MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA HELD OCTOBER 13, 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.

Reverend Dina Ferguson from St. George's Church gave the evening's invocation. Parks and Recreation Assistant Director Mark Hardison led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilmember Juarez presented a Proclamation to Katy Holmes of the American Cancer Society in recognition of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Anyone who is going through cancer and needs help can call 800-ACS-2345.

Tori Kjer from the Trust for Public Land gave a presentation on the proposed revitalization of Bicentennial Park, a park that is currently locked. The Trust for Public Land is a national, non-profit that has been around since the 70s. Its mission is to work in cities and suburbs to insure that everyone, especially children, enjoy close to home access to a park, playground or natural area. The proposed project meets the Proposition 84 grant application requirements and would be a collaboration of the City, The Trust for Public Land, From Lot to Spot, the County and the community.

Councilmember Juarez moved seconded by Mayor Guidi to agendize this for the next meeting.

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

1.

Under oral communications **Mohammad Farooqui** stated that his landlord blocked his rear door when he complained about parking standards and that the city approved the blockage. **Patricia Donaldson**, President and CEO of the Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce, announced that on October 29th there will be a mixer at Beach Cities Aviation Academy. Introduced new chamber members Robin McCall and Pat Carey of Beach Cities Aviation Academy, Romy Davidoff, Founder and Art Director of RD Design and Advertising, Pastor Dave Manila of Ocean Gate Baptist Church, Darlene Font of Hyatt Summerfield Suites, Esmeralda Orozco of Trans America Multiservices, Danny Fontenot of Allstate and Del Rey Grill. **Ammar Kahf,** Islamic Center of Hawthorne, invited everybody to attend their open house on October 18th from 3pm to 5:30pm. Supports the reopening of Bicentennial Park. **Alex Monteiro,** 12413 Ramona Ave., announced that the Hawthorne Presidents Council will put on a barbeque dinner on October 22nd from 5pm to 8pm. The dinner is to fundraise for the Holiday Assistance Program. Asked that candidates who are running for council not bash city departments or employees. **Olivia Valentine** announced that there will be a gala fundraiser for her at Beach Cities Aviation Academy on October 29th from 7pm to 9pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. **Walt Dixon**, 4378 W. 138th St., asked that candidates campaign on the issues only instead of character assassination, innuendo, false rumors and out and out lies. **Darlene Love** asked candidates to be honest. **Sebastian King**, with Housing and Urban Development, invited the Mayor to have a meeting to discuss city issues. **Leithelle Williams,** 4054 138th St., introduced herself as a candidate for city council. **Greg Fallon**, 5412 W. 149th Pl., introduced himself as a candidate for city council. **Gerry Neibel**, 12125 Menlo Ave., thanked Public Works Director Arnie Shadbehr, Public Works and Mayor Larry Guidi for the new railroad crossing at Birch. **Francis Stiglich** stated she does not want any more low income housing in her neighborhood. Asked that everybody take a good look at who is running and choose the people that are good and are going to do more for you and not just think about everybody else and not the people that are living in here. Thanked Mayor Guidi and Councilmember Lambert for making her neighborhood safer. **Idris Traina**, Islamic Center of Hawthorne, asked that the impact fees be reviewed for everyone because we want to be competitive with other cities, but also for non-profit organizations in these hard times. Unidentified speaker, representing several property owners in Hawthorne, complained that signs are being posted on private property without the owners' permission. When the owners take down the signs, the signs reappear days later and the property owners are told they must keep the signs up. Asked for an explanation on what the law is regarding this issue. **Pat Cary,** 4588 W. 130th St., introduced himself as a candidate for City Clerk. **Alex Vargas**, 11974A York Ave., asked for a clean election with no character assassinations. Reported that at the St. Joseph Carnival there was a voter registration drive where 30 new voters were registered.

2.

Closed Session – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Subdivision (a)) of Section 54956.9 of the California Government Code. Name of Case: Jason Giandomenico v. City of Hawthorne, et al., Case No: CV 09-03259

This closed session was not held

3.

