

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE,  
CALIFORNIA HELD MAY 25, 2010.**

Mayor Guidi 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. 126<sup>th</sup> Street, Hawthorne, California.

ROLL CALL-Present: Councilmembers English, Juarez, Lambert, Vargas, Mayor Guidi.  
Absent: None.

Pastor Patrick Cacerez from St. River of God International Ministry gave the evening's invocation. Interim Police Chief Robert Fager led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Claudio Taniguchi provided an overview on emergency preparedness. He is in charge of coordinating and training employees to be ready for disasters large or small and that the city be in compliance with the federal authorities. Currently he is writing and updating an emergency operations plan. He would like the employees and their families to be ready for an emergency. One important point is that everyone should have a minimum of one gallon of water per person per day. You should have a least three disaster bags or go bags; one at home, one in your car and one at work. A family emergency plan is also a must.

Marvin Jackmon, on behalf of Southern California Edison and the South Bay Environmental Savings Center, presented a plaque to the City of Hawthorne as the energy leader in their gold level achievement. Mr. Jackmon also gave a presentation on the State of Utility. SCE serves 14 million customers within a 50,000 square mile service territory. The territory includes more than 180 cities and ten counties. On the horizon are the smart connect meters which will be coming to the South Bay next week. They plan to install 5 million smart meters by the year 2012 to help customers save energy and money. For emergencies regarding power outages and downed power lines, call 1-800-611-1911; for general information, call 1-800-655-4555.

1.

Under oral communications **Olivia Valentine**, Holly Park HOA President, announced that they will be holding their first annual pancake breakfast, the Juneteenth Pancake Breakfast, on June 19<sup>th</sup> at Pacifica House, 2501 W. El Segundo Blvd. from 8am to 12pm. Tickets are \$5 and will provide scholarships to children in the community. Fully supports Claudio Taniguchi in trying to develop an emergency preparedness plan for Hawthorne. **Patricia Donaldson**, President of the Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce, presented a plaque to Tom Quintana bestowing him the honor of being the president of the historical society. Also presented plaques to new chamber members Continental Gourmet Market, University of Common Sense and A-1 Mobil Services. **Allen Richards**, 12838 S. Ramona Ave., reported that the K-9 Dinner was a success, but was concerned that it was not publicized on the city or police website. Stated that there are a lot of hospitals in our area that are not safe and may be undependable in case of a major earthquake, one of them being Torrance Hospital. For more information on hospitals that are not safe, go to CBS2.com/hospital. **Alex Monteiro**, 12314 Ramona Ave., stated that this year's K-9 event was a great success and thanked everyone who attended and donated money. Thanked City Manager James Mitsch and Public Works Director Arnie Shadbahr for advertising the event on the electronic street signs. Announced that the Hawthorne 5K Run and Marathon / 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Health Fair will be held on June 5<sup>th</sup> from 8am to 12pm at Hawthorne Memorial Park. On June 7<sup>th</sup> there will be a wraparound meeting regarding the Relay for Life at 6pm at the Hawthorne Moose Lodge. As a school board member for the Hawthorne School District, was in Sacramento this weekend lobbying for education. There is talk of cutting \$2.4 billion in education. Urged residents to call their senators and legislators to do something to increase revenues. **Ada**, a concerned citizen and visitor from Pasadena, asked for leniency and clarification for holiday parking and citation enforcement in residential areas as she received a ticket on President's Day. **Gary Premeaux**, South Bay Ford owner, recommended that Council pass on the first reading of Ordinance 1973 on tonight's agenda and have the city manager and a councilmember meet to review options that would allow South Bay Ford to be competitive with other new car dealers and potentially stay in business. **Darlene Love**, 2003 W. 116<sup>th</sup> St., stated that the electronic signs helped bring in non-residents driving through the city to the K-9 dinner and commended Alex Monteiro for his work on the dinner. Attended services on Saturday for Carol Devusser (Mrs. Claus) and asked that we not forget Mr. Devusser. **Mike Castillo** from the office of Assemblyman Bradford invited Council and the members of the community to attend a Budget & Legislative Update Town Hall Meeting that Assemblyman Bradford will be having at Crozier Middle School in Inglewood

on June 5<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 1pm. **Kyle Orleman** commended the emergency preparedness presentation given earlier and added that there is a website where people can go to find out about emergency preparedness kits and procedures and where you can evacuate to if you have family pets. The website is [evacuatemypet.com](http://evacuatemypet.com). Wished everyone a happy and safe Memorial Day weekend and asked that we take a moment to remember those who have given their lives in support of our country and to those that are still in harm's way. **Jesus Fruasto**, 13300 Floorwood Ave., spoke on concerns regarding the Hawthorne Police department and its enforcement of California Vehicle Code 12500VC, a law that authorizes police departments to confiscate a vehicle for 30 days from a person driving without a license. **Francis Stiglich** expressed concern regarding the safety of her water and inquired on how to get her water checked. Attended the K-9 dinner, thinks the police department does a good job and feels they should have more check points, especially on 116<sup>th</sup> near the vacant lot. Attended the Relay for Life where she walked two laps. **Ammar Kahf**, Islamic Center of Hawthorne, thanked the city for its support during their last health fair on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Announced that they will hold an electronic waste drive on June 12<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 3pm at the Islamic Center, 12209 Hawthorne Way.

