

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE,  
CALIFORNIA HELD JULY 23, 2013.**

Mayor Juarez called the City Council, Parking Authority and Housing Authority meetings to order jointly and concurrently at 6:10 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 4455 W. 126<sup>th</sup> Street, Hawthorne, California.

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

Patricia Donaldson gave the evening's invocation. Tom Quintana led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Samuel Unger, Executive Officer of the Regional Water Quality Control Board Los Angeles Region, gave a presentation on the Los Angeles County Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Permit that the board undertook last November and is now in force and spoke on how cities can work together to comply with this permit.

Assemblyman Steven Bradford spoke briefly on the water bond that was approved two years ago that has not yet come before the voters. While on summer recess from Sacramento, Assemblyman Bradford is visiting the City Councils in the cities that he represents to hear and listen to not only the elected officials, but to community leaders as well.

**Presentation:** Considering obtaining earthquake insurance for City of Hawthorne buildings/structures. (City Attorney) – This presentation was continued until the next meeting.

Diego Alvarez of Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) wanted an opportunity to respond to issues raised by Denny Schneider, President of Alliance for a Regional Solution to Airport Congestion (ARSAC). The vast majority of significant impacts identified in the Specific Plan Amendment Study ("SPAS") EIR are the result of the growth in passenger activity to 78.9 MAP, and would occur regardless of the choice of any of the Alternatives. LAWA cannot require airlines or passengers to use another airport. The implementation of the airfield (260' North) would not result in the taking of any homes. None of the Alternatives would move the runway north of Westchester Parkway or beyond the outer perimeter fence. Additional project-level design and engineering review is required before construction could start on any SPAS project element. The construction of SPAS improvements would be financed with proprietary airport funds and user fees, and would not impact the City's general fund.

Mayor Juarez called a 15 minute recess to celebrate Councilmember Reyes English' birthday.

1.

Mayor Juarez read a statement regarding the dog incident.

Under oral communications **Jeff Kiernan**, Regional Public Affairs Manager Representative to the League of California Cities, spoke on the resolution dealing with storm water issues, which if approved, will go to the League's resolution committee at their annual conference in September and will be used to help the League go in the direction that cities want to go. **Shirley Bryant** spoke against putting a McDonald's on the northeast corner of Yukon and Rosecrans. **James O'Grady** questioned whether the city would be any better or worse off with LAX expansion and the financial and environmental impacts that would be caused by expansion. Spoke on how planes are not allowed to fly in to Hawthorne Airport on a cloudy day and the financial impact this is causing the airport. Regarding the situation involving the Hawthorne Police Department, stated that he was not there and does not have all the facts so he will reserve opinion and judgment and leave the results of these events to those qualified. **Sandra Booker, Phillip Rivera, Karina Guerrero, Bridgette Rosby, Jeff Smith, John Garcia, Dr. Celia Villapando and Krystal Hudson** spoke against the police shooting incident involving a dog owned by Mr. Leon Rosby. **Gabriela Leyva** and **Nidia Moreno** spoke on their positive experiences with the police department regarding their Neighborhood Action Councils. **Michael Carruthers** reminded everyone of their responsibility to restrain their animals even if you don't think they're going to attack someone. **Allen Richards** spoke on how mace and tazers are not options for the police to use on dogs. **Unidentified speaker** spoke on how dogs protect their owners and also on how come-along poles are used. **Denny Schneider**, President of ARSAC, spoke on how the current airport expansion plan is not an option. **Doris Martinez** expressed dissatisfaction over the sand replacement at the Eucalyptus Park playground. **Katrina Manning** thanked

