

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

Mayor Brown called the City Council, Parking Authority, Housing Authority and the Public Financing meetings to order jointly and concurrently at 6:09 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 Brown.  
Absent: None.

Pastor George Magdalaney from Hope Chapel gave the evening's invocation. David Patterson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilmember Valentine introduced new Eagle Scout Kavin Carter of Troop 283.

Mayor Brown introduced Rich Foreman, the CEO and Co-Founder of Apptology, who spoke on the development of an app for the City of Hawthorne.

Councilmember Valentine introduced Director Don Dear of the West Basin Municipal Water District who briefed the city on the current drought conditions and available water conservation programs.

Mayor Brown introduced May'Ayn Johnson, a Senior Regional Planner at Southern California Association of Governments, who spoke regarding the Regional Housing Needs Assessment.

1.

Under oral communications **Patricia Donaldson** gave Council the SBWIB's annual report and summary packet and asked that they read it when they get a chance. Reported on attending the ceremony in San Francisco with Willie Brown on the renaming of the Bay Bridge. Announced that the Chamber Mixer will be held on February 20<sup>th</sup> at Triumph at 7:30am. Announced that the State of the City luncheon will be held on March 28<sup>th</sup>. **Gordon Mego** stated that he would like to see a formula worked out that would achieve zeroing out the RHNA numbers. Stated that it is essential to bring back the former Hawthorne mall. Read a letter from Regal Entertainment Group showing interest for a movie opportunity in Hawthorne. **Alex Monteiro** invited the City Council to attend the Annual Student Speaker Contest that the Hawthorne Imperial Lions Club is putting together on February 18<sup>th</sup> at the Hawthorne Moose Lodge at 6:30pm. Spoke on the RHNA numbers stating that they are just a plan and do not mandate that you build, but the reason they are high is because the city builds housing with market value and not for moderate and low income. **David Patterson** announced that the Hawthorne Teen Center is holding a Black History Month celebration on February 27<sup>th</sup> from 4:30pm to 6:30pm. **Bill Butler**, President of Tradition on the Greens HOA, expressed concern that the fire hydrants in his community have never been checked for water pressure and the sewer lines had not been cleaned in 18 years. **Allen Richards** expressed concern that many homes in the city are rented and the owners do not live in Hawthorne. Explained that while working for the Census, many people do not want to give out their information during the count so they are overlooked for government funds.

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 November 26, 2013 be waived and that they be approved and adopted.

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

Councilmember Valentine moved, seconded by Mayor Brown, that the reading of the City Council minutes of the special meeting of December 4, 2013 be waived and that they be approved and adopted.

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

Councilmember Valentine moved, seconded by Mayor Brown, that the reading of the City Council minutes of the special meeting of December 17, 2013 be waived and that they be approved and adopted.

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

4.

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

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

5.

The City Treasurer submitted a financial statement regarding warrants.

Warrants Nos.: 191831-116390 : 439483-439694 : 24231-24671

Warrant Totals: \$659,006.57 ; \$2,120,401.14 : \$811,410.32

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

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

6.

City Clerk Huber announced that sealed bids were publicly received, opened and declared for the retrofit of central plant air condition system and upgrade of automation systems at the City Hall building – (project #14-02)

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

THERE WERE TWO (2) BIDS RECEIVED. (Only one had Bidder's Bond)

THE PRICES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

RUSHER AIR CONDITIONING \$NO PRICE

EMCOR/MESA ENERGY SYSTEMS \$576,734

Councilmember Reyes English moved, seconded by Mayor Brown, to accept this bid.

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

7.

**RESOLUTION NO. 7597**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA **APPROVING** ASSEMBLY BILL 777 – EXEMPTING QUALIFIED AEROSPACE PROPERTIES FROM CERTAIN SPECIFIED PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES.

Councilmember Valentine moved, seconded by Mayor Brown, that Resolution 7597 be approved and adopted.

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

8.

**RESOLUTION NO. 7600**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA APPROVING THE HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM GUIDELINES PREPARED JANUARY 14, 2014.

Councilmember Reyes English moved, seconded by Mayor Brown, that Resolution 7600 be approved and adopted.

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

**MOTION TO RECONSIDER**

Councilmember Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Michelin, that Resolution 7600 be approved and adopted.

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

Councilmember Reyes English moved, seconded by Councilmember Vargas, that Resolution 7600 be approved

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

9.

City Clerk Huber announced that this was the time and place for the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2045 granting to Phillips 66 Company, a Delaware Corporation, an extension of a petroleum pipeline franchise.

Public Work 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 2045 (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, GRANTING TO PHILLIPS 66 COMPANY, A DELAWARE CORPORATION, AN EXTENSION OF A PETROLEUM PIPELINE FRANCHISE

Councilmember Valentine moved, seconded by Mayor Brown, that Ordinance No. 2045 be approved and adopted.

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

10.

City Clerk Huber announced that this was the time and place for the Public Hearing on General Plan Amendment (2014GP01), a City-initiated amendment to update the Housing Element of the General Plan for the Planning period 2013-2021.

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

Mayor Brown called for public comments.

Under oral comments **Alex Monteiro** spoke in favor of passing the housing element. **Allen Richards** questioned what the format was to come up with the 683 number. **Herminia Balboa** questioned previous comments made by Councilmember Reyes English. **Barbara Hendricks** questioned when the next appeal is and if at that time, the city would have the opportunity to present new numbers.

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

### **RESOLUTION NO. 7599**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA APPROVING A NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR AND ADOPTING THE 2013-2021 HOUSING ELEMENT.

