

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE,
CALIFORNIA HELD APRIL 27, 2010.**

Mayor Pro Tem Juarez called the City Council, Community Redevelopment Agency, Parking Authority and Housing Authority meeting to order jointly and concurrently at 6:04 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 4455 W. 126th Street, Hawthorne, California.

ROLL CALL-Present: Councilmembers English, Juarez, Lambert, Vargas.
Absent: Mayor Guidi. (Excused)

Pastor John Richardson from New Journey Ministries gave the evening's invocation. Ammar Kahf led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sean Walsh, President of the Hollyglen Homeowners Association, brought to light water issues with Goldenstate Water affecting the Fusion complex and homes in the Hollyglen area. Many residents spoke on their personal experiences with the water and the water company. They have been experiencing sulfur-like smells, black particles and black sludge in the water. Residents have also experienced skin irritations and flu-like symptoms. Asked that Council work with the water company to resolve this issue.

Mayor Pro Tem Juarez read a statement about the postponement of the Fireworks drawing.

1.

Under oral communications **Gordon Mego**, 4535 W. 141st St., stated that the decision to replace former City Manager Pathirana needs to be set aside pending further public review. Spoke on businessman Rick J. Caruso and his work in creating The Grove shopping center. **Patricia Donaldson**, President of the Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce, introduced new chamber member Betty Banks. Ms. Banks is a representative for Avon. **Francis Stiglich** inquired on what Resolution 7304 is about and where does the money come from. Inquired if the city will be having increases in water rates. **Alex Monteiro**, 12413 Ramona Ave., on behalf of the Hawthorne Presidents Council, thanked everyone who showed up on Sunday at Volunteer Appreciation Day. Invited everyone to attend the Relay for Life on Saturday, May 1st. Opening ceremonies will begin at 9am. Contributions are being accepted until August 2010. Announced that the K-9 dinner will be held on May 20th; they are still looking for door prizes and donations. Tickets for the dinner are \$5 and \$2.50 for kids. **Ammar Kahf**, 12209 Hawthorne Way, invited the Council and the community to attend the 5th Annual Health Fair and Blood Drive on May 15th from 10am to 2pm at the Hawthorne Islamic Center. **Alma Marquez**, representing the office of Senator Roderick Wright, thanked Council for getting the word out regarding the Senator's Financial Literacy Workshop.

2.

Discussion/Action Items:

- Town Hall meetings (Vargas)

Councilmember Vargas stated that the idea of a town hall meeting is reaching out to the community to try to obtain feedback from them on the various issues that may occur in the city. The first town hall meeting that the City Council would like to present to the residents would be regarding the Hawthorne mall. The plan would be to have it at the Memorial Center with possibly two meetings. There would be a panel discussion so that all parties involved would be at the table so that the community could ask questions

Councilmember Vargas moved seconded by Councilmember English to begin the planning process for two town hall meetings regarding the mall and a request for Survey Monkey to be looked at.

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

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Mayor Pro Tem Juarez recessed the Community Redevelopment Agency, Parking Authority and Housing Authority meetings to conduct the meeting of the City Council.

4.

Councilmember Lambert moved, seconded by Councilmember Vargas, that the reading of the City Council minutes of the regular meeting of April 13, 2010 be waived and that they be approved and adopted.

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

5.

Councilmember Lambert moved, seconded by Councilmember Vargas, to waive full readings of resolutions and ordinances on April 27, 2010's agenda.

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

6.

The City Treasurer submitted a financial statement regarding warrants.

Councilmember Lambert moved, seconded by Councilmember Vargas, that the following warrants, properly audited and signed, be paid.

Warrants Nos.: 190182- 190186 ; 410029-410809

Warrant Totals: \$846,450.26 ; \$10,460,066.69

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

7.

RESOLUTION NO. 7303

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA ORDERING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS/CITY ENGINEER TO PREPARE A REPORT ON THE IMPROVEMENTS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR THE STREET LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011 AS REQUIRED BY THE STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE SECTION 22622.

Councilmember Lambert moved, seconded by Councilmember Vargas, that Resolution No. 7303 be approved and adopted.

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

8.

RESOLUTION NO. 7304

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA AUTHORIZING CERTAIN DESIGNATED CITY OF HAWTHORNE OFFICERS TO ORDER THE DEPOSIT OR WITHDRAWAL OF MONIES FROM THE LOCAL AGENCY INVESTMENT FUND.

Councilmember Lambert moved, seconded by Councilmember Vargas, that Resolution No. 7304 be approved and adopted.

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

NOES: None. ABSENT: Mayor Guidi.

PUBLIC HEARING

9.

City Clerk Huber announced that this was the time and place for the Public hearing on Final Annual Action Plan for Program Year 2010, July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Juarez called for public comments.

Under oral comments Alex Monteiro, President & CEO of Moneta Gardens Improvement, explained how funds given to his organization are used to help the community.

