

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE,
CALIFORNIA HELD MARCH 11, 2014.**

Mayor Brown called the City Council, Parking Authority, Housing Authority and the Public Financing meetings to order jointly and concurrently at 6:15 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 4455 W. 126th Street, Hawthorne, California.

ROLL CALL-Present: Councilmembers Michelin, Valentine, Vargas, Mayor Brown.
Absent: Councilmember Reyes English.

Pastor Phil Cookes gave the evening's invocation. Patricia Donaldson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilmember Valentine introduced Yvonne Mallory who gave a presentation on how to apply for Spring Park Senior Villa, a new senior housing development which was funded by a grant for which the City of Gardena has applied. Ms. Mallory is the Economic Development Manager for the City of Gardena.

Mayor Brown introduced Chris Beynon of MIG who gave a preliminary presentation for the Downtown Hawthorne Specific Plan.

1.

Under oral communications **Carol Rose** introduced herself as candidate running for County-Wide Judge of Superior Court of L.A. County. **Bill Meyers** announced that the MTA will be holding several public hearings this month over the proposed fare increase and fare restructuring. The two most accessible hearings to Hawthorne residents are the local Service Area Council meeting which will be held on March 14th at Inglewood City Hall from 9:30 to 11:30 and the full MTA Board of Directors will conduct a hearing on March 29th at the MTA headquarters downtown adjacent to Union Station at 9:30 until the Board can longer maintain a quorum. **Neil Gafney** gave an update on the protest that took place Saturday against Chevron and against the trucks that rumble by on El Segundo Blvd from El Segundo through Hawthorne on to the 405. **Jason Gromski**, President Ramona Neighborhood Association, announced that there will be a special meeting regarding the Hawthorne Blvd. Specific Plan from 6pm to 8pm in the Council Chambers. On March 13th there will be a Ramona Association open meeting at 7pm. Inquired on the status of the trailer park at 133rd and Inglewood Ave. **Daniel Granados**, Manager Hawthorne Library, announced that the Spring Parent/Child Workshops will begin March 18th at 11am, Game Day for teens will be held on Saturday at 12pm, the Friends of the Library Spring Book Sale will be held on April 12th at 9am, a cooking demonstration on Mexican cuisine will be held on April 26th at 2pm and the Friends of the Library will hold a meeting tomorrow at 7pm. Currently the library offers free Wi-Fi, a knitting and crocheting club that meets on Thursdays at 6pm and a homework center that is available everyday after school. **Patricia Donaldson**, Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce, announced that the State of the City luncheon will be held March 28th at 11:30am at the Memorial Center. Expressed disappointment that MIG has not come to speak to the Chamber board of directors. **Alex Monteiro** announced that the City of Hawthorne, the Hawthorne Presidents Council and Chevron will be hosting Volunteer Appreciation Day on April 27th at the Memorial Center at 2pm; the deadline to turn in nomination forms is April 4th. Relay for Life will have a kick-off event on March 17th at the Hawthorne Moose Lodge at 6pm; Relay for Life is May 3rd and 4th at Hawthorne High School. Thanked Council for attending the Lions Student Speaking contest. Announced that Hawthorne School District is currently hiring for various full time and part time positions; for more information, go to www.hawthorne.k12.ca.us. Clarified that the Centinela Valley School District and the Hawthorne School District are two separate entities. **Greg Dynabursky** thanked Chief Fager for the extra patrols they did on his 115th Street block. Thanked the Planning Dept. and Gregg McClain for keeping an eye on the commercial property on Imperial Hwy and Grevilea. Congratulated Mira Costa and Culver City for making the CIF Division 2AA finals this past weekend. Announced that he is the emcee for a booster club fundraiser that will be held on the 15th at the Veteran's Auditorium in Culver City. **Kyle Orleman** announced that the Vietnam Veterans of America is holding their annual essay contest for high school seniors from South Bay high schools where four \$1,000 scholarships will be given out. Gave an update on Federal legislation including SB1982, S851 and HR3383 and requested any support that the city could give. **Frances Stiglich** questioned why only three Councilmembers went to Sacramento and not all five if they were going to go for training. Feels nothing seems to be happening regarding the Hawthorne Blvd presentations.

2.

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

3.

Councilmember Valentine moved, seconded by Mayor Brown, that the reading of the City Council minutes of the regular meeting of January 14, 2014 be waived and that they be approved and adopted.

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

Councilmember Valentine moved, seconded by Mayor Brown, that the reading of the City Council minutes of the special meeting of March 4, 2014 be waived and that they be approved and adopted.

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

4.

Councilmember Valentine moved, seconded by Mayor Brown, to waive full readings of resolutions and ordinances on March 11, 2014's agenda.

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

5.

The City Treasurer submitted a financial statement regarding warrants.

Warrants Nos.: 191846-117017 : 439916-440116 : 25093-25098

Warrant Totals: \$668,591.77 ; \$1,860,888.07 : \$2,964.02

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

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

6.

RESOLUTION NO. 7604

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL, OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA APPROVING & RATIFYING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE GRANT YEAR 2013 'URBAN AREA SECURITY INITIATIVE (UASI)' TOTALING \$60,000.00 AND APPROVE PURCHASES RELATED TO THE 'FIXED AUTOMATED LICENSE PLATE READER PROJECT.

Councilmember Valentine moved, seconded by Mayor Brown, that Resolution 7604 be approved and adopted.

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

7.

City Clerk Huber announced that this was the time and place for the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2067 is a City-initiated Zone Text Amendment application to amend the language in the Hawthorne Municipal Code (HMC) as it relates to development standards for condominiums.

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.

ORDINANCE 2067 (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 CONDOMINIUMS.

Ordinance 2067 was introduced by title only by Mayor Brown.