everybody who came and participated at this year's Movies in the Park where Senator Rod Wright was on hand to honor long-time residents Darvish Johnson, Raphael Scott, Art Osborne and Melvin Mosley for their continued commitment to the community. A moment of silence was also held for Sgt. Leonard Luna. Requested that the company that paints the addresses on the curbs not paint unless they have permission from the residents and that the company also come out to make corrections on two houses at 116<sup>th</sup> and Wilkie whose curbs were painted with the same addresses. Ms. Manning presented a petition with 100 signatures requesting various improvements at Holly Park. Is glad to see that there is an item on the agenda to propose a Senior Citizen Commission as there are many residents in Holly Park that would benefit from such a commission. **Patricia Donaldson** announced that there will be a "Women in Business" event on August 7<sup>th</sup> at the Flight Museum from 6pm to 8pm. The event is free and will include dinner. Praised the police department for the phenomenal job that they do. **Jose Gutierrez**, as a community leader and past president of his association, spoke on how the Hawthorne Police Department has been instrumental in helping to develop their neighborhood watch program, their patrolling of the streets and the Citizens of Hawthorne Action Team. Spoke in opposition of moving Oral Communications towards the end of the meeting. Spoke on the confusion of whether the budget is in a deficit or a surplus and asked that the budget be worked on. **Jim Lissner** questioned why there is a sudden jump in the amount of tickets issued for the westbound left-turn red light camera at Hindry and Rosecrans. Asked that staff report on the age distribution of the tickets, why rear enders have doubled and why the camera is there at all as there is no accident history. **Gordon Mego** spoke on the history of the former RFK Hospital and the necessity of reopening it in the city. Suggested that the city form a task force to focus on efforts to reopen the hospital. **Yolanda Dunn**, organizer of the Child Sexual Assault Prevention Workshop that took place on June 14<sup>th</sup> at the police department, expressed gratitude to the City, the Police Department, Sgt. Robbie Williams and all those who were instrumental in facilitating the workshop. Expressed her condolences to Sgt. Luna's family. Spoke on enjoying Good Neighbors Day with her daughter. As a member of the Neighborhood Action Council Group, thanked the Police Department, Sgt. Cognac and Officer Bell for joining in the Healthy Mind, Healthy Body Walk. **Darlene Love** thanked those who put Good Neighbors Day together and expressed joy at seeing her husband's name on the wall.

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, that the reading of the City Council minutes of the regular meeting of June 25, 2013 be waived and that they be approved and adopted.

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

4.

Mayor Juarez moved, seconded by Councilmember Reyes English, to waive full readings of resolutions and ordinances on July 23, 2013's agenda.

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

5.

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.: 191549-191592 : 436776-436876 : 21531-21986

Warrant Totals: \$698,292.40 : \$176,224.04 : \$813,428.22

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

6.

**RESOLUTION NO. 7559**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA CALLING UPON THE GOVERNOR AND THE LEGISLATURE TO WORK WITH THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES IN PROVIDING ADEQUATE FUNDING AND TO PRIORITIZE WATER BONDS TO ASSIST LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN FUNDING NATIONAL POLLUTION DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT NO. CAS004001 AND TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS.

Mayor Juarez moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, that Resolution 7559 be approved and adopted.

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

NOES: None.

7.

**RESOLUTION NO. 7961**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA ESTABLISHING ON STREET PARKING ON A LIMITED PORTION OF JACK NORTHROP AVENUE.

Mayor Juarez moved, seconded by Councilmember Reyes English, that Resolution 7961 be approved and adopted.

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

NOES: None.

8.

The City Attorney, Russell Miyahira, recommended that the claim filed on behalf of The Estate of Raquel Coaker, through their attorney, alleging a dangerous condition of public property be denied in its entirety.

Mayor Juarez moved, seconded by Councilmember Reyes English, that the claim filed on behalf of The Estate of Raquel Coaker, through their attorney, alleging a dangerous condition of public property be denied in its entirety.

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

NOES: None.

9.

Under Council Discussion/Action Items

a.- In order to conduct city business more efficiently: change oral communications from 5 minutes to 3 minutes; change the placement of oral communications to be held immediately prior to the city council's discussion/action items; enforce the city council ordinance limiting presentations/proclamations to 10 minutes and limiting officials' reports to 10 minutes; prepare a staff report which recommends further ways to improve time management of council meetings. (Valentine)

Councilmember Valentine directed that this item be deferred until the staff report has been presented and that the staff report also contain comparisons as to how other cities conduct their meetings.

b. - Creating of a Senior Citizens Commission (Vargas)

Councilmember Vargas spoke on the three purposes that a Senior Citizens Commission would serve. They are to advise the City Council on all the matters relating to the policies and the programs which serve senior citizens in the community, to identify the needs of our senior citizens within our community and to explore how we could improve the standards of the services that we currently have for seniors.