Elected Officials Reports and Recommendations:

Councilmember **Juarez** attended the 70th Annual Installation Dinner for the Kiwanis Club and congratulated Pat Donaldson for being the new president of the club and Doug Herbst for being nominated Kiwanian of the Year. Attended Steven Brandford's community swearing-in. Suggested that any residual from the Lions Estate sale be turned over to Teen Challenge. Reported that government is looking into being able to use your pet as a dependent.

Councilmember **Lambert** stated that due to some 501C3s being short on money, she has dedicated all her things that she would have sold at a garage sale to the Lions and Leos Estate Sale to be held on November 14th at the VFW. Thanked SBWIB Executive Director Jan Vogel who was able to get $529,858 for economic stimulus funds from the state of California for the Gateway to Green Buildings Pre-Apprentice Program. Thanked Public Works Director Arnie Shadbehr for securing $2.3million in stimulus funds to construct new sewers. Thanked all those who volunteered for the "Life Without Limbs" event. Encouraged citizens to attend the candidate's forum for the Hawthorne and Centinela Valley school candidates on the 15th that is being hosted by the Ramona Neighborhood Association.

Councilmember **Parsons** announced that the Hollyglen Homeowners Association will be holding a candidate's forum for the Mayor and City Council positions on October 14th at 7pm at Dana Middle School. LA County Fire Department C.E.R.T. training will be available beginning on November 7th for three consecutive Saturdays. On October 15th at 7pm, the LA County Fire Dept. will hold a free demonstration at the Memorial Center on how to survive after a major earthquake. Council meetings will soon be available on the city website.

Mayor **Guidi** inquired on who to contact regarding the new mail service schedule that is being delivered late in the evening. Reported that Expresso Medical Clinic at 13672 Hawthorne Blvd. has flu shots available for $25. Would like to assist the church in LA that has started a food bank for animals. Attended the Kiwanis Installation Dinner and congratulated Pat Donaldson for being the first female president of Kiwanis. Asked that we reach out to former Councilmember Chuck Bookhammer's family as he is going through some health issues.

Discussion/Action Items:

Appointments to various commissions

- Rula Alshanableh –Planning Commission
- Jason Rocca –Planning Commission
- Ammar Kahf –Civil Service Commission

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Juarez, to appoint Rula Alshanableh and Jason Rocca to the Planning Commission and to appoint Ammar Kahf to the Civil Service Commission.

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

4.

Mayor/Chairman 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 Juarez, that the reading of the City Council minutes of the regular meeting of September 22, 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 Juarez, to waive full readings of resolutions and ordinances on October 13, 2009's agenda.

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

7.

The City Clerk Reyes English announced that this was the time and place to publicly receive, open and declare sealed bids for Sewer Improvement Project 2009-2011 (Project # 08-04)

Public Works Department submitted declaration of publication, which was ordered filed. Bidder's bonds are required.

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

THE PRICES WERE:

Clarke Contracting, Inc.	$1,652,844.00
Bali Construction	$1,658,776.00
MNR Construction	$1,662,847.40
Ramona, Inc.	$2,103,644.00
Vasilj Construction	$1,468,915.00
Blois Construction	$2,339,126.00
Cedro Construction	$1,718,211.89
Excel Paving	$1,670,892.00

Councilmember Lambert 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.

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.: 190101-190108 : 403506-403679

Warrant Totals: $793,347.15 : $8,803,794.97

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

9.

RESOLUTION NO. 7284

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA APPROVING THE FORM OF AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT AND RELATED DOCUMENTS WITH RESPECT TO THE SALE OF THE SELLER'S PROPOSITION 1A RECEIVABLE FROM THE STATE; AND DIRECTING AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN OTHER ACTIONS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Juarez, that Resolution No. 7284 be approved and adopted.

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

10.

City Clerk English announced that this was the time and place for the Public Hearing and Approval of Resolution No. 7285. "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Hawthorne, California adopting and establishing application processing fees pertaining to annexation of property to the City of Hawthorne".

