

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR AND SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE,  
CALIFORNIA HELD FEBRUARY 8, 2011.**

Mayor Guidi called the City Council, Community Redevelopment Agency, Parking Authority, Public Finance 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. 126<sup>th</sup> Street, Hawthorne, California.

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

Civil Service Commissioner Darlene Love gave the evening's invocation. City Manager James Mitsch led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dr. Helen Morgan, Hawthorne School District Superintendent, introduced kindergarten teacher Rita Soo from Zela Davis Elementary School. Ms. Soo saw a need to build literacy in our Hawthorne families and went about getting an area in the public library that sets aside books that lean toward kindergarten themes. The program is called Kindergarten Connection and will be for the whole district. Board member Nilo Michelin spoke on activities going on in the district including a Valentine's Day Dinner and Dance at Washington School on February 11<sup>th</sup> from 6pm -9pm, a Father-Daughter Dance at Kornblum on February 24<sup>th</sup> from 5:30pm to 7pm and a York School fundraiser at El Torito on February 25<sup>th</sup> from 3pm to 8pm. Prairie Vista is looking for musical instrument donations.

Chief Fager introduced Field Training Officer Jerome Michalczak as the February 2011 Hawthorne Police Department Employee of the Month for his exemplary performance over the past several months. He has been with the department since 2007 and was awarded the Medal of Valor in 2008.

Councilmember Juarez presented a Proclamation to Executive Director Madeline Bernstein from the SPCALA in honor of Spay and Neuter Month.

Mayor Guidi shared a video on the Pizza for Pits fundraiser for abused and abandoned pit bulls. .

1.

Under oral communications **Patricia Donaldson**, Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce President and CEO, announced that Francis Stiglich's brother had passed away. Reminded everyone that the State of City will be held on February 10<sup>th</sup> at the Hawthorne Memorial Center at 12 pm. **Darlene Love** thanked the Mayor for the roses at the Woman's Club. **Kevin Posey**, Hawthorne School District, petitioned the Council to see if they can use the gym for their Friday evening Youth Basketball League. **Alex Monteiro** asked for a possible partnership to use the gym on Friday nights from 6pm to 8pm for the youth basketball league. Due to traffic safety issues, would like to close the streets during school hours at Eucalyptus and York Schools. Due to fighting and shots fired at Jim Thorpe Park for the past three days, asked to consider putting a park ranger at the park. Announced that there will be a luncheon for cancer survivors at the Teen Center this Saturday from 12pm to 3pm and casino fundraiser at the Moose lodge at 7pm. On March 15<sup>th</sup>, the Lions will honor Bob and Carol Steinhauer as Community Citizens of the Year. **Claudia Hernandez**, representing Eucalyptus parents, presented a petition asking that temporary barriers be put up to close Eucalyptus Ave. during school hours due to speeding cars that are putting the children in danger. **Ann Burke**, representing York parents, presented a petition asking for the closure of a block near York Elementary due to speeding cars. **Adam Cole** expressed concern regarding scientists that want to use jet airplanes to disburse 20 million tons of aluminum oxide nanoparticulates into the stratosphere and asked that we educate ourselves on this issue. **Juan Carbajal** expressed concern that the toxicity water analysis report is only published every two years. **John Vargas**, Hawthorne School District Board Member, expressed his support for the families of Eucalyptus and York Schools that are trying to temporarily close the streets due to safety issues and thanked them for taking part in the process and voicing their opinions. As treasurer of the North Hawthorne Community Association, asked if there is something that can be done to correct lighting problems on Prairie between 120<sup>th</sup> and 122<sup>nd</sup> in front of the airport. **Anthony J. Hilder**, American Free Press Journalist, stated that airplanes are dumping toxins across the world with the intention to reduce the population.

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a.- MTA expansion of maintenance station next to “Fusion @ South Bay” site. (Guidi)

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Juarez to prepare a resolution with the City of Hawthorne taking a position representing the people of Hawthorne to object to any expansion to that site.