Suggested that members would serve two years on this commission in order to give everyone an opportunity to serve. Directed that a report be given in order to solidify Council's ideas.

c. - 141<sup>st</sup> St. and Ramona Avenue Stop Sign (Michelin)

Councilmember Michelin thanked Council for their support on this item and thanked the residents of 141<sup>st</sup> Street for coming in tonight.

d.- Status of ordinance forming veteran affairs commission (Michelin)

Councilmember Michelin thanked the City Attorney for submitting the draft ordinance. Council will review it and it will be at the next meeting.

## **TABLED ITEM**

### **RESOLUTION NO. 7550**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA OPPOSING THE LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ("LAX") EXPANSION EFFORTS.  
Motion to adopt.

Mayor Juarez moved, seconded by Councilmember Reyes English, to remove this item from the table.

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

Councilmember Michelin moved, seconded by Mayor Juarez, that this item be tabled again so the presenters have a chance to provide further information.

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

After discussion,

### **MOTION TO RECONSIDER**

Mayor Juarez explained that the motion is that if they wanted to move forward with it, vote yes. If you want the Resolution not to come back as a tabled item, then they needed to vote no.

Mayor Juarez moved, seconded by Councilmember Reyes English, to approve Resolution No. 7550.

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

Resolution No. 7550 did not pass.

17.

Under Elected Official Reports and Recommendations.

City Treasurer **Lubenec** spoke on how sometimes in life you have to move ahead, things get bigger and better and that's what you need, so maybe LAX does need to be bigger and better for better service at some point in time. Thanked Norb Huber and Tom Quintana for the great job they did on Saturday's Good Neighbors Day. There were 400 to 500 people that came throughout the day, good vendors, good entertainment and perfect weather.

City Clerk **Huber** spoke on how it was rewarding to see so many people at Good Neighbors Day, but the neat thing was that people got together as a community. This wasn't an event that was meant to make a lot of money or be political, but rather a community event that brought the nonprofits and service organizations together. He stated that the highlight of the event for him was having resident Elaine Simon read her letter on "Who Is My Neighbor". Thanked the volunteers, the Hawthorne Historical Society and thanks to Mayor Juarez and Councilmember Valentine for donating to the event. And a thanks to everyone that participated.

Councilmember **Vargas** asked Acting City Manager Shadbehr to follow up on Mr. O'Grady's discussion with regards to the landing of the planes at Hawthorne Municipal Airport compared to the LAX airport as there might be some impact to our city, a legal confidential or a memo regarding the usage or under usage of the airport and if we are qualified for noise proofing. With regards to the RFK hospital, stated that we are trying to take a look and see how we can bring back a hospital. We just have to find the right solution and do our part to make it happen. Would like to see if the policy on painting the curbs could be changed such as having permission first from the resident before their curb is painted. Regarding the red light cameras, stated that that's an issue that he brought up about a year and a half ago, unfortunately the rest of the Council didn't see it the way he saw it, but it has been talked about before. Spoke on experiencing racism and how that will not change his attitude towards reaching out to people. Stated that he opposes any promotions and any salary increases because he thinks it's improper, any movement of personnel with regards to salaries. Announced that the Hawthorne Invitational 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament will be held on September 7<sup>th</sup> at the Betty Ainsworth Center; different organizations within the city are invited to participate.

