

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE,
CALIFORNIA HELD JUNE 22, 2010.**

Mayor Guidi called the City Council, Community Redevelopment Agency, Parking Authority and Housing Authority meetings to order jointly and concurrently at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 4455 W. 126th Street, Hawthorne, California.

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

Pastor Ben Nworie of All Saints Anglican Church gave the evening's invocation. Police Chief Bob Fager led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Guidi presented a Certificate of Recognition to Hawthorne High School Senior Mario Botero to formally recognize and congratulate him for his outstanding success in being accepted to the United States Naval Academy.

Alex Monteiro presented a certificate to the City of Hawthorne for their partnership with the American Cancer Society Relay for Life event. Certificates were also presented to Aimee Yoshida of the Hawthorne Police Department, the Hawthorne Police Department, the Public Works Department, Rick Carver of the Public Works Department and Lani Emmich of the Finance Department for their participation and involvement with the Relay for Life event. Mr. Monteiro is the Event Chair for Relay for Life. The relay has raised around \$54,000 so far.

Public Works Director Arnie Shadbehr gave an update on the Crenshaw Blvd. Project. The project is using a grant from MTA and will address values traffic mitigation needs on Crenshaw Blvd and 120th Street. This project will surgically widen roadway intersections to improve traffic flow at critical locations.

1.

Under oral communications, **Holly Peck**, HMEA President, addressed the Council about the current deficit the city is facing in regards to the municipal employees. **Richard Herschenfeld**, representing the the original buyer of the land on Yukon and 120th, respectfully requested that Resolution 7318 on tonight's agenda not be adopted at this time as it would force him to take a firm position with respect to the contract that the buyer has with the city. **Anna Stenseth**, who lives in the triangle of land that is north of the airport between 120th, Prairie and the 105, spoke on the unsafe condition of the north side of the sidewalk across from the airport by the Dominguez Channel. She and her neighbors would like to see it become a green space or park space as there is no such space that is reachable on foot from her neighborhood. **Alex Monteiro** invited Council to attend the 2010 graduation for the preschoolers at The Castle; it will be held on June 24th at the Memorial Center at 10am in the Sun Room. Reported that the grant he wrote five years ago for two additional preschool sites is now ready; one is at Zela Davis School and the other at Eucalyptus School. The schools will each accept 120 students who have to be four years old by December 2nd. Cost is \$20 a year and the schools will open in September. For more information, call the Hawthorne School District at 310-676-2276. **Olivia Valentine**, President of the Holly Park HOA, thanked everyone who came out and supported the 1st Juneteenth Pancake Breakfast that was held on Saturday at Pacifica House. Announced that the neighborhood watch will meet on June 28th at 6:30pm at Atherton Baptist Church where crime prevention efforts and a citizen's patrol will be the topics. **Allen Richards** feels gas blowers should be banned in the city as they are loud and cause debris to be blown onto his property, especially his windows which now have to be cleaned every two weeks due to the gas blowers. **Dixie Tobey**, Youth Commission Chairperson, announced that due to the budget crunch the Youth Commission would like to forgo their stipends from the city until the budget has been resolved. They encourage other commissions to do the same.

2.

Under Discussion/Action Items:

a).- Minimizing Councilmember's involvement in litigation matters, except for Closed Session litigation matters where all Councilmembers can discuss the matter and provide input. (English)

This item was pulled from the agenda by Councilmember English before the City Council meeting.

b).- Councilman Vargas – Meet & Greet Hours (Vargas)

Councilmember Vargas stated that he will be holding a Meet & Greet Hour in his City Hall office on the second and fourth Mondays of the month from 4:30 pm to 5:30pm. This is an opportunity to meet with Councilmember Vargas and discuss any ideas or concerns that you may have regarding the city or items related to the City Council agenda. He looks forward to meeting everyone.

c).- Hawthorne Mall – Brainstorming Session Update (Vargas)

Councilmember Vargas stated that July 24th at 10am is the date and time for the Hawthorne Mall Brainstorming Session. The purpose of this session is to bring together residents, stakeholders, the city and the owner of the mall to get some good ideas on what could possibly go on the old mall site. This will be a working meeting so everyone should come with their ideas ready to share and to contribute. This is an opportunity to be able to say what you would like to see there or what would make sense. All homeowner associations are invited to attend as well as the Wiseburn and Del Aire communities. The meeting will be held on the top floor of the parking lot and Councilmember Vargas is working with the owner to give a tour of the inside of the mall.

3.

Mayor 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 Councilmember English, that the reading of the City Council minutes of the meeting of June 8, 2010 be waived and that they be approved and adopted.

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

NOES: None. ABSTAIN: Councilmember Lambert, Mayor Guidi.

5.

Councilmember Juarez moved, seconded by Councilmember English, to waive full readings of resolutions and ordinances on June 22, 2010's agenda.

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

NOES: None.

6.

The City Treasurer submitted a financial statement regarding warrants.

