MINUTES OF A REGULAR AND SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA HELD DECEMBER 8, 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 Juarez, Lambert, Parsons, Mayor Guidi.
Absent: Councilmember Catano.

Pastor David Manila of Ocean Gate Baptist Church gave the evening's invocation. Walt Dixon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Guidi presented an Award of Merit to outgoing Councilmember Parsons in thanks for his eight years of dedicated leadership and commitment to the betterment of the community.

1.

City Clerk Angie English gave her Certification of the Official Results of the returns of the General Municipal Election held November 3, 2009 as follows:

Pursuant to the provisions of the Elections Code of the State of California, the Registrar-Recorder of the County of Los Angeles canvassed the returns of said General Municipal Election and has certified the results attached hereto and made a part hereof as "Exhibit A" and I now certify to you as follows:

That there were thirty (30) voting precincts established for the purpose of holding said election, consisting of consolidations of the regular election precincts in said city as established for the holding of state and county elections.

That said General Municipal Election was held for the purpose of electing the following officers of said City as required by the laws relating to cities in the State of California, to wit:

For Mayor of the City Council for a full term of two years.
For two members of the City Council for a full term of four years
For City Treasurer, full term of four years
For City Clerk, full term of four years.

That the whole number of votes cast in said city (except absent voter ballots) was 2,880.

That the whole number of absent voter ballots cast in said city was 1,793 plus 4 vote by mail making a total of 4,677 votes cast in said city.

That the names of persons voted for at said election and the total number of votes received by each person are as follows:

FOR MAYOR:

LARRY GUIDI..... 2,321
DANIEL JUAREZ …… 2,247

FOR MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

LEITHELLE WILLIAMS..... ..435

GREGORY FALLON..... 422

ALEX VARGAS …… 2,401

OLIVIA VALENTINE…… 1,339

ANGIE ENGLISH …… …….1,670

ALEX MONTEIRO …… …992

ALICIA BREWSTER…….....506

FOR CITY TREASURER:

THIERRY LUBENEC…… 3,191

FOR CITY CLERK:

NORBERT HUBER ……..…… …2,232

PATRCIK CAREY …… .. …1,613

I certify that Larry Guidi was elected as Mayor for said city for the full term of two years.

I certify that Angie English was elected as a member of the City Council for said city for the full term of four years.

I certify that Alejandro Vargas was elected as a member of the City Council for said city for the full term of four years.

I certify that Thierry Lubenec was elected as the city treasurer for said city for the full term of four years.

I certify that Norbert Huber was elected as the city clerk for said city for the full term of four years.

The City Clerk's statement and the certification of the canvass is now ready to be ordered filed.

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Angie Reyes English
City Clerk

Councilmember Juarez moved, seconded by Mayor Guidi, that the City Clerk's statement and certification of the canvass be filed.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 7291

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, RECITING THE FACT OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION OF MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL, CITY TREASURER AND CITY CLERK HELD IN SAID CITY ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2009 AND DECLARING THE RESULTS THEREOF AND SUCH OTHER MATTERS AS ARE PROVIDED BY LAW.

Councilmember Juarez moved, seconded by Councilmember Parsons, that Resolution No. 7291 be approved and adopted.

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

2.

California State Board of Equalization Board member Jerome Horton administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Guidi as prescribed in the Constitution of the State of California.

Former Councilmember Parsons administered the Oath of Office for the new Councilman Alex Vargas as prescribed in the Constitution of the State of California.

Former City Clerk Angie Reyes English administered the Oath of Office to City Treasurer Thierry Lubenec and the new City Clerk Norbert Huber as prescribed in the Constitution of the State of California.

Hawthorne Police Officers' Association Board Member Andrew Garton administered the Oath of Office to new Councilwoman Angie English as prescribed in the constitution of the state of California.

Steve Bradford, Assemblymember from the 51st District, presented Certificates of Recognition from the State Legislature to the newly elected officials.

Mayor Guidi called for a fifteen minute recess to celebrate the incoming new officials to the City.

Steve Coquette, Chris Comanthy and Andrew Garton on behalf of the Hawthorne Police Officers Association, presented a $1000 check to Stephen Love, in care of the Hawthorne High School Drama Club. The drama department was recently destroyed due to asbestos contamination.

Councilmember Vargas presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Mark Wilson of Hi-Tech Auto Repair in recognition of his unselfish volunteerism and support to the community last month when he donated his facility to be used as a polling place on Election Day due to the designated polling station not being made available at the last minute.

Councilwoman English thanked and acknowledged her family and those who supported her.

Councilmember Vargas thanked and acknowledged his family and those who supported him.

