

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE,
CALIFORNIA HELD AUGUST 6, 2013.**

Chairman Juarez called the City Council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of the City Hall, 4455 West 126th Street, Hawthorne, California.

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

Darlene Love gave the evening's invocation. Councilmember Vargas led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.

Under oral communications, no one expressed a desire to be heard.

Mayor Juarez ordered oral communications closed.

2.

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 v. Jag Pathirana, Case No. YC-068 429

Mayor Juarez called the City Council meeting back to order following recess with all Councilmembers present except for Councilmembers Vargas and Valentine. 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 v. Jag Pathirana, Case No. YC-068 429 and announced that the City Manager had been advised.

3.

City Clerk Huber announced that this was the time and place for the Public Hearing and Workshop for Proposed Annual Budget including Projected Revenue and Requested Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2013-2014.

City Clerk Department's declaration publication filed. No written communications were received.

Mayor Juarez called for public comments.

Under oral comments **Jose Gutierrez** questioned the airport funds, talked about the structural deficit, questioned the status of the SBWIB and changes in personnel. **David Patterson** questioned how important is it to address the structural deficit, suggested making a concerted effort to cut expenses in order to have a surplus this year, and to increase revenues by attracting new businesses to the city. **Katrina Manning** inquired if the payments being made to HUD and the lawsuit from Gold's Gym, if that money is coming from the reserve budget and if so, would it deplete the reserves. **Gordon Mego** spoke on the importance of getting the mall up and running in order to receive sales tax revenue.

Mayor Juarez ordered to close the public portion of the hearing. MOTION CARRIED.

Finance Manager Lani Emmich gave an update on the budget workshop.

Councilmember Valentine requested the following **for the record**:

I just wanted to comment because I had gotten correspondence from Mr. Vogel on exactly what the contributions from the WIB had been and so I want to put this on the record because he does dispute what our records show. Park Ranger program worth tens of thousands of dollars and this is over the, what he's saying is over the last thirteen years. Park Ranger program worth tens of thousands of dollars. Police Cadet program worth approximately \$100,000. Served thousands of youths annually through the Hawthorne Teen Center at a cost to the South Bay WIB of approximately \$150,000 to \$175,000 annually. Provided Human Resources department at the City of Hawthorne \$1200 to \$5000 per month to process

employees and participants through Livescan. Over \$1.6 million in cash since 2010. Over \$2.5 million in cash since the South Bay Cities allowed Hawthorne to be the administrative entity and chief local elected official. Sponsored hundreds of events and donated tens of thousands of dollars to Hawthorne non-profits. Hawthorne recognized at numerous events throughout the county as being the chief local elected official for one of the highest performing WIBS in the country. The South Bay WIB was home to the annual youth job fair serving approximately 500 to 800 youth annually. Provided computers to the senior center and other local organizations. Purchased the first Livescan equipment housed in the city's Human Resources department and subsidized hundreds of thousands of dollars in personnel costs providing thousands of dollars in technical assistance. I wanted to put that on the record because I want to make sure that the public knows the scope of the loss to the City of Hawthorne of forcing the South Bay WIB out of the city so I think that's something that the public needs to know.

Mayor Juarez requested the following **for the record**:

Let's see, I'd like to respond to that. Mr. Goodson was the WIB forced to move? Or relocate to the City of Inglewood? (Mr. Goodson replied, "No, that was Mr. Vogel's response to my asking a simple question to provide some information. His response was to move the WIB.") So we can get that on the record as well. Just want to make sure. I don't want you to be misled that this city forced him to move. This was his decision and his decision only.

Councilmember Reyes English stated **for the record** that "Where there is a language of quote-unquote force, I didn't force anyone out."

Councilmember Reyes English moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, that the meeting be continued.

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

4.

Mayor Juarez adjourned the meeting at 9:35 p.m.

Norbert Huber
City Clerk