

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE,
CALIFORNIA HELD MAY 13, 2014.**

Mayor Brown called the City Council, Parking Authority, and Housing Authority meetings to order jointly and concurrently at 6:16 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 4455 W. 126th Street, Hawthorne, California.

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

Patricia Donaldson gave the evening's invocation. Lieutenant Williams led the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Treasurer Patterson introduced Sean Peake, Morgan Stanley Advisor, and Rob Wilkins, Morgan Stanley Institutional Fixed Income department, who gave recommendations for the city regarding investments opportunities.

1.

Under oral communications **Patricia Donaldson**, on behalf of the South Bay Workforce Investment Board, provided to Council documents containing a brief summary of the SBWIB's current activities. Announced that the Chamber will be holding a breakfast Mixer on May 22nd at C&S Sales. **Darlene Love** spoke on attending the funeral of Mr. Henry van Oudheusden, CEO of Behavioral Health Services. Expressed disappointment that not all elected officials attended Volunteer Appreciation Day. **Gordon Mego** stated that structural deficits in the city budget will continue until the Hawthorne Mall begins providing sales tax revenue. Spoke on ways to reopen the RFK medical center in Hawthorne. **Thierry Lubenec** thanked the City, the Centinela Valley School District and everybody that attended Relay for Life. Invited everyone to the Friends of the Library membership kickoff and thanked those that supported the Friends of the Library book sale. Invited everyone to attend the general meeting of the Hawthorne Historical Society to be held on Monday at the museum. **Frances Stiglich** reported on problems occurring at city owned properties on Gale Ave. **Alex Monteiro**, on behalf of Hawthorne Presidents Council, thanked the City Council for attending Volunteer Appreciation Day. Reported on the 12th Annual 5K and 19th Annual Hawthorne Fair. Reminded everyone that the Hawthorne Presidents Council was created 35 years ago in order to coordinate events held in the city. **Kyle Orleman** invited everyone to attend a prayer service on May 30th at 7:30pm commemorating the anniversary of Officer Andrew Garton's passing.

2.

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

3.

Councilmember Reyes English, moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, that the reading of the City Council minutes of the regular meeting of March 25, 2014, the regular meeting of April 8, 2014 and special meeting of May 6, 2014 be waived and that they be approved and adopted.

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

4.

Councilmember Reyes English moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, to waive full readings of resolutions and ordinances on May 13, 2014's agenda.

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

5.

The City Treasurer submitted a financial statement regarding warrants.

Warrants Nos.: 191876-117328 : 440538-440794 ; 25536-25952

Warrant Totals: \$694,169.61 ; \$ 1,417,603.97 ; \$758,587.43

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

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

6.

City Clerk Huber announced that sealed bids were publicly received, opened and declared for the Central Plant Retrofit and Upgrade of Automation System at City Hall.

Public Works Department submitted declaration of publication, which was ordered filed. Bidder’s bonds were required.

THERE WERE TWO (2) BIDS RECEIVED. (THEY WERE ACCOMPANIED BY BIDDER’S BOND)

THE PRICES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Liberty Climate Control	\$359,118.00
ACCO Engineered Systems	\$298,111.00

Councilmember Reyes English moved, seconded by Councilmember Vargas, that the bids be referred to staff for study and recommendation.

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

7.

RESOLUTION NO. 7614

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL, OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA AUTHORIZING, APPROVING & RATIFYING A “COST REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT” (CRA) BETWEEN THE HAWTHORNE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE – OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014

Councilmember Reyes English moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, that Resolution 7614 be approved and adopted.

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

8.

RESOLUTION NO. 7515

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL, OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA ORDERING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS / CITY ENGINEER TO PREPARE A REPORT ON THE IMPROVEMENTS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR THE STREET LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 AS REQUIRED BY THE STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE SECTION 22622

Councilmember Reyes English moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, that Resolution 7515 be approved and adopted.

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

NOES: None. ABSENT: None.

9.

RESOLUTION NO. 7621

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL, OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF RECORD FOR POLICE PARKING CITATIONS PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION NO. 7170

Councilmember Reyes English moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, that Resolution 7621 be approved and adopted.

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

NOES: None. ABSENT: None.

10.

RESOLUTION NO. 7622

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL, OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF RECORDS FOR SPECIAL EVENTS FILM PERMIT APPLICATIONS PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION NO. 7170

Councilmember Reyes English moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, that Resolution 7622 be approved and adopted.

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

NOES: None. ABSENT: None.

11.

RESOLUTION NO. 7623

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL, OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF ANIMAL CONTROL CITATIONS AND LICENSE APPLICATIONS PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION NO. 7170.

Councilmember Reyes English moved, seconded by Valentine, that Resolution 7623 be approved and adopted.

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

NOES: None. ABSENT: None.

12.

RESOLUTION NO. 7625

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL, OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT WITH VALENCIA FAMILY TRUST FOR THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 12717 HAWTHORNE BLVD., HAWTHORNE 90250

Councilmember Reyes English moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, that Resolution 7625 be approved and adopted.

