MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA HELD SEPTEMBER 22, 2009.

Mayor 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 David Manila from Ocean Gate Baptist Church gave the evening's invocation. Public Works Director Arnie Shadbehr led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Alex Monteiro, on behalf of the Hawthorne Presidents Council and its members, presented a check in the amount of $6000 to Captain Keith Kauffman. The money was raised at the K9 Dinner and will go towards canine training and equipment.

Mayor Pro Tem Lambert presented a Proclamation to Patricia Feldman Donaldson in honor of being the first female member to be elected President of the Kiwanis Club for 2009/2010.

1.

Under oral communications **Paul Lowe**, on behalf of the Hollypark Homeowners Association, invited all candidates running for anything in the city to attend a candidate's forum on October 1st at 7pm. It will be held at Atherton Baptist Church, 2526 W. 116th Street. **Marco Sandoval**, representing St. Catherine Laboure Church in Torrance, invited the community to attend their parish fiesta which begins on October 2nd and runs through October 4th. Pat Donaldson, President and CEO of the Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce, introduced **T. Smith**, who just became a member of the Chamber and has also written a book entitled "Miracles of My Mistakes". The book chronicles her story of being homeless in Hawthorne and Los Angeles and how she overcame those obstacles. Money from the book was used to start a non-profit organization to help the homeless and low income moms. **Olivia Valentine,** 2519 W. 115th Pl., announced that she is running for the office of City Council and her website is at www.friendsofoliviavalentine.com. **Allen Richards,** 13828 Ramona Ave., spoke regarding Ordinance 1955 on tonight's agenda and suggested a compromise by reducing it to a 50/50 split with a return once the projects are finished, sold or rented. **Mohammad Farooqui** spoke on issues involving his smog shop regarding parking standards and blocked doors. **Norb Huber**, President of the Ramona Homeowners Association, invited the community to attend their next open meeting on October 15th where the Hawthorne School Board candidates will speak. It will be held at Ramona School at 6:30pm. Also announced that he is running for the office of City Clerk. **J. Taylor** expressed concerns regarding the proposed waiving of development impact fees. **Alex Monteiro**, 12413 Ramona Ave., announced that the "Relay for Life" planning committee will meet on September 28th at the Hawthorne Moose Lodge at 6pm and the Census 2010 Community Advisory Board will meet on September 29th at the Memorial Center at 6pm. Announced that he is running for the office of City Council. **Scott Gobble**, with Southern California Edison, introduced himself as the interim Edison representative that serves Hawthorne. **Elizabeth Anderson**, 5340 W. 142nd Pl., is pleased with the recent addition of the park rangers. Expressed concern over passage of Ordinance 1955 and asked council to reconsider whether this is a wise measure at this time. **Sean Walsh**, Hollyglen Homeowners Association, invited everyone to the candidate's forum to be held on October 14th at the new Dana School at 7pm. The League of Women Voters will be moderating the forum. Announced that there will be a homemade salsa contest at the farmers market on September 26th, which will be judged by those running for city offices. And as part of their community outreach program, there will also be ID, photo and fingerprinting for the kids. **Alex Vargas**, 11974 A York Ave, invited everyone to attend the St. Joseph Parish Fiesta to be held September 25th to 27th. Announced that he is running for city council and his website is www.alexvargas.org **Nilo Michelin**, Hawthorne School Board, stated that Hawthorne voters do not like developers and big time politicians telling them who to vote for. Feels Sacramento should clean up their mess and give us the money for our schools and police. Would like every neighborhood association to hold a candidates forum to discuss the issues. **Phillip Jones**, 11549 Turon Ave., suggested changes to ordinance 1955 that would encourage developers to come to the city. **Darlene Love**, 2003 W. 116th St., corroborated that the smog station has a blocked back door. **Francis Stiglich** endorsed candidates Guidi and Vargas. Hopes that we are not giving away developer fees. **Kyle Orleman**, 5237 Wiseburn, asked for clarification on the law and protocol for those taking recyclables from neighborhood trash bins. Is opposed to waiving developer

fees; would rather see extra money go towards paying off bond debt.

2.

Mayor Guidi called for public comments.

No one expressed a desire to speak on this closed session.

Mayor Guidi recessed the City Council meeting to conduct a **Closed Session**: Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation, Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9 (One potential case).

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 Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation, Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9 (One potential case). City Attorney Miyahira announced that staff has been directed.