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

Warrants Nos.: 190212 - 190217 ; 412130-412874

Warrant Totals: \$933,974.84 ; \$ 7,558,240.97

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

NOES: None.

7.

RESOLUTION NO. 7315

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF GRANT APPLICATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES RECYCLING AND RECOVERY FOR THE USED OIL PAYMENT PROGRAM.

Councilmember Juarez moved, seconded by Councilmember English that Resolution No. 7315 be approved and adopted.

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

8.

RESOLUTION NO. 7316

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE CITY’S PURCHASING POLICY.

MOTION TO CONTINUE

Councilmember Juarez moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert, that Resolution No. 7316 be tabled until the next meeting in order to change the language.

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

9.

RESOLUTION NO. 7317

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, CONSENTING TO INCLUSION OF PROPERTIES WITHIN THE INCORPORATED AREA OF THE CITY IN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY ENERGY PROGRAM TO FINANCE DISTRIBUTED GENERATION RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES AND ENERGY AND WATER EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS, APPROVING THE REPORT SETTING FORTH THE PARAMETERS OF THE REFERENCED PROGRAM AND CERTAIN MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

Councilmember Juarez moved, seconded by Councilmember English, that Resolution No. 7317 be approved and adopted.

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

10.

RESOLUTION NO. 7318

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY (APN 4055-021-901, APN 4048-004-915 AND APN 4055-008-901) & SPECIFYING THE MINIMUM SALE PRICE AND MINIMUM TERMS AND CONDITIONS UPON WHICH THE REAL PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD.

MOTION TO CONTINUE

Councilmember Lambert moved, seconded by Councilmember English, that Resolution No. 7318 be continued until the next meeting pending a legal confidential from the City Attorney.

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

PUBLIC HEARING

11.

City Clerk Huber announced that this was the time and place for the Public Hearing and Resolution No. 7312 Confirming the Weed Abatement Assessment Report and authorizing Collection of the Assessment.

Public Works 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 7312

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, CONFIRMING ASSESSMENTS FOR WEED AND WASTE ABATEMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE COLLECTION THEREOF.

Councilmember Lambert moved, seconded by Councilmember Vargas, that Resolution No. 7312 be approved and adopted.

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

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

12.

Approve to Ratify and make the following appointments/reappointments to the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB): (1) Ms. Angela Gibson, Area Manager of AT&T; (2) Mr. Lloyd Wilkey, Director of Alternatives to Violence; (3) Mr. Billy C. Campbell, CEO of The Campbell Agency; (4) Ms. Wanza Tolliver, State Farm Insurance; and (5) Mr. Hamid Pournamdari, Hawthorne Housing.

13.

Authorize the Director of Public Works to Award Contract for City Facilities Refuse and Recycling Collection services to Consolidated Disposal Service (also known as Allied Waste)

14.

Approve Progress Payment #3 to A.J. Kirkwood and Associates, 2752 Walnut Ave., Tustin, CA 92780 for installation of the Solar Power System at the Memorial Center, Award #DE-AC0002108 (Project # 09-07) in the amount of \$62,897.81.

15.

Approve First and Final Progress Payment to Solar Integrated Technologies for Memorial Center Roof Resurfacing (Project #09-06) in the amount of \$136,500.00.

16.

Approve to Authorize the Director of Public Works to prepare a Sewer Study Report and then proceed with public hearing process to propose an increase in Sewer Service Fee.

17.

18.

Authorize City Manager, City Treasurer, Finance Director or Finance Manager to act on behalf of the City of Hawthorne to buy, sell, assign, loan, borrow, endorse for transfer and receive Federal guaranteed securities and or Federal Government Sponsored Enterprises (GSE) securities in the name of the City of Hawthorne.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert, to approve item 12 through 18 of the City Manager's consent calendar.

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

NOES: None.

19.

The Acting City Attorney, Russell Miyahira, recommended that the claim filed on behalf of Spencer Jones for damages for the alleged violation of various state and federal laws arising from Jones' eviction from Holly Park Motel be denied in its entirety.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Juarez, that the claim filed on behalf of Spencer Jones for damages for the alleged violation of various state and federal laws arising from Jones' eviction from Holly Park Motel be denied in its entirety.

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

NOES: None.

20.

Under Councilmembers comments:

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

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert, to appoint Ms. Olivia Valentine to the LAX Advisory Committee.

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

NOES: None.

Councilmember English requested the presence of the other two commissioners at the next Council meeting in order for them to be appointed.

Councilmember **English** wished all the fathers a happy Father's Day. Clarified that the city historian appointed by the Chamber of Commerce is the historian for the Chamber and not the historian for the city. Councilmember English had given direction to staff members and the Parks & Rec/Fine Arts Commission to look into getting a city historian whether it be a committee or several members that represent the city as a historian. She would also like to see the commission implement a room or museum that would ultimately preserve our artifacts and pictures. Councilmember English hopes to attend a commission meeting to give further direction and address any questions or concerns the commission may have. Requested that the city support, through resolution, Assemblymember Bradford's proposal to protect jobs through the California Jobs Budget and Public Schools Funding Act. Asked for a report on what is being done to prepare for the early release of prisoners through AB 2290. Requested information regarding an acquisition of Vought Aircraft Industries. Attended the Los County Strategic Plan for Economic Development where the topic was how to make cities business friendly. Announced that the Housing Rights Center will hold a Disability Rights Forum tomorrow from 8:30am to 4:30pm in Los Angeles. Would like for the city to work with the center to bring these forums to Hawthorne.

