

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE,  
CALIFORNIA HELD FEBRUARY 10, 2015.**

Mayor Brown called the City Council, Parking Authority, and Housing Authority meetings to order jointly and concurrently at 6:04 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.

Patricia Donaldson gave the evening's invocation. Mayor Chris Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Works Director Arnold Shadbehr gave an overview of the Local Street Improvement project which will involve neighborhoods south of the airport. He also gave an update on what has been done so far regarding the Hawthorne Boulevard project which includes new sewer lines and storm drains.

Donna Washington, Vice President of Operations and Jodi Strong, Director of Production Planning from FilmLA gave a presentation on how they can aid the city with our filming activities. FilmLA is the crucial link between production companies and the neighborhoods in which they film in.

Donzaleigh Abernathy, Author, Producer, Director and Daughter of Civil Rights Leader, Dr. Ralph David Abernathy, spoke on the history of the Civil rights movement and discussed "The Significance of Selma".

1.

Under oral communications **Robert Pullen-Miles**, District Director for Assemblymember Autumn Burke, invited Council and residents to attend her community swearing-in on February 21<sup>st</sup> which will be held at the Los Angeles Environmental Learning Center. **Patricia Donaldson**, on behalf of the South Bay Workforce Investment Board, provided a brief summary of their current activity. Announced that the Chamber Mixer will be held on February 19<sup>th</sup> at South Bay Ford and the State of the City will be held on March 13<sup>th</sup> at the Hawthorne Memorial Center. **Barbara Levine**, representing the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation, spoke in support of maintaining the Los Angeles Air Force Base and asked that Council send a letter to the Department of Defense and the Air Force Secretary in support of the Base. **Gordon Mego** commended Donzaleigh Abernathy on her presentation. Feels FilmLA would be an asset to the city. The proposal for the creation of an economic development position in city and a new shuttle bus for residents are good ideas. Expressed interest in attending the State of the City if someone could help out with the \$50 cost. **Leon Rosby** thanked the Mayor and Council for the considerable changes he has seen in the city for the last two years. Thanked Ms. Abernathy for her presentation, but feels there is still work to be done for everyone to come together. **Darlene Love** reported that she was approached by a man at a store in the city and told that she had left her keys in the car with the motor running. Then the man told her he needed to go with her to the car. She warned this was some type of scam and warned others to be cautious. **Thierry Lubenec** announced that the kick-off luncheon for the cancer survivors will be held this Saturday at the memorial Center. Relay for Life will be held April 18<sup>th</sup> at 9am to April 19<sup>th</sup> at 9am at Hawthorne High School. The Hawthorne Historical Society will hold a fundraiser pancake breakfast on February 28<sup>th</sup> at the museum. **Leithelle Williams** thanked Councilmember Valentine for her efforts in bringing positive touches to the community such as Ms. Abernathy's presentation and Phantom Galleries. Welcomes Superior Market to the city, requested extra lookout from the police for children coming home from school as there was an incident on Prairie and El Segundo where schoolchildren were being approached and asked for the time as a way to get them to empty their pockets or backpacks in order to steal their belongings. **Alex Monteiro** spoke on the importance of voting. Announced that the Hawthorne School district is hiring for many positions, including kindergarten and physical education teachers. Asked that fees be waived for the upcoming Moneta Gardens and Hawthorne School District Health Fair /5K at the Memorial Center on May 9<sup>th</sup> as this is an event for the community and not a fundraiser.

2.

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

3.

Mayor Brown moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, that the reading of the City Council minutes of the regular meeting of October 14, 2014 and the Special meeting of January 27, 2015 be waived and that they be approved and adopted.

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

4.

Mayor Brown moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, to waive full readings of resolutions and ordinances on February 10, 2015'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.: 124529-124848 ; 444766-444948 ; 29834-29835 ; 10049-10062.

Warrant Totals: \$704,504.68 ; \$1,372,675.36 ; \$ 647.65 ; \$ 71,212.86.

Mayor Brown 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.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

6.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 7687**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL, OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA REMOVING PEAK HOURS PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON PRAIRIE AVENUE, BETWEEN IMPERIAL HIGHWAY AND 120<sup>TH</sup> STREET.

