

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE,
CALIFORNIA HELD OCTOBER 27, 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.

George Magdalany from Hope Chapel gave the evening's invocation. Civil Service Commissioner Manuel Balboa led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilmember Lambert read a Proclamation in memory of former Hawthorne Councilmember Charles Bookhammer.

Claudio Tanaguchi, City Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, spoke on the C.E.R.T. program which will be taught over three consecutive Saturdays, beginning November 7th from 9am to 4pm at the Hawthorne Memorial Center. Inspector Greg Crossen spoke on each of the modules of the C.E.R.T. program. They include disaster preparedness, fire disaster, disaster medical, search and rescue, disaster psychology and terrorist simulation. Everyone is encouraged to take this informative class.

1.

Under oral communications **Sako Libarian** introduced himself as a new member of the Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce who has a collision center business at 5001 W. Rosecrans. **Patricia Donaldson**, President of the Chamber of Commerce, announced that there will be a mixer on Thursday at the Aviation Academy, 3732 120th Street. Introduced Michael Byrd of City Adventures Productions who just joined the Chamber of Commerce. **Tom Cox**, Chief Business Official with the Wiseburn School District, clarified that the Wiseburn unification should not have a tax impact on the Centinela Valley and that unification is an educational issue, not a financial issue. **Alicia Brewster**, 4236 W. 139th St., responded to an article in the Daily Breeze regarding the candidates of which she is one and pointed out an error in the article, the error stating that Ginny Lambert is retiring, which is incorrect. Ms. Brewster also said that she is not focused on marginal issues as the article stated because she does not consider RFK hospital, opening the Hawthorne Plaza, improving services for seniors and volunteering to be marginal issues. **Norb Huber**, 13919 Eucalyptus, thanked Councilmember Juarez for attending the Ramona Neighborhood Association meeting where the candidate forum for the school district candidates was held. Also stated that it has been a real pleasure to run for political office for the first time and all the people he has met are caring, hard working people. **Darlene Love**, 2003 W. 115th St., clarified that the east side of the city is not a slum area as depicted in a newspaper article. **LaShawn Hunter**, 12538 Birch Ave., feels that it was irresponsible to give a film company permission to film in her neighborhood between the hours of 7pm and 6am due to the loudness of explosions and gunfire. **Nilo Michelin**, Hawthorne School Board, stated that he is upset with all the police bashing that is going on. Invited everyone to attend Zela Davis tomorrow at 4:30 tomorrow for the dedication of the new building and library. Thanked Norb Huber for having a positive debate for the Hawthorne School District and thanked all the Hawthorne School District candidates for running a positive campaign. **Pat Carey**, 4588 W. 130th St., clarified that Patricia meant to say Beach Cities Aviation Academy regarding the Chamber mixer. Stated that the FAA Runway Safety Team visited our airport last Wednesday and gave city staff high marks. **Kyle Orleman**, representing the Vietnam Veterans of America, shared information on what the Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America are doing such as working with a veteran service officer to make sure that the veterans get the benefits that they deserve. Also announced that California just passed a new law that designates every March 30th as "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day." Entertainment books are available for sale as a fundraiser for the veterans at www.VVA53.org. **Francis Stiglich**, 11534 Gale Ave., spoke on the difficulty of getting a hold of the fire department in her area. Inquired on ordinances for city owned properties such as smoking inside the units. Wants the school board to teach parents and children not to buy food from street vendors and maybe that way they will go away. **Alex Monteiro**, 12413 Ramona Ave., thanked everyone who attended the barbeque dinner last Thursday to raise money for the Holiday Assistance Program. Announced that tomorrow is Hawthorne School District's "Drug Free Day and Walk to School Day". From November 2nd to November 6th, Hawthorne School District children are encouraged to bring their Halloween candy to school so it can be donated to the troops. Invited everyone to attend the kick-off party for "Relay for Life" on November 9th at the Hawthorne Moose Hall at 6pm. The "Relay for Life" event will take place on April 17th and 18th. The 2010 Census Complete Count

