MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA HELD DECEMBER 13, 2011.

Mayor Juarez 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 English, Valentine, Michelin, Mayor Juarez
Absent: Councilmember Vargas (excused)

Pastor Lawrence Becker of Trinity Lutheran Church gave the evening's invocation. The Hawthorne ROTC led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mike Castillo, on behalf of Assemblyman Bradford, congratulated and presented certificates to the new Mayor and Council.

Chief Fager introduced Detective Keith Chaffin and Detective Tony Robles as November's Officers of the Month.

1.

California State Senator Roderick "Rod" Wright administered the Oath of Office to new Mayor Daniel Juarez as prescribed in the Constitution of the State of California.

California State Senator Roderick "Rod" Wright administered the Oath of Office to new Councilwoman Olivia Valentine as prescribed in the Constitution of the State of California.

Sergeant Gabriel Lira of the Hawthorne Police Department administered the Oath of Office to new Councilman Nilo Michelin as prescribed in the Constitution of the State of California.

Pastors John Jefferson and John Richardson said a prayer for the city.

Councilmember Valentine thanked and acknowledged the Holy Park community and other communities that supported her.

Councilmember Michelin thanked and acknowledged his family and those who supported him.

Mayor Juarez thanked and acknowledged his family and those who supported him.

Mayor Juarez called for a recess to celebrate the incoming new officials to the City.

2.

Under oral communications **Alex Monteiro** congratulated the newly elected Mayor and Council. Presented a plaque to outgoing Hawthorne School District Boardmember Nilo Michelin in grateful recognition of his leadership and dedication as a member of the Board of Trustees from 2001 to 2011. **Gordon Mego** congratulated newly elected Mayor Juarez and Councilmembers Valentine and Michelin and looks forward to seeing the former mall and RFK hospital reopened and to the opening of a historic museum for the city. **Oliver Kunitake** spoke on problems regarding genetically modified foods and encouraged everyone to log on to labelgmos.org for more information. **Blanca Jimenez**, District Director for Congresswoman Maxine Waters, congratulated the new Council and apologized that Congresswoman Waters could not attend the swearing in. **Darlene Love** congratulated the newly elected Council. Invited the public to attend a civic pride party held by Alex Monteiro and friends celebrating the city's new leadership at 8pm on Saturday at the Moose Lodge, 13212 Inglewood Ave. **Brenda Sinai** thanked the Council for serving the community. **John Vargas**, Vice President Hawthorne School Board and Treasurer of the NHCA, congratulated the new Council. Announced that Hawthorne School Board members Alex Monteiro and Christian Chiappe will be sworn in for another four year term. **James Carter**, representing the parents, students and teachers of Franklin Roosevelt and Kit Carson Elementary Schools, spoke in favor of item 12 on the agenda. **Lani Emmich,** Chairperson for Hawthorne Relay for Life 2012, invited all to attend the next Relay for Life meeting on January 9th at 5:30pm at the Hawthorne Moose Lodge. **Katrina Manning**, Vice President Hollypark Homeowners Association, congratulated the

Council and thanked them for all their help. Requested installation of speed humps on 116th. **Leithelle Williams** congratulated the new Mayor and Council. Asked that another look be taken at Yukon and 147th as a candidate for speed humps. **Frances Stiglich** feels too much money was spent on city campaigns. Encouraged citizens to come to council meetings and speak up on their issues. Would like to see more grass and flowers in front of homes and cleaner sidewalks. Inquired on why the bathrooms at Eucalyptus Park were closed on a Sunday. Requested that the senior citizen center be open longer hours. **Tony Martinez** asked if something could be done to allow light commercial vehicles used for work purposes by residents to park in residential neighborhoods.

3.

Mayor Juarez 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 Councilmember Michelin, that the reading of the City Council minutes of the regular meeting of October 25, 2011 be waived and that they be approved and adopted.

ROLL CALL-AYES: Councilmembers English, Mayor Juarez
NOES: None. ABSENT: Councilmember Vargas
ABSTAIN: Councilmember Valentine, Michelin

5.

