

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE,
CALIFORNIA HELD JANUARY 24, 2012.**

Mayor Juarez called the City Council, Community Redevelopment Agency, Parking Authority and Housing Authority meetings to order jointly and concurrently at 6:01 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 4455 W. 126th Street, Hawthorne, California.

ROLL CALL-Present: Councilmembers English, Valentine, Michelin, Vargas, Mayor Juarez
Absent: None.

Commissioner Darlene Love gave the evening's invocation. Chris Palmer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sam Pena, Municipal Division Manager for Allied Waste Services, gave an overview of the company's services regarding bulky item pickups.

Los Angeles County Assessor John Noguez provided an overview of the duties and responsibilities of the LA County Assessor's officer.

Tom Quintana presented a video highlighting the milestone years of service reached by city employees. Those that have served five, ten, fifteen, twenty, twenty-five, thirty and thirty-five years of service were presented with pins in December at the annual Employee Holiday Luncheon.

Mark Hardison spoke on the installation of exercise equipment for a fitness zone at Memorial through Trust for Public land.

1.

Under oral communications **Pat Donaldson**, President of the Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce, thanked Councilmember English for attending the Chamber's mixer. The next mixer will be held on February 16th at South Bay Ford from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. Announced that the State of the Region will be held on May 3rd at the Hawthorne Memorial Center at 12 pm. **Gary Parsons** spoke in support of the Business Roundtable formation on tonight's agenda. Feels Hawthorne needs to look at what it can do to better support its existing businesses and what it can do to compete with other cities to bring quality businesses into the city. **Gordon Mego** suggested using the park & ride location at Hawthorne Boulevard near the 105 Freeway for a mixed used project. **Frances Stiglich** inquired on the status of the senior center hours. Would like a committee formed to better serve the needs of the seniors. Spoke on a garbage can issue involving her neighbor. Spoke on a property on 120th near Truro that should have a fence around it to make it look better. **Lani Emmich**, event Chairperson for Relay for Life, reminded everyone that the Cancer Survivor Lunch will be held at the Hawthorne Teen Center on February 11th from 12 pm to 2pm. **Alex Monteiro** announced that the Relay for Life event will be held on March 31st and April 1st at Hawthorne High School. Announced that the State of the City will be held on April 13th at the Memorial Center at 11:30am. The South Bay Workforce Investment Board and Moneta Gardens will be putting the event together this year. Clarified that low income families and children do not lower API scores because 97% of the Hawthorne School District children are low income families and almost all the schools in the HSD are 800 and above.

2.

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

3.

Mayor Juarez moved, seconded by Councilmember English, that the reading of the City Council minutes of the regular meeting of January 10, 2012 be waived and that they be approved and adopted.

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

4.

Mayor Juarez moved, seconded by Councilmember English, to waive full readings of resolutions and ordinances on January 24, 2012's agenda.

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

5.

The City Treasurer submitted a financial statement regarding warrants.

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

Warrants Nos.: 191033-191038 ; 428255-428485 ; 13327-13331

Warrant Totals: \$724,298.58 ; \$ 1,941,530.04 ; \$832,385.52

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

6.

RESOLUTION NO. 7421

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA PURSUANT TO ASSEMBLY BILL 936 CONCERNING FORGIVENESS OF LOANS, ADVANCES, OR OTHER INDEBTEDNESS.

Mayor Juarez moved, seconded by Councilmember English, that Resolution No. 7421 be approved and adopted.

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

7.

RESOLUTION NO. 7422

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA APPOINTING MAYOR JUAREZ AS THE CITY'S DELEGATE ON THE SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS ["SBCCOG"] AND APPOINTING COUNCILMEMBER VALENTINE AS ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE ON THE SBCCOG GOVERNING BOARD.

Mayor Juarez moved, seconded by Councilmember English, that Resolution No. 7422 be approved and adopted.

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

8.

