

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE,
CALIFORNIA HELD JULY 13, 2010.**

Mayor Guidi called the City Council, Community Redevelopment Agency, Parking Authority and Housing Authority meetings 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, Lambert, Juarez, Vargas, Mayor Guidi.
Absent: None.

Patricia Donaldson, Chamber of Commerce President, gave the evening's invocation. Hawthorne School District Board Member John Vargas led the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Clerk Huber introduced 10-year old Kai Nakkim. Kai played the Star Spangled Banner on the clarinet at tonight's meeting.

Councilmember Lambert presented a Proclamation to John Walter Henderson in honor of the happy occasion of his 102nd Birthday.

Assemblyman Steve Bradford congratulated the city for the fantastic car show that they had on the weekend. Thanked the Council for supporting the California Jobs Budget resolution.

Mayor Pro Tem Juarez introduced Hawthorne Officer of the Year Scott Nichols. Officer Nichols has worked for the Hawthorne Police Department for nine years. The Officer of the Year Award is a tradition of the Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs.

Mayor Pro Tem Juarez introduced Anne Karna, Communications Manager for the 511 Program. The 511 program is a number you can call or website you can use to get anything you need to know about traffic, transit and travel related information in Los Angeles County LA area.

Mayor Pro Tem Juarez presented a proclamation to formally recognize and thank John Koppelman and the many volunteers who have made the Hawthorne/Del Aire Farmers Market such a great success story.

Councilmember Vargas introduced Dr. Helen Morgan, the incoming Hawthorne School District Superintendent. Dr. Morgan holds a Doctorate in Educational Leadership and has served the Hawthorne School District as a Teacher, Assistant Principal, Principal, Coordinator of Special Development and Director of Special Projects.

1.

Under oral communications **Olivia Valentine** thanked Council for appointing her to the LAX Advisory Committee. She attended her first committee meeting on July 8th and reported the following: The United States Court of Appeals on July 7th lifted a preliminary injunction imposed in 1997 allowing now LA police to enforce a Los Angeles City ordinance to prohibit solicitation in the airport; new air service and flights at LAX which offer travelers on Al Italia, Malaysia Air, American Eagle, Cathay Pacific, COPA Airlines, Delta Airlines, Horizon Air, Jet Blue, Virgin America and U.S. Airways new service and additional flights throughout the United States and overseas do to a slight improvement in the economy; the theme building renovation at LAX has been completed; approval of a \$1.3 billion contract for improvements to two intersections of Imperial Highway that border LAX and the City of El Segundo. On behalf of the Holly Park HOA, invited everyone to come to Holly Park to celebrate National Night Out on August 3rd from 6pm to 9pm and then on August 7th to join the annual picnic from 10am to 3pm. **Pat Donaldson** announced that on July 22nd there will be a mixer from 5:30pm to 7:30pm at the University of Common Sense. The 40th Annual Installation of Officers and Civic Awards Presentation will be held on August 24th; registration is at 7am and the program begins at 7:30am. **Sean Walsh** thanked John Koppelman and Susan Hillyer for the great value they have brought regarding the farmers market. Respectfully declined the nomination to the LAX Advisory Commission at this time. Reminded everyone that there is money available for soundproofing and stated that homeland security is concerned about the Hawthorne airport. **Richard Herschenfeld** spoke on items 8 and 9 on tonight's agenda. Believes that given the opportunity to acquire this property, he could deliver a magnificent building for the city and that it is in the city's best interest to allow the extension and not authorize another RFP. Requested a meeting with the city to speak about this situation. **Gordon Mego** spoke regarding the former Hawthorne Plaza Mall and ways it can be revitalized. **Alex Monteiro** invited everyone to attend the Hawthorne Imperial Lions and the Hawthorne Moose Lodge annual horseshoe tournament which is a fundraiser for

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Moosehaven, Mooseheart and other programs for the Lions Club division. The event will be held at the Hawthorne Moose Lodge parking lot at 13212 Inglewood Avenue on July 17th at 10am. Requested to be put on the July 27th agenda in order to present a check to the K-9 unit. **Darlene Love** inquired on who owns the property where her park ends as it has become a real eyesore. Also reported a trash problem at 2506 West Imperial Highway. **Susan Hillyer** presented a commendation to John Koppelman from the office of Mark Ridley-Thomas in recognition of his dedication to the Hawthorne / Del Aire Farmers Market 1st Anniversary Celebration.