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

b.- Policy on curb painting (Juarez)

Councilmember Juarez moved, seconded by Mayor Guidi that we institute a policy where the curb painting company approaches the homeowner and asks them if they want their address painted. If no one is home, provide a door hangar advising where homeowner can contact company for services. All painted signs will also conform to one standard style.

c.- Update on General Plan (Vargas)

Councilmember Vargas moved, seconded by Mayor to proceed with the City Planner’s recommended direction to direct the City Manager to make a list of recommended actions and associated cost estimates to gradually update the General Plan for City Council to prioritize and (later) direct City Manager to prepare a timeline and schedule of prioritized actions (including Council-initiated actions).

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

d.- Consideration of painting curb red near Kinecta Federal Credit Union in the Albertsons Shopping Center (El Segundo Blvd & Hawthorne Blvd) to increase public safety access and to deal with parking congestion problem in shopping center.(English)

Councilmember English moved, seconded by Mayor Guidi that the City Manager facilitate a discussion with Kinecta and those businesses that align a curb that’s near Subway and Starbucks and with the facility complex manager to red curb and or put notices on their property for no parking to help with the congestion in the area.

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

e.- Consider agreement with Hawthorne School District for use of Betty Ainsworth Sports Center for school district basketball program on Fridays, 4 to 6 p.m. (English)

Councilmember English moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert to table this item until the next meeting.

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

3.

Mayor Guidi recessed the Community Redevelopment Agency, Parking Authority, Housing Authority and Public Financing 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 regular and special meetings of January 25, 2011 be waived and that they be approved and adopted.

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

5.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert, to waive full readings of resolutions and ordinances on February 8, 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.

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

Warrants Nos.: 190582-190593 : 420289-420540

Warrant Totals: \$692,966.23 ; \$651,157.98

The City Treasurer stated that on number six there was a typo on the SBWIB funds. There was \$100,000 missing on the document so we are amending the document so that it appears correctly. It should reflect \$148,608,014 and then the grand total instead of \$551,137 will reflect as \$651,137.

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

7.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 7352**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF PARKING CITATIONS (DATED JANUARY 01, 2006 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2008) PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION NO. 7170.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert, that Resolution No. 7352 be approved and adopted.

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

8.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 7355**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE CITY'S NON-FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR SPECIFIED NON-PROFIT & CITY EVENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012 AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING SPECIFIED ORGANIZATIONS TO USE THE CITY SEAL.

Councilmember Juarez requested that "Rock Around the Block" be removed from the list of events and Mayor Pro Tem Vargas requested that "Movies in the Park" be added to list of events that are allowed to use the City Seal.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert, that Resolution No. 7355 be approved and adopted.

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

9.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 7356**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, RESTRICTING CURB PARKING ON SEVERAL STREETS THAT ARE ADJACENT TO SCHOOLS IN HAWTHORNE.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert, that Resolution No. 7356 be approved and adopted.

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

10.

City Clerk Huber announced that this was the time and place for the Public Hearing on a City-initiated application to amend Hawthorne Municipal Code (HMC) Sections 17.04 (Definitions), 17.25 (C-1 Freeway Commercial/Mixed Use Classification), 17.26 (C-2 Local Commercial Classification), 17.28 (C-3 General Commercial Classification), 17.30 (M-P industrial Park Classification), 17.32 (M-1 limited Industrial Classification), 17.34 (M-2 Heavy Industrial Classification). The amendment will establish check cashing and add pay day loans as permitted uses in commercial zones under limited circumstances and only as an accessory use to a full-service financial institution, will reorganize and alphabetize the permitted uses in commercial zones, and create “prohibited uses” sections in commercial zone chapters.

Planning 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.

### **ORDINANCE NO. 1979 (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA APPROVING ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT NO. 2010ZA01, AMENDING TITLE 17 (ZONING), CHAPTERS 17.04, 17.25, 17.26, 17.28, 17.30, 17.32, AND 17.34 OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE, RELATED TO CHECK CASHING AND PAY DAY LOAN ACTIVITIES IN THE COMMERCIAL ZONES, REORGANIZATION OF PERMITTED USES AND CREATION OF PROHIBITED USES IN COMMERCIAL ZONES.