Councilmember Reyes English moved, seconded by Mayor Brown, that Resolution 7687 be approved and adopted.

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

7.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 7688**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL, OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE TO ACCEPT THE DONATION OF POLICE BODY WORN CAMERAS FROM WOLFCOM ENTERPRISES.

Councilmember Vargas moved, seconded by Mayor Brown, that Resolution 7688 be approved and adopted.

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

8.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 7689**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL, OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA AUTHORIZING, APPROVING & RATIFYING THE SUBMITTAL OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2014 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM LOCAL SOLICITATION.

Mayor Brown moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, that Resolution 7689 be approved and adopted.

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

9.

**RESOLUTION NO. 7690**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL, OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA OPPOSING THE CLOSING OR REDUCTION OF FUNDING FOR THE LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE (LAAFB) AND THE SPACE AND MISSILE SYSTEMS CENTER (SMC).

Mayor Brown moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, that Resolution 7690 be approved and adopted.

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

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

10.

Approve Progress Payment #3 due to Martinez Landscape Company, 12337 San Fernando Road, Sylmar, Ca 91342 for Weed Abatement, Landscape, and General Maintenance (Project # 12-01). The amount of \$297,097.49 will be funded through Street Improvement and Weed Abatement funds.

11.

Approve Progress Payment #1 due to Great Scott Tree Service Inc., 10731 Court Avenue, Stanton, Ca 90680, in the amount of \$ 19,890.00 and it will be funded through with the approved and allocated Tree Trimming Funds.

12.

Acceptance of 10-foot wide right-of-way for the purpose of constructing a Sidewalk dedicated on a portion of Lot 2 of Lot Line Adjustment No. LLA 2014LL01, Recorded on November 5, 2014 Document No. 20141176347 and as originally recorded in Tract No. 874, as per map recorded in map book 18, page 136 of maps records of Los Angeles County in the office of the County Recorder of the County of Los Angeles.

13.

Acceptance of Quitclaim Deed for Roadway and Air Easement for Roadway Widening Purposes on a portion of federal property located at 15000 Aviation Blvd. as specifically described on the said document from the United States General Services Administration (USGSA) for the purpose of the Marine Avenue / Aviation Boulevard Intersection Widening Project.

14.

Approve Progress Payment #2 due to HYM Engineering of Buena Park, California for Demolition of City owned property located at 12711 & 12717 Hawthorne Boulevard (Project #14-07). The amount of \$52,625.00 will be paid from the allocated General Fund.

15.

Approve to Purchase a Police vehicle from South Bay Ford – A Ford Interceptor SUV in the amount of \$27,493.01.

16.

Approve the Plans and Specifications for the Local Street Improvement (Project #14-06) and authorize the Chief of General Services and Public Works to advertise for construction bids with a return date of February 24, 2015. Out to Bid

17.

Approve a professional services contract with FilmLA, to provide film permitting services and 2) authorize the Mayor to execute the attached agreement on behalf of the City of Hawthorne.

Mayor Brown moved, seconded by Councilmember Reyes English, to approve items 10 through 17 of the City Manager's consent calendar.

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

18.

Councilmember Valentine recused herself from item 22a.

a.- State of the City – March 13, 2015 – Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce requesting waiver of fees for the use of the Memorial Center (Goodson)

In order for residents who cannot afford to attend the State of the City, Councilmember Reyes English requested that the City provide a list to the Chamber of 25 to 30 people who want to attend, at no cost.

Councilmember Reyes English moved, seconded by Mayor Brown, to hold over the request of waiver until meeting with the Chamber regarding resident attendance.

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

b.- Susan Komen – Cancer Screening and Program – February 28, 2015 – Waiver of fees for the use of the Memorial Center (Brown)

Mayor Brown spoke on how this event is an opportunity for those who cannot afford to get mammograms. It brings a lot of resources and a lot of individuals to the Memorial Center to show we are a city that cares.

Mayor Brown moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, to waive fees for use of the Memorial Center on February 28, 2015 for the Susan Komen Cancer Screening Program.

