

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE,
CALIFORNIA HELD FEBRUARY 9, 2010.**

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 English, Juarez, Lambert, Vargas, Mayor Guidi.
Absent: None.

Pastor Patrick Cazarez from the River of God Ministries Church gave the evening's invocation. Boy Scout Troop 283 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Pro Tem Juarez presented a small video recognizing service pin recipient employees from 2009.

Mayor Pro Tem Juarez invited representatives from the Los Angeles Sheriff's office to speak on the Safe Drug Drop-Off Program. Captain Ralph Ornelas explained that as a way to keep drugs from harming the environment, retrofitted mailboxes have been installed at 17 stations across the county so drugs can be dropped off anonymously.

Mayor Pro Tem Juarez presented a Proclamation to Rick Martin in recognition of receiving the Silver Beaver Award this past Saturday. This is the highest award an adult volunteer in scouts can receive. Mr. Martin has been involved in scouting for 35 years.

Mayor Guidi took a 15 minute recess to have cake with Kathleen Wise, a Hawthorne resident that just turned 101 years old. Mayor Guidi also presented a Certificate of Recognition to Ms. Wise in honor of her birthday.

1.

Under oral communications **Don Rowe** of the Hawthorne Library announced that in honor of Black History Month, the library will hold a program for kids and their parents called Marcus Miller. It focuses on African rhythms and the history of drums. This program will be held on February 13th at 2pm at the library for ages four and up. Also commended the Hawthorne Police Department for their quick response to a missing child incident at the library. **Alison Joob**, on behalf of Assemblymember Bradford, invited everyone to attend Assemblymember Bradford's Cash for College Financial Aid Workshop Series. They will be held on February 13th at Inglewood, Gardena and Lawndale High Schools. **Ammar Kahf**, 13011 Doty, spoke in support of Bicentennial Park and hopes the street in front of the park will be cleaned up too. Thanked those who supported the youth group at the Islamic Center in their efforts to raise funds for Haiti. **Alex Monteiro**, 12413 Ramona Ave., stated that he also supports Bicentennial Parks and cleaning up the area around it. Announced that at tomorrow's Hawthorne School District meeting, the winners of the Census poster contest will be revealed. Reminded everyone that the Census meeting will be held on February 16th at the Memorial Center at 5pm. The Lions Club will also hold their Student Speaking contest on February 16th at Behavioral Health Services at 7pm. Announced that the next meeting of the Relay for Life will be held on February 22nd at the Hawthorne Moose Lodge at 6pm. The Relay for Life will be held on May 1st and May 2nd. Thanked staff for putting the Census link on the city website. **Victor Rosario**, 4857 W. 118th Pl., spoke on incidents of vandalism and terrorism to his property and asked for the city's help to get resolution to this problem. **Olivia Valentine**, 2519 W. 115th Pl., announced that the Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce will hold the State of the City Luncheon on Thursday at the Memorial Center at 11:30am. Announced that the Hollypark Homeowners Association block captains will meet on Saturday at Atherton Baptist Church at 9am for a neighborhood watch meeting. **Monica Hernandez**, President of the Hawthorne High School Knights and Diaconians Interact Service Community Club, extended an invitation to a fund raising event for Haiti. The event will take place from 5 to 8pm at Hawthorne High School on February 25th. **Gordon Mego** spoke on efforts to reopen RFK hospital and stated that a meeting to discuss this topic will be held on March 13th.

2.

Elected Officials Reports and Recommendations:

Discussion/Action Items:

- Code of Ethics (Juarez)

Mayor Pro Tem Juarez stated that while we can continue our level of code of ethics, we need to go a step beyond of what is required by law. A commitment is needed by Council that they will all be in compliance and certify that they have read the code of ethics.

Mayor Pro Tem Juarez moved, seconded by Mayor Guidi to bring back an ordinance that will go above and beyond the current code of ethics

- Gold's Gym bankruptcy (Vargas)

Councilmember Vargas stated that he is very disappointed to hear that there is a possibility that Gold's Gym has submitted to file for bankruptcy. He expressed concern that CDBG funds were used for this project and may not be recuperated. Councilmember Vargas requested that we proceed with an independent audit to get more answers on this situation.

- City commissions selection process (Vargas)

Councilmember Vargas gave the City Attorney formal direction to change the city commission appointing process. He would like to abrogate the Mayor's appointment authority by replacing the wording in the code to read as such: The Mayor and each Councilperson shall nominate a commissioner from the citizens at large and such nominations shall be ratified and confirmed by authority of the City Council. Councilmember Vargas would like to do this in the spirit of democracy so everybody on the dais has an opportunity to appoint.

The City Attorney explained that government code specifies that in a general law city the mayor shall nominate and the city council shall ratify.

- Election polling place locations (Vargas)

Councilmember Vargas gave formal direction to the City Clerk to try to have schools and places of worship as the locations for our polling places in order to avoid any questions of any connections between candidates and any locales so we can avoid any problems or perceived problems in the future.

City Clerk **Huber** stated that he appreciates the public coming to have coffee and cookies with the Clerk before Council meetings and he will continue to offer this as long as the public wants it. Stated that the service provider fair was well received and is a very positive event for the city.

Councilmember **Vargas** thanked everyone who attended the Meet and Greet this past Saturday, the service providers, the various government representatives including Maxine Waters and Curren Price and the police department for their support of this event.

Councilmember **English** thanked everybody who worked on the service provider fair and looks forward to holding it again next year. Requested to agendaize for the next meeting the CDBG process and its use in different departments. As for ordinance 1965, she is still reviewing staff responses that she is receiving on this item and just wants to make certain that what we have is correct information that is being used to the full extent of what its purpose is for.