Ordinance No. 1979 was introduced by title only by Councilmember English.

11.

City Clerk Huber announced that this was the time and place for the Public Hearing in accordance with Government Code Section 6586.5(a)(2) with respect to the refinancing of City Public Improvements by means of issuance of revenue bonds by the Hawthorne Public Financing Authority in the maximum principal amount of \$6,600,000 and the use of the proceeds of the Bonds to purchase in lieu of the redemption thereof certain certificates of participation evidencing interests in lease payments by the City under a Lease Agreement, dated December 1, 1997, between the Authority and the City, and thereby refinance the City Public Improvements.

City Clerks Department’s declaration publication filed. No written communications were received.

Mayor Guidi called for public comments.

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No one expressed a desire to speak on this topic.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 7354**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING EXECUTION OF CERTAIN BOND FINANCING DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE REFINANCING OF CITY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING ACTIONS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert, that Resolution No. 7354 be approved and adopted with amendment.

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

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

12.

Approve to Appoint/Ratify new members to the South Bay Workforce Investment Board. (1) Mr. Lance A. Williams, Ph. D., representing the County of Los Angeles Community Action Board (CAB), and (2) Ms. Debra A. Baker, representing Laborers' Local Union 802.

13.

Approve Installation of Speed Humps Construction on 136<sup>th</sup> Street between Prairie Avenue and Jefferson Avenue.

14.

Approve Progress Payment No. 5 due to All American Asphalt, P.O. Box 2229, Corona, Ca 92878 for Crenshaw Boulevard Improvement Project (Project #08-05) Federal Project #HPLUL – 5253(018), MTA PC25 in the amount of \$405,504.29.

15.

Approve Month to Month Extension of the existing Lease Agreement between the City of Hawthorne and California Water Service Company and authorize the Director of Public Works to sign the letter of Agreement on behalf of the City.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert, to approve items 12 through 15 of the City Manager's Consent calendar.

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:

16.

The City Attorney, Russell Miyahira, recommended that the Settlement of personal injury auto v auto accident between Lucretia Lazenby and 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.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Juarez, that the Settlement of personal injury auto v auto accident between Lucretia Lazenby and 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.

17.

The City Attorney, Russell Miyahira, recommended that the Indemnity claim of A.J. Jones alleging a dangerous condition of public property arising out of A.J. Jones' vehicle striking two pedestrians, who were walking in a crosswalk, resulting in injuries to the pedestrians be denied in its entirety.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Juarez, that the Indemnity claim of A.J. Jones alleging a dangerous condition of public property arising out of A.J. Jones' vehicle striking two pedestrians, who were walking in a crosswalk, resulting in injuries to the pedestrians be denied in its entirety.

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

NOES: None.

18.

Under Elected Officials Reports and Recommendations:

Councilmember **English** thanked the Teen Center for the Valentine cards and goodies. Attended and thanked Jan Vogel from the SBWIB for the STEM Symposium held at the Los Angeles Air Force Base. On Saturday the Locks of Love event will be held in the Polaris Room at the Memorial Center from 10am to 1pm. Encouraged everyone to attend the State of the City address on February 11<sup>th</sup> at the Memorial Center.

Councilmember **Vargas** congratulated Renee O'Neal for everything she has been doing for Los Angeles Children's Hospital. Ms. O'Neal will be involved with the upcoming grand opening of "Dream for Kids" which will take place on May 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm to 12am. This is also an opportunity for the city to get involved. This past week had the opportunity to tour city hall with Washington School third graders and was impressed with their knowledge of current events and politics. Thanked DaVinci Charter School for inviting him to observe their sophomore chemistry projects. Thanked the business license team for their efforts in assisting the lines of people that were here to renew their business licenses by the January 31<sup>st</sup> deadline. Attended the STEM program at the Los Angeles Air Force Base. Attended the meeting on the beatification of Inglewood Avenue and thanked Arnie Shadbehr for coming to the meeting, making a presentation and answering questions. Congratulated Sgt. Chris Cognac and his deputies for the new community relations team. Asked that the appropriated personnel take care of the trash and illegal vendor problems at the shopping center on 118<sup>th</sup> and Hawthorne Blvd. Stated that the trash hauling and street sweeping coordination needs to be better coordinated and asked that it be looked into. Has received calls that there are trash problems at the former Hawthorne Mall and surrounding area. Asked that the individuals at the homeless encampments around the Hawthorne Mall be guided to the correct shelters and agencies to help them out. Clarified that the Council cares about the children and wants to see them safe, happy and educated.

