

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR AND SPECIAL MEETINGS OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE,
CALIFORNIA HELD MARCH 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 6:04 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

Pastor David Manila from Oceangate Southern Baptist Church gave the evening's invocation. Frances Stiglich led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Presentation: Hawthorne School District Update by Superintendent Helen Morgan (City Council)

Hawthorne Math and Science Academy student board member Andrea Carmona spoke on how HMSA recently became one of 42 high schools in the country to receive a 2010 National Blue Ribbon award. This is a national recognition that established HMSA as one of America's most successful schools. HMSA is the first school in the Hawthorne School District and the first school in the City of Hawthorne to earn this esteemed title. In California, only three other high schools received this award.

The following presentation was pulled by the Chief of Police until the next meeting.

Presentation: Employee of the Month (March) – Officer Jerry Allison and Officer Verron Shimaoka. (Chief Fager)

Proclamation: LAUP – Support Pre-Schools (English)

Councilmember English presented a Proclamation to Sylvester Quiroz of Los Angeles Universal Preschool in support of preschools.

Presentation: City of Hawthorne – Emergency Plan by Claudio Taniguchi (Vargas)

Claudio Taniguchi spoke on the position of the city and what we're doing as a city and as a community to be prepared.

Certificate of Appreciation: Hawthorne Imperial Lions Club Student Speaker Winner Presented to Hawthorne Math & Science Academy Student Tiffany Paiva (Juarez)

Councilmember Juarez presented a Certificate of Recognition to HMSA student Tiffany Paiva for her outstanding performance as the first place finisher in the Hawthorne Lions Club Speech Contest and as a finalist in the Lions Zone level competition held March 3, 2011. This was a very remarkable achievement considering that she had never competed in a speech contest before.

The next presentation was an item placed on the special meeting agenda

Proclamation: Appreciation to Tom Quintana and Rosalinda Martinez for all of their help on the South Bay Cog Event.

Councilmember **Lambert** presented Certificates of Recognition to Tom Quintana and Rosalinda Martinez for their hard work and dedication in representing Hawthorne at the South Bay Cities Council of Governments 12th Annual General Assembly held on February 25, 2011.

1.

Under oral communications **Alex Monteiro** stated that Hawthorne School District has two other LAUP sites at two schools, one at Zela Davis and one at Eucalyptus and that we should give LAUP our support. **Allen Richards** questioned whether the city is monetarily supporting LAUP. **Barry Levy** questioned what would be the criteria for the success of the program, what are the costs that they said are investments, what are the results since 2005 of the children that have been in the program and are we

aware of the recent study that showed that there is no difference between children who attend head-start programs and those that don't. **Pat Donaldson**, Chamber of Commerce, thanked everybody for attending and for their participation at the State of the City. Announced that the Chamber will hold their next mixer on March 17th at Ashley Furniture from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. Regarding the topic of emergency preparedness, mentioned that the Red Cross sells water that is good for five years. Let everyone know that Abacus Security Services has added canines and bomb dogs to their security. **Allen Richards** does not feel that the four vote amendment regarding the city manager position on tonight's agenda is right. Spoke on the benefits that CDBG funds have on the community. Asked for a resolution to tell our representatives to reduce benefits and stop shipping our tax dollars to countries that hate us. **Claudia Hernandez** representing parents at Eucalyptus School, asked for the closing of part of Eucalyptus Avenue for the safety of the students. **Laura Walters**, Community Services Liaison with L.A. County Fire, announced that Daryl Osby is the new fire chief. Reminded everyone that since there will be a time change this weekend, now is also the time to change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Asked that parents teach their children what to do in case of fire. **Alex Monteiro** stated that Superintendent Dr. Helen Morgan has contacted the city manager to set up an appointment regarding the issue of closing streets on Eucalyptus and York. Clarified that LAUP provides money for four year olds to go to preschool for free and that the city does not provide any funds. Announced that the next Relay for Life planning committee meeting will be held on March 14th at 6 pm at the Hawthorne Moose Lodge. On March 19th at 10am everyone will meet at the Hawthorne Pool for the Paint the Town Purple event. Donations are still being collected and are appreciated. Illuminaria bags are also being sold. The Hawthorne Presidents Council Volunteer Appreciation Day will be held on April 17th at the Memorial Center at 2pm; applications are due March 21st. Tickets are now being sold for the 31st Annual Barbeque Dinner for the K9 unit. **Francis Stiglich** presented a Certificate of Recognition for Excellence to Mayor Guidi. Complained that her neighbors are leaving their trash can eight feet away from her dining room window instead of keeping it in their backyard and that there is a house on 120th between Ramona and Truro with a lot of garbage in their front yard and why doesn't code enforcement cite them. **Mike Castillo** from Assemblyman Bradford's office invited everyone to attend a healthcare reform committee forum. This event is meant to help explain what the reforms mean at every level of government. It will take place on March 26th at the Lawndale library from 12pm to 2pm. Touching on the budget, stated that the assembly conference committee has been going over the different proposals that the governor has submitted and are getting close to a conclusion as far as what they are ironing out on the assembly side. **Kyle Orleman** announced that the Vietnam Veterans of America South Bay Chapter 53 are holding their 16th Annual Scholarship Contest. It is open to any high school senior in a South Bay high school. The student must write a 500 word essay pertaining to a family member or a person in their life who has influenced them strongly who is either a Vietnam in-country veteran or a Vietnam era veteran. Four scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each will be given. The deadline is April 10th. For more information, go to www.vva53.org. **Juan Carvajal** asked for Council's help and direction in getting current water reports. **Ashery Darnell** expressed concerns on cutbacks from the Hawthorne Youth Basketball League and inquired on how the fees that they pay are being distributed. **Barry Levy** inquired if the city has guidelines on how to dispose of the new mercury light bulbs.