2.

Under Discussion/Action Items:

a).- Hawthorne Mall – July 24, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. Brainstorming Session (Vargas)

Councilmember Vargas reminded everyone that the brainstorming session for the Hawthorne Mall site will be held on July 24th at 10am. He hopes everyone will come on that day with their ideas ready to participate and contribute.

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 Lambert, that the reading of the City Council minutes of the meeting of June 22, 2010 be waived and that they be approved and adopted.

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

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert, that the reading of the City Council minutes of the special meeting of June 24, 2010 be waived and that they be approved and adopted.

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

5.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert, to waive full readings of resolutions and ordinances on July 13, 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.

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

Warrants Nos.: 190218-190245- 412875-413333

Warrant Totals: \$2,006,322.00 ; \$ 14,897,839.15

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

7.

RESOLUTION NO.7316

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

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert that Resolution No. 7316 be approved and adopted.

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

8.

RESOLUTION NO.7323

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, DENYING THE REQUEST OF CITY OF HAWTHORNE PROPERTY, LLC FOR A FOURTH AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT FOR PURCHASE AND SALE OF REAL PROPERTY [APN 4055-021-901, APN 4048-004-915 AND APN 4055-008-901] BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE ("SELLER") AND CITY OF HAWTHORNE PROPERTY, LLC ("BUYER").

Councilmember Lambert moved, seconded by Councilmember English that Resolution No. 7323 be approved and adopted.

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

9.

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 Juarez moved, seconded by Mayor Guidi that Resolution No. 7318 be continued until August 10, 2010.

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

10.

RESOLUTION NO. 7320

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, PROVIDING FOR THE COMPENSATION OF PART-TIME EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE AND REPEALING RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HERewith.

Councilmember Lambert moved, seconded by Councilmember English that Resolution No. 7320 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:

11.

Approve a sublease with Inglewood Unified School District 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 and authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement on behalf of the South Bay Workforce Investment Board.

12.

Approve Progress Payment to Solar Integrated Technologies for Memorial Center Roof Resurfacing (Project # 09-06) in the amount of \$112,518.00.

13.

Progress Payment #5 and Final Acceptance to Vasilj, Inc. for Sewer Improvement Project 2009-2011 (Project # 08-04) in the amount of \$361,427.19.

14.

Approve Progress Payment # 1 to United Pacific Services, Inc., for Street Tree Trimming (Project # 10-01), in the amount of \$14,143.00 will be charged to the Gas Tax Funds

15.

Approve Adoption of Investment Policy and Investment Strategy.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Vargas, to approve items 11 through 15 of the City Manager's consent calendar with the amendments as stated by Mayor Pro Tem Juarez to the investment policy.

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

NOES: None.

16.

Under Councilmembers comments:

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

Sean Walsh respectfully declined the nomination to the LAX Advisory Commission at this time.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert, to appoint Levi R. Stockton to the LAX Advisory Committee.

ROLL CALL-AYES: Councilmember Lambert, Mayor Guidi.

NOES: Councilmember Juarez ABSTAIN: Councilmembers English, Vargas.

17.

Councilmember **Juarez** asked the police chief to give a recap of the night of July 4th. Chief Fager reported that the night at large, calls for service and the noted impact by the officers this year was on the positive end. Seventeen officers were redeployed specifically for that night at no cost. Two undercover units were also put out to help assist. Two arrests were made through the night for direct firework violation calls and a total of 11 administrative citations were written for possession or violations of firework laws. Councilmember Juarez reminded residents that there are summer classes offered through the city. Requested that public notices also be put on the city webpage as not everyone gets the local paper. Inquired on when the reports will be ready on how the non-profits did at the firework stands. Requested that directives be documented during the council meetings and then be delivered to the Councilmembers.