City Clerk Huber thanked and acknowledged his family and those who supported him.

City Treasurer Lubenec thanked and acknowledged his family and those who supported him.

Mayor Guidi thanked and acknowledged his family and those who supported him.

3.

Under oral communications, **Gordon Mego**, congratulated the newly elected officials and spoke on renovation ideas for the Hawthorne Mall. **Patricia Donaldson**, President and CEO of the Chamber of Commerce, announced that their Christmas Mixer will be held at 360 William Lyon Homes from 5pm to 7:30pm on December 17th. There will be no charge, but everyone needs to be a toy. The toys collected will be distributed at the December 23rd party to be held at HAX from 3pm to 7pm. **John Koppelman,** President of the Del Aire Neighborhood Association**,** congratulated the new members of the Council and thanked former Councilmember Parsons who was instrumental in starting the Del Aire Neighborhood Association. Announced that the Hawthorne/Del Aire Farmers Market is open from 9am to 1pm on Saturdays (except the day after Christmas) at Aviation and 135th Street. Thanked the Council for their support of the market. **James Burton Brown** questioned policies regarding claims and quality of evidence given by the policed department to his attorney**. Darlene Love**, 2003 W. 116th St., reported that Mavis Stonebraker will be in town for Christmas and sends her regards. Congratulated the new Council and the Mayor. Thanked everyone who helped Steven Love with the Hawthorne High School Drama Club, especially the Hawthorne Police Department. **Mike Castillo** introduced himself as the new liaison for Assemblymember Steve Bradford. He can be reached at Inglewood City Hall, 6th floor. **Leithelle Williams**, 4054 138th St., congratulated the new Council. Expressed concern with speeding on Yukon between 147th and Marine. Asked if a new staff report had been generated and if so, could the community view it. **Allen Richards**, 13828 S. Ramona Ave., congratulated the newly elected officials and issued them many challenges, among them increasing the police staff in order to stop crime as promised, provide the police with the resources to protect us and eliminate gangs and insure the police department has adequate funds and equipment to protect us. Warned against leaving items of value in cars where thieves can see them. **Alex Monteiro**, 12413 Ramona, thanked everybody who donated money, turkeys and canned goods to the Hawthorne Presidents Council for the Thanksgiving baskets.

About 150 baskets were given out. Announced that on December 11th, the Hawthorne School District will be having a food drive in all the schools and that the Hawthorne Lions Club will have their Christmas party on December 12th at the Hawthorne Moose Lodge at 6pm. Invited everyone to attend the Relay for Life planning committee meeting on December 14th at the Hawthorne Moose Lodge at 6pm. Invited everyone to attend the installation of the new officers for the Hawthorne School District Board of Trustees on December 16th at the Washington School Cafeteria at 7pm. **Francis Stiglich**, 11534 Gale Ave., suggested Kennedy Hospital be used as an assisted care facility, starting a one-year program for high school graduates that would teach discipline and earn college credit and ban smokers from living in city properties and more cul-de-sacs to deter crime. **Sean Walsh**, 5444 W. 140th St., announced that Santa will stop at the farmers market on December 12th from 10:30 to noon and in the Del Aire neighborhood from 5pm to 7pm. Reported that channel 22 in Hollyglen is showing El Segundo city programming. Announced that the presidents of the local resident groups will be meeting to help each other out once a quarter or ad hoc as needed.

4.

Elected Officials Reports and Recommendations:

Councilmember **Lambert** inquired on whether there would be a Council meeting on December 22nd.

Councilmember **English** thanked business owner and 9/11 Help America Foundation president Mike Talleda for everything that he has done for her.