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Committee will now meet on November 16th at 6pm at the Memorial Center Mars room. Announced that on November 14th the Lions Club will hold a cash and carry estate sale at VFW Post 2075 from 10am to 3pm. **Sean Walsh**, 5444 W. 140th St., thanked everyone who participated in the forum, Larry Bender and his crew for filming it, the League of Women Voters for moderating and Wiseburn school for the facilities. Commended the Hawthorne Police Department for actively reaching out to the Hollyglen community during a recent crime spree period. Asked if Council could put something on the agenda that would require AT&T to beautify the installation of U-Verse boxes. Reminded everyone to vote. **Alex Vargas**, 11974 York, encouraged everyone to come out and vote on November 3rd. **Leithelle Willams** thanked the community for their support of the Williams campaign and encouraged all to attend council meetings. **Allen Richards**, 13828 Ramona Ave., spoke on the current sentiments of police officers and crime statistics.

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Elected Officials Reports and Recommendations:

Councilmember **Lambert** reiterated how important the fundraiser is for the Lions. If anyone has anything they would like to contribute to the sale, please bring it to the VFW on 131st Street.

Councilmember **Juarez** thanked all the city employees and retirees that attended Chuck Bookhammer's services. Thanked the Islamic Center for their open house. The IRS will be putting on the "IRS Solution Saturday" on November 7th. This is an opportunity for the public to talk to individuals to help resolve issues such as foreclosure, bankruptcy and past due tax returns. Thanked the police department for finally catching the arsonist that was trying to burn down a house for the third time. Thanked Tom Cox for coming out to give the correct information on unification.

Councilmember **Parsons** acknowledged City Treasurer Thierry Lubenec for his generosity in donating his hair to Locks of Love. Inquired if tenants or just property owners are notified when there is going to be filming done at night that involves explosions and gunfire. City Manager Pathirana replied that tenants are notified. Those interested in signing up for the C.E.R.T. class that begins on November 7th can contact city hall at 310-349-2910. Has been working with the Crime Free Multi Housing program to improve apartment buildings and is using 911 data to identify which buildings have the most calls for crimes so police resources can be applied to these problem areas. Would like to check 911 calls before the Park Rangers started patrolling to see if crime in the parks has gone down. Reminded parents that bicycle licenses are required in the city. Council meetings will be available on the city website in November. Wants candidates who don't get a seat on the Council this time around to get involved in the community by joining a service club or a commission instead of appearing three months before an election and then disappearing after the election.

Mayor Guidi thanked Councilmember Parsons for his service and all his contributions to the Council. Reported that our police officers are doing a fantastic job, we finally have 99 officers and we are constantly hiring. Asked that the acquisition of a SWAT truck be agendized for the next council meeting. Thanked Councilmember Catano for his years of service and for doing a great job. Asked that when you go to vote, to vote with your heart, look at the issues, read the information and choose a person you feel is going to do a good job and not a person you think is going to do a good job. Wished all the candidates good luck.

Discussion/Action Items

- Presentation: From staff and the business owner of A-1 Smog regarding the issues at 12205 Prairie (City Council)

Planning Director Harold Roth stated that the building at 12205 Prairie was built in 1972, is a little under 9,400 sq. ft. and when it was built it was used for car repairs. The parking required in 1972 was one parking space for every 1,000 sq. ft. Ten parking spaces were provided in the front of the building and the rear of the building was designated as storage. The building is comprised of six different users and Mr. Farooqui occupies Unit C. If the building was built to current standards it would require 19 parking spaces so the present number of parking spaces are legal non-conforming. However, because it is legal non-conforming, only ten parking spaces are required. The Planning Department erroneously approved parking plans for the rear of the building based upon plans which

did not have accurate dimensions. Subsequently, the parking plan for the rear of the building was denied because of that reason. Mr. Farooqui believes that the owner is required to abide by the original site plan, which shows the rear portion of the lot used as storage, not parking. The City Council determined, based upon staff analysis of the situation, that Mr. Farooqui’s issues are beyond the reach of the City to resolve because it is based upon a landlord tenant dispute. Mr. Roth indicated that he tried to mediate their dispute, but was unsuccessful. There was no direction to staff other than Mayor Guidi’s request that the dimensions of the handicapped parking space be measured. The property is zoned C-3 (General Commercial) so the car repair uses are also nonconforming. The industrial parking standard is applicable to the site.