Councilmember **Lambert** requested that Tom Quintana be considered for the city historian collaborative as he worked closely with former historian Walt Dixon and has a long history with the city. Apologized in advance for not being able to attend the upcoming budget meeting. .

Councilmember **Vargas** reported on the town hall meeting on June 16th between Golden State Water and residents who had issues with the water. He feels the issue is pretty much closed, but if you do have something that's going on with your water supply, make sure you call your water company so they can have a chance to address the problem. Thanked Hollyglen HOA President Sean Walsh for facilitating the town hall meeting at Cabrillo school. Thanked Monica Sanchez and Coach Norman for helping to organize the Youth Center Senior Graduation party that was held at the Hummus House. Asked for continued support for the Youth Center from the community and the city and congratulated Youth Center Commissioners Gary Washington and Demar Bingham who are graduating from high school.

Mayor Pro Tem **Juarez** attended the Golden State Water town hall meeting and commended Shad Rezai of Golden State Water for his efforts in bringing together company staff to help the community with their questions. Stated that the company Care for Children did get a permit to paint the curb addresses and can ask for a donation for this service; it is up to the resident whether to give a donation or not. Announced that Sgt. Robbie Williams is doing free home security inspections or he can provide a self-inspection check list. Attended the Fit for Gold event and shared how over 400 high school seniors have gone through this program with 93% going on to college and universities. Attended the meeting of the Kiwanis and Rotary in honor of Officer Scott Nichols who was given the 2010 Hawthorne Police Officer of the Year Award. Attended the Hawthorne High School, School of Engineering Open House and was very impressed with the number of kids who participated and are moving on to college and university. Wished Interim City Manager James Mitsch a belated Happy Birthday. Congratulated Councilmember English for being elected to the Democratic 51st District County Central Committee. Announced that the Public Works department is having a collection program in the city for used syringes; collection boxes are free of charge and available in the Public Works Department. Shared with Council an overview of Mayor Villaraigosa's Los Angeles County 30/10 Initiative which will aspire to build and open 12 major transit projects within 10 years instead of 30. This is something that will provide jobs and help our region. After a long debate on the development impact fees, notice was received that 9 to 5 is going to start a new state-of-the-art building of their furniture company over in the Century Business Center. Thanked Acting City Planner Gregg McClain for the solar panel literature and asked that it be put on the city website. Encouraged those who are interested in learning about next year's budget to attend the budget workshop this Thursday at City Hall at 6pm.

Mayor **Guidi** attended the Juneteenth breakfast and the Chamber Mixer which had a good turnout. Stated that while we are losing businesses, others such as Ashley Furniture and 9 to 5 are coming in and staff will continue to aggressively bring in business. Attended a birthday party at the Hawthorne Convalescence Hospital last week where one lady turned 100 and the other turned 105. Encouraged as many people as possible to attend the budget hearing to understand that we are in a position where money is very tight. Reminded all that the South Bay Workforce Investment Board is available to help employees who have recently lost their jobs.

City Treasurer **Lubenec** wished a belated Happy Father's Day to those who didn't get a chance and to the moms that have to play the dad role.

City Clerk **Huber** stated that in order to better the city through communication, he is writing a column, Hawthorne Happenings, in the Press Tribune. Councilmembers, staff and the public are welcome to send him articles and notes for the column. Thanked retiring Superintendent Don Carrington who served the city through city school districts for close to 40 years. On a personal note, as the founding principal of South Bay Lutheran, is sad to see that due to the economy, the school has closed after 26 years.

17.

Mayor Pro Tem Juarez recessed the City Council meeting to conduct a **Closed Session**: Conference with Labor Negotiator (Subdivision (a) of Section 54957.6 of the California Government Code. Name of Labor Negotiator: Jim Mitsch (re: All Negotiating Groups).

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 – Conference with Labor Negotiator (Subdivision (a) of Section 54957.6 of the California Government Code. Name of Labor Negotiator: Jim Mitsch (re: All Negotiating Groups). The City Attorney stated

that staff has been directed.

18.

Optional Closed Session: Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation, Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9 (One potential case).

This closed session was not held.

19.

Approve Settlement Agreement between Michael Heffner and the City of Hawthorne.

Councilmember Juarez moved, seconded by Councilmember Vargas, to approve this Settlement.

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

20.

Mayor Guidi adjourned the meeting at 9:29 p.m. in the memory of Joyce Phillips and Curtis Gladney.

Norbert Huber
City Clerk