2.

Councilmember Vargas tabled item A

a. – Coordination of spay and neuter clinic at City Hall between Hawthorne Animal Control Department and the Amanda Foundation. Also, publicize event on Channel 22. (Vargas)

b.- Cost and viability of Christmas parade. Result of meeting between city staff members to discuss logistics of parade. (Vargas)

Due to the city running on a skeleton crew, labor laws and city costs, it would not be feasible to have a parade this year. It was suggested that between this year and next, staff look for other means of funding the parade.

c.-Bodger Park Visitor Parking – viability of instituting temporary one or two-day parking permits for visitors on a limited basis. (Vargas)

Councilmember Vargas requested that this item be sent to staff with a focus on two-day temporary visitor parking.

d.- English (LAUP) Resolution / Community Partner (English)

“Item d was part of Councilmember English’s presentation”.

e.- Create a public awareness campaign about recycling styrofoam. Direct staff to meet with Allied Waste to update printed material/literature to include styrofoam as a viable recyclable material. Juarez)

Councilmember Juarez gave direction to update literature to include styrofoam as a recyclable item.

f.- Consider a resolution requiring elected officials and appointed commissioners who attend conferences/seminars/committee meetings on taxpayers funds (general funds) prepare a written report for general distribution through the city managers office. (Juarez)

Councilmember Juarez moved seconded by Councilmember English to create this resolution.

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

NOES: Councilmember Lambert, Mayor Guidi.

ABSTAIN: Councilmember Vargas.

g.- Consider developing a tracking sheet for council directives and post on the city website. (Juarez)

After some discussion, Councilmember decided to remove this item.

h. - Consider limiting City Council directives and procedure for placing proclamations and certificates of appreciation on the agenda. (Vargas)

In order to run more efficient meetings and raise the bar on how we conduct business, Councilmember Vargas recommended that the following resolutions:

Certificates, acknowledgements and any other items requiring five signatures will be signed instead of stamped. Before going on the agenda, they will be circulated among council for approval. They will be presented by council as a whole thereby giving each councilmember an opportunity to address the recipient.

A list of groups or organizations that the Councilmembers want to support or partner with. It would require the councilmember moving to add an organization to explain the benefits to the city and whether the group will seek financial support from the city

Directive be limited to two or three and each councilmember that is issuing a directive give justification as to the purpose of the request and how it benefits the city directly.

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 English, that the reading of the City Council minutes of the regular meeting of February 22, 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 English, to waive full readings of resolutions and ordinances on March 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 English, that the following warrants, properly audited and signed, be paid.

Warrants Nos.: 190608-190618 ; 421317-421549

Warrant Totals: \$715,653.11 ; \$1,114,783.68

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

Councilmember Lambert abstained only on the payroll warrants.

7.

RESOLUTION NO. 7359

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A REPAYMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember English, that Resolution No. 7359 be approved and adopted.