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

c.- Appointment of W.D. McCoy to the Seniors Commission (Mayor Brown)

Mayor Brown moved, seconded by Councilmember Reyes English, to appoint W.D. McCoy to the Senior Citizens' Commission.

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

d.- Promote equal pay/equal opportunities for women (Reyes English)

About a year ago or so, Councilmember Reyes English made a request for an internal review of equal opportunity and equal pay for women who work in Hawthorne; more importantly, to provide an opportunity to either promote or leverage that. She asked that the City Manager and the Human Resources Director work to promote equal opportunity and equal pay to women. She would like to see a report in July to see where we're at. Encourages the Hawthorne School District and the Police Department to also promote equal pay and equal opportunities for women.

19.

Under Elected Official Reports and Recommendations.

Mayor Brown spoke on his trip to Washington, D.C. for the U.S. Conference of Mayors where he addressed the President on the issue of donating police body worn cameras to municipalities. He also spent time with Congresswoman Maxine Waters addressing city issues and with Pat Furey discussing Community Choice Aggregation. Had an opportunity to meet all of the Legislative Black Caucus out of Washington, D.C. Spoke on the generation gap between Congress and elected officials today.

City Treasurer **Patterson** thanked Ms. Abernathy for the great job she did bringing history to life. Spoke on his visit to the U.S.S. Iowa in San Pedro where he met one of the 22 surviving Tuskegee Airmen, Lieutenant Coronel Bob Fran who is now 95 years old. Reminded everybody that there are a lot of free tax preparation services available which can be found on the websites of the IRS, Board of Equalization and AARP.

City Clerk **Huber** clarified that SpaceX is located in Hawthorne, not Torrance, as reported in a local newspaper. Stated that Hawthorne has a lot of good stuff going on and he is proud to live in Hawthorne.

Councilmember **Vargas** reported on attending the Independent Cities Association meeting in Santa Barbara where topics such as body cameras, drones and Proposition 47 were discussed. Asked that the City Manager put on the next agenda as a Discussion/ Action item, the waiver of fees for Moneta Gardens and Hawthorne School District Health Fair/5K.

Councilmember **Michelin** stated that the Hawthorne City Council stands behind the L.A. Airforce Base one hundred percent. Asked that Chief Fager look into the cellphone theft at El Segundo & Prairie as student protection should be a first priority. Looks forward to report of our debt summary which will be issued in March.

Councilmember **Reyes English** stated she is happy about the expansion of sidewalks on Hawthorne Blvd. so that outside dining experiences can be enjoyed. Looks forward to the State of the City and working with the Chamber to make it a win-win for all involved. Announced that VITA, an organization that files taxes for free, will be at the Memorial Center on February 17<sup>th</sup>. Requested to bring back the ordinance on company vehicles. Would like to create an ordinance to address pet owner responsibilities. Requested that Planning or the City Manager take a look at the city to see about a site for a proposed dog park. Would like to put on an Action/Discussion item to increase Council's stipend. Reported on a letter received by a resident addressing big rigs cutting through neighborhoods in the Holly Park area. Asked that street lights be reviewed as some communities have more lighting than others. Spoke on attending the Superior Market grand opening.

Councilmember **Valentine** requested that copies of letters in support of the Air Force Base also be sent to our Representatives. Attended a meeting of the North Hawthorne Community Association last week and congratulated Ruben Sanchez on being elected as Chair. Reported on attending the open house of Dr. Kumar in Hawthorne, the Veterans' Commission meeting and the Senior Citizens' Commission meeting. Announced that the Veterans' Affairs Commission will be held on the second and fourth Fridays at 3:30pm and the Senior Citizens' Commission will be held every first Wednesday at 3pm at City Hall; encourages everyone who is interested in issues affecting Veterans and Seniors, to attend the meetings or write letters to give the commissioners your input. Announced that there will be a Metro construction career recruitment and resource fair on February 12<sup>th</sup> at Metro Headquarters. Thanked Public Works Director Arnie Shadbehr for the beautiful progress that is taking place on Hawthorne Blvd.

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Mayor Pro Tem Valentine adjourned the regular meeting at 9:27 p.m.

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Norbert Huber  
City Clerk