

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

Reverend Theresa Santillana from United Methodist Church gave the evening's invocation. Pat Donaldson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilmember Vargas presented a Proclamation to Tammy Rusznak and Wendy Rogers honoring DMV/Donate Life California Month. Both were recipients of organ donations. California residents can sign up with the Donate Life California Registry when applying for or renewing their driver's license or ID cards at the California Department of motor vehicles.

Kevin DeVito of Cyber City 3D gave a presentation. This is a 3D Geo-Web company that creates 3D city models to enhance planning and a host of different applications.

Councilmember English welcomed students from Hawthorne High School's robotics class. Students appear on campus an hour before regular classes in order to attend a zero period robotics class that is aimed at exposing them to the fields of engineering and technology. There is also now an engineering academy at Hawthorne High with over 200 students enrolled.

Councilmember Juarez presented a Certificate of Recognition to Christian Luna in honor of his achievements as a junior handball championship winner. Christian started out playing handball at the Hawthorne Teen Center.

Councilmember Juarez presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Manny Romero of Chip's Restaurant in recognition of his outstanding services, support and contributions to the Hawthorne/Lawndale Ministerial Association Breakfast held on March 10, 2010.

Councilmember Juarez presented a Certificate of Recognition to Sgt. Robbie Williams of the Hawthorne Police Department for his involvement in bringing about the 4th Annual Battle of the Badges Blood Drive.

1.

Under oral communications **Beatrice Williams** announced that Ocean Southern Baptist Church and Hope is Helping have a thrift store every Saturday from 7am to 12pm at 134th Place and Ocean Gate. Donations are needed. For more information, call 310-498-2096. **Olivia Valentine**, 2915 w. 115th Pl., announced that the Hollypark Homeowners Association intends to develop a disaster preparedness plan for their neighborhood. As part of that process, they would like to dedicate official shelters in Hollypark where people could go in the event of an earthquake or other disaster in which they would not be able to live in their home. They have identified several buildings in Hollypark that would serve this purpose and inquired on how to go about securing them. Also announced that at their May 6th meeting there will be a two hour adult class on CPR at Pacifica House at 7pm. **Patricia Donaldson**, Chamber of Commerce, announced that they will be holding their chamber mixer this Thursday from 5:30pm to 7:30pm at South Bay Collision. The Kiwanis Club, along with the Lomita Kiwanis Club, will be holding a Texas Hold 'Em on April 23rd at the Lomita Kiwanis Club; cost is \$50. The Kiwanis Fair will be held on May 13th at the Memorial Center. **Gordon Mego** spoke in remembrance of long-time businessman Howard Drollenger who was instrumental for the creation as what you see today as Westchester. **Darlene Love** announced that Behavioral Health Services will be holding a barbeque and car wash on April 16th and 17th from 10am to 6pm at 2501 W. El Segundo Blvd.; donations and proceeds will benefit Client Al-Impics. Encouraged residents to visit and support The Castle Preschool. **Francis Stiglich**, 11534 Gale Ave., did not appreciate that part of a past council meeting was held in Spanish. Feels meetings should be held in English only and if Spanish is to be spoken, there should be a translator. **Alex Monteiro** thanked all volunteers, the Public Works Department and the maintenance crew for the outstanding job they did at the Earth and Census Festival. Thanked everyone involved in the Complete Count Committee. Urged everyone to return their census survey forms. Announced that the Relay for Life event will be held on

May 1st and 2nd at Hawthorne High School; teams can still be formed by going to www.relayforlife.org/Hawthorne.ca Asked that council and the city support the “Paint the Town Purple” event on April 17th. Announced that there will be a Financial Wellness seminar on April 22nd from 5pm to 7pm Hawthorne Memorial Center Venus room. Announced that there will be a BBQ dinner on May 20th from 5pm to 8pm to support the police department K9 unit in buying three new dogs. **Timothy Sweeney** of the Richstone Family Center announced that the Center will be holding their 23rd Annual Pier to Pier Walkathon fundraiser on April 24th at 8am at the Manhattan Beach Pier; the center is based in Hawthorne and provides services such as counseling and parenting classes. **Ammar Kahf**, 13011 Doty Ave., thanked council for the speed bumps on Doty and on Hawthorne Way. Expressed support to continue funding for the graffiti and code enforcement departments. Asked that residents who live near Bicentennial Park report incidents in order to keep the area safe. Announced that the Hawthorne Islamic Center will hold their 5th Annual Health Fair and Blood Drive on May 15th from 10am to 2pm.