Councilmember English moved, seconded by Councilmember Michelin, to waive full readings of resolutions and ordinances on December 13, 2011's agenda.

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

6.

The City Treasurer submitted a financial statement regarding warrants.

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

Warrants Nos.: 190988-190996 ; 427309-427508 ; 190997-191013; 190997-191013

Warrant Totals: $693,891.28 ; $1,118,442.85 ; $1,746,993.03 ; $ 1,746,993.03

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

7.

RESOLUTION NO. 7412

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE AIR SPACE EASEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN SPACE EXPLORATION TECHNOLOGIES CORPORATION AND THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE ACROSS CRENSHAW BLVD.

Councilmember English moved, seconded by Councilmember Michelin, that Resolution No. 7412 be approved and adopted.

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

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

8.

Approve the Purchase of 6 vehicles for the Police Department and authorize the Director of Public Works to proceed with it.

9.

Approve Progress Payment #1 to United Pacific Services, Inc., 120 E. La Habra Blvd., #107, La Habra, CA., 90631 for Street Tree Trimming (Project # 10-01) 2nd Year in the amount of $ 22,619.00 will be charged to the approved and allocated Tree Trimming Funds.

10.

Approve Agreement Between The City of Hawthorne and Ninyo & Moore to Provide Quality Assurance Material Testing including field compaction and laboratory testing for the Rosecrans Avenue Improvement Project MTA South Bay Measure R Highway Program Federal Project # HPLUL 5253(016) City Project #09-05 and authorize the Director of Public Works to proceed with it on behalf of the City.

11.

Approve Purchase of new Servers, Storage Area Networks (SAN), and Control Switches at a discount rate through the Dell Corporation.

12.

Approve installation of speed humps on 116th Street between Crenshaw Boulevard and Casimir Avenue, 129th Street between Ramona Avenue and Hawthorne Boulevard and Yukon Avenue between 147th Street and Rosecrans Avenue.

13.

Approve Progress Payment No. 4 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 $84,336.25

14.

Approve Award of the construction contract for Rosecrans Avenue Improvement Project-MTA South Bay Measure R Highway Program- Federal Project # HPLUL 5253(016) (City Project #09-05) to the lowest, responsible and responsive bidder and authorize the EBS General Engineering, Inc., Corona, CA.

15.

Approve Agreement between the City of Hawthorne and Geo-Environmental, Inc. to Provide Quality Control Material Testing including field compaction and laboratory testing for the Rosecrans Avenue Improvement Project MTA South Bay Measure R Highway Program-Federal Project #HPLUL 5253(016) City Project # 09-05 and authorize the Chief of Public work's and General services to execute it on behalf of the City

16.

Approve to Ratify Mr. Jeffrey Zwerling, representing Inglewood Business Private Sector; (2) Mr. Tod Sword, representing Carson Business Private Sector; (3) Mr. Cameron Smith, representing Carson Business Private Sector to the South Bay Workforce Investment Board.

Councilmember English moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, to approve items 8 through 16 of the City Manager's consent calendar.

ROLL CALL-AYES: Councilmembers English, Valentine, Michelin, Mayor Juarez
NOES: None ABSENT: Councilmember Vargas

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

17.

The City Attorney, Russell Miyahira, recommended that the claim filed on behalf of Lynette Grant who was struck by a third party civilian vehicle, while waiting at a designated bus stop on the sidewalk of Crenshaw Boulevard near the intersection with El Segundo Boulevard. Grant claims that the street and bus stop configuration constituted a dangerous condition which contributed to her injuries be denied in its entirety.

Mayor Juarez moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, that the claim filed on behalf of Lynette Grant who was struck by a third party civilian vehicle, while waiting at a designated bus stop on the sidewalk of Crenshaw Boulevard near the intersection with El Segundo Boulevard. Grant claims that the street and bus stop configuration constituted a dangerous condition which contributed to her injuries be denied in its entirety.

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

18.

Under Council's Discussion/ Action Items

a. – Council Reorganization (Juarez)

Councilmember Michelin moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, to nominate Councilmember English as the new Mayor Pro Tempore for a two year term.