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

NOES: None. ABSENT: None.

13.

City Clerk Huber announced that this was the time and place for the Public Hearing on Resolution No. 7624 - A resolution of the City Council of Hawthorne, California approving an amendment of the General Plan Land Use Element to incorporate economic development goals and policies, adopting a modification to the name of the Freeway Commercial/Mixed Use land use designation, and modifying the General Plan Map to identify changes in certain land use designations from residential to commercial, and making findings in support thereof.

Planning Department’s declaration publication filed. No written communications were received.

Mayor Brown called for public comments.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 7624

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL, OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA APPROVING A GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT AMENDING THE LAND USE ELEMENT TO INCORPORATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GOALS AND POLICIES AND ADOPTING A MODIFICATION TO THE NAME OF THE FREEWAY COMMERCIAL MIXED USE LAND USE DESIGNATION AND MODIFYING THE GENERAL PLAN MAP TO IDENTIFY CHANGES IN CERTAIN LAND USE DESIGNATIONS FROM RESIDENTIAL TO COMMERCIAL AND MAKING FINDINGS IN SUPPORT THEREOF

Mayor Brown moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, that Resolution 7624 be approved and adopted.

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

NOES: None. ABSTAIN: Councilmember Michelin.

14.

City Clerk Huber announced that this was the time and place for the Public Hearing and adoption of the Final 2014-2015 Annual Action Plan as recommended by staff.

Planning Department’s declaration publication filed. No written communications were received.

Mayor Brown called for public comments.

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

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

Councilmember Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Reyes English, to approve Final 2014-2015 Annual Action Plan.

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

NOES: None.

ORDINANCES

15.

ORDINANCE NO. 2072 (1st Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A CHANGE OF ZONE CHANGING TWO PARCELS FROM R-3 (HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL TO C-3 MU (GENERAL COMMERCIAL MIXED USE OVERLAY) AND MAKING FINDINGS IN SUPPORT THEREOF.

This item was pulled before the meeting.

16.

ORDINANCE NO. 2073 (1st Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS FOR APARTMENTS.

Ordinance 2073 was introduced by title only by Councilmember Reyes English.

17.

ORDINANCE NO. 2071 (2nd Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, ADDING CHAPTER 3.60 TO TITLE 3, REVENUE AND FINANCE OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE ESTABLISHING LIVING WAGE REQUIREMENTS FOR SERVICE CONTRACTS.

Mayor Brown moved, seconded by Councilmember Reyes English, that Ordinance No. 2071 be approved and adopted.

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

The City Manager, Michael Goodson, presented the following agenda and requested approval of the indicated recommendations including all the continued items from the last city council meeting.

18.

Approve Progress Payment #3 to Great Scott Tree Service, Inc., 10761 Court Ave., Stanton, CA 90680 for Street Tree Trimming (Project # 13-03) in the amount of \$ 16,200.00 funded by the approved and allocated Tree Trimming Funds.

19.

Approve Progress Payment No. 9 due to Martinez Landscape Company, 12337 San Fernando Road, Sylmar, Ca 91342 for General Maintenance (Project # 12-01), in the amount of \$210,383.57.

20.

Approve one year renewal option agreement between the City of Hawthorne and Vasquez & Company LLP, to Provide Contract Services Relating to the Independent Audit of the City and its Component Units and authorize the City Manager to execute it on behalf of the City.

21.

Accept Report of Independent Auditors and Authorize Filing of Fiscal Year 2012-13 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Single Audit Report

22.

Approve 4th Amendment to the 1992 & 1996 Los Angeles County Proposition "A" Safe Neighborhood Parks - Youth Employment Plan.

23.

Approve the installation of two speed humps on Acacia Avenue between 118th Street and 119th Street.

Councilmember Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Reyes English, that items 18 through 23 of the City Manager's consent calendar be approved.

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

NOES: None. ABSENT: None.

24.

Under Council Discussion/Action Items

a.- City Council support for America Fast Forward Bond Program. (Valentine)

Councilmember Valentine requested that Councilmembers approve the city becoming a part and approving the America Fast Forward Program. She explained that America Fast Forward is a bond program by which bonds are issued through the Federal Government which would allow cities to borrow money in order to do transportation infrastructure such as repairing roads, building bus stops or rail transportation.

Councilmember Valentine moved, seconded by Mayor Brown, that the city sign on to support the America Fast Forward Program and that we become a part of this program.

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

NOES: None ABSENT: None.

b.- Request of Waiver of fees for Kiwanis Club Fair. (City Manager)

Kiwanis Treasurer Dick Huhn stated that the Kiwanis have put on a fair for the last 66 years in this community. Recently because of the fees they've had to pay, they haven't been making any money. Last year they spent about 540 man hours and gained \$3000 so he would like to see the fees waived in order to pick up a little bit more money and be able to disperse it back to the community.

