MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA HELD SEPTEMBER 11, 2012.

Mayor Juarez called the City Council, Parking Authority and Housing Authority meetings to order jointly and concurrently at 6:06 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 4455 W. 126th Street, Hawthorne, California.

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

Pastor John Jefferson from Del Aire Baptist Church gave the evening's invocation. Mr. Mike Castillo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Juarez called for a moment of silence to recognize those that were tragically killed in the 9/11 incident.

Councilmember Michelin presented a Proclamation in honor of U.S. Constitution Week to Nancy Insprucker, on behalf of the Daughters of the American Revolution. September 17, 2012 marks the two hundred twenty-fifth anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention.

Mayor Juarez presented a video of the 9/11 ceremony held at City Hall this morning.

Mayor Juarez recessed the City Council meeting to celebrate the birthdays of Councilmember Valentine and Councilmember Vargas.

1.

Under oral communications **Elena Meloni,** Director New Star Family Center, announced that as a community service, the center will offer a free conference for teenage girls on teen dating violence prevention on October 6th from 9am to 4pm. **Cecil Beloney** spoke regarding parking citations. **Marco Sandoval** invited the community to attend the 2012 St. Catherine Laboure Parish Fiesta on September 27th, 28th and 29th in Torrance. **Patricia Donaldson**, Chamber of Commerce, announced that the chamber mixer will be held on September 27th at Continental Gourmet from 5pm to 6:30 pm. **Alexandre Monteiro** announced that a barbeque dinner will be held at the Memorial Center on October 18th at 5pm to raise money for the Holiday Assistance Program. Each attendee who brings in can goods will receive a free raffle ticket for the drawing of door prizes. Spoke in favor of Measure CL, a local parcel tax created by five local school districts that will be on the November ballot. **Susan Hillyer,** Manager of Hawthorne Del Aire Farmers Market, thanked the volunteers that helped out at the farmers market event for the SpaceX employees. Announced that volunteers are needed for a vintage bike show that will be held at the market. In recognition of Farmers Market Month in August, the market held customer appreciation drawings that included tickets to the Hollywood Bowl and a three month membership to the Equinox gym. **Kyle Orleman** spoke on the problem of homeless people who are sleeping under the 405 underpass near Rosecrans and Hindry. Spoke in opposition of Ordinance 2026. Complemented the police department for the job they did this year in keeping fireworks off city streets. **Darlene Love** thanked the city for putting on the ceremony to honor the victims of 9/11. **Mike Talleda** spoke in favor of Ordinance 2026. **Renee O'Neal** spoke in favor of Ordinance 2026.

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 Reyes English, to waive full readings of resolutions and ordinances on September 11, 2012's agenda.

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

NOES: None.

4.

The City Treasurer submitted a financial statement regarding warrants.

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

Warrants Nos.: 103789-104138 ; 432059-432205 ; 16968-16970

Warrant Totals: $706,397.52 ; $1,250,416.65 ; $968.27

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

RESOLUTIONS

5.

RESOLUTION NO. 7501

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA SUPPORTING SB 535, CALIFORNIA GLOBAL WARMING SOLUTIONS ACT OF 2006: GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION FUND.

Mayor Juarez moved, seconded by Councilmember Reyes English, that Resolution No. 7501 be approved and adopted.

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

ORDINANCE

6.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026 (2nd Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA AMENDING SECTIONS 8.34.030, 8.34.060 AND 8.34.085 OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE ADDING 9-11 HELP AMERICA FOUNDATION AS A “DEEMED CERTIFIED APPLICANT” FOR A PERMIT TO SELL FIREWORKS.

Mayor Juarez moved, seconded by Councilmember Reyes English, that Ordinance No. 2026 be approved and adopted.

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

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

7.

Approve the Purchase of Shared Media Storage System for the Cable Department and authorize the City Manager to proceed with it.

8.

Approve Non-Disturbance & Attornment Agreement between the City of Hawthorne (Master Landlord) and Hangar 25 LLC (Subtenant) and Ground Sublease Between Hawthorne Airport, LLC ("Master Tenant") and Hangar 25 LLC. This agreement pertains to a portion of the premises located at the Hawthorne Municipal Airport and authorize the Mayor to execute the documents.

Mayor Juarez moved, seconded by Councilmember Reyes English, to Approve Items 7 and 8 of the City Manager's Consent Calendar.

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

The Interim City Attorney, Kunle Aderonmu, presented the following agenda and requested approval of the indicated recommendation:

9.

The Interim City Attorney, Kunle Aderonmu, recommended that the City Council Deny the Claimant Pierre Johnson to file a late claim for various causes of action stemming from injuries he allegedly suffered during his arrest by Hawthorne Police Officer.

Mayor Juarez moved, seconded by Councilmember Reyes English, to deny the Claimant Pierre Johnson to file a late claim for various causes of action stemming from injuries he allegedly suffered during his arrest by Hawthorne Police Officer.

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

10.

Under Council's Discussion/Action Items

a.- Brown Act (Michelin)

It has come to the attention of Councilmember Michelin that the State of California is not funding some parts of the Brown Act so he wanted to make sure that the City was in compliance. The Interim City Attorney assured that the City follows state law and that we also have specific sections in the municipal code that require us to continue to give 72 hour notices before we have City Council meetings and Commission meetings.

b.- Safe Parks (Michelin)

At the last meeting Councilmember Michelin talked about the safe parks initiative which was to keep registered sex offenders away from our parks. He thanked the city attorney's office for addressing questions that were brought up by fellow Councilmembers and asked that the ordinance be put in for the next meeting.