ROLL CALL-AYES: Councilmembers English, Valentine, Michelin, Mayor Juarez
NOES: None ABSENT: Councilmember Vargas

19.

Mayor Juarez called for oral comments.

No one expressed a desired to be heard.

Mayor Juarez recessed the City Council meeting to conduct a **Closed Session**: Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation, Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9 (One potential case - subrogation action against City of El Segundo).

Mayor Juarez 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 subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9

(One potential case - subrogation action against City of El Segundo). City Attorney Russell Miyahira announced that staff was directed to withdraw the claim against the City of El Segundo.

20.

Under Elected Official Reports and Recommendations:

City Treasurer **Lubenec** congratulated and offered his assistance to the newly elected officials.

City Clerk **Huber** thanked his staff for their hard work in representing the City Clerk's office. Clarified that his position as City Clerk requires him to remain neutral during city elections which is why he did not endorse any of the candidates. Congratulated Councilmember Valentine on making her dream of serving the City a reality. Looks forward to serving and working with Council to make a better Hawthorne.

Councilmember **Valentine** congratulated Detective Chaffin and Detective Robles on being honored for their gang intelligence work and the Hawthorne Police Department for recognizing officers of the month. Will make it a top priority to make Hawthorne and the former mall a shopping and dining destination. Looks forward to working with the Council to effect good change and to work for the benefit of all the residents in the city of Hawthorne.

Councilmember **Michelin** stated that he is always available for anyone who wants to speak with him; just call the main office at city hall. Thanked Mayor Juarez for bringing in a new style of professionalism and allowing democracy to take place. Looks forward to working with Councilmember Valentine on improving the boulevard. Thanked the people who ran for office because they influence Council issues. Invited everyone to attend tomorrow's school district meeting at 7pm. Thanked various members of the community for their help, support and ideas.

Mayor Juarez administered the Oath of Office to Councilmember English as she became the new Mayor Pro Tempore.

Mayor Pro Tem **English** spoke on recently providing turkeys to residents and non-profits in the community through Operation Gobble and thanked the many agencies and organizations that participated in these efforts. She hopes to continue this program at Christmas. Requested an action/discussion item to discuss the concerns that were brought up regarding the senior center hours and regarding setting policy as to when the official swearing in of elected officials should take place. Requested that all elected officials, including the City Treasurer and City Clerk, have an opportunity for public comment. Thanked Mayor Juarez for giving her the opportunity and the confidence to become Mayor Pro Tem. Will continue in her efforts to make the city look great. Stated that former Mayor Guidi sent his best regards to Mayor Juarez and to Councilmembers Michelin and Valentine and looks forward to being president of UNICO. Councilmember English introduced Reyna, her four year old granddaughter.

Mayor **Juarez** requested clarification on the parking of motor homes/campers and how the police department is involved regarding parking permission for these vehicles. Reported that Hawthorne's involvement in the bicycle master plan is moving forward and areas have been identified where Hawthorne will be connecting with other cities on the route. Requested an urgency moratorium on used car dealerships in order to enact development standards that address compatibility, economic liability, esthetics and minimum lot size. During a recent conference call with Congresswoman Maxine Waters and seven mayors, it was announced that CDBG funds will be down to $1.5million for 2012 as opposed to $1.5 million in 2011 and that Home Funds will be down to $450,000 for 2012 as opposed to $862,000 for 2011. When the time comes, Council will be taking a hard look into where these monies are invested. Requested a soft copy of a power point presentation on how to plan a community event. Congratulated Jan Vogel on winning the Danny Juarez Ping Pong Tournament held at the Teen Center, which celebrated its 3rd year. Announced that Trinity Lutheran just opened up a new child care center which takes kids as young as six weeks old. Thanked everyone in the city that does a fabulous job to make the Council and the city look good. Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mayor Juarez, with concurrence of the City Council, **cancelled** the December 27, 2011 meeting.

21.

Mayor Juarez adjourned the meeting in the memory of former Councilwoman Ginny Lambert and Hiroshi Miyahira at 9:01p.m

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Norbert Huber
City Clerk