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

8.

RESOLUTION NO. 7360

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, IN SUPPORT OF CONTINUED FUNDING OF THE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT (WIA).

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember English, that Resolution No. 7360 be approved and adopted.

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

9.

RESOLUTION NO. 7361

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING REVISED BOND PURCHASE AGREEMENT RELATED TO THE REFINANCING OF CITY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND REPEALING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF A PRIOR RESOLUTION.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember English, that Resolution No. 7361 be approved and adopted.

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

10.

RESOLUTION NO. 7362

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING THE OPPORTUNITIES TO EXPAND THE AVAILABILITY AND TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS IN THE COMMUNITY BY JOINING THE LOS ANGELES UNIVERSAL PRESCHOOL LIST OF PRESCHOOL SUPPORTERS.

Councilmember English moved, seconded by Councilmember Juarez, that Resolution No. 7362 be approved and adopted.

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

11.

RESOLUTION NO. 7363

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, TO DIRECT THE PLANNING AND LEGAL STAFF TO PREPARE COMMENTS TO CITY OF EL SEGUNDO'S ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS ANALYZING THE TRAFFIC, AIR QUALITY AND OTHER SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS RESULTING FROM THE PROPOSED WALMART PROJECT ON AVIATION BOULEVARD IN THE CITY OF EL SEGUNDO.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember English, that Resolution No. 7363 be approved and adopted.

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

12.

RESOLUTION NO. 7364

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, GRANTING ANOTHER DESIGNATED PERIOD FOR TWO YEARS ADDITIONAL SERVICE CREDIT.

Councilmember Lambert moved, seconded by Councilmember Juarez, that Resolution No. 7364 be tabled until the next meeting.

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

13.

RESOLUTION NO. 7365

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, IN SUPPORT OF "BUSINESS FRIENDLY PRINCIPLES" AS PART OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS' DEVELOPMENT OF A SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ECONOMIC GROWTH STRATEGY. Motion to adopt

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember English, that Resolution No. 7365 be approved and adopted.

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

14.

City Clerk Huber announced that this was the time and place for the Public Hearing on Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investments Partnership Program funding for Program Year 2011 (July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012).

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.

No further action needed to be taken at this time.

15.

ORDINANCE NO. 1987 (1st Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MOBILE FOOD FACILITY GRADING PROGRAM BY ADOPTING THE CURRENT VERSION OF DIVISION 1 OF TITLE 8 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE, INCLUDING AMENDMENTS, ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS AND AMENDING HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 8.10.010 AND ADDING SECTION 8.10.020".

Ordinance No. 1987 was introduced by title only by Councilmember Juarez and also schedules a Public Hearing on April 12, 2011.

16.

ORDINANCE NO. 1990 (1st Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA ADDING SECTION 2.06.232 TO THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS.

Ordinance No. 1990 was introduced by title only by Mayor Guidi.

Councilmember Vargas moved seconded by Councilmember Lambert to exclude commissioners from this Ordinance.

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

NOES: Councilmember Juarez. ABSTAIN: Councilmember English.

17.

ORDINANCE NO. 1988 (1st Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA ADDING SECTION 2.06.235 TO THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO TIME LIMIT FOR INDIVIDUAL COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS DURING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS.

Ordinance No. 1988 was introduced by title only by Councilmember Lambert.

18.

ORDINANCE NO. 1989 (1st Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA ADDING SECTION 8.38.015 REQUIRING WARNING SIGNS FOR THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC ENERGY DRINKS.

Ordinance No. 1989 was introduced by title only by Councilmember Juarez.

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

19.

Approve Progress Payment # 3 to United Pacific Services, Inc., 120 E. La Habra Blvd, Suite 107, La Habra, Ca 90631-2310 for Street Tree Trimming (Project # 10-01), in the amount of \$28,834.00 funded by the Tree Trimming Funds.

20.

Approve Amendment to Employment Contract between the City of Hawthorne and James H. Mitsch and authorize the Mayor to execute the document on behalf of the City.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Juarez, to approve items 19 and 20 of the City Manager's Consent calendar.

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

21.

