

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE,
CALIFORNIA HELD JULY 10, 2012.**

Mayor Juarez called the City Council, Parking Authority and Housing Authority meetings to order jointly and concurrently at 6:02 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.

Pastor Becker from Trinity Lutheran Church gave the evening's invocation. Kathryn Neibel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilmember Valentine introduced Marvin Jackmon, Regional Manager of Public Affairs for Southern California Edison, who spoke regarding the leak at the San Onofre Nuclear Power Plant. Currently there are no plans to reopen the plant until it is safe for the employees and the citizens. As they continue to find the cause, the concentration is on finding reliable power for residents in southern California, particularly backup power for South Orange County residents.

1.

Under oral communications **Pat Donaldson**, President Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce, announced that the chamber mixer will be held on July 19th from 5:30pm to 7:30pm at Auto Acceptance on Hawthorne Blvd and 120th. The installation of officers will be held on August 20th at the Memorial Center at 7:30am. Announced that if anyone is in need of doing community service, Hope is Helping needs workers to clean up and paint. **Richard Schwartz** spoke regarding the sale of property near 120th & Yukon north of the Hawthorne Airport. Schwartz stated that the bids on the property are only 1/3rd of the value and that the property was not well marketed. Schwartz thought it would be wise to have a disclosure form on this potential sale. He questioned whether family relationships had anything to do with this potential sale and RFP process. **Alaric Simon** brought back additional signatures needed for a speed hump on Wilton Place. **Elena Meloni**, Executive Director of New Star Family Center, asked for a meeting with the city council to discuss the development of a family justice center in Hawthorne. **Assemblyman Steve Bradford** gave an update on the state budget, the challenges of providing energy to cities and the revenue problems affecting cities and the state. **Hamid Haque**, owner of Hummus House, gave a testimonial in support of Elena Meloni and the New Star Family Center and asked that Council support a family justice center for Hawthorne. **Kyle Orleman** gave an update on the pending legislation of the Open Air Burn Pit Registry Act of 2011. **Katrina Manning**, President Holly Park Homeowners Association, thanked all those who attended and supported "Movies in the Park". Asked if there is anything Council can do so that Holly Park students can attend Hawthorne schools without having to get a permit. **Darlene Love** would like Council to show more concern regarding the issue of Holly Park students having to attend LAUSD instead of Hawthorne schools. **Hawthorne resident** expressed her condolences to Councilmember Reyes English for her recent loss. **Frances Stiglich** announced that she will be selling t-shirts and caps to support the helicopter.

2.

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

3.

Mayor Juarez moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine that the reading of the City Council minutes for the regular meeting of June 26, 2012 and the special meeting of July 2, 2012 be approved and adopted.

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

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4.

Mayor Juarez moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, to waive full readings of resolutions and ordinances on July 10, 2012's agenda.

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

5.

The City Treasurer submitted a financial statement regarding warrants.

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

Warrants Nos.: 102390-102736 ; 431006-431215 ; 16072-16073

Warrant Totals: \$715,652.26 ; \$2,742,373.92 ; \$943.28

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

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

6.

Approve to Appoint/Ratify the following members to the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB): (1) Ms. Jacquelyn Honore, Los Angeles Job Corps Center; (2) Ms. Angela Gibson, AT&T; (3) Mr. Wayne Spencer, Spencer 4 Hire Security; (4) Ms. Patricia Bennett, P & J's Unique Bookkeeping & Tax Service; (5) Mr. Charles Harkey, Inglewood Tickets; (6) Ms. Linda Bradley, Centinela Hospital; (7) Ms. Denise DiPasquale, Consultant; and (8) Mr. Ray Cordova, South County Labor.

Councilmember Reyes English moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine to approve item 6 of the City Manager's consent calendar.

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

7.

Under Council's Discussion/Action Items

a.- Economic Development. (Compass Blueprint, Profile of City of Hawthorne and Survey of Businesses) (Valentine & Vargas).

Councilmember Valentine spoke on some of the initiatives that have been taken by the Economic Development Council. They are interested in applying for the Compass Blueprint grant, which is given by the Southern California Association of Governments every year, in recognition of projects that demonstrate excellence and achievement in the four key elements of Compass Blueprint planning which are livability, mobility, prosperity and sustainability. The Economic Development Council identified the area of 120th and Crenshaw Blvd as the location for the requested planning grant. If selected, the city will receive free planning services from a consultant hired by SCAG to improve the roadway and improve pedestrian access to the stores on 120th Street as well as plan a shuttle service to LAX from the metro station.

Councilmember Valentine moved, seconded by Councilmember Vargas, to direct staff to look into this grant.