The City Manager, Michael Goodson, presented the following agenda and requested approval of the indicated recommendation:

8.

This item was pulled by the City Attorney before the meeting.

Approve and Authorize the Destruction of Records for 2000-2010 Alarm System Permits and False Alarms Notices plus 2006-2010 Animal Control Dog Licenses.

9.

Approve the designation of the Human Resources Department as a Passport Acceptance Facility of the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Consular Affairs.

10.

Approve the Award of the construction contract for Hawthorne Blvd. Mobility Improvement Project-MTA PC25 – LAF3109 and South Bay Measure R Highway Program- MR312.44 (City Project #10-02) and authorize the Chief of Public Works and General Services to award the project to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, All American Asphalt Company of Corona, CA.

11.

Approve Progress Payment #2 to Great Scott Tree Service, Inc., 10761 Court Ave., Stanton, CA 90680 for Street Tree Trimming (Project # 13-03). The amount of \$22,365.00 will be paid for with the approved and allocated Tree Trimming Funds.

12.

Approve Progress Payment No. 8 due to Martinez Landscape Company, 12337 San Fernando Road, Sylmar, Ca 91342 for General Maintenance (Project # 12-01), in the amount of \$ 248,354.60.

Councilmember Valentine moved seconded by Mayor Brown to approve items 9-10-11 and 12 of the City Manager's consent calendar.

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

NOES: None. ABSENT: Councilmember Reyes English.

13.

The City Attorney, Russell Miyahira, presented the following agenda and requested denial of the indicated recommendation:

Claimant Karyl Clark alleges false arrest and emotional distress for his arrest for driving on a suspended license.

Councilmember Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, that the claim filed on behalf of Claimant Karyl Clark, alleging false arrest, and emotional distress for his arrest for driving on a suspended license be denied in its entirety.

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

14.

a.- Designate the following events as “community-wide social events sponsored by the City or City Council,” pursuant to Section 2.24.115(A)(3) (Mayor Brown).

- i. Business Resources Breakfast.
- ii. First Ladies Health Day.
- iii. Back to School Give-Away.

Mayor Brown moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, to approve these three events to be sponsored by the City or the City Council pursuant to Section 2.24.115 (A)(3).

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

b.- TABLED ITEM A

ORDINANCE NO. 2066

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING TITLE 17 OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF EMERGENCY SHELTERS AND TRANSITIONAL AND SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. (Michelin)

Councilmember Michelin moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, to remove this item from the table.

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

After some discussion, Councilmember Michelin moved, seconded by Mayor Brown, to direct staff to bring this item on the next regular meeting as a public hearing and first reading of the Ordinance.

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

15.

Under Elected Official Reports and Recommendations.

City Treasurer **Patterson** announced that there will be a Business Resource Breakfast which he looks forward to attending. Spoke on attending the Village Restaurant and Sears Appliance grand opening. Commended the Teen Center students for the great programs they put together regarding Black History Month.

City Clerk **Huber** spoke on last night's Historical Society meeting where City Manager Goodson shared insights on how we became Hawthorne and how we are today. Thanked Mayor Brown for being a member of the Historical Society and for his kind donation. Invited the City Council members to attend the next meeting in April. Announced that the Hawthorne Recreation Foundation Golf Tournament will be held on March 24th; there are still openings for those that want to play.

Councilmember **Vargas** stated that he looks forward to seeing everyone at the Hawthorne Blvd Specific Plan workshops for the Ramona and North Hawthorne Homeowner Associations. Asked that the City Manager and City Attorney take a look to see what can be done regarding the noise issue with Chevron and 360. Clarified that the Council members who went to Sacramento went for official business that the others had already gone for two years previously.

Councilmember **Michelin** spoke on the importance of residents attending the Hawthorne Blvd Specific Plan workshop in order to have their voices heard. Asked that the City Manager look into the trailer park situation on 133rd and Inglewood and give a report by email and a general report for the next meeting.

Councilmember **Valentine** assured that regarding the demonstration on Saturday, Council is very concerned about the well being of its residents and the City Manager is looking into the issue and is going to take the lead in trying to find a resolution that is acceptable to all parties. Regarding Council expenditures in Sacramento, responded that the reimbursement policy allows Council to go to events which benefit the city such as educational seminars designed to improve skill and information level. If Council is going to be effective and represent the City of Hawthorne, they have to travel and it will cost some money. Thanked the City Attorney for an outstanding effort in assisting the departments to compile supporting data for HUD. Announced that if you own a business or are thinking about starting one, you are invited to coffee with Go-Biz workshop to explore topics on how to manage and grow your business on March 21st at the Torrance Cultural Center. Gave information regarding job openings at St. Anne's and Robinson Helicopter Company. Thanked MIG for an outstanding presentation and encouraged all to attend the workshops in order to get input on the way residents want Hawthorne Blvd to look. Encouraged everyone to support Relay for Life. Directed that the City draft a resolution in support of S1982.

Mayor **Brown** thanked the Graffiti Department for being on top of the graffiti issue on Hawthorne Blvd. Requested that the Hawthorne Specific Plan be displayed on the new website, Spoke on attending the California Democratic Convention this past weekend in Downtown Los Angeles. Apologized to the public for not having the detailed information regarding a backpack giveaway that the city will be doing for kids who need assistance.

16.

Mayor Brown 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. Anthony Leo Johnson v. City of Hawthorne, et al. Case No. YC 067 341.

Mayor Brown called the City Council meeting back to order following recess with all Councilmembers present except for Councilmember Reyes English. 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. Anthony Leo Johnson v. City of Hawthorne, et al. Case No. YC 067 341. The City Attorney stated that staff was directed.

17.

Mayor Brown adjourned the regular meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Norbert Huber
City Clerk