MINUTES OF A REGULAR AND SPECIAL MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA HELD OCTOBER 25, 2011.

Mayor Guidi 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 Juarez, English, Vargas, Mayor Guidi.
Absent: Councilmember Lambert (excused)

Patricia Donaldson gave the evening's invocation. Gloria Martinez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

John Fierce, District Liaison for Board of Equalization Chairman Jerome Horton and Daniel Swaby from the office of the IRS, proposed a potential VITA site for Hawthorne. This is a voluntary income tax assistance service sponsored by the Internal Revenue Service. It entails free tax preparation services for residents who meet a certain qualifying income.

Ray Cordova, Chairman of South County Labor AFL-CIO, made a presentation to Mayor Guidi for his work with South County Labor.

Councilmember Vargas presented a Certificate of Commendation from the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to Mayor Guidi in recognition of dedicated service to the affairs of the community and for the civic pride demonstrated by numerous contributions for the benefit of all the citizens of Los Angeles.

Chief Fager presented plaques to the business representatives from Hawthorne, LA County, local areas and Orange County who were the key business and community vendors and leaders that made it possible to obtain support and service during the difficult time of the Officer Andrew Garton tragedy.

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Under oral communications **Darlene Love** spoke regarding an unlicensed dog that bit one of her neighbors near Cimarron & 116th and questioned why the owner was not cited and a report was not taken. **Dulce Stein**, on behalf of Friends of the Library, thanked the community for coming out to support the Book and Bake Sale. **Don Rowe** announced that there will be a LinkedIn workshop on November 30th at 6pm at the Hawthorne Library. LinkedIn is an online networking tool that helps you look for jobs and stay connected with people in the same career. **Lani Emmich**, Event Chair for Relay for Life, announced that March 31, 2012 has been set as the tentative date for the event. Relay for Life is a 24 hour walk to raise funds for cancer research for the American Cancer Society. **Alex Monteiro** thanked everyone who participated and volunteered at the Hawthorne Presidents Council barbeque dinner for the Holiday Assistance Program. Hawthorne School District is doing a can food drive; donations can be delivered to any school in the district. **Yvonne Swaby** reported that the area around the old RFK hospital needs to be cleaned up. **Patricia Donaldson**, Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce President, announced that the chamber will hold their Halloween mixer on Thursday from 5:30pm to 8pm at Beach Cities Aviation. New chamber members Steven Brand of Centinela Hospital Medical Group and Tony Waters, Southern California President for U-Haul were introduced. **Allen Richards** spoke on agenda item #11 regarding the purchase of two new vehicles for the police department. Regarding agenda item #7 on preferred parking for Slayton, feels it's a good idea, but asked that consideration be given to not allowing parking at the entrance of the street as it could block access for emergency vehicles. **Unidentified speaker** expressed concern that the election is partisan. **Dolores Ramos** thanked Mayor Guidi and Chief for the work they have done. **Unidentified speaker** believes that changing the former Hawthorne Mall into a high density apartment building is not what Hawthorne needs at this time but rather bring back the industries that were once in the mall. **Unidentified speaker** feels that one of the best ways to bring in jobs is to renovate the mall. **Nilo Michelin,** Candidate for City Council, thanked the various neighborhood associations for hosting the recent debates. Spoke on issues he will address if elected to council. **Frances Stiglich** spoke on issues she will address if elected to council. **John Vargas**, Vice President Hawthorne School District Board, wished the candidates the best of luck during these last two weeks of the election. Urged voters to make informed decisions regarding the candidates. Thanked the businesses, the community and the organizations that helped and supported the Hawthorne Police Department during and after the loss of Officer Andrew Garton. **Olivia Valentine,** City Council Candidate, spoke on issues she will address if elected to council. **Mike Castillo**, on behalf of Assemblyman Bradford, thanked Mayor Pro Tem Vargas and Councilmember English for joining them

today and SpaceX and to Mayor Guidi for bringing SpaceX to Hawthorne. **Officer Colonel**, Hawthorne City Animal Control, clarified that a report was done and the dog owner was cited. **Jose Gutierrez**, Candidate for City Council, thanked Mayor Guidi for his work in helping the Hollypark Homeowners Association move forward. Thanked the homeowner's organizations, the City and the Women's League for their valuable time in allowing the candidates to speak.
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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 Vargas, that the reading of the City Council minutes of the regular meeting of October 11, 2011 be waived and that they be approved and adopted.

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

4.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Vargas, to waive full readings of resolutions and ordinances on October 25, 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 Vargas, that the following warrants, properly audited and signed, be paid.