Councilmember **Lambert** congratulated Councilmember English for the service provider fair event and asked for an accounting of the expenses that the city incurred for this event. Thanked the Chief, Jag and all the directors in the city who are working quietly and trying to do their job the best they can in the turmoil that is being created. Applauded Chief Heffner for his report on the successful program that his undercover staff initiated to stop the sale of alcohol to minors. Thanked Larry Bender for his hard work to get his cameras to city events.

Mayor Pro Tem **Juarez** commended Herminia Balboa and Alicia Brewster for wearing red in honor of heart awareness month and presented them with pins. Attended the opening of the Northrop Grumman Innovation Lab at the Da Vinci Charter School. Also attended the Hollyglen Homeowners Association. Stated that the Hawthorne Police Department will come out and do a home security inspection for free by contacting Sgt. Robbie Williams at 310-349-2822. Congratulated Councilmember English on the success

of the service provider fair. Thanked those who participated in the success of the VIP Tournament. Thanked Mr. Jan Vogel for the report on the SBWIB and great job they are doing. Inquired on the time period for cancelling furloughs and asked about the possibility of making it retroactive to January. Inquired on the progress of the American Lung Association report and the city's standing in said report. Asked the City Clerk to update the Maddy Act report. Asked that someone represent the city on February 18th at a meeting where it will be discussed on how to recapture money lost due to the underground economy. Announced that the Hawthorne Police department will be holding a blood drive tomorrow and encouraged participation.

Mayor **Guidi** thanked the Councilmembers who put together the Meet and Greet. Thanked Councilmember Juarez for the VIP soccer tournament which gives special needs children the opportunity to play soccer. Encouraged everyone to support the Hawthorne/Del Aire farmers market. Thanked all the young kids at the mosque that put together the fund raiser for Haiti. Announced that a new 7-11 just opened on Cordary and Rosecrans. Reported that the Times and Daily Breeze have recently done stories on Space-X which has brought light to the city. Asked for a full presentation on CDBG funds for the next council meeting. Suggested that from now on, anyone who applies for CDBG funds should have an audit done on them to see financially where they stand and what they're standing for to make sure we are not just putting money out there. Asked that we support the student speaker contest at the Lions Club. Commented that our charter high schools have helped to keep families in the community.

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 January 26, 2010 be waived and that they be approved and adopted.

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

5.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Juarez, to waive full readings of resolutions and ordinances on February 9, 2010's agenda.

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

6.

Approve Treasurer's Investment Report for quarter ended December 31, 2009.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Juarez, that the Investment Report be approved.

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 Juarez, that the following warrants, properly audited and signed, be paid.

Warrants Nos.: 407611 – 407886 ; 78965-79362

Warrant Totals: \$3,122,524.90 ; \$788,134.35

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

8.

RESOLUTION NO. 7295

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA APPROVING AMENDED GUIDELINES FOR ORAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Juarez, that Resolution No. 7295 be approved and adopted.

ROLL CALL-AYES: None.

NOES: Councilmembers English, Juarez, Lambert, Vargas, Mayor Guidi.

MOTION FAILED

9.

RESOLUTION NO. 7296

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA SUPPORTING THE SUBMITTAL OF APPLICATIONS BY THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND FOR STATEWIDE PARK PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Juarez, that Resolution No. 7296 be approved and adopted.

ROLL CALL-AYES: Councilmembers English, Juarez, Lambert, Vargas, Mayor Guidi.

NOES: None.

10.

ORDINANCE NO. 1963 (2nd Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA REPEALING SECTION 2.06.240 OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO TIME LIMIT FOR INDIVIDUAL COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS DURING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS.

Councilmember Juarez moved, seconded by Mayor Guidi, that Ordinance No. 1963 be approved and adopted.

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

NOES: Councilmember Lambert, Mayor Guidi.

11.

ORDINANCE NO. 1964 (2nd Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA ADDING SECTION 2.06.250 OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE ANNUAL RESELECTION OF THE MAYOR PRO TEMPORE.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Juarez, that Ordinance No. 1964 be approved and adopted.

ROLL CALL-AYES: Councilmembers Lambert, Mayor Guidi.

NOES: Councilmember English, Juarez, Vargas.

MOTION FAILED

12.

ORDINANCE NO. 1965 (2nd Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA AMENDING HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE § 2.34.030 RELATING TO HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGER'S DISCRETION TO DISQUALIFY APPLICANTS BASED UPON CERTAIN ENUNCIATED CRITERIA.

MOTION TO TABLE

Councilmember English moved, seconded by Councilmember Juarez to table this item until the next meeting.

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

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

13.

Approve Progress Payment #1 due to Vasilj, Inc. 15531 Arrow Highway, Irwindale, Ca 91706 for Sewer Improvement Project 2009-2011(Project # 08-04) in the amount \$301,432.50.

14.

Approve to Award construction Contract for the Energy Efficiency & Conservation Project (Project # 09-07) AWARD #DE-AC0002108 to A.J. Kirkwood and Associates, Inc. of Tustin, CA.

Councilmember Juarez moved, seconded by Mayor Guidi, to approve items 13 and 14 of the City Manager's consent calendar.

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

Optional Closed Session

Optional Closed Session: Conference with Legal Counsel – Potential Initiation of Litigation, pursuant to subdivision (c) of Section 54956.9 (One potential case).

This closed session was not held.

15.

Mayor Guidi adjourned the meeting in the memory of Albert Hunter and Dorothy Perry at 8:33p.m.

Norbert A. Huber
City Clerk