Mayor Pro Tem Juarez ordered to close the public portion of the hearing. MOTION CARRIED.

After some discussion Mayor Pro Tem requested to take the unallocated \$48,768 and allocate it back to Code Enforcement.

Mayor Pro Tem Juarez moved, seconded by Councilmember Vargas, to approve Final Annual Action Plan and authorize the City Manager to sign the application, certification and all related documents and to submit same to HUD.

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

NOES: None. ABSENT: Mayor Guidi.

ORDINANCES

10.

ORDINANCE NO. 1971 (1st Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA AMENDING SECTION 2.22.120 AND CHAPTER 8.48 OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE AND ADDING SECTIONS 2.22.125, 2.22.126, 2.22.135, 9.38.140, 9.38.150, 9.39.190, AND 10.80.252A RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION OF SMOKING IN PARKS, CITY BUILDINGS, AREAS ADJACENT THERETO, COMMUNITY EVENTS, AIRPORT SPECIAL EVENTS AND PARADES, AND DELINEATING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF SAID PROHIBITIONS.

Ordinance No. 1971 was introduced by title only by Mayor Pro Tem Juarez.

The Interim City Manager, James Mitsch, presented the following agenda and requested approval of the indicated recommendation:

11.

Approve Agreement between the City of Hawthorne and Beacon Valuation Group, LLC to value and appraise the City of Hawthorne's Water system authorize the Interim City Manager to execute it on behalf of the City.

12.

Approve Progress Payment #1 to A.J. Kirkwood and Associates for installation of the Solar Power System at the Memorial Center, Award #DE-AC0002108 (Project # 09-07) in the amount of \$43,069.50 funded from the Federal Stimulus Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) and from General fund.

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Ap44prove Progress Payment #5 due to All American Asphalt of Corona for City Wide Street Improvement Project FY 2009-2010(Project # 09-01) Federal Stimulus # ESPL - 5253(15) in the amount \$699,327.70 funded from the ARRA, Federal Stimulus Grant # ESPL-5253(15).

14.

Approve Plans and Specifications for Crenshaw Boulevard improvement Project (Project # 08-05) Federal Project # HPLUL - 5253(018), MTA PC25 and authorize the Director of Public Works to advertise for bids with a return date of May 25, 2010.

Councilmember Lambert moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Juarez, to approve items 11 through 14 of the City Manager's consent calendar.

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

NOES: None. ABSENT: Mayor Guidi.

15.

Under Elected Officials Reports and Recommendations:

Councilmember **Lambert** thanked everyone who came to Volunteer Appreciation Day on Sunday and commended the parents whose children are now also volunteering. Said a special thank you to Yvette Johnson for preparing the food at the event. Stated that the temporary shut down of city hall on weekends is now over. Announced that National Prayer Day will be held on May 6th at 9:30am in front of city hall.

Councilmember **English** welcomed Interim City Manager James Mitsch. Thanked everyone who assisted with Volunteer Appreciation Day. Spoke on the homeless situation in the city and how organizations such as PATH and LAHSA could be of help if they were to come to Hawthorne. Would like to consider in the future on having a round table discussion to discuss this issue. Will be attending Tuesday's Parks & Recreation Commission meeting to address the issue of finding a historian. Is happy to know that the monies that have been allocated to our HOME funds and CDBG is something that stays consistent and annually agencies, non-profits alike, fait based and others are applying for this money. Inquired if the city has received any money from stimulus funds to address the homeless issue and if so how much, where the money is and why Council was never told about it. Asked that the directives regarding the budget from the April 13th meeting be reviewed.

Councilmember **Vargas** attended Volunteer Appreciation Day and was impressed with the number of volunteers in the community. Announced that the Hawthorne Unity Invitational Basketball Tournament will be taking place on May 8th at 9am. Commented on the new Arizona immigration law and the root cause of this issue - exploitation and underground trade.

City Treasurer **Lubenec** inquired on the service area of Goldenstate Water and if the water issue is just in the western part of city. Thanked all the people who volunteer in the city.

City Clerk **Huber** stated that he looks forward to running in the Relay for Life this weekend.

Mayor Pro Tem **Juarez** explained about the delay in the fireworks lottery due to issues with a disclosure statement. Thanked all the volunteers that were honored at Volunteer Appreciation Day. Thanked Don Rowe of the Hawthorne Library for allowing him to participate in National Library Week Reading. Encouraged residents to take advantage of the 2010 Electric Lawn Mower Exchange Program. Asked for a report on the TFA fight. Announced that there will be a Youth Job Fair this Thursday at the Memorial Center from 9am to 2pm. AYSO will be holding their final early bird registration this Thursday at Cabrillo School from 6:30pm to 9 pm.

16.

Mayor Pro Tem Juarez adjourned the meeting at 8:36 pm in the memory of Carolyn Bowie and Martha Madore.

Norbert A. Huber
City Clerk