- Presentation: City support for Trust for Public Land for Rehabilitation of Bicentennial Park. (City Council)

This item was pulled

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 October 27, 2009’s agenda.

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

5.

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.: 403880 - 404617 ; 75701-76098

Warrant Totals: \$3,964,513.84 : \$777,266.55

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

ORDINANCES

6.

ORDINANCE NO. 1956 (2nd Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTION 2.17.010, 2.17.020 AND 2.17.030 OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE (“HMC”) TO RENAME THE GANG AND GRAFFITI ABATEMENT COMMISSION AS THE YOUTH COMMISSION, AND TO CHANGE THE MEMBERSHIP THEREOF AND REPEALING HMC CHAPTER 2.26 A.

Councilmember Juarez moved, seconded by Mayor Guidi, that Ordinance No. 1956 be approved and adopted.

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

7.

ORDINANCE NO. 1957 (2nd Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTIONS 10.76.010, 10.76.020, 10.76.050 AND 10.76.120 OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO BICYCLE LICENSE ENFORCEMENT AND BICYCLE REGISTRATION FEES AND DELETING SECTION 10.76.040 RE: THE CITY'S DESIGNATED AGENTS.

Councilmember Lambert moved, seconded by Mayor Guidi, that Ordinance No. 1957 be approved and adopted.

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

8.

ORDINANCE NO. 1958. (1ST Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA AMENDING CHAPTER 9.32 OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO REGULATION OF HANDBILL DISTRIBUTION.

Ordinance No. 1958 was introduced by title only by Mayor Guidi.

9.

ORDINANCE NO. 1949. (1ST Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA AMENDING CHAPTER 10.87 OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROHIBIT THE USE OR OCCUPANCY OF MOBILE LIVING UNITS FOR SLEEPING PURPOSES EXCEPT IN MOBILE HOME PARKS OR SIMILAR TRAILERS PARKS.

Ordinance No. 1949 was introduced by title only by Councilmember Juarez.

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

10.

Approve the Revitalization of Bicentennial Park located at 13110 S. Doty Avenue via application of grant funds and also support the efforts of the two non-profits, "Trust for Public Land" and "From Lot to Spot," in partnering with the City of Hawthorne to apply for grant funds pursuant to Proposition 84 to revitalize Bicentennial Park. Authorize the City Manager to execute any and all grant applications, contracts and amendments thereto that further the goal of both revitalizing Bicentennial Park and obtaining grant funds for said project.

11.

Approve Progress Payment No. 4 due to Martinez Landscape Company, 12337 San Fernando Road, Sylmar, Ca 91342 For Weed Abatement, Landscape and General Maintenance (Project #08-08) in the amount of \$423,795.89. View supporting documentation

12.

Approve Progress Payment No. 9 to Trimming Land Co. Inc., 10513 Dolores Ave., South Gate, Ca 90380 for Street Tree Trimming (Project #08-03) in the amount of \$28,305.00 to be funded by Account #100-4111-000-4051.

13.

Approve to Award Construction Contract for the Sewer Improvement Project 2009-2011 (project #08-04) to Vasilj Inc. of Irwindale, CA.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Juarez that items No. 10 through 13 of the City Manager's consent calendar be approved.

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

NOES: None.

14.

Mayor Guidi adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m. in the memory of Chuck Bookhammer and Jody Ray Fairchild.

Angie Reyes English
City Clerk