Planning Department's declaration publication filed. No written communications were received. Call for oral comments. Motion to close hearing. Motion to approve Resolution No. 7285.

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. 7285

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA ADOPTING AND ESTABLISHING APPLICATION PROCESSING FEES PERTAINING TO ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY TO THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE.

Councilmember Lambert moved, seconded by Councilmember Parsons, that Resolution No. 7285 be approved and adopted.

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

ORDINANCES

11.

ORDINANCE NO. 1956. (1st 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. Motion to Introduce.

Ordinance No. 1956 was introduced by title only by Councilmember Juarez.

12.

ORDINANCE NO. 1957. (1st 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.

Ordinance No. 1957 was introduced by title only by Councilmember Lambert.

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

13.

Approve Addendum to Agreement between the City of Hawthorne and Access Community Housing, Inc. for the use of additional $ 200,000 HOME funds for the Leslie Zepeda Memorial Neighborhood Improvement Program. Approval shall include the authorization for the City Manager to execute the Addendum to the Agreement and related documents.

14.

Approve to make/ratify appointments of Ms. Dolly Singh, SpaceX Recruiter in Hawthorne; and ratify the appointments of Ms. Lauren Dorsey, Target Stores in Carson, and Mr. Billy Campbell, Allstate Insurance Company in Inglewood, to the SBWIB to serve as representatives of private-sector businesses to the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB).

15.

Approve a sublease Agreement No. 09-H208 with Inglewood Unified School District for space at the South Bay One-Stop Business and Career Center, Inglewood located at 110 S. La Brea Avenue in the City of Inglewood, California and authorize the Mayor to execute it on behalf of the South Bay Workforce Investment Board.

16.

Approve to Retain the services of Willdan Financial Services to update the public facilities Development Impact Fees and authorize the City Manager to execute the letter of agreement with Willdan Financial services subject to City Attorney review and approval.

17.

Approve Progress Payment No. 3 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 $282,151.77.

18.

Approve Speed Humps Construction on 130th Street between Hawthorne Boulevard and Washington Avenue, on 137th Street between Inglewood Avenue and Ramona Avenue and Hawthorne Way between 120th Street and Broadway.

19.

Approve Progress Payment No. 2 to Sequel Contractors, Inc, 13546 Imperial Highway, Santa Fe Springs, Ca 90670 for 135th Street Improvement Project. Project # 08-02. Federal # STPL - 5253 (013) in the amount of $486,315.22.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert to that items No. 13 through 19 of the City Manager's consent calendar be approved.

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

The Acting City Attorney, Russell Miyahira, presented the following agenda and requested approval of the indicated recommendation:

20.

A settlement has been proposed in the case entitled Jason Giandomenico v. City of Hawthorne, et. al, (CV-09-03259).

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council authorize and approve the settlement of the Jason Giandomenico v. City of Hawthorne lawsuit and that the Finance Director release the settlement draft c/o City Attorney's Office to Plaintiff Jason Giandomenico and Robert C. Moest, Esq., 2530 Wilshire Blvd, 2nd Floor, Santa Monica, CA 90403 within seven days after the settlement agreement is signed by all parties.

Councilmember Juarez moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert, to approve a settlement in the case entitled Jason Giandomenico v. City of Hawthorne, et. al, (CV-09-03259) and that the Finance Director release the settlement draft c/o City Attorney's Office to Plaintiff Jason Giandomenico and Robert C. Moest, Esq., 2530 Wilshire Blvd, 2nd Floor, Santa Monica, CA 90403 within seven days after the settlement agreement is signed by all parties.

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

Added item

Approve to issue a Purchase Order to acquire 5 vehicles for the Police Department.

Councilmember Juarez moved, seconded by Mayor Guidi to issue a Purchase Order to acquire 5 vehicles for the Police Department.

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

21.

Mayor Guidi adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m. in memory of Carol Ferris and Dr. William Maller.

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Angie Reyes English
City Clerk