Mayor Guidi took item No. 10 out of order.

10.

Mayor Guidi called for public comments.

No one expressed a desire to speak on this topic.

ORDINANCE NO. 1954. (2nd Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA AMENDING SECTION 5.27.010 OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO LICENSE FEES FOR NEW CAR DEALERS.

Councilmember Parsons moved, seconded by Mayor Guidi, that Ordinance No. 1954 be approved and adopted.

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

3.

Elected Officials Reports and Recommendations:

Mayor **Guidi** congratulated Calvary Presbyterian Church on their 75th Anniversary Celebration which he attended. Also attended events at United Methodist church and the Jose Marti festival. Announced that the San Genero Festival will begin this Thursday at Hollywood and Vine. Asked that it be looked into whether it is true that pedophiles will be occupying a hotel at 116th and Aviation. Commended Captain Kauffman on the arrest of the person that assaulted a senior citizen. Congratulated all those that have worked to decrease graffiti in the city.

Councilmember **Lambert** encouraged the community to attend the "Life Without Limbs' event. Announced that the civil service grand jury is offering jobs for a year at $60 a day. ID badges while on the job.

Councilmember **Parsons** appreciates everyone who took the time to comment on the waiving of developer fees. Clarified points on ordinance 1954 regarding new car dealer fees. Encouraged the community to attend the candidate forums.

Councilmember **Juarez** reported that fireworks sales grossed $353,000. The average net proceeds of the groups was $8000. Suggested doing away with stands that had low sales or moving them to different sites. Questioned section C regarding markings for street parking policy and what the $25 fee covers. Requested a report on the responses received pertaining to the notices that business license sent on tobacco. Congratulated the Hawthorne and Wiseburn School Districts on their API scores. Requested that another letter be sent regarding SB88.

Discussion/Action Items:

- Presentation: LA County Economic Development Center (Juarez)
  No discussion on this topic

- Youth Commission (Juarez)

Since there are currently two positions open on this commission, Councilmember Juarez would like to see this opening filled by two youths from the Teen Center Youth Council therefore getting more input from the youth in the community.

Councilmember Juarez moved, seconded by Mayor Guidi that the two openings they have in this commission be filled by two youth from the Teen Center Youth Council.

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

4.

Mayor 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 Lambert, that the reading of the City Council minutes of the regular meeting of September 8, 2009 and the special meeting of September 14, 2009 be waived and that they be approved and adopted.

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

6.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert, to waive full readings of resolutions and ordinances on September 22, 2009's agenda.

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

7.

The City Treasurer submitted a financial statement regarding warrants.

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

Warrants Nos.: 190089-190099 : 402771-403479

Warrant Totals: $824,764.01 : $3,952,502.15

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

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8.

REVISED ORDINANCE NO. 1947 (2nd Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA AMENDING TITLE 17 (ZONING) OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE, AMENDING SECTION 17.38.065 DISCONTINUATION OF A LEGAL NONCONFORMING USE, AMENDING SECTION 17.38.210 NONCONFORMING PARKING, LOADING, AND STACKING FACILITIES, AND MAKING FINDINGS IN SUPPORT THEREOF TO ALLOW CHANGES OF USE TO OCCUR, IRRESPECTIVE OF THE EXISTING NONCONFORMING PARKING, WITHIN THE C-2 (LOCAL COMMERCIAL) ZONE, SUBJECT TO A CONDITIONAL USE.

Councilmember Parsons moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert, that Ordinance No. 1947 be approved and adopted.

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

9.

ORDINANCE NO. 1952. (2nd Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA AMENDING TITLE 2, CHAPTERS 2.18, 2.32, 2.34, 2.36, 2.46 AND 2.54 OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO ADMINISTRATION, CIVIL SERVICE AND PERSONNEL.

Councilmember Lambert moved, seconded by Councilmember Parsons, that Ordinance No. 1952 be approved and adopted.

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

11.

ORDINANCE NO. 1955 (2nd Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA TEMPORARILY ABATING DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEES TO BE CHARGED TO DEVELOPERS IN CONNECTION WITH BOTH RESIDENTIAL AND NON-RESIDENTIAL NEW DEVELOPMENTS (“AB 1600 FEES”).

Mayor Guidi moved for discussion and Councilmember Lambert second it.

After discussion, Councilmember Juarez moved to rescind this item back to staff

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

12.

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

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Angie Reyes English
City Clerk