Warrants Nos.: 190062-190974 ; 426805-427081: 11920-12385

Warrant Totals: $669,637.26 ; $1,759,057.09 ; $844,321.27

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

6.

RESOLUTION NO. 7414

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, PROVIDING WORKERS' COMPENSATION COVERAGE FOR CERTAIN CITY VOLUNTEERS

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Vargas, that Resolution No. 7414 be approved and adopted.

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

7.

RESOLUTION NO. 7415

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA DESIGNATING THE NORTH & SOUTH SIDES OF SLAYTON STREET BETWEEN CERISE AVENUE AND THE END OF CUL-DE-SAC.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Vargas, that Resolution No. 7415 be approved and adopted.

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

8.

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7416

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE NEGOTIATED EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUE RESULTING FROM THE ANNEXATION OF TERRITORY KNOWN AS HAWTHORNE ANNEXATION 2010-07 TO THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE AND DETACHMENT FROM COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 2, COUNTY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1687 AND WITHDRAWAL FROM COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. LLA-1

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Vargas, that Resolution No. 7416 be approved and adopted.

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

9.

RESOLUTION NO. 7417

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA – DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED SOUTHWEST OF THE CENTURY FREEWAY AT 118TH STREET IN HAWTHORNE.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember Vargas, that Resolution No. 7417 be approved and adopted.

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

10.

ORDINANCE NO. 2009 (2nd Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA ADDING SECTION 10.56.020 OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE PERMITTING THE OPERATION AND MOVING OF METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY'S ARTICULATED BUSES IN EXCESS OF THE MAXIMUM GROSS WEIGHT OF VEHICLE AND LOADS SPECIFIED IN CALIFORNIA VEHICLE CODE SECTION 35551.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember English, that Ordinance No. 2009 be approved and adopted.

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

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

11.

Approve the Purchase of two vehicles for the Hawthorne Police Department and authorize the Chief of Public Works and General Services to proceed with it.

12.

Approve the Agreement between the City of Hawthorne and Vasquez & Company, LLP, to Provide Contract Services Relating to the Independent Audit of the City and Its Component Units for the term of Three Years with a Two-Year Renewal Option and authorize the Interim City Manager to execute it on behalf of the City.

Mayor Guidi moved, seconded by Councilmember English, to approve items 11 and 12 of the City Manager's consent calendar.

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

13.

Under Elected Official Reports and Recommendations:

City Treasurer **Lubenec** cautioned that you cannot put whatever you want at the mall site as it is privately owned. Warned that the last two weeks of the elections will not be pretty, so vote for the person you feel suits the positions best.

City Clerk **Huber** announced that if residents don't know where to vote, they can contact the City Clerk's office to find out where their polling place is located. Would like to see the city get behind the efforts of the Presidents Council and other organizations that help those in need. Spoke on Coucilmember Lambert's dedication to the city and how her absence will be sorely missed. Thanked the Mayor for the opportunity to bring the grandchildren to the council meeting.

Councilmember **English** thanked Board member Jerome Horton and his staff for the presentation they made earlier regarding free tax services. Spoke on the great time that was had at the Mayor's Roast. Asked for information regarding Healthy Cities and Sustainable Communities that were made during her time as city clerk. Looks forward to working with the new council.

Councilmember **Juarez** spoke on how he enjoyed attending the Mayor's Roast. Thanked the Islamic Center for their open house and wished them luck on their expansion. Due to the low turnout at the community dinner for the holiday assistance program, directed the city manager or city attorney to allocate his $3000 towards that organization. Clarified that putting high density housing on the former mall site is not a development plan. Wished all the candidates the best and if you have questions regarding candidate mailers, contact the candidates with your questions.

Councilmember **Vargas** spoke on how the Mayor's Roast was a good opportunity to bring the community together to honor the Mayor for his dedication and service to the community. Attended the community dinner, but would like to see an increase in attendance. Attended the walk-through of SpaceX with various assembly members which was a good opportunity to see their activities and operations. Is looking forward to working with Councilmember English in implementing Healthy Cities. Encouraged residents to vote in the upcoming election.

Mayor **Guidi** cautioned that we may not see anything built at the mall in the near future because previous proposals have so far not been considered. Before he leaves office, hopes to announce that the city will get some new retailers. Thanked Chief Fager for the fantastic job they have done in the city to keep crime and graffiti down. Encouraged all to vote in the local election. Plans to still be involved with city issues as a resident by forming a community activist group.

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Mayor Guidi adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m

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Norbert Huber
City Clerk