2.

Under Discussion/Action Items:

a. Hawthorne Mall Site – Brainstorming Session (Vargas)

Councilmember Vargas would like to bring the community together to discuss ideas for the former Hawthorne Mall site. The owner of the mall, Armand Gabay, has agreed to have a brainstorming session in July at 11am at the site. A tour of the site is also trying to be arranged. It is important that residents come ready to offer ideas for the site and not to gripe about the site. The North Hawthorne Community Association would like to cosponsor this with the Charles Company, which is the owner's company. All the community groups, including Del Aire and Wiseburn, will be invited to come out and give their ideas.

b. Golden State Water Company and Customers – Town Hall Meeting (Vargas)

Councilmember Vargas would like the city to facilitate a meeting between Golden State Water Company and the residents to bring to conclusion issues regarding the water that have been brought up at previous Council meetings. Golden State Water will address these concerns on June 16<sup>h</sup> at the Cabrillo School auditorium at 7pm.

3.

Mayor 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 meeting of May 11, 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 May 25, 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.

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

Warrants Nos.: 190194-190205 ; 411096-411872

Warrant Totals: \$780,041.36 ; \$6,565.823.26

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

7.

**RESOLUTION NO. 7307**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA DECLARING A STATEWIDE EMERGENCY IN 2010 AND CALLING FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION TO HELP PRESERVE THE REGION'S WATER STORAGE RESERVES AND URGING CITIES, COUNTIES, LOCAL PUBLIC WATER AGENCIES TO ACHIEVE EXTRAORDINARY CONSERVATION.

**MOTION TO TABLE**

Councilmember English moved, seconded by Mayor Guidi, that Resolution No. 7307 be tabled.

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

8.

**RESOLUTION NO. 7308**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA ADOPTING THE NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (NIMS) AS THE CITY'S STANDARD FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Juarez, that Resolution No. 7308 be approved and adopted.

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

9.

**RESOLUTION NO. 7310**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO LEVY STREET LIGHTNING ASSESSMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011 AND SETTING TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 2010 AS THE TIME AND DATE OF A PUBLIC HEARING.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Juarez, that Resolution No. 7310 be approved and adopted.

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

10.

**RESOLUTION NO. 7311**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA SUPPORTING GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY'S PROPOSAL TO OBTAIN GRANT FUNDING THROUGH THE "FIRST 5 LOS ANGELES FOR ORAL HEALTH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT" TO CONSTRUCT FLUORIDATION INFRASTRUCTURE.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Juarez, that Resolution No. 7311 be approved and adopted.

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

**CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING**

11.

Deputy City Clerk Dicrisi announced that this was the time and place for the Continued Public Hearing on Proposed Ordinance No. 1972 to revise the schedule for Development Impact Fees for the City of Hawthorne. Development Impact Fees are charged to developers in connection with both residential and non-residential developments to mitigate the costs associated with additional capital and infrastructure needs attributed to new developments. The proposed revised Development Impact Fees schedule is based upon an April 2010 study (the “Study”) which projects developmental growth in the city through the year 2025. The Study separates the Development Impact Fees into four component fee parts related to the following public facility needs: (1) police, (2) parks and parkland acquisition, (3) traffic and (4) storm drain. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the Herald Tribune on April 29<sup>th</sup> and May 6, 2010 pursuant to Government Code Sections 66018 and 66019.

City Clerk 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 the public portion of the hearing closed.

**ORDINANCE NO. 1972 (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA ADOPTING A REVISED SCHEDULE OF DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEES TO BE CHARGED TO DEVELOPERS IN CONNECTION WITH NEW DEVELOPMENTS (AB 1600 FEES’).

Ordinance No. 1972 was introduced by title only by Councilmember Juarez.

**ORDINANCES**

12.

**ORDINANCE NO. 1973 (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA AMENDING SECTION 5.27.010 OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO LICENSE FEES FOR NEW CAR DEALERS.

**MOTION TO TABLE**

Councilmember Lambert moved, seconded by Councilmember English, that Ordinance No. 1973 be tabled.

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

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

13.

Approve the Third Amendment to the Franchise Agreement for Residential, Commercial and Roll-off Refuse Collection and Disposal Service between the City of Hawthorne and Allied Waste Services concerning Rate Adjustment and authorize the Mayor to execute it on behalf of the City.

14.

Approve Progress Payment #6 and Final Acceptance to All American Asphalt for City Wide Street Improvement Project FY 2009-2010 (project # 09-01) Federal Stimulus # ESPL - 5253(15) in the amount \$623,038.64.

15.

