**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA HELD AUGUST 23, 2011.**

Mayor Guidi called the City Council, Community Redevelopment Agency, Parking Authority and Housing Authority meetings to order jointly and concurrently at 6:03 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 4455 W. 126th Street, Hawthorne, California.

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

Darlene Love gave the evening's invocation. Tom Quintana led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Works Director Arnie Shadbehr gave a presentation regarding Rosecrans Avenue Improvement Project. The project will be funded by grants such as HSIP grants and Measure R grants. It will reconstruct pavement structural sections on Rosecrans Avenue and widen Rosecrans Avenue westerly from the 405 Freeway off-ramp to add a new receiving westbound lane on Rosecrans Avenue.

1.

Under oral communications **Patricia Donaldson**, Chamber of Commerce President, reminded everyone that the Installation Breakfast will be held this Thursday, October 25th, at the Memorial Center at 7am. **Star Brown** asked that Council address issues of violations involving Repossess Auto Sales. **Olivia Valentine** spoke on the importance of emergency preparedness. For information on American Red Cross training opportunities, go to www.arc.org or contact the city's emergency operation coordinator, Claudio Taniguchi, at 310-349-1687 or at ctaniguchi@cityofhawthorne.org. The safety committee of the Hollypark Homeowners Association will present their disaster preparedness plan for Hollypark at their next meeting at Pacifica House on September 1st at 7pm. **Mauricio Crosthwaite,** President of Sociedad Jose Marti, invited everyone to attend their annual Cuban Festival on September 18th from 1pm to 7pm at 12141 Prairie Avenue. Admission is $5. **Allen Richards** reported that there is an odor on the west side of Hawthorne Boulevard from 117th to Imperial. For businesses that don't clean the front of their establishments on Hawthorne Boulevard and on Inglewood Avenue, suggested that the city start steam cleaning those sidewalks and charging the owners for the service. There are also problems with apartment buildings that do not keep their properties clean. **Gordon Mego** spoke on upgrading the lights on Hawthorne Boulevard and other major streets in the city. **Marco Trejo** spoke on a neighboring business that is directly competing with and undercutting his business and asked that Council come up with a regulation or review that takes into consideration like businesses that are close together. **Trina Leon,** on behalf of New Journey Ministries Pastor John Richardson, would like to invite everyone to their Friends and Family Picnic at Jim Thorpe Park on September 11th at 1pm. **Nilo Michelin**, Hawthorne School Board, announced that Hawthorne Math and Science Academy will be open for students on August 24th and the rest of schools will open on August 30th. If you are new to the district, sign up at your local school or at the district office at 14120 Hawthorne Boulevard. **John Vargas**, North Hawthorne Community Association Treasurer, announced that they will be collecting school supplies for their 3rd Annual School Supply Drive at their next meeting on September 12th. Congratulated Fiat on their grand opening this past weekend and Mayor Guidi and Council on the Italian Festival. Wished all the Mayoral and Council candidates best of luck and that they all work together whether they win or lose. **Darlene Love** reported that she enjoyed herself at the Italian Festival. **Jerry Neibel** reported on draining issues and odors at the Ralph's recycling center. **Cristian Vasquez**, Hawthorne Press Tribune, announced that he will be attending grad school and will have to cut down on his newspaper obligations. He thanked the Council and the community for always being helpful and making Hawthorne his second home.

2.

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

3.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Juarez, that the reading of the City Council minutes of the regular and special meeting of August 9, 2011 be waived and that they be approved and adopted.

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

4.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Juarez, to waive full readings of resolutions and ordinances on August 23, 2011's agenda.

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

5.

The City Treasurer submitted a financial statement regarding warrants.

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

Warrants Nos.: 190832-190801 ; 19044-426044

Warrant Totals: $729,603.91 ; $2,801,883.64

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

6.

**RESOLUTION NO. 7395**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF VISION AND DENTAL INSURANCE BENEFITS TO THE SURVIVING SPOUSE AND CHILDREN OF THE LATE HAWTHORNE POLICE OFFICER ANDREW GARTON.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Juarez, that Resolution No. 7395 be approved and adopted.

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

7.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2004 (2nd Reading)**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA APPROVING ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT 2011ZA06 AMENDING SECTIONS 17.04 (DEFINITIONS), 17.25 (C-1 FREEWAY COMMERCIAL/MIXED USE CLASSIFICATION) AND 17.26 (C-2 LOCAL COMMERCIAL CLASSIFICATION) TO REORGANIZE THE DEFINITIONS SECTION, DEFINE, CLASSIFY AND DEVELOP STANDARDS FOR MARTIAL ARTS AND SIMILAR STUDIO USES AND HEALTH CLUBS.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Vargas, that Ordinance No. 2004 be approved and adopted.

