

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

Ammar Kahf from the Islamic Center of Hawthorne gave the evening's invocation. Councilmember Ginny Lambert led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Pro Tem Juarez presented a Proclamation to formally recognize and congratulate the South Bay Swim Team and its dedicated coaches and parent volunteers who have fashioned an award winning program that promotes physical fitness, sportsmanship and sound character in hundreds of young athletes over the years.

1.

Under oral communications **Patricia Donaldson**, President and CEO of the Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce, announced that the Kiwanis Club is having St. Patrick's Day on March 12th and will be selling tickets to win cash prizes. The Chamber Mixer will be held on March 18th at the SpringHill Suites by the Marriot Hotel at 7:30am. On March 27th there will be a trip to Stateline which still has 12 seats left. The Chamber and "Hope is Helping" will hold an Easter egg hunt on April 3rd for underprivileged children. **Norm Bauer** and **David Nadu** of Opus Network, 9811 Irvine Center Drive, #200, Irvine, spoke on "Helping 100 Businesses for 100 Days", a program they developed specifically for cities to reach out and embrace their business community. A workshop for the program will be held on April 8th from 9am to 12pm. **Alex Monteiro**, 12413 Ramona Ave., announced that due to Census 2010 having a nationwide kickoff on April 10th, the Census Festival scheduled for March 27th has been postponed to April 10th. Stressed the importance of filling out and returning the census questionnaire. Announced that applications are being accepted through April 15th to fill the position of retiring Hawthorne School District Superintendent Don Carrington. A survey asking for community input on what kind of Superintendent parents want for the district is available at www.hawthorne.k12.ca.gov. Moneta Gardens and CPAs of Southern California will host the "Dollar and Sense" workshop on April 22 at 5pm at the Memorial Center Venus Room. The workshop will focus on money management, saving and investing, insurance and paying for college. The 30th Anniversary K9 Dinner will be held on May 20th. Announced that Mayor Pro Tem Danny Juarez is the Hawthorne Imperial Lions "Honoree of the Year". **Allen Richards** gave a brief explanation, according to Roberts Rules of Order, on using the term "through the chair" which lately has been used unceremoniously at Council meetings. Would like recognition of this term to be added to Resolution 7297 on tonight's agenda before it is approved. **Gordon Mego**, 4535 W. 141st St., gave an update on the RFK Medical Center Hospital reopening conference which is scheduled for April 17th. **Donald Rowe**, Hawthorne Library, gave an update on upcoming events at the library. They include award winning storyteller Michael McCartiy on March 27th at 2pm; Swazzle puppet show on April 10th at pm and an origami workshop for ages 12 and up on May 29th at 2pm. **Stan Miles**, Senior Public Information Specialist with the South Coast Air Quality Management District, thanked the Council for airing their State of the Air video on the city's cable channel; the video gives information about air quality in the region. Mr. Miles also submitted another video on how to make air quality complaints to show on cable. Announced that the lawn mower exchange program where you can turn in your old gas lawn mower and get a brand new electric lawn mower for \$100 is coming up; registration for this program will begin on April 21st. **Sean Walsh**, reported that the farmers market is going well and is held every Saturday. Commented that in general the west side would prefer to see CDBG funds used to support our seniors. Announced that the Council of Neighborhood and Homeowner Associations meeting on March 22nd will be open to everyone and will be held at the police department community room from 7pm to 9pm. **James Woods**, 3427 W. 134th Pl., spoke on a police incident involving his towed car and an uncooperative employee. **Darlene Love**, Hawthorne Presidents Council V.P., announced that nominations for Volunteer Appreciation Day, which will be held on April 25th, are due by March 19th. Nominations are limited to 10 names. Food donations for the event are welcomed. **Francis Stiglich**, 11534 Gale Ave., does not like the rumors she has heard and urged the City Council to work together to get things done.

2.

Under Elected Officials Reports and Recommendations:

Discussion/Action Items:

- Draft Housing Element for 2008-2014 and necessity of adopting Mixed Use Overlay and R-4 Maximum Density Zone Change. Policy Considerations. (Vargas)

Acting Planning Director Gregg McClain gave a summary with regards to the number of housing required to meet the city's RHNA (Regional Housing Needs Assessment) numbers.

- Hawthorne Municipal Code § 2.06.150 re: the rules pertaining to the transaction of business by the City Council, including how to "acquire the floor", "make motions," rules prohibiting interruptions, etc. (Vargas)

City Attorney Miyahira gave a summary of how to properly conduct business at City Council meetings.

- Employment of a Grant Writer (Juarez)

Councilmember Juarez feels we have to be proactive in terms of trying to look for funds. Suggested that when planning for next year's budget, we think about getting a grant writer that would be dedicated to researching funding opportunities.