Under Elected Officials Reports and Recommendations:

Councilmember **Juarez** congratulated Olivia Valentine and Katrina Manning for receiving the 2011 Women of Distinction award. Attended Memorabilia Day which this year was done in memory of Walt Dixon. Congratulated Environmental Charter High School on the grand opening of their new science center. Reminded everyone that on March 31st there will be another public hearing on the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor expansion of the maintenance yard at Inglewood City Hall. The next meeting of the Hawthorne Historical Society will be held this Thursday at the Hawthorne Library. The election of officers will also be held at this meeting; anyone interested is encouraged to attend. Anyone interested in participating in the 22nd Annual Hawthorne Parks and Recreation Foundation Golf Tournament should contact Dick Huhn or Mark Hardison at the Memorial Center.

Mayor **Guidi** spoke on how companies are closing down in the U.S., sending jobs and manufacturing to other countries because it is cheaper and suggested that an import labor tax be charged to those who want to manufacture out of the country. Challenged the public to bring one American made product to the next council meeting. Thinks all monies for building schools, hospitals and buildings should be made with all American material or we don't fund them. Would rather see the city start its own internal organization, use our housing and our own funds to help the homeless even if we have to build a shelter ourselves. Spoke on the situation with illegal vendors and the trash at the shopping center at 118th and Hawthorne and how this is not the vision he has for Hawthorne. Wants to focus on what will bring jobs to the city. Received compliments from SpaceX for the trees on Jack Northrop. Did a walk-through at the 9 to 5 building which will bring a lot of jobs. Thanked Chief Fager for clearing up the prostitution on Imperial which was hurting the local business owners. Is waiting to meet with the fire chief to find out why Hawthorne did not get its fire truck. Inquired why the trash is still being picked up so late in the day. It should be picked up before noon so the street sweeper can go by. Even though it will be difficult, asked if everyone could start buying American and pay a couple of extra pennies in order to create more jobs that would create more stability and income.

Councilmember **Lambert** noticed that a lot of people put their trash on the street rather than on their lawn so that parking is cluttering up and that's why we can't get by those big trucks and maybe that's something that we can correct in the neighborhood. Is worried that Walmart has declared that they want to build a store in an industrial area in El Segundo that is adjacent to the Hawthorne Hollyglen neighborhood on Aviation which would create traffic congestion in the area.

Councilmember **English** reported that the upcoming Service Provider Fair and Earth Day event is quickly filling up and thanked those who have called to sponsor or participate, including South Bay WIB and Wells Fargo. Announced that March is Woman's Month and April is Sexual Harassment Awareness Month. Historically March was the month that women had the opportunity to vote for the first time. Asked that March be recognized in the city as Woman's Month. Thanked Gregg McClain from the Planning department for providing an updated list on the current CDBG and HOME funding applicants; there are still a lot of applicants that are eagerly looking to apply. Attended memorial services on Saturday for Finance Manager Lani Emmich's mother. Thought it was very special to see various department employees from the city attend the service as it shows some of the great camaraderie that we have with our work families. Feels council should scale back on their own regarding directives and discussions instead of resorting to resolutions. Thanked staff for working very hard to get our redevelopment monies secured as this is something that should take first priority.

Councilmember **Vargas** praised Fusion residents for their presence at the last Metro MTA meeting at LAX. Stated that council is in support of Fusion as well as Hollyglen. Thanked all the residents who have visited him during his meet and greet hours. Thanked all the city employees that he has come in contact with these last couple of weeks for helping him with his questions. Thanked code enforcement for their continuing work in cleaning up the Ralph's lot. Thanked Arnie Shadbehrr for working with Allied to get the street sweeping and trash pickups coordinated. Thanked Tom Quintana and Rosalinda Martinez for sponsoring the city booth at the South Bay Council of Governments meeting

City Clerk **Huber** announced that the Ramona Neighborhood Association meeting will be held next Thursday at 7pm at Ramona School; voting for officers will take place at this meeting. Had the pleasure of tutoring high school juniors and seniors at the teen center so they could pass their exit exams. Congratulated Jan Vogel for the great programs at the teen center.

City Treasurer **Lubenec** expressed disappointment that major chains like the 99¢ Store and Rite Aid in the city don't seem to get support from corporate and are left to run as they run. Reminded everyone to set their clocks one hour ahead on Saturday night.

22.

Mayor Guidi adjourned the meeting in the memory of Beatrice M. Mahikoa and Robert J. "Bob" Triplitt
10:07 p.m.

Norbert Huber
City Clerk