RESOLUTION NO. 7423

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA APPROVING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR THE STRATEGIC GROWTH COUNCIL PLANNING GRANT AND INCENTIVE PROGRAM, (SECOND ROUND).

Mayor Juarez moved, seconded by Councilmember English, that Resolution No. 7423 be approved and adopted.

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

9.

RESOLUTION NO. 7424

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA MAKING AN ELECTION IN CONNECTION WITH HOUSING ASSETS AND FUNCTIONS UNDER PART 1.85 OF DIVISION 24 OF THE CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE AND TAKING CERTAIN ACTIONS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

Councilmember English moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, that Resolution No. 7424 be approved and adopted.

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

For the record, Councilmember Michelin asked that the City Attorney give his recommendation and the reason for it regarding item #9. City Attorney Russell Miyahira stated: "My recommendation is that we go with this becoming the successor agency. Like I said before, the number of units here isn't as extensive as other cities. Thirty units, I believe, is manageable. It's in a vulnerable part of the city that we need to be vigilant about. We maintain tenant control as to who goes into those apartment buildings and I believe, since the city has owned them, there haven't been any problems."

10.

RESOLUTION NO. 7425

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA APPROVING A RIGHT OF ENTRY PERMIT AND LICENSE AGREEMENT FOR EXERCISE EQUIPMENT INSTALLATION AT THE HAWTHORNE MEMORIAL PARK BETWEEN THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE & THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND.

Councilmember Michelin moved, seconded by Councilmember English, that Resolution No. 7425 be approved and adopted.

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

11.

RESOLUTION NO. 7426

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA ISSUING A WRITTEN PUBLIC REPORT DESCRIBING THE MEASURES UNDERTAKEN TO ALLEVIATE THE CONDITION WHICH LED TO THE ADOPTION OF THE URGENCY ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO THE MORATORIUM ON USED VEHICLE SALES. Motion to adopt.

Mayor Juarez moved, seconded by Councilmember English, that Resolution No. 7426 be approved and adopted.

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

12.

.ORDINANCE NO.2010 (2nd Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA RECOMMENDING TO THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL OF ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT NO. 2011ZA10, AMENDING TITLE 17 (ZONING), CHAPTERS 17.04, AND 17.76 OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE, RELATED TO EXEMPTIONS FROM RATIO AND DISTANCE LIMITATIONS FOR ALCOHOL LICENSES FOR SMALL FORMAT GROCERY STORES, IN COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL ZONES, THROUGH A DISCRETIONARY APPROVAL PROCESS.

Mayor Juarez moved, seconded by Councilmember English, that Ordinance No. 2010 be approved and adopted.

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

13.

ORDINANCE NO. 2012 (2nd Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA APPROVING ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT NO. 2010ZA02, AMENDING TITLE 17 (ZONING), CHAPTERS 17.04, 17.06, 17.35, 17.38, AND 17.40 OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE, RELATED TO NON- CONFORMING USES, STRUCTURES, SIGNS, AND PARCELS IN ALL ZONES.

Mayor Juarez moved, seconded by Councilmember English, that Ordinance No. 2012 be approved and adopted.

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

14.

ORDINANCE NO. 2013 (1st Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA ADDING HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE (“HMC”) SECTION 2.06.015 ESTABLISHING POLICY FOR THE SWEARING-IN OF ELECTED OFFICIALS”.

Ordinance No. 2013 was introduced by title only by Councilmember Vargas.

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

15.

Approve Agreement with Parsons Brinckerhoff, Inc. re: preparing an Initial Study and a Negative/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the pending development project and authorize Mayor & or City Manager to execute agreement.

16.

Approve combined payment of \$23,207.05 to Dell Marketing L.P. for (15) mobile laptop / docking computers station arrays.

17.

Approve Payment and upgrade of \$ \$36,007.64 to Tyler Technologies for annual support, licensing and upgrade for Finance Department's Eden Financial Software.

18.