- Designating the Hawthorne Census kick-off Carnival a City sponsored event. (English)

Councilmember English moved seconded by Councilmember Juarez to designate the Hawthorne Census kick-off Carnival a City sponsored event.

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

Councilmember **English** expressed concern over the early release of incarcerated individuals and how it may or may not affect the city's citizens. Suggested a streamlined notification process for Council when there are emergencies such as blackouts or major disasters. Thanked and commended residents who have applied for the California Redistricting Commission. Announced that the Spanish CERT will be graduating residents from our city and invited Council to attend the graduation this Saturday at 3pm at the Memorial Center.

Councilmember **Lambert** stated that she is short a backup for the ICFLA and requested that Louis Escobar of the Finance Department be her alternate. Encouraged residents to take the water reclamation tour at the Sanitation District of Los Angeles County. For more information, call 562-908-4288.

Councilmember **Vargas** attended the St. Joseph's Italian pasta dinner. Announced that the Hawthorne Unity Basketball Invitational is scheduled for May 8th; invitations will be sent between now and the next meeting. Inquired if we can do anything to bring back mailboxes to the neighborhoods. Assured residents that the city is taking steps to raise the bar when it comes to customer service.

City Treasurer **Lubenec** encouraged residents to fill out their census forms and that way no one will come knocking on your door.

City Clerk **Huber** stated that a local business man wished to be appointed to the LAX Advisory Board. Stated that all commissions are full but residents can still submit applications for appointments down the road. Was honored to swear in two new teen members of the Youth Commission, a new Parks and Recreation commissioner and three new officers.

Mayor Pro Tem **Juarez** thanked the Hawthorne Rotary Club for inviting him to read to first graders at Jefferson School. Attended the Hollyglen Homeowners Association meeting where one of the main concerns is cars running the stop signs at 135th and Glasgow. Encouraged residents to take advantage of the e-waste roundup coming up on March 20th at Northrop near Aviation and the Green Line. Attended the 360 development reopening and stated that the prices have been lowered. Thanked the Daily Breeze

for the nice article regarding the 360 development. Attended the Hollypark Homeowners Association meeting where a SCE representative spoke on the upcoming smart meters. A representative from Little Company of Mary at the meeting clarified that the facility on Hawthorne Blvd. is only for adults. There was also a demonstration of flashlights that don't use batteries. Thanked Steve Baldwin for putting on the nutrition night program at Washington School. Attended this event and encouraged the community to attend next time as it is a terrific program and it is free. Attended the South Bay Council of Governments 11th Annual General Assembly where the topic was about bringing jobs to the community. Thanked the City Manager and the IT Manager for attending this event on their day off. Congratulated Councilmember English for being honored by Senator Rod Wright as the 2010 Women of Distinction. Clarified that the current plan for Bicentennial Park is to expand the park to the street by getting rid of the parking area. There are no plans to tear down nearby apartments for expansion of the park. Spoke on the article in the LA Times that reported on the cameras in Eucalyptus Park that have greatly reduced crime. Asked if there is some way to extend this to other parks. Thanked SBWIB Executive Director Jan Vogel for acquiring \$600,000 in grant money which is dedicated to people coming back from the war for the "Troop for College Initiative". Asked that the revocation of HAX's entertainment permit be put on the next agenda due to a recent violent incident that happened on the site. The City Attorney advised the Mayor Pro Tem that he will agendaize the item as a discussion/action item to repeal the Third Amendment to the Century Business Center (Convention Uses, etc.). Had the Public Works Director explain the 72 hour notice procedure regarding pavement of streets. Inquired on the five unit detached condominium project on Menlo and it was explained that the project was approved but due to improper notification, there will be a new hearing and a new notice sent out and the project will again come before the planning commission on April 7th. Due to the city receiving a D grade on the State Tobacco report card, suggested we come back with an ordinance that will implement such things as no smoking at public events or parks in order to improve our grade. Inquired on when the Finance Policies and Procedures would be available in its final version. Asked when the Universal Waste contract comes up for bid and asked that all of our contracts be reviewed. Still needs copies of two surveys from the police department.

Mayor **Guidi** commented that the cameras in the park are also successful due to the park ranger program, but is concerned on what will happen once the program grant ends. He suggested looking into using CDBG funds in order to create the park ranger program and putting on the agenda for the next meeting to discuss continuing the program once the grant is over. Requested for the next agenda a discussion/action item on no smoking in parks, park buildings and city owned properties. Requested a full report on the Teen Center. Wants a sting done around the schools as parents have been complaining about double parking and disobeying no left turn signs. Wants more time and patrols invested in areas involving parts of Doty and Kornblum streets as there has been a rise in crime in these areas. Thanked Board Member Suarez for keeping the dream going on the Leuzinger Memorabilia Day and for the improvements made to the facade of the school. Attended the Little League opening for Wiseburn. Attended the Annual Teen Challenge Fashion Show and encouraged support of this organization as they have helped Hawthorne kids. Congratulated Councilmember Angie English and Chamber President Patricia Donaldson for their Woman of Distinction awards. Requested a public presentation at the next Council meeting regarding the city's \$5 million deficit.

