MINUTES OF A REGULAR AND SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA HELD JANUARY 25, 2011.

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 Lambert, English, Juarez, Vargas, Mayor Guidi.
Absent: None

Pastor Patrick Cazarez from the River of God International Ministries Church gave the evening's invocation. Captain Mike Ishii led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A presentation was given by the Hawthorne Police Explorers Post 867X on what they do and what they are about. The purpose of the explorer program is to build a bridge between the youth of the community and the members of the Hawthorne Police Department.

Chief Fager introduced Sergeant Chris Wiley, Detective Christina Chiarello and Detective Larry Robinson, the Officers of the Month for January 2011. He commended the officers for their work with the Hawthorne Police Explorers and the development of the future cadet program.

Mayor Pro Tem Vargas, on behalf of the city, presented a Certificates of Recognition to Sergeant Chris Wiley, Detective Christina Chiarello and Detective Larry Robinson for their dedication and professionalism in guiding and mentoring the members of Hawthorne Explorer Post 867X.

Mayor Pro Tem Vargas presented Proclamations honoring the members of Hawthorne Explorer Post 867.

Alex Monteiro, Hawthorne Presidents Council Chairman, presented a check for $2,200 from the Cora Travers Memorial Fund to Chief Fager for the K9 Unit Program.

City Manager Mitsch introduced the new Interim Finance Manager, Mike Blazenski. Mr. Blazenski has been in municipal finance since 1995 and retired from the City of Hawaiian Gardens in 2006. He has worked in a number of cities on an interim bases and once served on the City Council for the town of Mammoth Lakes. Mr. Blazenski is also a former student and resident of Hawthorne.

Councilmember Juarez presented a Certificate of Recognition to Hugo Rojas commending his quick thinking and unselfish act of bravery on December 14, 2010 when he assisted the Hawthorne Police Department in apprehending a fleeing suspect.

Don Rowe from the Hawthorne Library presented a Certificate of Recognition to Hawthorne Middle School student Treazzure Haynes for being selected by County of Los Angeles Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas as a Second District winner for the County of Los Angeles Public Library 2010 Children's Bookmark Contest "Swing into Reading".

1.

Under oral communications **Patricia Donaldson**, Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce President, announced that the State of the City luncheon will be held on February 10th at the Memorial Center at 12 noon. For tickets, call the Chamber at 310-676-1163. **Alex Monteiro** thanked Jonathan and Monica Lubenec for their assistance for three days in preparing baskets and toys for the kids. Thanked Christian Vasquez from the Hawthorne Press Tribune for his business owner connection that resulted in a donation of 100 toys. Requested the services of the police department, city staff and the use of the city logo for this year's Relay for Life. Invited cancer survivors to attend a free luncheon at the Senior Center on February 12th from 12pm to 3pm. The "Paint the Town Purple" event will be held on March 19th. On February 12th the Moose Lodge will hold a Valentine Casino Night fundraiser for orphaned children at 7pm; tickets are $20. **Chris Richert**, Board Member for Fusion at South Bay Community Association, asked for Council's support in opposing the expansion of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority's maintenance facilities next to the Fusion community. This is one of four possible locations that the MTA has chosen for expansion of the Green Line and other lines. **Dolorez Ramos** asked for assistance with vandalism, parking and loitering problems in her Kornblum neighborhood. **Allen Richards** stated that he was very impressed with the Explorer unit that we saw tonight. Gave a history of the Explorer program that began

in 1947 and shared how he joined the Wilderness Explorers in 1948. **Francis Stiglich** announced for all those that ask about her brother, George Klobucar, that he is currently being cared for in a facility in San Diego due to a broken hip. **Darlene Love** thanked the city for the improvements at 2506 W. Imperial Highway.

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a. - Consider action to be taken against a business involved in the distribution of narcotics. (Juarez)

A recent street gang round-up by the Los Angeles County Sherriff's Department involved a local business so Councilmember Juarez asked that the City Attorney look into remedies that the city could take against businesses to close them down when they are involved in illegal activities.

3.

Mayor Guidi recessed the Community Redevelopment Agency, Parking Authority and Housing Authority meetings to conduct the meeting of the City Council.

4.

Councilmember English moved, seconded by Mayor Guidi, that the reading of the City Council minutes of the regular and special meetings of January 11, 2011 be waived and that they be approved and adopted.

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

5.

Councilmember English moved, seconded by Mayor Guidi, to waive full readings of resolutions and ordinances on January 25, 2011's agenda.

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

6.

The City Treasurer submitted a financial statement regarding warrants.