Councilmember **Lambert** praised Jan Vogel of the SBWIB for the dynamic work he does for the city and for the SBWIB. Encouraged folks to attend events put on by the SBWIB. The next upcoming event will relate to Black History Month. Announced that things are slightly looking up for the city due to a recent increase in sales tax revenue by \$550,000. Encouraged everyone to write to their legislators to protest the taking away of redevelopment funds from cities.

**Mayor** Guidi encouraged folks to patronize the local El Torito restaurant where the management is very

pro Hawthorne. Asked that the boulevard be more closely patrolled due to the transient population increasing and affecting businesses in turn. Feels Centinela should be responsible for their students who are fighting in Jim Thorpe Park and asked that the district be contacted to put a police unit in the park. Business owners are complaining about the heavy prostitution on Imperial from Inglewood Ave. to Crenshaw. Suggested going to Inglewood and working out some sort of trade to take over the north side of Imperial from Prairie to Crenshaw in order to clean up the area. Asked that tickets start being written to combat problems like double parking and parking in the red near the schools. Hopes to see everyone at the State of the City.

Councilmember **Juarez** stated that Council is here to do the best job they can for the citizens and the businesses. Congratulated Million Air, which has only been in business for 2 ½ years, for receiving a Best Service Award from a company that flies out of Calvary. Congratulated Don Rowe of the Hawthorne Library for the Ocean Friendly program that was extremely well attended. Thanked Public Works Director Arnie Shadbehr for coming to the homeowner's association meeting and asked that information be put on the website regarding the progress of Inglewood Avenue. Stated that 382 new high efficiency toilets were distributed recently at the Water Basin event held in the city and reminded participants that they had until February 19<sup>th</sup> to return the old toilets or they will be charged \$128 dollars on their water bill. Inquired if the city was able to get a discount on earthquake preparedness kits sold through a local business. Asked about the possibility of reinstalling the speed humps near Holly Park. Asked that Sgt. Chris Cognac come to the next meeting so residents can meet the new community team. Inquired for the Hollypark community on the status of the Jeff Lee property on 120<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Guidi replied that they will start building before the end of the year. Congratulated Chief Fager and his crew for being proactive which resulted in preventing a recent rave. Thanked Robert O'Brien for providing employee compensation information to state controller John Chiang. Asked for the department overtime report. Congratulated Jan Vogel for getting a million dollars in grant money to help laid off aerospace workers. Thanked Ray Shun and Hamid Pournamdari for walking him through the two offices where the historical society could move into. Thanked the City Manager for writing the letter to Jerry Brown. Asked that an ordinance be put on the agenda regarding the selling of alcoholic energy drinks. Senator Rod Wright is having a "There Ought to Be a Law" contest and the winner will go to the state capitol to present the bill. The Hawthorne Parks and Recreation Foundation is having their annual golf tournament on April 4<sup>th</sup>. Funds raised will go towards buying exercise equipment for Memorial Park.

19.

Mayor Guidi recessed the City Council meeting to conduct a **Closed Session**: Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation, Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to California Government Code subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9 (One potential cases)

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 – Anticipated Litigation, Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to California Government Code subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9 (One potential cases). The City Attorney announced that staff has been directed.

### **TABLED ITEM**

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 1982 (1<sup>st</sup> 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 Councilmember Vargas to remove the tabled item from the table.

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

Ordinance No. 1982 was introduced by title only by Councilmember Lambert.

22.

Mayor Guidi adjourned the meeting in the memory of George Kloeucar at 9:54 p.m.

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Norbert Huber  
City Clerk