Councilmember **Lambert** commended Mayor Guidi and Pastor Cookes of Teen Challenge for the incredible car show that took place this past weekend. Thanked all the employees and police officers that volunteered their time. Also thanked the Lions and their volunteers for the fabulous job they did.

Councilmember **English** thanked Olivia Valentine for the feedback of the LAX commission meeting she attended on July 8th. She hopes new member Levi Stockton will also provide us with important information that the community needs in assisting residents, especially when it comes to soundproofing. Stated that she is glad to know that solicitation at LAX has finally come to a stop as some groups were taking advantage of folks. Congratulated Mayor Guidi on the car show. Did receive concerns from the community regarding the car show. One was that the boulevard was closed too long. Another concern was that some organizations felt favoritism was being played as only one organization was benefiting from the event. Commended everyone, including city employees and police officers who did participate by volunteering their time at the car show. Requested a report as to any expenditures that the city had regarding the car show. Requested again the report from the meeting with South Bay Ford and an update on some existing businesses that had not received their business licenses yet due to issues with the fire department. Asked for an update on the status of the city motto or city mission statement that was requested previously.

Councilmember **Vargas** thanked Lisa Miller with regards to the report he received on code enforcement activities. Congratulated Alex Monteiro and the teachers of the Castle Preschool on their graduation. Besides attending the graduation, Councilmember Vargas actually attended the Castle back in the 70's. Reported that seniors are still being preyed upon by scam artists who promise large amounts of money in exchange for smaller amounts. You should ask questions, take notes of what is happening and report it to the police department. Attended the car show which was a fun and unifying event and if there are concerns from the residents regarding the car show, they should be looked at as there is always room for improvement. Was happy to report that some residents did attend his meet and greet hour. Hours are every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month from 4:30pm to 5:30pm. Attended the Holly Park and North Hawthorne HOA meetings where he met a lot of involved and concerned citizens. Invited all the HOA members to attend the brainstorming session regarding the Hawthorne Mall. While conscious of the deficiency or lack of talent with regards to science and technology in the United States, is proud to note that Hawthorne is at the center of producing talent for science and technology due to schools in the area such as Hawthorne Math & Science Academy, Da Vinci Tech Charter Schools, Hawthorne High School School of Engineering, Lennox Math and Science and Animo Leadership.

Mayor **Guidi** is glad to see that the 9 to 5 factory has broken ground, which could bring employment opportunities to the city in about seven months. Thanked Public Works Director Arnie Shadbehrr for taking care of and cleaning the 120th street property. Congratulated Alex Monteiro on the Castle preschool graduation. Regarding the car show, any non-profit is allowed as long as they pay their own way. Non-profits were invited to the car show to sell goods and food. Some businesses look forward to the car show as it brings people to the city that ordinarily wouldn't come to Hawthorne. Anyone who has issues with the event should talk directly Mayor Guidi. Would like Council to embrace more non-profits to do positive things for the city. Inquired if we will have an update by the next meeting on the budget situation and where we are financially.

City Clerk **Huber** invited the Council to the Ramona Neighborhood picnic this Saturday at 11am at Ramona Park. Reported that Pastor Merrill of Centinela Bible Church put together a book on the 40 best looking housing in Ramona. Announced that smart meters are starting to be installed in Hawthorne and warned that there will be a momentary lapse in electricity. National Night Out will be held at Ramona and Holly Park and encourages Council and other leaders of the community to consider hosting an event. National Night Out is meant to bring people out to their local neighborhoods on August 3rd.

City Treasurer **Lubenec** feels that by cutting down two firework stands it helped the other eight stands generate a little bit more money. Most stands were sold out of a lot of stuff by Sunday afternoon. Congratulated the Mayor on the car show and requested the Munster car and the Mach 5 Speed Racer for next year.

22.

Mayor Guidi 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 the city negotiator had been directed.

18.

Mayor Guidi adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Norbert Huber
City Clerk