MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA HELD AUGUST 24, 2010.

Mayor Guidi called the City Council, Community Redevelopment Agency, Parking Authority and Housing Authority meetings to order jointly and concurrently at 6:08 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 4455 W. 126th Street, Hawthorne, California.

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

Pastor Alicia Vargas from the Church of Nazarene gave the evening's invocation. City Clerk Norbert Huber led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Officer Steve Colquette, representing the Hawthorne Police Officers Association, presented a check for $1000 to the Hawthorne Presidents Council for the canine fund in memory of Cora Travers who was a staunch supporter of the canine program.

1.

Under oral communications **Pastor David Manila** of Ocean Gate Southern Baptist Church invited everyone to attend the 5th Annual 9/11 for fallen heroes and the people of the police, fire, highway patrol, post office and volunteer departments. The ceremony will begin at 9am at the fire station on El Segundo Blvd. **Michael Castillo** from the office of Assemblyman Steve Bradford invited Council and the citizens of Hawthorne to join Assemblymember Bradford and the Assembly Select-Committee on Procurement for the Los Angeles Procurement Hearing on September 8th at the California Science Center from 10am to 12pm. **Paula Sorrells,** the victim of a crime, questioned why the police department refuses to take a crime report from her even though she has evidence and has written many letters to request an investigation. **Allen Richards** attended a driver's license check as an observer this past Friday at 139th and Hawthorne Blvd. and reported that everything was handled professionally and the police officers did an excellent job.

2.

Under Discussion/Action Items:

a.- Rename the K9 training facility after Cora Travers. (City Council)

Councilmember Juarez moved, seconded by Councilmember Vargas, to rename the K-9 training facility "The Cora Travers Canine Training Facility".

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

b.- Adopt City-wide policy of prohibiting City/City Manager from retaining/hiring companies, consultant, law firms, individuals, etc., who have brought lawsuits against the City, who have acted as expert witnesses in litigation against the City or who have threatened litigation against the City. The City-wide policy should specify that there are many qualified firms and individuals that the City may retain and there is no reason to hire any of those firms or individuals who have acted contrary to the City's best interests. (Vargas)

This item was pulled by Councilmember Vargas before the meeting.

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 August 10, 2010 be waived and that they be approved and adopted.

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

5.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Juarez, to waive full readings of resolutions and ordinances on August 10, 2010's agenda.

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

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.: 190361-190411 ; 414389-415178

Warrant Totals: $749,664.32 ; $8,946,550.04

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

7.

RESOLUTION NO. 7327

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AFFIRMING THE DECISION OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL BOARD PERTAINING TO THE DISPOSITION OF A PIT-BULL OWNED BY ANDYKE AND MATTIE PHILLIPS.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Juarez, that Resolution No. 7327 be approved and adopted.

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

8.

RESOLUTION NO. 7330

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF BROADWAY AND OXFORD AVENUE.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Juarez, that Resolution No. 7330 be approved and adopted.

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

9.

This item was **pulled** by the Interim City Manager James Mitsch before the City Council meeting.

Public Hearing to consider the Proposed Annual Budget including Revenue and Expenditure Details for Fiscal Year 2010-2011. City Clerk's Department's declaration publication filed. No written communications were received. Call for oral comments. Motion to close hearing. Motion to Approve Resolution No. 7328.

.RESOLUTION NO.7328

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011.

10.

City Clerk Huber announced that this was the time and place for the Public Hearing and adoption of Resolution No. 7329 Establishing the Appropriations Limit for the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 pursuant to Article XIIIB of the California Constitution. 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.

RESOLUTION NO.7329

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING THE APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011 PURSUANT TO ARTICLE XIIIB OF THE CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION.

Councilmember Juarez moved, seconded by Mayor Guidi, that Resolution No. 7329 be approved and adopted.

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

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

11.

Approve to Appoint/Ratify the following new members to the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB): (1) Mr. Ron Miller, representing Organized Labor; (2) Ms. Willa Robinson, representing the Employment Development Department; and (3) Mr. Doug Herbst, representing Manhattan Beach Business Private Sector.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Juarez, to approve item 11 of the City Manager's consent calendar.