2.

Discussion/Action Items:

- Budget update for fiscal year 2010/11 (Guidi)

City Manager Pathirana gave a budget update. Revenues for next year are projected to be \$45.8 million, fixed costs at \$45.7 million and variable costs at \$5.6 million leaving a \$5.5 million deficit.

- Engage the services of Los Angeles County Public Landowners Assistance Network to analyze a possible use for the Hawthorne Mall (Juarez)

Councilmember Juarez feels we should start looking into how to get the old Hawthorne Plaza up and rolling in order to generate revenue for the city. Rob Gilmore of LAPLAN explained that LAPLAN was created two years ago with the focus on assisting municipalities and public agencies in portfolio management and land use issues. Mr. Gilmore would help the mall to be looked at in a true public/private setup. He is scheduled to return to the next council meeting to provide a power point presentation and a revised proposal.

- Financial Literacy workshop (English)

Councilmember English would like the city to participate and assist with Senator Rod Wright’s Financial Literacy Workshop. Alma Marquez, District Representative for the Senator, explained that the workshop helps residents with basic budget needs and how to manage their money. The event will be held on May 8th from 10am to 12 pm at the Hawthorne Memorial Center Venus room.

- Consider appointing new historian for the City of Hawthorne (English)

Councilmember English stated that she would like to keep the historian efforts here in the city and is open to suggestions on how that can be preserved and ultimately be made a historian committee with a few members participating. Councilmember Juarez would like people to serve on a blue ribbon committee who would all work together and then present their ideas to the Parks & Recreation Commission.

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 March 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 23, 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.: 190178-190181 ; 409667-410028
Warrant Totals: \$783,712.19 ; \$8,688,896.93

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

7.

RESOLUTION NO. 7301

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA ESTABLISHING A FOUR-WAY STOP SIGN AT THE INTERSECTION OF YORK AVENUE AND 122nd STREET.

Councilmember Juarez moved, seconded by Mayor Guidi, that Resolution No. 7301 be approved and adopted.

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

8.

RESOLUTION NO. 7302

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA JOINING WITH AT&T IN EDUCATING THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE DANGERS OF TEXTING WHILE DRIVING.

Councilmember Juarez moved, seconded by Mayor Guidi, that Resolution No. 7302 be approved and adopted.

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

PUBLIC HEARING

9.

City Clerk Huber announced that this was the time and place for the Public hearing on the Draft Annual Action Plan for CDBG and HOME Funding, 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.

No one expressed a desire to speak on this topic.

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

Councilmember English moved, seconded by Councilmember Vargas, to direct Staff to modify the

proposed programs to be funded and their corresponding funding levels.

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

NOES: None. ABSENT: Councilmember Lambert.

ORDINANCES

10.

ORDINANCE NO. 1971 (1st Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA AMENDING SECTION 2.22.120, 2.22.130, AND ALSO AMENDING CHAPTER 8.48 OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION OF SMOKING IN PARKS, CITY BUILDINGS AND AREAS ADJACENT THERETO.

Councilmember Juarez wanted to include no smoking at city public events and that the ordinance should mention what the consequences are if the ordinance is broken.

Ordinance No. 1971 was introduced by title only by Councilmember Lambert.

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

11.

Approve Progress Payment #4 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 \$497,815.28.

12.

Approve Progress Payment #3 due to Vasilj, Inc. 15531 Arrow Highway, Irwindale CA. 91706 for Sewer Improvement Project 2009-2011(Project # 08-04) in the amount \$617,893.04.

13.

Approve Agreement between The City of Hawthorne and Ninyo & Moore to Provide Quality Control Material Testing services including field compaction and laboratory material testing for the Crenshaw Boulevard Improvement (Project # 08-05) HPLUL 5253(018) and authorize the City Manager to execute it on behalf of the City.

14.

Approve Agreement between the City of Hawthorne and KOA Corporation for Construction Observation Services for Crenshaw Boulevard and 120th Street Improvement Project (#08-05) and authorize the City Manager to execute it on behalf of the City.

15.

