

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE,
CALIFORNIA HELD NOVEMBER 9, 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 Lambert, English, Juarez, Vargas, Mayor Guidi.
Absent: None

Allen Richards gave the evening's invocation. Frances Stiglich led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilmember Juarez introduced Chief Bob Fager who honored Gloria Martinez, Secretary to the Chief, as the Hawthorne Police Department's "Employee of the Month" for November 2010.

Hawthorne School District Superintendent Dr. Helen Morgan gave an update regarding the district. They have invited the YMCA to provide child care at Hawthorne Middle School for a nominal fee. Parents can drop off children at 6:45am and then they are bused to their home schools within the district. There will be no school this Thursday and Friday nor the week of Thanksgiving. Through a partnership with Network for Healthy California, the district collected 1,737 pounds of extra Halloween candy from their students and will be shipping it to our troops in the Middle East. Advised parents to be on the lookout for upcoming meetings for 8th graders that will be attending high school within the Centinela Valley Union High School District.

1.

Under oral communications, **Pat Donaldson** announced that on November 18th from 5:30pm to 7:30pm there will be a joint mixer with the cities of El Segundo, Manhattan Beach and Hawthorne at John Elway Toyota in Manhattan Beach; John Elway will be on hand to sign autographs. On November 19th there will be a chamber mixer breakfast at the Hyatt Summerfield Suites at 7:30am and on November 23rd at 3pm the chamber will be giving away 250 boxes of canned goods and 250 turkeys; turkeys are still needed. **Pastor David Manila and Renee O'Neal** announced that Ocean Gate Southern Baptist Church will hold a fundraiser on December 11th from 12pm to 6pm for children currently under treatment for cancer. All proceeds will go to the children. There will also be a yard sale at the church this Saturday. Pastor Manila thanked everyone for their prayers and support during his illness. **Dron Battan** requested a small space once a week for his group to practice music. **Allen Richards** read an article in the Daily Breeze on Monday and wonders why they are bringing up old stuff. Listened to KTTV.com regarding the former city manager and doesn't understand why the city of Hawthorne hired a private investigator who is not licensed in the state of California and why was he investigating all of our managers. He wants to know who in the city is responsible for hiring him and did it happen prior to or after the hiring of the interim city manager and expects a public response from the city council. In honor of Veteran's Day recited the poem, The Noble and the Brave. **Claudio Taniguchi** announced the launching of a project called S.N.A.P. (Specific Needs Awareness Planning), a volunteer disaster registry released on November 1st. This is an internet based system that will allow residents to provide information, which will be kept confidential, to public safety officials about their access or functional needs. S.N.A.P. does not guarantee priority response to registrants; it assists emergency officials in planning and responding to the requirements of people with access and functional needs during a disaster by integrating data base and mapping technology together. Residents interested in registering can go to <http://snap.lacounty.gov>. The city will host a vaccination clinic for flu and whooping cough on December 2nd at the Memorial Center from 10am to 2pm. **Len May** requested that a councilmember review his case regarding a street sweeping parking ticket. **Michael Castillo** invited the community to the 51st Assembly District State of the District & Citizens' Advisory Council's Planning Retreat. The intent of this retreat is to receive community input on what issues, legislative ideas or events they would like to see within the district. The retreat will be held on November 20th from 9am to 12:30pm at Loyola Marymount University; for more information, call 310-412-6400. **Darlene Love** reported that voter turnout in Holly Park was very high. Would like Council to get along with each other. **Olivia Valentine** was disturbed by what she read in Daily Breeze yesterday regarding the hiring of a private investigator in connection with the alleged activities of two former city employees. **Nilo Michelin** stated that city officials have a duty to investigate illegal activity and they should not be personally attacked for doing their job. **Francis Stiglich** spoke on disruptive noise in her neighborhood. Inquired on our share and what we are going to do with the \$6.9million that Maxine Waters distributed. Does not agree that we should spend city money regarding the mall.

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2.

Discussion/Action Items:

a.- Consider amendment to business license regulation prohibiting the issuance of any business license which violates state or federal law. (Juarez)

In the event that a proposition such as the recent Proposition 19 the marijuana initiative had passed, this amendment would have preempted the proposition in the city on a federal level.

Councilmember Juarez moved, seconded by Mayor Guidi, to consider amendment to business license regulation prohibiting the issuance of any business license which violated state or federal law.

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

NOES: None.

b.- Consider the processing by City Clerk's Department of passports. (English)

As a way of continuing to look for revenue sources, asked that the City Clerk, City Manager and City Attorney look into the possibility of getting passports through the city and whether it would be a viable revenue source.

c.- Consider allowing the rental of Memorial park for events such as weddings, parties, etc. (English)

Would like to streamline the operations at the Memorial Center. Requested a report from various city personnel on the pros and cons of holding private events at the Memorial Center. This would also be another revenue source. Councilmember Vargas requested a report on what kind of efforts the city has right now as far as marketing the Memorial Center and the rent schedule for the rooms. Councilmember Juarez asked for a report on the history of any issues with parties at Nat's that we can learn from and to add the ordinance to the report that already establishes who we can rent the center to.

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 regular meeting of October 26, 2010 be waived and that they be approved and adopted.

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

NOES: None.

5.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Juarez, to waive full readings of resolutions and ordinances on November 9, 2010's agenda.

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

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Warrants Nos.: 190516-190528 ; 417219-417570

Warrant Totals: \$670,325.92 ; \$1,872,803.06

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

7.

RESOLUTION NO. 7324

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO THE CITY RISK MANAGER TO REPRESENT THE CITY AT CSAC EXCESS INSURANCE AUTHORITY MEETINGS.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Juarez, that Resolution No. 7324 be approved and adopted.