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

12.

The Acting City Attorney, Russell Miyahira, recomnded that the claim filed on behalf of Franks De Andre for alleged injuries and death to his son, DeAndre Green, age 2. Claimant's two-year old son died while in the custody of child's mother and mother's boyfriend. Claimant states that he reported possible child abuse to the Hawthorne Police Department, but no action was taken to prevent future abuse. Claimant also alleges that reports of child abuse were made to the County Department of Child & Family Services be denied in its entirety.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Juarez, that the claim filed on behalf of Franks De Andre for alleged injuries and death to his son, DeAndre Green, age 2 be denied in its entirety.

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

13.

The Acting City Attorney, Russell Miyahira, recommended that the claim filed on behalf of Jaden Mercer and Kimberly Jordan for alleged injuries to Jaden (age 5 months) when a golf ball from Chester Washington Golf course struck him in the head during his visit to Holly Park baseball field be denied in its entirety.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Juarez, that the claim filed on behalf of Jaden Mercer and Kimberly Jordan for alleged injuries to Jaden (age 5 months) when a golf ball from Chester Washington Golf course struck him in the head during his visit to Holly Park baseball field in its entirety.

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

20.

Under Elected Officials Reports and Recommendations:

Councilmember **Juarez** attended the 40th Annual Installation of Officers & Civic Awards Presentation of the Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce and announced that Mr. Allen Richards had been given the honor of Citizen of the Year by the chamber and Sheryl Singh from the South Bay Workforce Investment Board had received the Ned Chaffee Award. Attended the end of summer b-b-q for the Teen Center. Announced that Golden State Water Company sent out a postcard to customers reminding them to conserve water as there is still a drought. Congratulated Dr. Helen Morgan and the Hawthorne School District on jumping seven points, the highest one gain jump in the South Bay, on the STAR testing. Cautioned about traffic delays on 120th & Crenshaw due to street improvements. Asked about looking into getting a grant to cover the estimated $60,000 it would take to get an emergency office for the city. Requested an update on the audits that HUD has been doing. Inquired on the status of the consultant that was hired from LAPLAN. Announced that the Federal Grand Jury is looking for 23 people to serve from July to June. It pays $60 a day plus mileage. Applications to serve are due November 15th. For more information, contact Cora at 213-893-1047. Announced that CERT begins on September 24th for three days. Congratulated Human Resources Manager Robert O'Brien who recently got married.

Councilmember **English** announced that the Hawthorne Kiwanis Club will be holding their 71st Annual Installation of Officers on October 1st at 6pm at the Automobile Driving Museum in El Segundo. Requested that a closed session be scheduled to discuss the status of Gold's Gym. Received an invitation for Council and staff to attend the upcoming annual conference for the League of California Cities.

Councilmember **Vargas** attended the installation of new officers for the chamber of commerce and congratulated Mr. Allen Richards for his citizen of the year award and for his active part in the community. Attended the Teen Center end of summer b-b-q and the Gardena Jazz Festival. Asked for community input on bringing different events and activities to the city. Was not able to attend the DUI checkpoint, but attested that the police are doing a professional job at these points. Clarified that the money used for DUI checkpoints is not from the city's general fund; it is federal or state money given to

the city to put on these checkpoints. Received an invitation for the Jose Marti Club to attend their Cuban Festival and requested that at the next meeting, a brief description of the event be presented. Asked that we keep in our prayers the 32 miners that are trapped in a mine in Chili. Stated that he and Council are committed to making Hawthorne a safe place to live and raise children in.

Mayor **Guidi** congratulated Mr. Allen Richards and Sheryl Singh for their awards. Announced that Ashley Furniture and Haagar Furniture will officially open on September 1st.

City Clerk **Huber** announced that the Parks & Recreation Department will begin offering a variety of classes on September 13th. Stated that the Centinela Vallyey Union High School District will place a bond on the November ballot and urged residents to study up on it and how it will affect property taxes. Recognized Mr. Allen Richards for his service to the community.

21.

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 Labor Negotiator was instructed.

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Mayor Guidi adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m. in the memory of Webster Magee.

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Norbert Huber
City Clerk