MINUTES OF A REGULAR AND SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA HELD NOVEMBER 24, 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.

Civil Service Commissioner Darlene Love gave the evening's invocation. Business License Director Lisa Miller led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.

Under oral communications **Stephen Love**, Hawthorne High Theater Director and drama students **Marisol Robles**, **Katey Patterson** and **Alina Brown** spoke regarding the loss of the theater department at the high school due to asbestos contamination. They are seeking monetary contributions which are tax deductible and welcome donations from clothing to furniture. For more information call 424-288-6069. **Sean Galindo**, President of the Hawthorne Police Officers Association, along with fellow board members, congratulated Mayor Guidi and the newly elected officials and thanked Councilmembers Catano and Parsons for their service. Hopes that as we enter this new era, the HPOA and all city officials can have an open door policy and let positive relationships flourish. **Dolorez Ramos** spoke on an incident that occurred at a local Domino's where she claims she was discriminated against by both the restaurant and the police. **Pat Donaldson** thanked everyone who donated turkeys and canned goods for low income families. Introduced new Chamber member Elaine Gill, owner of Prairie Avenue LLC, a 6,000 sq. ft. commercial building that is currently looking for tenants and offering SBA financing. **Darlene Love** thanked everyone who donated turkeys, food and money for the Presidents Council event. **Rula Alshanableh** wished everybody a wonderful Thanksgiving, thanked Mr. Catano and Mr. Parsons their wonderful years of service and congratulated the new Councilmembers.

2.

Elected Officials Reports and Recommendations:

Discussion/Action Items:

- "No smoking" clause to be included in rental agreements for city owned buildings (Juarez)

  Councilmember Juarez stated that due to the city investing a lot of money in trying to buy affordable housing which is an asset to the city, these assets should be taken care of and feels that in order to maintain them, we should not allow smoking inside the apartments.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Parsons, to include a no smoking clause in rental agreements for city owned buildings.

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

- Budget/financial update (Guidi)

  At the request of Mayor Guidi, City Manager Jag Pathirana presented a brief budget update. A general fund budget was approved a few months back that showed revenues of $52.4 million with planned spending of $52.4million with a small surplus of $10,000 at the beginning of this fiscal year. Subsequent to that, due to the state of the economy and everything else, things have gone downhill. Because of that we are projecting to revise some revenue numbers. Sales tax, hotel motel bed tax, franchise fees, public service safety fees, construction permits and other permits are all projected to go down. On the positive side, we are looking to increase the citations, parking and vehicle code fines. Overall, revenues are projected to decline by $880,000 between now and the end of the fiscal year. As far as expenditure plans for the balance of the fiscal year, we are looking at a savings of $125,000 for

for health insurance costs due to PERS giving public agencies a break in this area. As result of the changes, we are looking at revenues of $51.6 million, expenditures of $52.7 million and a deficit of $1.1 million.

- Appointment of Henry Ramirez to the Civil Service Commission (Guidi)

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Juarez, to appoint Henry Ramirez to the Civil Service Commission.

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

Councilmember **Juarez** attended the Chamber Mixer at the Holiday Inn Express, but was disappointed at the turnout to this beautiful hotel. Congratulated Christina Chiappe for the kick-off of the Christina Chiappe Foundation which has already brought medicine to children in South America. This past Saturday walked on Doty with a number of community members as well as folks from the police department to see what is needed in the area. One thing that came up was the need for speed humps on Doty between El Segundo and Bicentennial Park. Encouraged everyone to participate in the 2009 Home Decorating Contest; applications are due December 15th. Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilmember **Lambert** announced that our own Lt. Jim Royer was named "Police Lieutenant of the Year". Lt. Royer is dedicated to narcotics crimes in the city and surrounding areas. Wished everyone a blessed Thanksgiving.

Councilmember **Parsons** stated that it has been a pleasure serving the city and the residents for the past eight years and seeing how the city has improved. Will be coming back to help the city out in a volunteer, non-political capacity. Thanked everybody for their support and dedication.

Mayor **Guidi** thanked the Hawthorne/Lawndale Ministerial Association and their secretary Rosalinda Martinez for the Thanksgiving Luncheon they had last week where over 500 people attended. Also thanked the volunteers from Behavioral Health Services, Teen Challenge and city department heads and employees for their participation. Visited the new showroom of Bruder, a German toy company that recently came to Hawthorne. Thanked Councilmember Parsons and Catano for their years of service and support. Asked for a legal confidential of who can attend closed sessions and if they can be recorded or minutes taken.

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, that the reading of the City Council minutes of the regular meeting of November 10, 2009 be waived and that they be approved and adopted.

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

5.

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

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

6.

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.: 190122-190124 ; 404885-405570

Warrant Totals: $791, 062.64 : $ 3,482,736.02

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

7.

ORDINANCE NO. 1961. (2nd Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA APPROVING CHANGE OF ZONE APPLICATION NO. 2009CZ02, A REQUEST BY MR. IKE MBELU, ON BEHALF OF MR. ALI AWAD (PROPERTY OWNER), TO CHANGE THE ZONING OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3937 W. 119TH PLACE (APN 4048-012-072) IN THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE AND MAKING FINDINGS IN SUPPORT THEREOF.

Councilmember Lambert moved, seconded by Mayor Guidi, that Ordinance No. 1961 be approved and adopted.

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

8.

ORDINANCE NO. 1953. (2nd Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA APPROVING ZONE TEXT AMENDMENT NO. 2009ZA07 AND AMENDING HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 17.20.100 AND APPROVING A CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION UNDER CEQA.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Juarez, that Ordinance No. 1953 be approved and adopted.

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

9.

ORDINANCE NO. 1960. (2nd Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA APPROVING A NOTICE OF EXEMPTION UNDER CEQA AND ZONING CODE AMENDMENT 2009ZA08 AMENDING HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 17.58.040 PERTAINING TO ACCESSIBLE HANDICAPPED PARKING STALLS.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert, that Ordinance No. 1960 be approved and adopted.

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

The City Manager, Jag Pathirana, presented the following item presented on the special meeting notice and requested approval of the indicated recommendation:

(2)

Approve to authorize the City Manager or the Chief of Police to execute Memorandum of Understanding Between the Cities of Hawthorne, Manhattan Beach & Hermosa Beach Relating To the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program Funded By the State of California Office of Traffic Safety.

Councilmember Juarez moved, seconded by Mayor Guidi that item 2 of the City Manager's item presented on the special meeting agenda be approved.

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

10.

The Acting City Attorney, Russell Miyahira, recommended that the traffic accident subrogation claim filed by Progressive Insurance on behalf of insured Michael Langston for vehicular property damage sustained due to a traffic collision when City employee collided with claimant's insured's car be approved in the amount of $7,100.00..

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert, that the claim filed on behalf of Margaret Wilson alleges the City created a dangerous condition of property in that she slipped and fell in the city parking lot behind 12711 Hawthorne Boulevard be denied in its entirety.

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

11.

Mayor Guidi adjourned the meeting at7:00p.m.

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Angie Reyes English
City Clerk