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

City Clerk **Huber** announced that the next open meeting of the Hawthorne Historical Society will be held at the museum on September 20th at 7pm; Starting on September 25th, the museum will be open on Tuesdays for 10am to 2pm. The museum is also open on Saturdays from 10am to 12pm. Donations of memorabilia for the museum are still encouraged. Thanked the Chamber of Commerce for electing him

Citizen of the Year. Announced that the Cuban Festival will be held on September 23rd from 12pm to 7pm.

Councilmember **Vargas** thanked everyone for their birthday wishes. With the Democratic and Republican conventions recently taking place, reminded everyone that it is important that they vote in the upcoming November election. Expressed concern that firework stands are no longer as profitable for some groups but it would be up to the groups to decide if the stands should no longer exist. Requested an update on a situation concerning The Den that took place five or six months ago. Congratulated Norb Huber on receiving Citizen of the Year. Thanked all the commissioners for their service to the community and thanked the residents that regularly attend City Council meetings. Suggested that an organization that deals with homeless services could be asked to apply for CDBG funds to help the homeless in the city. With regards to the three-strikes law, would like opinions from law enforcement to see the pros and cons of supporting the measure.

Councilmember **Valentine** encouraged everyone to support Elena Meloni's event on October 6th and thanked her for taking the lead on the issue of domestic violence. Recognized Susan Hillyer and her volunteers for the amazing farmers market event they put on at SpaceX. Encouraged anyone who is interested and offered to help in finding out exactly what could be done to alleviate the problems that our veterans are having with noise issues associated with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. Stated that the city's website now has a section dedicated to veteran's issues and resources that is very helpful. Attended the League of California Cities Annual Conference in San Diego where bills on pension reform, AB340 and AB197, were front and center. It is expected that the governor will sign these bills so the city will be following this issue to figure out the best way to enforce it as it will affect any new employees the city hires. The League is also supporting SB214, Infrastructure Financing Districts, which is an attempt to bring back Redevelopment in some form. Directed the city attorney, when SB214 passes, to determine the feasibility and cost for the City of Hawthorne to create an IFD and also monitor whether other cities are implementing IFDs and what their experience is with them. A Resolution was also passed by the League calling for the Governor and Legislature to enact legislation that would correct inefficiencies in the audit system, distribution system and inequities in the formulas for distributing court ordered arrest and citation fines. Announced that free exercise and nutrition classes for those 60 years and older will be held at the senior center beginning September 14th on Fridays for six months. They will be taught by a registered dietician and a licensed exercise therapist. Councilmember Valentine expressed concern over an article in the newspaper regarding the firing of the city attorney who served for 26 years and the hiring of the new interim city attorney. She stated that her loyalties are to the people of Hawthorne and to improve the lives of the people and improve the city.

Councilmember **Michelin** congratulated the City for putting on the 9/11 event. Encouraged teen attendance at the teen dating violence conference on October 6th. Thanked Marco Sandoval for his presentation on the St. Catherine Family Fiesta which will be held on September 28th, 29th and 30th and reminded everyone that the St. Joseph Family Fiesta is also on the same dates. Announced that a community barbeque will be held on October 18th at 5pm to help the Holiday Assistance program. Spoke on the importance of having a farmers market and encouraged everyone to attend. Expressed concern about the homeless people under the 405 and asked that we coordinate with Code Enforcement and with Caltrans to help with this safety issue. Offered help and support to veteran's issues. Wished Councilmembers Vargas, Valentine and Commissioner Love a happy birthday. Congratulated Citizen of the Year Norb Huber. Thanked the Holly Park Neighborhood Association and the North Hawthorne Neighborhood Association for their hospitality while attending their recent meetings. If any of the neighborhood associations have any complaints, let the Council know.

Councilmember **Reyes English** thanked Elena Meloni for the information on the teen violence prevention conference and requested a resolution proclaiming October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. With regards to the baseline citation issue, it is good to know that we are in collaboration with the League of Cities so that this situation will be rectified. Attended the National League of Cities where she participated as a guest speaker for HELO (Hispanic Elected Local Officials) where information, education and leadership training were provided. Last week participated in the Democratic National Convention in Charlotte, NC and looks forward to the election. Clarified that as much as the public would like answers regarding employee evaluations and issues, the Brown Act does not allow it as it is a private matter. Appreciates the Interim City Attorney's efforts in readily providing information to the Council. Asked that we coordinate efforts with Los County and other non-profit agencies to provide referrals and assistance to the homeless. Asked that Mr. Beloney's issue be resolved. Requested that the 1st Annual City of Hawthorne and Hawthorne School District Family and Pet Extravaganza on October 13th and 14th be included in upcoming events.

Mayor **Juarez** thanked everyone who attended the 9/11 ceremony this morning. Requested the financial reports for the organizations that had firework sales. Congratulated AYSO Region 21 on their opening ceremonies this past weekend as they celebrated their 40th Anniversary. Congratulated those that graduated from the Behavior Health Service program. Thanked those who came out to the Wiseburn Food Fest last Friday to the support the Wiseburn Education Foundation. Congratulated Norb Huber on receiving the Citizen of the Year. Congratulated Kelly McGee of SpaceX who received the Ned Chaffee Award which is given out by the Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce. If you're looking for work, the County of Los Angeles Civil Grand Jury is looking for people to serve. The deadline application is November 26, 2012. Directed the city attorney to get a Resolution supporting Proposition 36 which has to do with amending the three-strikes law. If any young people are interested in pursuing internships at the White House, contact Heather Foster at the White House Office of Public Engagement at 202-456-4772. Asked for an update on the emergency operating plan and also on the pending business license applications. Thanked the business license department for providing the surveys on business tax and processing fees and on the burglar alarm system permit fees. Due to huge discrepancies from city to city regarding these surveys, let Council know if there are any recommendations for changes.

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Mayor Juarez adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

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Norbert Huber
City Clerk