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

8.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2006 (2nd Reading)**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA AMENDING SECTIONS 2.24.030, 5.57.020, 5.57.040, 9.39.020, AND 9.39.040 AND ADDING SECTION 9.39.155 OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADDING FOOD TRUCK GATHERING TO THE PERMITTING PROCESS FOR COMMUNITY EVENTS.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Vargas, that Ordinance No. 2006 be approved and adopted.

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

9.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2007 (2nd Reading)**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA TO COMPLY WITH PART 1.9 OF DIVISION 24 OF THE CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE AND TAKING CERTAIN ACTIONS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Juarez, that Ordinance No. 2007 be approved and adopted.

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

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

10.

Approve Agreement between the City of Hawthorne and Mead &Hunt, Inc. to provide design and FAA approved specifications for an Emergency Generator and Airfield Lighting Control Monitoring System (ALCMS) at Hawthorne Municipal Airport and Authorize the Interim City Manager to execute it on behalf of the City.

11.

Approve Plans and Specifications for Rosecrans Avenue Improvement Project (Project #09-05) Federal Project # HPLUL 5253 (016), MTA Measure R Highway Program and authorize the Chief of General Services and Public Works to advertise for bids with a return date of September 27, 2011.

Councilmember Juarez moved, seconded by Mayor Guidi, to approve items 10 and 11 of the City Manager's consent calendar.

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

12.

Under Elected Official Reports and Recommendations:

Councilmember **English** wished all the candidates good luck. Wished Mayor Guidi well on his retirement and looks forward to working with him again in the future.

Councilmember **Juarez** thanked the Islamic Center for the Ramadan dinner. Congratulated and welcomed the new Fiat dealership. Wished Councilmember Lambert the very best in getting well and hopes to see her back on the Council. Stated that Mayor Guidi has done a fabulous job here in the city for the last 20 years and wished him the very best.

Councilmember **Vargas** congratulated the Mayor, all the Italian associations and Fiat for the event they put on at the new Fiat dealership. Thanked the Sherriff's department from Baldwin Park for putting on a special motorcycle ride from Baldwin Park to Long Beach. The ride is done every year in honor of a fallen police officer and this year it was done in honor of Andrew Garton. Attended the event at the Islamic Center and thanked them for their great food and hospitality. Congratulated Arnie Shadbehr and Mark Hardison on putting exercise equipment in the parks; the Parks and Recreation Foundation, Mark Ridley-Thomas and the Trust for Public Land are all contributing monies to this project.

Mayor **Guidi** thanked everyone that participated and supported the grand opening of Fiat. Requested that the Ralph's property owner do a hydro flush of all their sewer lines. Thanked everyone involved with the clean-up of Imperial Highway. Asked for some precinct watchers due to signed voting registration forms that were found along the boulevard. Commended the salespeople from Repossess Auto and the citizens that tried to get people out of a car that had crashed into a light pole. Clarified that the empty businesses on Hawthorne Boulevard have nothing to do with Hawthorne but rather with the economy. If you drive the Hawthorne perimeter, you don't see vacant buildings.

City Clerk **Huber** acknowledged that there are 12 candidates running for city elections on November 8th. Asked that candidates provide an e-mail address in order to keep in better contact. Announced that the Ramona Neighborhood Association will hold a candidate's forum on October 13th at Ramona School. Suggested the possible restart of a city employee award. Reported that a truck is going around Ramona at 9:10pm and that it is not your typical ice-cream truck.

City Treasurer **Lubenec** apologized for not being able to attend recent events in the city as he was away on vacation. Hopes all the candidates that are running will be fair to each other.

13.

Mayor Guidi called for oral comments.

No one expressed a desired to be heard.

Mayor Guidi recessed the City Council meeting to conduct a **Closed Session**: Conference with Labor Negotiators (Subdivision (a) of Section 54957.6 of the California Government Code. Name of Labor Negotiator: Jeff Freedman, (re: HPOA, HPMSG, HMEA and HEG).

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 Labor Negotiators (Subdivision (a) of Section 54957.6 of the California Government Code. Name of Labor Negotiator: Jeff Freedman, (re: HPOA, HPMSG, HMEA and HEG). The City Attorney, Russell Miyahira, announced that the Labor Negotiator has been instructed.

14.

This closed session was not held

**Closed Session**: Conference with Real Property Negotiator, pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.8: Property: Approximately 1.65 acres of land located at 14115 Cordary Avenue, situated on the west side of Cordary Avenue, between West 139th Street and Rosecrans Avenue. APN No. 4051-030-016. Agency Negotiator: Arnold Shadbehr, Executive Director of the Redevelopment Agency. Under Negotiation: Price, Terms of Payment of the property and condition of title.

15.

Mayor Guidi adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

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Norbert Huber
City Clerk