Approve Payment of \$369,904.00 for annual software and maintenance agreement with Tiburon Inc. which encompasses police-based records and communication management for our South Bay Consortium.

Mayor Juarez moved, seconded by Councilmember English, to approve Items 15 through 18 of the City Manager's consent calendar.

ROLL CALL-AYES: Councilmembers English, Michelin, Valentine, Vargas, Mayor Juarez.

NOES: None.

19.

Under Council's Discussion/ Action Items

a.- State of the City Address. (Vargas)

Councilmember Vargas questioned why it was not brought before the Council for discussion that the Chamber of Commerce, after planning and reaching out to the City for two months, would not be holding the State of the City Address. Mayor Juarez stated that the Chamber has known for some time that they would not be holding the event. The decision on who holds the event has always been the decision of the Mayor and the Mayor felt the leadership of the Chamber was not going in the direction he felt was correct so it was his decision that the Chamber would not hold the event.

b.- Red Light Cameras as a Traffic Enforcement Tool. (Vargas/Valentine)

Councilmember Valentine stated that due to the fact that the red light camera contract will be expiring in April, this is a perfect opportunity to review the program. She questioned whether the benefit is worth the cost, if the cameras have improved safety at the intersections where they have been installed and what have we found as to whether violators are paying their tickets. Councilmember Vargas asked that we take a look at this issue to see if it is really improving the safety of the community. He asked for a report regarding the history of the intersections as to when the cameras were placed, the yellow light history, the timing and the red light.

c.- Formation of a Business Round Table (Juarez)

As a way to bring businesses into the city and to help businesses already here, Mayor Juarez would like to form a business round table. He would like to include representatives from different industries in the city such as aerospace, the airport, Century Business Park, the mall, manufacturing, medical, large and small retail, restaurants, real estate, housing, real estate commercial and car dealerships to be part of the round table. He will begin to form this by going out to talk to individuals from these various industries to see if they would be interested. As this comes to fruition, he will report back to Council as to how it is going. The City Manager and the Planning Director would be included. Councilmember English stated that she would like to be considered for an appointment to the table. For the record, Councilmember Vargas feels that this should be an independent body and people on the Council shouldn't be recruiting these people. Announcements should be made and they should come up and apply and the Chamber of Commerce should be a central part of that.

20.

Under Elected Official Reports and Recommendations. Appointments/Reappointments/ Removal to Commissions/Committees and Boards.

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South Bay Cities Association re-appointment. (Juarez)

Mayor Juarez pulled this item.

City Treasurer **Lubenec** stated that Allied Waste would be glad to participate with the city at events such as the hazardous waste roundup. Attended the chamber mixer at Rudy's International Cuisine and the AYSO VIP soccer tournament.

City Clerk **Huber** was encouraged by the attendance at the Hawthorne Historical Society meeting last week. The next meeting will be held on February 9th at 7pm. Congratulated Mayor Juarez on the VIP tournament and enjoyed volunteering at the event. Congratulated Arnie Shadbehr on the quickness of getting the lane put in at the Rosecrans off ramp. Congratulated the police department on the Battle of Badges Blood Drive. Reported that Russell Westbrook, who honed his skills at Bud Carson Middle School in Hawthorne, just signed a reported \$80 million extension to his contract.

Councilmember **Vargas** congratulated the City of Lawndale on the grand opening of their community center. Suggested we be more proactive in getting funds for our projects from our congress people, supervisors, assembly people and state senators. Attended the VIP tournament and the chamber mixer. Reminded the public of his open office hours that take place on the Mondays before the Tuesday City Council meetings. .

Councilmember **Valentine** attended the New Mayors and Councilmembers Academy in Sacramento and Supervisor Mark Ridley Thomas' Empowerment Conference. Encouraged anybody interested and qualified in construction to contact the McCarthy Company as they are building the Martin Luther King Multiservice Ambulatory Care Center and have pledged to do local hiring. A vote is being taken at 9am this Thursday at the MTA One Gateway Plaza Los Angeles on whether to have a project labor agreement for the Crenshaw LAX Light Rail Line. Urged to go on Thursday morning and make your voice heard in favor a project labor agreement. Attended the Lawndale Community Center opening.

