MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA HELD MARCH 22, 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

Kathy Wagner from Outreach Children's Ministry gave the evening's invocation. Lt. Swain led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Guidi presented a video showcasing the City of Hawthorne.

Captain Keith Kauffman presented plaques to Officer Jerry Allison and Officer Verron Shimaoka for being named Employees of the Month for March.

Mayor Guidi took Item 16 on the agenda out of order.

Item 16

Fiscal 2010-2011 Mid-Year Review

Mike Blasenski gave an update on the Mid Year budget.

Councilmember Juarez moved, seconded by Mayor Guidi to approve the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Mid Year budget.

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

Mayor Guidi took item 13 on the agenda out of order.

Item 13

Receipt of CDBG applications for Funding, Program Year 2011 (July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012)

Under oral communications **Alex Monteiro, Rosa Tang,** Department of Children and Family Services, and **Pastor Stagis,** Greater First Church advocated for CDBG funds.

Planning Director Gregg McClain gave a presentation on the allocation of CDBG and HOME funds for the plan year 2011-2012.

Disbursement of CDBG Funds:

$345,000 - General Administration

$771,936 – Section 108 Loan Repayment

$20,000 – Teen Center

$109,000 – Grafitti Removal

$20,750 – South Bay Family Health Care

$109,000 – Crime Free Multi Housing

$20,750 - South Bay Family Health Care

$349,314 – Code Enforcement

Councilmember Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert to approve the disbursement of CDBG funds.

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

Disbursement of HOME funds

$90,000 – Administration

$135,000 – CHDO Set-aside

$325,000 – Single Family Rehab

$350,000 – Tenant Based Rental Assistance divided by:
City of Hawthorne - $310,000
Behavioral Health Service - $20,000
Moneta Gardens Improvement - $20,000

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert to approve the disbursement of HOME funds.

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

Mayor Guidi recessed the City Council meeting to cut a cake in honor of Councilmember Juarez' Birthday.

1.

Under oral communications **Allen Richards** paid tribute to former city historian Walt Dixon on this one-year anniversary of his death. Challenged the city council to authorize the immediate release of the city's historical material from a Torrance resident by whatever means possible. **Don Rowe**, Hawthorne Library, announced that the Friends of the Library Book and Bake Sale will be held on April 16th from 9am to 3pm. **Francis Stiglich** asked that something be done about garbage cans left out front as they make the streets look bad. **Alex Monteiro** announced that the Relay for Life will be held on April 2nd and 3rd. The last meeting will be held on March 28th at the Moose Lodge; donations are still being accepted. Volunteer Appreciation Day will be held on April 17th; nomination forms are due by tomorrow at noon and can be faxed to 310-970-0193. Read a letter from a soldier in Afghanistan thanking the children of York School for sending candy as part of Operation Gratitude. **Kyle Orleman** spoke on problems with phone and internet service in her neighborhood and asked for the city's assistance.

a. - Consideration of a Finance Department cost savings process improvement. Consolidating business license permits, fire alarm permits, and burglar alarm permits into one certificate. Many businesses have all three permits with different renewal dates and receive three separate certificates. It would be more cost effective for the city assigned with revenue collections to print one certificate and check the applicable box for the permit(s) included, mail one certificate for all three permits, and allow the business entity to display one consolidated permit. (Juarez)

This item will be brought back at the later meeting

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.

Councilmember Juarez moved, seconded by Mayor Guidi, to waive full readings of resolutions and ordinances on March 22, 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 Juarez moved, seconded by Mayor Guidi, that the following warrants, properly audited and signed, be paid.

Warrants Nos.: 190619-190624 ; 421550-422274

Warrant Totals: $684,136.73 ; $3,107,694.84

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

6.

RESOLUTION NO. 7366

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, PROCLAIMING APRIL AS "SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH" AND APRIL 28, 2011 AS "DENIM DAY" IN HAWTHORNE.

Councilmember Juarez moved, seconded by Mayor Guidi, that Resolution No. 7366 be approved and adopted.

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

7.

RESOLUTION NO. 7367

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MARCH AS "WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH" IN HAWTHORNE.

Councilmember Juarez moved, seconded by Mayor Guidi, that Resolution No. 7367 be approved and adopted.

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

8.

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.

9.

ORDINANCE NO. 1991 (1st Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA AMENDING SECTION 2.06.230 OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE LIMITING THE NUMBER OF DIRECTIVES ISSUED BY THE CITY COUNCIL.

Ordinance No. 1991 was introduced by title only by Councilmember Vargas.

10.

ORDINANCE NO. 1992 (1ST Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA AMENDING SECTION 2.06.130 OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA AND THE PROCEDURE FOR AGENDIZING OF CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION AND CERTAIN DESIGNATED TYPES OF RESOLUTIONS.

Ordinance No. 1992 was introduced by title only by Councilmember Lambert.

11.

ORDINANCE NO. 1988 (2nd 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 REPORTS, OF ELECTED OFFICIALS DURING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS.

Councilmember Lambert moved, seconded by Mayor Guidi, that Ordinance No. 1988 be approved and adopted.

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

12.

ORDINANCE NO. 1989 (2nd 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.

Councilmember Juarez moved, seconded by Councilmember Vargas, that Ordinance No. 1989 be approved and adopted.

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

The Acting City Manager, Arnold Shadbehr, presented the following agenda and requested approval of the indicated recommendation:

Item 13

Item #13 was already approved at the beginning of the meeting

14.

Approve Progress Payment # 4 to United Pacific Services, Inc., 120 E. La Habra Boulevard., Suite 107, La Habra Ca 90631-2310 for Street Tree Trimming (Project # 10-01) in the amount of $ 11,609.00 to be funded by approved and allocated Tree Trimming Funds

15.