Councilmember Reyes English moved, seconded by Mayor Brown, that Resolution 7599 be approved and adopted.

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

NOES: None. ABSTAIN: Councilmember Michelin and Vargas.

## **ORDINANCES**

11.

### **ORDINANCE NO. 2064 (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, AMENDING CHAPTERS 17.04, (DEFINITIONS), 17.35 (ON-PREMISES SIGNS) AND 17.58 (OFF-STREET PARKING) OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING AUTOMOBILE SERVICE-RELATED DEFINITIONS, VALET PARKING AND TEMPORARY SIGNS (BANNERS) AND MAKING USE OF THE GUIDELINE AT 15305 UNDER THE REQUIREMENTS OF CEQA.

Councilmember Valentine moved, seconded by Mayor Brown, that Ordinance No. 2064 be approved and adopted.

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

NOES: None.

12.

### **ORDINANCE NO. 2065 (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, ADDING CHAPTER 9.74 (AGGRESSIVE SOLICITATION WITHIN TEN FEET OF ATMS) TO DIVISION 6 (CONSUMER PROTECTION) OF TITLE 9 (PUBLIC PEACE, MORALS AND WELFARE) PROHIBITING AGGRESSIVE SOLICITATION WITHIN TEN FEET OF ATMS LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE.

Ordinance 2065 was introduced by title only by Councilmember Vargas.

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

13.

Approve the City Financial Sponsorship of Homeownership & Credit Empowerment Workshops Scheduled for Saturday, February 22, 2014 at the Hawthorne Memorial Center (Polaris Room).

14.

Approve the Purchase of new Police motorcycle and authorize the Chief of P. W. and General Services to proceed with it.

15.

Approve the request for funding Public notices for upcoming March 13, 2014 Downtown Hawthorne Specific Plan Workshop #2 up to \$11,000.

16.

Approve the Purchase of (2) non-marked vehicles for Police Department service from 'Gardena Nissan' for payment of \$30,676.99 and 'Hooman Chrysler/Dodge/Jeep' for payment of \$21,985.95.

Councilmember Reyes English moved, seconded by Mayor Brown, that items 13 through 16 of the City Manager's consent calendar be approved.

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

17.

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

Claimant Leon Rosby, through his attorney, amends his claim of July 15, 2013, and alleges false arrest, excessive force, personal injuries, and civil rights violations during a SWAT hostage stand off.

Councilmember Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Reyes English, that the claim filed on behalf of Leon Rosby, through his attorney, amending his claim of July 15, 2013, and alleging false arrest, excessive force, personal injuries, and civil rights violations during a SWAT hostage stand off be denied in its entirety.

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

18.

There were no Council Discussion/Action Items

19.

Under Elected Official Reports and Recommendations.

City Treasurer **Patterson** spoke on attending the Goodwill and the Surf Air grand openings. Stated that it is his focus to work with the City Council to bring more business to the city, have more grand openings and increasing commerce and income for the city.

City Clerk **Huber** encouraged membership for the Hawthorne Historical Society. Spoke on last night's historical society meeting where it was noted that Hawthorne has a connection to The Beatles through George Harrison's wife, Olivia, who attended Hawthorne High School. The Clark Brothers from Clark Reality, native Hawthorne residents, also were guest speakers.

Councilmember **Vargas** congratulated Surf Air which is a membership based travel business. Questioned whether the Hawthorne Boulevard Specific Plan marketing plan was ready. Looks forward to creating jobs and opportunities to help people in the city that are in need.

Councilmember **Valentine** announced job opportunities for various teaching positions throughout Los Angeles County and positions for Gardena Farmer Boys. Announced that the South Bay Environmental Services Center is making available through West Basin, free water use surveys and water conservation training for qualified commercial kitchens. Spoke on the Homeownership and Credit Empowerment Workshop which will be hosted by Councilmembers Vargas and Valentine on February 22<sup>nd</sup> from

10:30am to 3:30pm at the Memorial Center; Congresswoman Maxine Waters will also be a speaker at this event. Thanked Chief Fager and his whole team for the excellent presentation at the Hollyglen HOA meeting on January 29<sup>th</sup> where they explained their jobs and how they interact to provide a safe community.

Councilmember **Michelin** attended the Goodwill grand opening which made a record \$44,777 over a three day period for a Goodwill store in Los Angeles County. Congratulated Kavin Carter on becoming an Eagle Scout. Asked that every effort be made to use cost efficient methods to promote the Hawthorne Boulevard Specific Plan. Attended the Hollyglen HOA meeting. Encouraged all to attend the student speaking contest.

Councilmember **Reyes English** spoke on attending The League of California Cities Ethics Training in Sacramento and on attending Cash for College event. Thanked those involved in the planning of the Superbowl event at city hall and to those that participated. Attended a private tour of the Goodwill store and looks forward to seeing it flourish. Spoke on the importance of the housing element as it ultimately affects our funding dollars in Hawthorne. Would like to see more consistent Hawthorne Specific Plan workshops in order not to lose momentum. Looks forward to the Hawthorne Boulevard Improvement project.

Mayor **Brown** stated that he will be leaning on the planning department and the city manager to make sure we are bringing quality units to the city with shopping, dining and entertainment. Is glad to see an amazing company like Surf Air come to our city. Looks forward to working with staff to bring other dotcoms or startup companies to Hawthorne.

20.

Mayor Brown adjourned the regular meeting at 9:30 p.m.

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Norbert Huber  
City Clerk