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

Warrants Nos.: 190572-190581 : 419605-420288

Warrant Totals: $710,578.43 ; $3,037,856.12

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

7.

RESOLUTION NO. 7351

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING, APPROVING & RATIFYING THE SUBMITTAL OF THE GRANT YEAR 2009 URBAN AREA SECURITY INITIATIVE (UASI) GRANT PROGRAM 'SUB-RECIPIENT AGREEMENT' BETWEEN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE.

Councilmember English moved, seconded by Mayor Guidi, that Resolution No. 7351 be approved and adopted.

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

NOES: None.

8.

ORDINANCE NO. 1980 (1st Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA AMENDING SECTION 15.04.010 OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE ("HMC"), REPEALING & REENACTING HMC CHAPTER 15.05 AND ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE 2010 EDITION OF THE CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE, AS AMENDED HEREIN, THE 2010 EDITION OF THE CALIFORNIA MECHANICAL CODE, THE 2010 EDITION OF THE CALIFORNIA PLUMBING CODE, THE 2010 EDITION OF THE CALIFORNIA ELECTRICAL CODE, THE 2010 EDITION OF THE CALIFORNIA EXISTING BUILDING CODE, THE 2010 CALIFORNIA RESIDENTIAL CODE, THE 2010 CALIFORNIA GREEN BUILDING STANDARD CODE, AND AMENDING HMC CHAPTERS 15.06, REPEALING AND REENACTING HMC CHAPTERS 15.08, 15.24 AND 15.28 AND ENACTING CHAPTER 15.32, 15.37 AND 15.40. Motion to Introduced and set Public Hearing for February 22, 2011.

Ordinance No. 1980 was introduced by title only by Councilmember English.

Councilmember English moved, seconded by Councilmember Juarez, to set the Public Hearing for February 22, 2011.

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

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

9.

The City Attorney, Russell Miyahira, recommended that the Settlement of claim filed by Deborah Gonzalez for personal injuries sustained as a 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 be approved in the amount of $9,250.00.

Councilmember Juarez moved, seconded by Councilmember English, that the Settlement of claim filed by Deborah Gonzalez for personal injuries sustained as a 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 be approved in the amount of $9,250.00.

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

10.

The City Attorney, Russell Miyahira, recommended that the claim filed on behalf of Lorine Harris alleging personal injures due to a trip and fall accident on September 18, 2010 be denied in its entirety.

Councilmember Juarez moved, seconded by Councilmember English that the claim filed on behalf of Lorine Harris alleging personal injures due to a trip and fall accident on September 18, 2010 be denied in its entirety.

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

18.

Under Elected Officials Reports and Recommendations:

City Treasurer **Lubenec** thanked Alex Monteiro for recognizing the community volunteer efforts of Jonathon and Monica.

Councilmember **Lambert** thanked the AYSO Organization and Councilmember Juarez for the invitation to the VIP sporting event. Announced that the South Bay EEA Chapter 96 is offering free airplane rides to young adults on January 29th. For more information, call 310-374-4812. Asked that the city get behind the Crenshaw and corridor projects not just because of convenience but because there are too many cars on the road. Asked that a letter be written to the high schools regarding youngsters who are crossing the middle of the streets.

Councilmember **English** recognized Monday the 17th was Martin Luther King Day, a great day to reflect and to participate in various ways in the community. She had a great opportunity to ride in the parade in Los Angeles with Senator Curren Price. Thanked the Lawndale Cruising 50s for providing their cars for the parade. Acknowledged Councilmember Juarez and his efforts on his 11th Annual AYSO and thanked the various departments and the police department for participating. Asked that LAUP be used as a community resource and that it be posted on the city's website. Acknowledged LAUP Preschool Teachers of the Year award; preschool teachers make great strides and efforts also. Encouraged city officials, departments and commissioners to attend the 12th Annual South Bay Cities Council of Governments Assembly on February 25th from 8am to 3pm at the Juanita Miller McDonald Community Center in Carson. Acknowledged Assemblyman Bradford and his efforts in hosting a procurement informational hearing on January 28th in the Gardena Council Chambers from 10am to 1pm. Procurement is very important for businesses that want to do business with the state. Senator Wright is once again recognizing "Women of Distinction 2011"; nominations are currently being taken. Asked that the Crenshaw LAX Corridor Project be contacted to provide a presentation on what they are looking to do; feels it is important that we hear what public agencies are planning in the city. Thanked the police department for the press releases that they continually put out and the information they provide. Acknowledged the sheriff's department and various agencies, including the FBI for their efforts during a recent gang round up. Recognized James Butts, the new Mayor of Inglewood. Thanked former Inglewood Mayor and Councilmember Danny Tabor and what he has done for his city and for his community and looks forward to him continuing public service. The City of Hawthorne, Councilmember English and Thierry Lubenec will present the Locks of Love Foundation event on February 12th at the Hawthorne Memorial Center in collaboration with Evelyn Diaz who will be coordinating and receiving calls for those that are interested in hearing more. Directed that the city make every effort possible to transfer any dollars in redevelopment agencies to secure those. Asked that the Department of Veterans Affairs be contacted or invited to the April 9th Service Provider Fair so they can inform us on how they are helping homeless veterans in the city.