Approve Progress Payment No. 1 due to Martinez Landscape Company, 12337 San Fernando Road, Sylmar, Ca 91342 for Weed Abatement, Landscape, and General Maintenance (Project # 08-08)-3rd Year in the amount of $77,900.97

Councilmember Juarez moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert, to approve items 14 and 15 of the City Manager's Consent calendar.

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

Item 16

Item #16 was already approved at the beginning of the meeting.

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

17.

Approve a mediated settlement has been proposed in the case entitled Stephen Colquette v. Chief Michael Heffner, et. al, (CV-09-08349 JST (AJWx) in the amount of $32,000.00 in addition to other non-monetary items and authorize the City Manager to execute settlement agreement.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Vargas to approve a mediated settlement that has been proposed in the case entitled Stephen Colquette v. Chief Michael Heffner, et. al, (CV-09-08349 JST (AJWx) in the amount of $32,000.00 in addition to other non-monetary items and authorize the City Manager to execute settlement agreement.

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

18.

Under Elected Officials Reports and Recommendations:

Councilmember **Juarez** thanked everyone for their birthday wishes. Congratulated Wiseburn and the Hollypark Little Leagues on their opening day ceremonies, City Clerk Huber on becoming a grandfather and James O'Grady for being elected president of the Ramona Neighborhood Association. Gave a big thanks to Al Richards for a fantastic job in leading the Ramona Neighborhood Association and making it what it is today. Asked that another look be taken at the overtime report monthly average because it does

not look like it has been calculated correctly. Read a public health announcement stating that there is no increased risk of radiation exposure from the nuclear power complex situation in Japan. Announced that Assemblyman Steve Bradford will be putting on a health care reform community forum on March 26th at the Lawndale Library from 1pm to 3pm, that that there will be another meeting regarding the expansion of the metro system maintenance yard on March 31st at Inglewood City Hall from 6pm to 8pm, that the Wiseburn Education Foundation will be having its 8th Annual Rock-Around-the-Block on April 9th, that the South Bay Workforce Investment Board will be holding a youth job fair on April 7th from 8am to 1pm, that the Hawthorne Parks and Recreation Foundation will be holding its annual golf tournament on April 4th at the California Country Club and that former Councilman Steve Andersen and also Ray Piercing with Century 21 passed away.

Councilmember **Vargas** directed the city attorney to update a city ordinance to clarify which city personnel may enter into a binding legal agreement and the City Manager to retrieve city artifacts from the Torrance resident that is holding them as we now have a board, location and volunteers in place to run the historical society. Attended Hollypark Little League opening day ceremonies and joined the Eagle Scouts in planting trees at Hollypark and Jim Thorpe Park. Commended Hollypark residents for their homeowner's cleanup event and congratulated the new board of the Ramona Homeowners Association.

Councilmember **Lambert** attended the Sanitation District meeting where the subject of flushing meds down the toilet was brought up. This is of concern because the meds could end up in the water stream. As an alternative, it is suggested that meds be crushed into the coffee grinds for disposal or to take them to your local pick up sites when available. Reminded everyone that there is an ordinance that prohibits leaving your trash barrels out front.

Councilmember **English** announced that there will be a Women's Veterans Symposium tomorrow at the Memorial Center. Toured the new California Veterans Housing Facilities built for vets that are disabled and/or handicapped. Will provide applications to the housing department so veterans who meet certain criteria can fill out the applications and maybe receive housing. Asked that code enforcement review the tile business at 147th and Inglewood for possible safety issues regarding the storage of crates and for an update on properties that are currently being litigated. Would like to take a look at the easement between 145th and 147th Streets to discuss who owns the oil wells and property in that area and if there is still a homelessness problem there and about the corner of Hawthorne and Imperial for an update on the vacant Chevron station there. Requested a ride-along with code enforcement to look at the Imperial corridor and a tour of the old police station. Thanked the public works department for the improvements on Inglewood. Offered condolences to SBWIB Executive Director Jan Vogel and his family on the passing of his brother.

Mayor **Guidi** thanked the Chamber of Commerce and Ashley Furniture for the chamber mixer and Allen Richards for the reports he gives on the city. Congratulated the Ramona board. Asked that public works look into why the trash is being picked up so late. Concerned that a cigar shop across the street is advertising blunts. Reported that an eatery on Imperial is not up to the city's color code.

City Clerk **Huber** announced that Trinity Lutheran of Hawthorne is inviting the public to attend the installation of their outreach Pastor Johnson with a gospel concert following this Sunday at 1:45 pm. A demonstration of the new police segways was given at the Ramona neighborhood association meeting. The service provider fair and community earth day will be held on April 9th with a display of the police helicopter. The ranger program, to a limited degree, has been restored in some parks. The next meeting of the historical society will be on April 14th at the police department community room at 6pm. Announced the birth of his granddaughter, the fourth generation that lives in Hawthorne.

City Treasurer **Lubenec** wished Councilmember Juarez a happy birthday. Attended the chamber mixer at Ashley Furniture and encouraged the public to visit this new store

26.

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 § 54956.9 (b) (Claims filed by Former City Manager Jag Pathirana).

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 § 54956.9 (b) (Claims filed by Former City Manager Jag Pathirana).

Mayor and City Council took action on item No. 17 of the agenda.

27.

TABLED ITEM

AMENDED 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. Motion to adopt

Councilmember Lambert moved, seconded by Councilmember English, that Amended Resolution No. 7364 be removed from the table.

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

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Lambert to approve this item.

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

28.

Mayor Guidi adjourned the meeting at 9:02 p.m.

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Norbert Huber
City Clerk