Councilmember **Valentine** directed staff to look into the cost of making the improvements requested by residents for Holly Park. Spoke on audience comments suggesting Hawthorne is a racially divided city, but believes the police department does everything it can to treat everyone on an equal basis and that the overall philosophy and culture of this city is not racist. Hawthorne is a place where the people and institutions work very hard to make sure that diversity is a reality and she encourages citizens to open the dialog with each other to talk about the things that hurt them in order to find common ground because common ground is definitely there. Spoke on her recent experience of fostering kittens and encouraged the adoption of rescue animals through venues such as Petco and Pestsmart or if adoption is not an option, you can help by donating to pet charities. Commended animal control officer Evelyn Diaz for helping in the recovery of Bear, the canine that was stolen from the Body Guard Group of Beverly Hills and commended forensic technician Morgan Lane for assisting the City of Inglewood in processing the scene of an officer involved shooting. Requested that the City Attorney compile all of the city documents that were sent to CALPERS by city staff regarding the South Bay WIB and submit the entire package to the City Council in their weekly packet. Renewed her request for all of Aleshire and Wynder invoices from 2010 to the present and that they be put in the next city council packet. Expressed concern over the budget and hopes that by the meeting of August 6<sup>th</sup>, the budget will be in some shape that we can actually make some really good decisions on it.

Councilmember **Michelin** thanked the neighbors from 141<sup>st</sup> street for coming in to support the stop sign and also thanked the Council for supporting this as it increases safety for families, pedestrians and cars in that area. Thanked Assemblymember Steve Bradford for attending our meeting and stated that we will be contacting him very soon about the storm drain fees. Attended the Coffee with a Cop event at Starbucks where everybody was able to talk to different police officers. Coffee with a Cop is a nationally recognized program that's had awards nationally, so thank you to Hawthorne Police Department for being in the forefront of community policing. Attended Movies in the Park and thanked Katrina Manning for this event which is always a positive event that brings everybody together, especially families and kids. Expressed concern that the city seal appears on the paper for the curb painting business making it sound like it's an official city event and asked that the City Attorney look into removing it as it is very confusing. As far as the five minute time limit, is in favor of keeping it at five minutes and keeping it at the beginning of the meeting. Commented on Good Neighbors Day being a great success and that it was an honor to go into the museum and read about Mr. Love and all of the things that he did as a visually impaired police volunteer. Requested an update by the City Attorney next week on the anti graffiti glass etching task force. Expressed concern over the tattoo and massage business on the northeast corner of Ramona and Rosecrans. Understands that this is in the City of Lawndale, but instructed staff to possibly contact the City of Lawndale to express our concerns and to see if all proper permits have been filed and complied with. Thanked the City Council for their support with the veteran's commission; this will be a clearinghouse for veteran's issues and looks forward to presenting it at the next meeting. Stated that he continues his opposition to LAX expansion; feels that it would have a negative effect on our infrastructure and increase noise and disruption in the community. For issues regarding loud planes flying over, contact 426-64noise.

Councilmember **Reyes English** gave direction that there be a current and new petition for the 141<sup>st</sup> Street and Ramona stop sign.

Mayor **Juarez** thanked Assemblyman Steven Bradford for coming to tonight's meeting. Stated that our City Manager and other department heads are back East attending a mandatory training conference, which is free of charge. Announced that the budget workshop will be held on August 6<sup>th</sup> at 6pm and asked that his colleagues read the notebook with all the information and come prepared with their questions. Inquired on what exactly went on over at Eucalyptus with the removal of the sand. Acting City Manager Shadbehr explained that rubber mulch replaced the sand. This was done with a grant and is promoted throughout the state and is safer for kids. Requested an update on the naming of the pocket part at 138<sup>th</sup> and Doty. Thanked Mr. Huber and his committee for the fun filled day that was Good Neighbors Day. Requested a report on the food change at the senior center as there have been complaints by some seniors that the portions are smaller and the food doesn't taste as good. Requested a letter be sent to Elon Musk or Gwynne Shotwell with an update on where we are with Enterprise Zones. Inquired if there was any progress on the directive given at the last meeting regarding a change in our ordinance with respect to our website being up or down. Stated that Mr. Vogel has agreed to attend a future meeting where he will speak on the Keep Your Home California program.

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Mayor Juarez adjourned the regular meeting at 11:20 p.m.

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Norbert Huber  
City Clerk