Councilmember **Juarez** commended Pastor Patrick Cazarez for the steak dinner fundraiser event that raised over $1500 for the reconstruction of the River of God Church at 119th and Felton. Attended the latest meeting of the Hawthorne Historical Society where it was brought to attention that there are store fronts on Hawthorne Boulevard that are possible temporary locations. Asked that the city manager look at the two locations to see which would be a viable location and get estimates on what it would take to retrofit them so the Historical Society can raise funds to move. Thanked those who attended and the groups that participated in the 11th Annual AYSO Soccer Handicap Friendship Festival. Asked for an update on the scanning plan for documents in city hall. Questioned whether information on income statements were for six months or a year; the finance manager replied that it was for six months. Inquired on the status of the letter for the Governor regarding the budget and redevelopment. Asked what the city can do to protect youngsters from alcoholic energy drinks as they were recently connected to the deaths of two teenagers in Huntington Beach. Due to the recent incident at Gardena High School, received many calls inquiring if the city has a crises center and if not, then put phone numbers on the city website for resources in case something like that were to happen here. Asked that Council start receiving department overtime reports again. Requested a report for the amount of fees generated for the use of the Memorial Center. Received the good news from a sales tax update report that an additional $550,000 will be brought in, but cautioned that we not spend it just because we have it, but rather we set it aside for next year. Asked to put a discussion/action item on the next meeting's agenda regarding policy for curb painting as there have been complaints from residents that money was being demanded for the curb painting service even though it was not authorized by the homeowner. Announced that on Saturday from 10am to 1pm there will be free high efficiency toilets available; call 866-861-0784 for more information. On February 12th there will be a hazardous waste roundup at the Betty Ainsworth Center from 9am to 3pm. Councilmember Juarez will voice Council's opposition to the expansion of the maintenance facility

next to the Fusion development at the next Council of Governments meeting.

Councilmember **Vargas** thanked the City Manager and the Licensing Department for doing a great job in working with the Los Angeles County Fire Department to get pending business licenses approved. Represented the city at the League of California Cities Employment Relations Committee meeting which is a committee that sets policy for the League on behalf of the cities. Topics included the refinement of PERS, 401Ks and Human Resource Managers' interaction with employees. Governor Brown also spoke at the meeting regarding redevelopment funds; Councilmember Vargas clarified that the League is against the Governor taking away redevelopment funds. Commended the police department for always being the first responders when incidents occur on the borders of Hawthorne with sother cities. Asked the city manager to take a look at what has been done so far regarding the general plan; what is needed; the status. Asked to look into and see if it is possible to use city redevelopment funds for veteran and senior facilities. Attended a luncheon with the 9/11 Foundation and hopes to continue to help this organization.

Mayor **Guidi** asked that Planning and Code Enforcement check out the southwest corner of Prairie and El Segundo as he has received complaints from business owners regarding signage. Announced that the 9 to 5 factory's walls finally went up. Encouraged the public to see how the east side corridor between Prairie and Crenshaw has changed and improved. Announced the loss of long time family owned business Hyatt Furniture, manufacturers of sofas and welcomed new business HD Plumbing at 147th and Inglewood. Suggested that the police department write tickets to the kids that are jaywalking. Asked to look into the area between 129th to 139th on the west side as residents are complaining about unknown cars parking in their neighborhood. Asked Planning and Code Enforcement take a look at problems with a building at 139th and Prairie. Commended Chief Fager and the police department for the efficient dui checkpoint on Crenshaw.

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TABLED ITEM

ORDINANCE NO. 1982 (1st Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA AMENDING SECTION 5.96.070 H OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT OF HAVING POLICE OFFICERS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY AS A CONDITION OF RECEIVING A FILM PERMIT." Motion to Introduce.

Councilmember Juarez moved, seconded by Mayor Guidi to continue until the next meeting.

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Mayor Guidi adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

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Norbert Huber
City Clerk