Councilmember **Juarez** inquired if the City was affected by a notice from the Clow Valve Company stating that 70,000 hydrants needed to be repaired. Inquired on what our municipal rating is and what it means for us in terms of our ability to borrow and stuff. City Manager Pathirana explained that most cities have a credit rating that is specific to their city itself. Because we generally don't borrow, we have a credit rating every time we issue a bond. We have already issued about 10 or 12 bonds and each one has a rating. The rating is such that those bonds are valid, up to date and not delinquent so at the time those bonds were issued, they were either triple A or A. Asked for clarification of a "Recycle Hawthorne" flyer on what the black trash cans are for. Requested an update on contamination in Hollyglen and where we are at in terms of cleaning it up. The 2009 Holiday Home Decorating contest is being held; contact the Memorial Center for information. Thanked Mark Wilson for letting his business be used as a last minute precinct on Election Day. Announced that the Teen Center will celebrate their first year anniversary on Saturday from 12pm to 4pm. Councilmember Juarez was able to get a pool and ping-pong table for the center and has now been challenged to a ping-pong game on Saturday by SBWIB Executive Director Jan Vogel. Inquired if his request on mid-year status regarding expenditures is available yet and if he will receive the copies of contracts he requested. Attended the Kiwanis Christmas luncheon for seniors last week and helped feed 200 seniors. Wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Mayor **Guidi** congratulated Mr. and Mrs. Allen Richards for their new position in the Seafarer's Club. Congratulated Olivia Valentine for being the new President Elect of the Hollypark Homeowners Association. Read an excerpt from a letter from the California State Board of Equalization outlining how our communities are hurt when companies do such things as paying their employees under the table and evade paying taxes. Asked that Council support the State Board of Equalization and that the City Manager and City Attorney come up with a program. Wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Councilmember **Vargas** asked for an update on whether the senior center had lost its funding due to an audit not being made by the City of Inglewood; City Manager Pathirana replied that what had been said was not valid and that the seniors would continue to receive services. Concerned that any form of entertainment like a DJ or a little band has to pay about $150 worth of licensing fees to be able to play which in turn gets passed down to the senior center which does not have a large budget. Asked if there is a way to facilitate bringing seniors more entertainment.

Discussion/Action Items:

- Issues of noise complaints from residents due to the police helicopter (Vargas)

While campaigning and walking throughout the city, Councilmember Vargas was made aware that there is still concern about the noise that the helicopter brings even though the majority of the residents support

the helicopter for its crime fighting capabilities. Asked that for our next meeting if Chief Heffner could come up with some type of report on how we can mitigate the noise.

- Community Swearing-in of newly elected officials and Service Provider Fair (English)

Councilmember English proposed that the City hold a fair at the Memorial Center so that the community that couldn't come out this evening has an opportunity to meet the new Councilmembers. The fair would also include representatives from various organizations that provide services to the community such as electricity, gas and water. Representatives from the offices of Assemblyman Bradford, Senator Wright and Supervisor Ridley-Thomas would also be invited. The event would be held on a Saturday in January.

Councilmember English moved to hold a fair at the Memorial Center so that the community that couldn't come out this evening has an opportunity to meet the new Councilmembers.

ROLL CALL-AYES: Councilmembers English, Juarez, Vargas, Mayor Guidi.
NOES: None. ABSTAIN: Councilmember Lambert.

5.

Mayor/Chairman Guidi recessed the Community Redevelopment Agency, Parking Authority and Housing Authority meetings to conduct the meeting of the City Council.

6.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert, that the reading of the City Council minutes of the regular meeting of November 24, 2009 be waived and that they be approved and adopted.

ROLL CALL-AYES: Councilmembers Juarez, Lambert, Mayor Guidi.
NOES: None. ABSTAIN: Councilmember English, Vargas.

Councilmember Juarez made a change to the minutes regarding a speaker thanking him instead of Councilmember Catano which is what he meant.

7.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert, to waive full readings of resolutions and ordinances on December 8, 2009's agenda.

ROLL CALL-AYES: Councilmembers English, Juarez, Lambert, Vargas, Mayor Guidi.
NOES: None.

8.

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.: 190125-190126 ; 405571-405770

Warrant Totals: $850,253.01 : $ 1,483,282.87

ROLL CALL-AYES: Councilmembers English, Juarez, Lambert, Vargas, 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:

9.

Approve the Plans & Specifications for Hawthorne Memorial Center Building Roof Resurfacing located at 3901 West El Segundo Boulevard, Hawthorne, CA – Fiscal year 09/10, Project (09-06) and

authorize the Director of Public Works to advertise for construction bids with a return date of January 12, 2010.

10.

Approve Progress Payment # 10 to Trimming Land Co. Inc., for Street Tree Trimming (Project # 06-03), in the amount of $15,385.00 to be charged to the General Fund (Tree Trimming).

11.

Approve Project Specifications and authorize the Director of Public Works to advertise for construction bids with a return date of January 11, 2010 for Installation of Solar Power system on the Memorial Center Building Roof located at 3901 West El Segundo Boulevard, Hawthorne, CA. FY 2009-2010 (Project # 09-07), Award # DE – SC0002108

12.

Approve of sublease with El Camino Community College 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.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert to approve items 9 through 12 of the City Manager's consent calendar.

ROLL CALL-AYES: Councilmembers English, Juarez, Lambert, Vargas, Mayor Guidi.
NOES: None.

13.

Mayor Guidi adjourned the meeting at 9:00p.m in the memory of Stephanie Johnson and Timothy Edward Miller.

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Norbert Huber
City Clerk