Approve Progress Payment #2 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 \$116,922.03 funded from the Federal Stimulus Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) and from General fund.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert, to approve items 13 through 15 of the City Manager's consent calendar.

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

NOES: None.

16.

The Acting City Attorney, Russell Miyahira, recommended that the claim of behalf of Beatrice Canche & her son, Justin Corona, age 2, that alleges damages as the result of being struck by a vehicle at or near the intersection of Imperial Highway and Hawthorne Boulevard. Claimants allege the injuries stem from a dangerous condition of public property be denied in its entirety.

Mayor Guidi Lambert moved, seconded by Councilmember Juarez, that the claim filed on behalf of Beatrice Canche & her son, Justin Corona, age 2, that alleges damages as the result of being struck by a vehicle at or near the intersection of Imperial Highway and Hawthorne Boulevard. Claimants allege the injuries stem from a dangerous condition of public property be denied in its entirety.

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

NOES: None.

17.

Under Elected Officials Reports and Recommendations. Appointment/Reappointments. Removals to commissions/committees and boards.

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

No action was taken on this item. The Mayor and City Council requested that a letter by the commissioner be sent stating that he no longer desires to attend the meetings.

Councilmember **Lambert** thanked all the young people that came to the dinner and helped with the distribution of food. Reminded everyone to attend Memorial Day services at the Memorial Center on Monday at 10am.

Councilmember **English** asked for an update on the Gold's Gym situation and what the city needs to do to secure what is ours. Inquired on the business applications that have been on hold for the fire department to review. Asked for an explanation on the outside auditor that the city has. Asked that Licensing Director Miller and City Manager Mitsch work together to bring about a mission statement for the city. Requested a report across the board on all properties that the city actually owns.

Councilmember **Vargas** attended the K-9 dinner and had a great time; was happy to support the police department in purchasing new dogs for the force. Would like to see the website updated more frequently and speedily and maybe make the website more conducive to displaying community events. Asked if

there was a report on the internet survey tool, Survey Monkey. Requested feedback from the community on how Council is doing either through email, telephone or other means.

Mayor **Guidi** requested a counter for the website to begin on June 1st to see how many people are actually using it and then be given a report on the findings. Requested that the City Manager prepare the quarterly report by the weekend in order to review the budget. Requested a second budget showing raw numbers, what it will actually cost us to operate a budget for next year, not using one-time monies or the sale of any land. Would like a report on who actually owns the Hawthorne Municipal Pool. Announced that there will be a blood drive on May 27<sup>th</sup> at City Hall from 9am to 3pm. Attended the South County Labor breakfast on Saturday where it was announced that Del Monte will be laying off 250 employees. Shared with the public a unique restaurant/factory/warehouse he found in Gardena called Eat Italian Café. It is located at 15500 S. Broadway.

Councilmember **Juarez** announced that Luigi's Restaurant is under new ownership and is now called Luigi Bella and encouraged everyone to try it. Attended the blood and health fair at the Islamic Center and was able to give them a set of Galaxy tickets; was amazed to see all the kids there in soccer uniforms. Since last week was Public Works Week, thanked all those who work in the public works department for keeping the city clean. Attended the K-9 Dinner and thanked all the organizations that sponsored a table. Thanked Licensing Director Lisa Miller, her team and Doctor Kumar for the great job on holding the rabies clinic this past weekend. Attended the grand opening of the Anglican Mission Church on 123<sup>rd</sup> Street. Stated that Gardena is also having water issues. Would like a report on what citizens can do to conserve water and what the city is doing to conserve water. Inquired if the city is being billed for the water that is being flushed by Golden State Water and if the water is being thrown out is there a way we can collect that water and use it in some way. Announced that there are still a couple of more dates for soccer signups; they are June 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> at Cabrillo School from 8:30am to 3pm and June 10<sup>th</sup>. Reported that on June 22<sup>nd</sup> Southern California Edison and Sears will make it easier for South Bay residents to recycle their old energy guzzling appliances by giving customers \$50 if they qualify and they'll come out to pick up these appliances. For more information, call 310-371-7222. Encouraged residents to attend the annual program on Monday at the Memorial Center to support the veterans who have fought for us so we can enjoy our freedom. Asked if we can schedule a budget workshop. Announced that effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, the library will be cutting back its hours and will only be open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Regarding tonight's ordinance for new car dealer license fees, asked that something be put together that summarizes all the stuff that they have gotten before. Encouraged everyone to get to know the candidates and the issues so they can vote on June 8th.

City Treasurer **Lubenec** attended the K-9 dinner and commended Alex Monteiro and everyone who worked with him to put together the dinner and the Relay for Life.

18.

Mayor Guidi called for public comments. No one expressed a desire to speak on this closed session.

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. The City Attorney stated that staff has been directed.

19.

Mayor Guidi adjourned the meeting at 9:57 pm in the memory of Eugene "Windy" Fraser, Denise Sanders, Marjorie Kobus, Carol Devusser and Mabel Hendricks.

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Monica Dicrisci  
Deputy City Clerk