Approve Agreement between the City of Hawthorne and LaBelle-Marvin to Provide Quality Assurance Material Testing services including field compaction and laboratory testing for the Crenshaw Boulevard Improvement (Project # 08-05) HPLUL 5253(018) and authorize the City Manager to execute it on behalf of the City.

16.

Approval of Workforce Investment Area Local Plan Modification for Program Year 2009-2010

17.

Approve to authorize the City Manager to issue Purchase Order to acquire Street Signs for use throughout the City.

Mayor Guidi moved seconded by Councilmember Juarez to approve items 11 through 17 of the City Manager's consent calendar.

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

18.

Mayor Guidi announced that he will recuse himself on this item.

The Acting City Attorney, Russell Miyahira, recommended that the Ratification of Settlement with Hangar Athletic Xchange, LLC (HAX, LLC) pertaining to the cancelation of a dance party event at the HAX facility scheduled for March 20, 2010

Mayor Pro Tem Juarez moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert, that the Ratification of Settlement with Hangar Athletic Xchange, LLC (HAX, LLC) pertaining to the cancelation of a dance party event at the HAX facility scheduled for March 20, 2010 be approved.

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

19.

Elected Officials Reports and Recommendations:

- Appointments of Sean Walsh, Olivia Valentine and Levi R. Stockton to the LAX Advisory Board Committee (Guidi)

No action was taken on this item at this time.

Councilmember **Lambert** thanked everyone for getting together at the Memorial lawn this past Saturday. Visited The Castle preschool. Announced that the K-9 BBQ will be held on May 20th. Asked that a list of committees formed by the Chamber of Commerce be put on the city website.

Councilmember **Vargas** attended the Earth Day event this past weekend. Attended the Bunny breakfast two weeks ago. Is planning to visit The Castle.

City Clerk **Huber** recognized the Hawthorne Recreation Foundation for a great golf tournament.

Mayor Pro Tem **Juarez** stated that proceeds from the golf tournament will go to Jim Thorpe park. Attended the Bunny breakfast and thanked Mark Hardison for work he did on the breakfast. Thanked Councilmember English for putting on the Walt Dixon event. Congratulated the Hawthorne and Wiseburn school districts on receiving education grants from Chevron. Announced that registration begins on April 21st for the 2010 Electric Lawn Mower Exchange Program. For more information, call 888-425-6247. Thanked Chief Heffner for the report addressing people who are coming out of jail; a liaison will be helping the city to keep atop of this situation. Asked that the plan for the intersection for 135th and Glasgow be put on the next agenda. Inquired on the expiration of the Universal Waste contract; public works is working on an RFP.

20.

Mayor Guidi recessed the City Council meeting to conduct a **Closed Session**: Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9 of the California Government Code. Name of Case: El Segundo Plaza Associates, LP v. City of Hawthorne, et seq., Case No. BC 404 244 – L.A County Superior Court.

Mayor Guidi called the City Council meeting back to order following recess with all Councilmembers present. He announced that the **closed session** was to discuss a Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9 of the California Government Code. Name of Case: El Segundo Plaza Associates, LP v. City of Hawthorne, et seq., Case No. BC 404 244 – L.A County Superior Court and stated that staff has been directed.

21.

Mayor Guidi recessed the City Council meeting to conduct a **Closed Session**: Conference with Real Property Negotiator, pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.8: Property: Approximately 1.65 acres of land located at 14115 Cordary Avenue, situated on the west side of Cordary Avenue, between West 139th Street and Rosecrans Avenue. APN No. 4051-030-016. Agency Negotiator: Jag Pathirana, Executive Director of the Redevelopment Agency. Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment of the property

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22.

Mayor Guidi recessed the City Council meeting to conduct a **Closed Session**: Conference with Labor Negotiator pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency Negotiator: Jag Pathirana - Employee Organizations: HPOA (Hawthorne Police Officers Association).

Mayor Guidi called the City Council meeting back to order following recess with all Councilmembers present. He announced that the **closed session** was to discuss a Conference with Labor Negotiator pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency Negotiator: Jag Pathirana - Employee Organizations: HPOA (Hawthorne Police Officers Association) and stated that staff has been directed.

23.

Mayor Pro Tem Juarez adjourned the meeting at 11:53 p.m.

Norbert A. Huber
City Clerk