Councilmember Valentine moved, seconded by Mayor Brown, that the fees be waived for the Kiwanis Club

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

NOES: None ABSTAIN: Councilmember Vargas.

c.- Status of rental use of Memorial Center. (Councilmember Reyes English)

Councilmember Reyes English stated that she is always looking for funding sources because it is important to the city. She had recommended that some of the restrictions on the Memorial Center be lifted in order to provide rental opportunities to groups and organizations. A report that surveyed nine other nearby jurisdictions on how they run their community centers will go out in Council's packets this week, then Council will provide input.

d.- Equality and minority opportunities (Councilmember Reyes English)

Councilmember Reyes English asked that the City Manager and Human Resources work together to assure that when it comes to women in the workplace, those that have experience and degrees are offered equal opportunities as far as promotions, fair pay and fair opportunities.

e.- Resolution condemning the Nigeria kidnappings and lack of effective action on the part of the government (Councilmember Reyes English)

Councilmember Reyes English stated her support for the students who were abducted by militants in Nigeria and indicated that the international community, the nation and cities around the country are rallying behind these women and demanding their release. Mayor Pro Tem Valentine also said that the resolution should mention that the U.S. should re-evaluate its financial support to the government of Nigeria.

Councilmember Reyes English moved, seconded by Councilmember Vargas, to approve item e.

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

NOES: None ABSENT: None.

Under Elected Official Reports and Recommendations.

City Treasurer **Patterson** spoke on attending the 5K Run, Relay for Life, the Hawthorne Mobility ground breaking ceremony and Volunteer Appreciation Day. He announced that he is working with the Chamber of Commerce to host a golf tournament at Trump Golf Course along with a dinner in honor of the Mayor for October 8th. Attended a college planning event at DaVinci High School. Requested that the city consider implementing an Office of Financial Empowerment similar to San Francisco's which has a lot of community programs regarding financial literacy.

City Clerk **Huber** invited all to attend Monday's Historical Society meeting at 6:30pm where the guest speaker will be Lisa Miller. Announced that Chris Montez has been invited to the Hawthorne Dinner Celebration. Requested information on the status of the trailer park at 133rd and Inglewood.

Councilmember **Vargas** spoke on attending the Cinco de Mayo parade in neighboring Lennox and Relay for Life. Invited everyone to participate in the bone marrow registry which is sponsored by City of Hope in order to save lives. Announced that the 3 on 3 Basketball Invitational Tournament will be held on June 14th at 9am. Requested that the City Manager look into the amount of revenue that the city is getting from red light cameras.

Councilmember **Michelin** spoke on attending Volunteer Appreciation Day and Relay for Life Illuminaria. Requested that the City Manager make a memo regarding city-owned properties on Gale and their management plan. Requested a tentative budget timeline. Questioned the City Manager regarding ten funds that were listed as being in deficit in a letter to the auditor. Requested that the City Manager provide a memo regarding all promotions, new hires, the reasons for the promotions and new hires and their financial impact on the city with regards to their salaries for fiscal year 2013-14.

Councilmember **Reyes English** reminded everyone that the Service Provider and Resource Fair, in collaboration with Earth Day, will be held on Saturday at Memorial Park from 10am to 2pm. Spoke on attending the funeral of L.A.P.D. Officer Christopher Cortijo. Commended the Hawthorne Police Department for their efforts in providing for the safety of its citizens. Thanked the South Bay COG Steering Committee and Councilmember Valentine for the recommendation to the Metro Sector Council where she will sit as an elected official on that board to address the transportation needs of its municipalities. Thanked the Commissioners, Advocates and Volunteers for all they do. Directed that the City Manager work with our newly elected state assembly and senate to review whether the city is getting its fair share of moving violation citation monies and if is consistent with other municipalities.

Councilmember **Valentine** spoke on attending Relay for Life, the 5K Walk Run and the STEM Center grand opening at El Camino Center. On May 10th attended the Business to Business Round Table to bolster small businesses sponsored by Assemblyman Isadore Hall. Announced that Cars2go will be operating in the South Bay in the near future. Asked the City Manager to look into the status of the parking lot security study and provide an update.

Mayor **Brown** reported that he will be going to Sacramento to discuss the trailer park issue on 133rd and Inglewood. Spoke on attending Relay for Life and suggested more involvement throughout the region. Announced that Hawthorne now has an app that can be downloaded on iTunes and Google Play. Thanked the Public Information Officer for capturing the moments of what is being done in the city and sharing it on social media.

Mayor Brown recessed the City Council meeting to conduct a **Closed Session**: Conference with Legal Counsel Anticipated Litigation, Significant Exposure to litigation pursuant to California Government Code § 54956.9 (b) One potential case.

Mayor Brown 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, Significant Exposure to litigation pursuant to California Government Code § 54956.9 (b) One potential case. The City Attorney announced that the City Attorney and the City Manger had been instructed.

This closed session was pulled before the meeting

Closed Session: Conference with Labor Negotiators (Subdivision (a) of Section 54957.6 of the California Government Code. Name of Labor Negotiator: Acting Human Resources Director, David Robert, (re: HMEA).

28.

Mayor Brown adjourned the regular meeting at 9:04 p.m.

Norbert Huber
City Clerk