Councilmember **Michelin** announced that Cash for College Day will be put on by Assemblyman Steve Bradford on January 28th at Leuzinger High School from 12pm to 2pm. Thanked Mr. Parsons for giving his input on the business round table and looks forward to being involved with it. Thanked Allied Waste for coming to speak. If you have any problems pertaining to their services, call 888-742-5234. Thanked the Assessor for coming to speak regarding the office's services.

Councilmember **English** commended Councilmember Valentine for bringing to light job opportunities for residents. Attended Expo Line and would like to see something like it flourish in our city near the Imperial Rosecrans corridor in order to bring business and foot traffic to the area. Announced that the 13th Annual South Bay Cities Council of Governments General Assembly will be held on February 24th and anticipates attending. Announced that Raytheon is having a Public Safety Regional Technology Center in Downey on February 13th. Northrop Grumman Innovative Lab DaVinci Schools will be held on January 27th at 6pm. Habitat for Humanity will be hosting a Homeownership Resource Fair on February 4th. Hopes in the near future Kaiser Permanente will consider Hawthorne as they currently are situated in Inglewood and in Gardena. Through Governor Brown's office, a Redevelopment Agency website was recently created and would like something similar on the city's website explaining how redevelopment affects Hawthorne. Requested that the cable department provide the President's State of the Union address for future viewing. Presented the budget timeline for the California State Budget so as to see how the city's budget timeline will work. Attended the chamber mixer. Announced that the Service Provider Fair will be held on May 26th.

Mayor **Juarez** reported that based on the 44 participants in the Battle of the Badges blood drive event, 100 lives will be saved. Attended a Fusion Homeowners meeting where issues with MTA are still being worked through. Attended the State of the District for the West Basin Water where a lot of good information was gathered. Reported on the loss of a Target employee who was hit by an unlicensed driver. A meeting will be held with Target and the Chief to look into this situation. Urged those who need to be reemployed to check out the South Bay Workforce Investment Board. Congratulated Officers Anthony Brynes and Mathew Manley for their use of Lojack and Airship 55 in apprehending a couple that stole a car. Urged the public to write to the regents of CSU regarding the raising of student fees by 12% while at the same time the presidential position at San Diego University was given a \$100,000 raise and now will be doing the same thing across the board for all the presidents. Announced that there will be a

Housing Rights Workshop at Hawthorne Library from 5:30pm to 7:30pm on January 31st. Requested a budget update for the next meeting.

21.

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 – Existing Litigation (Subdivision (a)) of Section 54956.9 of the California Government Code. Name of Case: City of Hawthorne Property LLC v. City of Hawthorne, et al., Case No: BC 46 64 82

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 – Existing Litigation (Subdivision (a)) of Section 54956.9 of the California Government Code. Name of Case: City of Hawthorne Property LLC v. City of Hawthorne, et al., Case No: BC 46 64 82. The City Attorney, Russell Miyahira, announced that the city attorney was directed.

TABLED ITEM

22.

Agreement between the City of Hawthorne and Financial Credit Network, Inc., to provide contract services relating to outside collection services for delinquent accounts.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve agreement and authorize the Interim City Manager to execute it on behalf of the City.

Councilmember English moved, seconded by Councilmember Vargas, that this item be removed from the table.

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

After discussion, Councilmember English moved, seconded by Councilmember Vargas to approve the Agreement between the City of Hawthorne and Financial Credit Network, Inc., to provide contract services relating to outside collection services for delinquent accounts.

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

23.

Mayor Juarez adjourned the meeting in the memory of William Anthony Gantner at 8:47 p.m.

Norbert Huber
City Clerk