3.

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

4.

Councilmember Juarez moved, seconded by Mayor Guidi, that the reading of the City Council minutes of the regular meeting of February 23, 2010 be waived and that they be approved and adopted.

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

5.

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

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

6.

The City Treasurer submitted a financial statement regarding warrants.

Councilmember Juarez moved, seconded by Mayor Guidi, that the following warrants, properly audited and signed, be paid.

Warrants Nos.: 190168-190170 : 408665-408948

Warrant Totals: \$788,631.82 ; \$4,439,613.62

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

7.

RESOLUTION NO. 7297

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA
ESTABLISHING A CODE OF ETHICS AND CONDUCT FOR APPOINTED AND ELECTED
OFFICIALS.

Councilmember Juarez moved, seconded by Mayor Guidi, that Resolution No. 7297 be approved and adopted.

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

PUBLIC HEARING

8.

City Clerk Huber announced that this was the time and place for the Public hearing on Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investments Partnership Program funding for Program Year 2010 (July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011).

Planning Department's declaration publication filed. No written communications were received.

Mayor Guidi called for public comments.

Under oral comments **John Merryman** with South Bay Family Health Care, **Madeline Drake** with Richstone Family Center, **Jim Tehan** with Providence Little Company of Mary and **Herb Child** with Access Community Housing asked to be considered for CDBG grants.

Mayor Guidi ordered to close the public portion of the hearing. MOTION CARRIED.

No action required at this time

ORDINANCES

9.

ORDINANCE NO. 1967 (2nd Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA
AMENDING SECTIONS 8.34.030 AND 8.34.060 OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE
REDUCING THE NUMBER OF CERTIFIED APPLICANTS APPLYING FOR A CITY
FIREWORKS PERMIT FROM TEN (10) TO EIGHT (8) AND AMENDING SECTION 8.34.085
REGARDING CITY COUNCIL DRAWING DETERMINING PRIORITY FOR LOCATION OF
BOOTH.

Councilmember Juarez moved, seconded by Mayor Guidi, that Ordinance No. 1967 be approved and adopted.

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

10.

ORDINANCE NO. 1968 (1st Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA AMENDING SECTION 2.06.140 OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS.

Ordinance No. 1968 was introduced by title only by Councilmember Vargas.

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

11.

Approve to Award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder, United Pacific Services, Inc. for Street Tree Trimming -3 Year Contract (Project # 10-01).

12.

Approve Progress Payment #2 due to Vasilj, Inc. 5531 Arrow Highway, Irwindale CA. 91706 for Sewer Improvement Project 2009-2011(Project # 08-04) in the amount \$277,378.78 funded from the Sewer Fund, Account No. 560-9101-724-4776.

13.

Approve Progress Payment #3 due to All American Asphalt for City Wide Street Improvement Project FY 2009-2010(Project # 09-01) Federal Stimulus # ESPL - 5253(15) in the amount \$90,402.30 funded from the \$2,300,000.00 Federal Stimulus funds. # ESPL-5253(15), Account No. 292-5502-436-4773

14.

Approve the Sublease Agreement No. 09 – H565 with California State University, Northridge 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 on behalf of the South Bay Workforce Investment Board.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert to approve item 11 through 14 of the City Manager’s consent calendar.

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

15.

Retention Agreement with Coco Traffic Planners, Inc. re: performing traffic study for Mixed Use Overlay and R-4 Maximum Density Zone Change.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council Approve Agreement with Coco Traffic Planners, Inc. and authorize Mayor/or City Manager to execute Agreement.

Councilmember Lambert moved, seconded by Councilmember Vargas to continue item #15 until the next meeting.

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

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

16.

The Acting City Attorney, Russell Miyahira, recommended that the claim filed on behalf of Yvonne Cassidy, age 9, Patricia Williams, age 52 & Darius Walton age 11 for property and soft-tissue injuries arising from a traffic collision with a City of Hawthorne vehicle on January 1, 2010 be denied in its entirety.

Councilmember Juarez moved, seconded by Mayor Guidi, that the claim filed on behalf of Yvonne Cassidy, age 9, Patricia Williams, age 52 & Darius Walton age 11 for property and soft-tissue injuries arising from a traffic collision with a City of Hawthorne vehicle on January 1, 2010 be denied in its entirety.

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

17.

Mayor Guidi adjourned the meeting in the memory of Stan Scholl at 9:28 p.m.

Norbert A. Huber
City Clerk