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

8.

RESOLUTION NO. 7345

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING A HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE PURSUANT TO THE FEDERAL DISASTER MITIGATION ACT OF 2000.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Juarez, that Resolution No. 7345 be approved and adopted.

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

9.

ORDINANCE NO. 1978 (2ND Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR THE CENTURY BUSINESS CENTER FOR PURPOSES OF EXCLUDING PROPERTY ON WHICH THE PROPOSED 9TO5 PROJECT WILL BE DEVELOPED FROM THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT.

Councilmember Lambert moved, seconded by Councilmember Juarez, that Ordinance No. 1978 be approved and adopted.

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

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

10.

Approve progress payment #3 due to All American Asphalt for Crenshaw Boulevard Improvement Project (Project # 08-05) Federal Project # HPLUL - 5253(018), MTA PC25 in the amount of \$ 1,706,069.00.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Juarez to approve item 10 of the City Manager's consent calendar.

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

The Acting City Attorney, Russell Miyahira, presented the following agenda and requested approval of the indicated recommendation:

11.

The Acting City Attorney, Russell Miyahira, recommended that the claim filed on behalf of Lucretia Lazenby has filed a claim for personal injury damages as the result of a collision with a City of Hawthorne vehicle at or near the intersection of El Segundo Boulevard and Crenshaw Boulevard on July 16, 2010. (The underlying subrogation claim for property damage has already been settled.) be denied in its entirety.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Juarez, that the claim filed on behalf of Lucretia Lazenby for personal injury damages as the result of a collision with a City of Hawthorne vehicle at or near the intersection of El Segundo Boulevard and Crenshaw Boulevard on July 16, 2010 (The underlying subrogation claim for property damage has already been settled.) be denied in its entirety.

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

12.

Under Elected Officials Reports and Recommendations:

Councilmember **Juarez** congratulated Jan Vogel for his successful 15th Annual Alumni Awards Breakfast and for the program in conjunction with Supervisor Kanabi that put 10,000 individuals back to work and 16,000 youths to work. Announced that that this Friday he will be donating his pool table to the teen center and next week there will be a pool demonstration at the teen center. City officials will also be participating in a preliminary ping-pong tournament on Monday and the championship on Wednesday at the teen center at 6pm.

Councilmember **Lambert** requested a report and a meeting regarding a newspaper article regarding former employees and advised that the city not comment on future negative articles.

Councilmember **English** requested a private meeting regarding allegations in the newspaper regarding former employees. Provided "California Veterans Resource Guide 2010" books that give information on various programs and services that are offered to veterans. Any organizations or groups that would like additional books should contact Councilmember English. Thanked Chief Fager and his staff for providing a staff report and assessment, per her request, having to do with more aggressive approach to grant writing and search of grants. Stated that even though we did not get the Statewide Park Development Community Revitalization Program grant this year, we will continue to pursue it. Commended the efforts of the public works department for using grant monies received from Congresswoman Waters to improve and revitalize our streets. Announced that there will not be any street restrictions on Veterans Day. There will be traffic restrictions tomorrow on Van Ness and 120th and on Friday southbound on Crenshaw will be restricted to two lanes. Will be actively working with Renee O'Neal and Ocean Gate Baptist Church which will be holding a Miracle in the Making Christmas fundraiser on December 11 from 12pm to 6pm for children undergoing treatment for cancer. Asked for a review of how we are alleviating employee involved traffic accidents. Requested a status report on businesses that still have not received their licenses. Councilmember English will be holding her 3rd Annual Operation Gobble turkey give-a-way on November 17th at 2pm at city hall; anyone who is in need of a turkey, please contact the city manager's office.

Councilmember **Vargas** congratulated Public Works Director Arnie Shadbehr for the improvements on

120th and on Crenshaw. Mr. Shadbehr, when he is requested, also reaches out to the neighborhood associations for feedback on what they think about projects in the city and what they would like to see. Announced that the city will be hosting a 3 on 3 basketball tournament on November 13th from 9am to 3pm. This is a way to unite the city and different groups in the community; so far eight groups will be participating. Those who would like to meet one on one to discuss any issues, give feedback etc. with Councilmember Vargas are invited to visit him during his open office hours on the second and fourth Mondays of the month from 4:30pm to 5:30pm at his office in city hall. Asked that we stand behind and support our newly elected state leaders whether you voted for them or not so we can get the state out of the rut that it is in. Stressed the importance of soliciting commerce to come to the city in order to increase revenue and in turn increase city services.

Mayor **Guidi** announced that the City of Hawthorne and the Hawthorne/Lawndale Ministerial Association will be having a Thanksgiving luncheon for senior citizens and underprivileged families on November 18th from 11:30am to 1:30pm at the Memorial Center; help is still needed with food and turkeys. Thanked public works for the right turn lane onto Jack Northrop Ave. and new traffic signal on Doty and 120th. Feels we should have kept the park ranger program. Asked that a sting for no helmets and kneepads be done at the skate park. Thanked the police department for catching the individual that brought a lot of hurt to two families.

City Clerk **Huber** announced that the next meeting of the historical society will be held on November 18th at 7pm at the Hawthorne Memorial Center; the meeting will be chaired by Tom Quintana. Looks forward to defeating the Treasurer at the ping-pong tournament next week. In honor of Veterans Day, announced that his North Torrance church will be holding a pancake breakfast from 6:30am to 11:00am this Saturday.

City Treasurer **Lubenec** attended the SBWIB breakfast and thanked Executive Director Jan Vogel for all he does for the city. Commended the public works department, the council, the police department and all those who put in so much effort to make the city look good.

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Mayor Guidi adjourned the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

Norbert Huber
City Clerk