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

Councilmember Valentine stated that SCAG has also voluntarily done a profile of the city. It is a planning tool that focuses on the housing, employment, education and income changes in the city since 2000 and is available for everyone to see at www.scag.ca.gov/resources/profile.htm. The Economic Development Council had no input into this profile. A representative from SCAG will be attending a Council meeting at a future date to present this profile and to discuss how it was developed.

Councilmember Vargas spoke on the other initiative that the Economic Development Council has taken. They would like to survey businesses in the city to find out how they feel on a number of topics such as how they feel about doing business in Hawthorne, what keeps them here, what causes them to move as there is a concern that fixtures in the community such as Rite Aid are closing. The findings would then be presented to the Council.

8.

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

City Treasurer **Lubenec** thanked and congratulated Katrina Manning for a great Movie in the Parks. Commended the Hawthorne Police Department for keeping fireworks to a minimum as opposed to over the past 10 years.

City Clerk **Huber** hopes City Council members will be in attendance to celebrate Hawthorne's 90th Anniversary at Good Neighbors Day on July 21st. Is enthused to say that the museum is coming along and will be up and running. Expressed condolences on the passing of Gladys Carlson who is the wife of former Assistant Pastor Charley Carlson of Trinity Lutheran.

Councilmember **Vargas** thanked Assemblymember Steve Bradford for speaking at Council meeting. Thanked Marvin Jackmon from SCE for coming to explain about San Onofre. Is glad the city took a stand regarding the open air burn pit issue and that it is quickly moving through congress, but is sad to hear about the passing of Ms. Orleman's friend Amber and offered his condolences. Congratulated the Hawthorne School District on the fact that people are looking to try to move into the district. Thanked Katrina Manning on carrying on the tradition of Movies in the Park. Offered his condolences to Councilmember Reyes English on loss of her sister-in-law.

Councilmember **Valentine** thanked Marvin Jackmon for his update on the status of the San Onofre nuclear power plant. Supports the work that Elena Meloni of New Star Family Center is doing with victims of domestic violence and congratulated her for stepping forward to do this work. Thanked Assemblymember Steve Bradford for coming to tonight's meeting and to Kyle Orleman for explaining the issue about burn pits. Thanked Katrina Manning and the Holly Park Homeowners Association for the wonderful family event, Movies in the Park. Expressed condolences to Councilmember Reyes English for the loss of her sister-in-law.

Councilmember **Michelin** thanked the Hawthorne Police Department for the great job they did with keeping fireworks under control. Thanked the graffiti unit for everything they do. Thanked the New Star Family organization for making a presentation and looks forward to working with them. Thanked Assembly member Steve Bradford for giving us an update and to Katrina Manning for Movies in the Park. Sent condolences to the family of Councilmember Reyes English.

Councilmember **Reyes English** attended Movie in the Parks. Thanked everyone for their condolences on Lashawn English who was very dear to the family.

Mayor **Juarez** attended a ceremony honoring DMV employees where he gave Certificates of Service to six employees who between them had 150 years of service and announced that the DMV in Hawthorne will be closed for four months due to rehabilitation. Attended the Farmers Market 3rd Anniversary. Congratulated Brina Jordan on receiving the Gold Award from Girl Scouts of America. Commended Katrina Manning and her crew on an outstanding job in bringing together Movies in the Park. Attended the ribbon cutting in celebration of the Rosecrans Improvement project and thanked Public Works Director Arnold Shadbahr and his group for the exceptional job they did. This project was funded by four different agencies, including Congresswoman Maxine Waters. Thanked Chief Fager for his memo on 4th

of July. In the future, would like to partner up with the Sheriff's department to see if something can be done to curtail the illegal fireworks in the county area. Requested a discussion/action item for the next agenda regarding the renaming of the skateboard park. Asked for support of the Wounded Heroes Golf Tournament which is coming up on July 20th and will be held at Brookside Golf Club. Inquired on the status of the Kaboom applications and if they had been submitted. Encouraged everyone to attend the Good Neighbors Day activities. Thanked Norb Huber and the Hawthorne Historical Society volunteers for their work on the museum. Reported that there were 70 applications for the city manager position that were looked at. They went through them all with everyone having input and they are now down to nine candidates who will be interviewed in the latter part of August. Expressed condolences to Councilmember Reyes English on the passing of her sister-in-law.

9.

Mayor Juarez recessed the City Council meeting to conduct a **Closed Session**: Conference with Legal Counsel – anticipated litigation – potential initiation of litigation against a third party, pursuant to subdivision (c) of Section 54956.9 (One potential case).

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 – potential initiation of litigation against a third party, pursuant to subdivision (c) of Section 54956.9 (One potential case). Mayor Juarez announced that staff has been advised.

10.

Mayor Juarez adjourned the regular meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Norbert Huber
City Clerk