE STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE SECTION 22622.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Juarez, that Resolution No. 7250 be approved and adopted.

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

NOES: None.

12.

RESOLUTION NO. 7251

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA DENYING APPEAL APPLICATION NO. 2008AA03CC, AN APPEAL OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S DENIAL OF PLAN CHECK APPLICATION NO. 08-0518 (FORMERLY 08-0116) DENYING THE RECONSTRUCTION OF AN ADVERTISING SIGN (BILLBOARD) AT 5117 EL SEGUNDO BOULEVARD IN THE C-3 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) ZONE AND MAKING FINDINGS IN SUPPORT THEREOF.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Juarez, that Resolution No. 7251 be approved and adopted.

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

NOES: Councilmember Lambert.

13.

RESOLUTION NO. 7252

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA PROCLAIMING APRIL AS "SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH" AND APRIL 22, 2009 AS "DENIM DAY" IN HAWTHORNE.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Juarez, that Resolution No. 7252 be approved and adopted.

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

NOES: None.

14.

RESOLUTION NO. 7253

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA APPROVING A SECOND AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT FOR PURCHASE AND SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ESCROW INSTRUCTIONS BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE AND CITY OF HAWTHORNE PROPERTY, LLC.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Juarez, that Resolution No. 7253 be approved and adopted.

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:

15.

Approve Progress Payment No. 1 due to Martinez Landscape Company, 12337 San Fernando Road, Ca 91342 for Weed Abatement Landscape and General Maintenance (Project #08-08) in the amount of \$193,743.90.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert, that item 15 of the City Manager’s consent calendar be approved.

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

16.

OPTIONAL CLOSED SESSION

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. He announced that the closed session was to discuss a Conference with Conference with Labor Negotiator pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency Negotiator: Jag Pathirana - Employee Organization: All Employee Groups. The Acting City Attorney Miyahira announced that the Agency Negotiator had been directed.

17.

Mayor Guidi adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Angie Reyes English
City Clerk