

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE,
CALIFORNIA HELD FEBRUARY 24, 2015.**

Mayor Pro Tem Valentine called the City Council, Parking Authority, and Housing Authority meetings to order jointly and concurrently at 6:06 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.
Absent: Mayor Brown (excused).

Patricia Donaldson gave the evening's invocation. Captain Keith Kauffman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Captain Keith Kauffman explained how in 2012 the Hawthorne Police Department received a two year grant funded by a division of the Department of Justice and between Sgt. Chris Cognac and himself, created the 'Coffee with a Cop' Program in 2011 which has expanded to 650 Law Enforcement Agencies in 47 States. This program is a way of community outreach between the stake holders of the community and Law Enforcement.

Doctor Silvia Prieto, MD, MPH and Area Health Officer, stated the importance of vaccinations for children and adults, and reiterated that vaccines are not the cause of autism.

Gerard Wright, Policy Analyst for MOVE LA, spoke on imagining Grand Boulevards for Hawthorne. Grand Boulevards are cool, green, complete streets evolving toward bus rapid transit with community development. MOVE LA is the coalition of business, labor and environmental organizations that came together around Measure R in 2008.

1.

Under oral communications **Darlene Love** thanked Arnie Shadbehrr and the Public Works department for fixing some problems in her neighborhood. **Paris**, who is a painter, sculpture and photographer, spoke on his Hawthorne gallery and his wish to give visibility to artists. He invited everyone to attend a video production and musical event on March 7th. **Patricia Donaldson** announced that the State of City will be held on March 13th at the Hawthorne Memorial Center. For anyone interested in attending, the Chamber has rented a bus to go to the Chumash Resort Casino in Santa Barbara on March 7th. **Bill Meyers** announced that the Ramona Neighborhood Association will hold a meeting on March 19th at Ramona School. Elections for members of the board of the association will be held after the meeting. **David LaSalle** from the Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce introduced **Billionaire P.A.**, Founder & CEO of Wealthy Minds, Inc. Billionaire P.A.'s mission is to inspire over 1 billion people around the world to speak their dreams into existence. **Alex Monteiro** announced there are free clinics for children at Zela Davis, York and Eucalyptus Schools every Thursday; for more information, call 310-978-4357. The Hawthorne Presidents Council will meet on Monday at the Memorial Center to talk about Volunteer Appreciation Day which will be held on April 26th at 2pm and the K9 Dinner which will be held on May 21st at 5pm. On March 4th the Hawthorne Imperial Lions Club will honor the Community Citizen of the Year at the Hawthorne Moose Lodge at 6pm; for reservations, call 310-978-4357. The Hawthorne Imperial Lions is having the Lions in the Alley fundraising event on March 8th at the Gable House Bowling alley in Torrance. The Health Fair/5K will be held on May 9th. Suggested the creation of a structure that would distinguish non-profits that benefit the public and those that do fundraising to determine the waiving of fees for their events. Spoke against Council having their stipends raised. **Thierry Lubenec** announced that on Saturday there will be a breakfast to help the museum and to help the high school band with their uniforms. On April 11th the Friends of the Library will host a book sale. Relay for Life will be held April 18th 9am to April 19th am. Inquired if there is a city calendar to help organizations plan their events so they don't overlap each other. **Greg Dynabursky** thanked Mr. Shadbehrr and the Public Works department for work done in North Hawthorne. He would like them to consider changing the time for no stopping to 3pm - 7pm on eastbound Imperial Hwy between the 405 and the city limits. Also to consider painting a white limit line along the east curb line and the west curb line of Grevillea across the east bound lanes of Imperial to avoid gridlock. Thanked the police department for responding to some calls. Requested a response on emails he has sent regarding the commercial property on the 4400 block of Imperial Hwy that has vehicles parked on that lot. Requested that the police department periodically provide extra patrol on the 4400 block of W. 115th as they are still getting vehicle there that are failing to obey the do not enter signs and driving the wrong way on the traffic circle. Announced that he will be Master of Ceremonies at a Casino Night fundraiser and invited everyone to attend on March 7th at the Veteran's Auditorium in Culver City. **Kyle Orleman** reported that two streetlights are out at Glasgow where it curves onto Wiseburn. Regarding fee waivers, feels there should

be a distinction between the non-profits who are providing services and not charging a fee for what they are doing and those who are. Inquired if Vietnam Veterans of America and its associates who do not have a specifically Hawthorne chapter but are a South Bay chapter, if they were to have an event in Hawthorne, would they be eligible for any of the fee waivers. Asked for clarification on two points of item 9, Ordinance 2087 and stated support of this item. **Leithelle Williams** hopes the city can get some Measure R money for transportation in the city corridors. Reported that Jim Thorpe Park needs some revitalization.

2.

Mayor Pro Tem Valentine recessed the Parking Authority and Housing Authority meetings to conduct the meeting of the City Council.

3.

Mayor Pro Tem Valentine, moved seconded by Councilmember Vargas, that the reading of the City Council minutes of the special and regular meetings of October 28, 2014 be waived and that they be approved and adopted.

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

4.

Mayor Pro Tem Valentine moved, seconded by Councilmember Vargas, to waive full readings of resolutions and ordinances on February 24, 2015's agenda.

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

5.

The City Treasurer submitted a financial statement regarding warrants.

Warrants Nos.: 192287-192290 ; 444949-445149 ; 29836-30251 ; 10053-10056 ;
1019-1019.

Warrant Totals: \$ 681,668.12 ; \$1,542,841.15 ; \$ 729,832.50 ; \$ 30,677.22 ;
\$10, 700.00.

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

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

6.

City Clerk Huber announced that sealed bids were publicly received, opened and declared for the Local Street Improvement (Project # 14-06).

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

THERE WERE 6 BIDS RECEIVED. (FIVE WERE ACCOMPANIED BY BIDDER'S BOND)

THE PRICES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

SULLY MILLER	\$ 677,552.30
LEON PIKOR	\$ 1,400,812
EXCEL PAVING	\$ 669,488.94

SHAWNAN	\$ 696,793.80
ALL AMERICAN ASPHALT	\$ 646,000.00
HARDY & HARPER	\$ 717,000.00

Mayor Pro Tem Valentine moved, seconded by Councilmember Reyes English, that the bids be referred to staff for study and recommendation.

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

RESOLUTIONS

7.

RESOLUTION NO. 7691

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL, OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MARCH 2015 AS “RED CROSS MONTH” IN HAWTHORNE.

Mayor Pro Tem Valentine moved, seconded by Councilmember Vargas, that Resolution 7691 be approved and adopted.

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

8.

RESOLUTION NO. 7692

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL, OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA IN SUPPORT OF AB 266 REGULATING THE DISPENSING OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA.

Mayor Pro Tem Valentine moved, seconded by Councilmember Vargas, that Resolution 7692 be approved and adopted.

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

ORDINANCES

9.

ORDINANCE NO. 2087 (1st Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ESTABLISH A SMOKING BAN IN PUBLIC PLACES AND AMENDING VARIOUS OTHER PROVISIONS OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO SMOKING.

Ordinance 2087 was introduced by title only by Councilmember Valentine.

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

10.

Approve Progress Payment No. 3 due to JRH Construction Company Inc., of Tustin, CA for Hawthorne Airport Air Traffic Control Tower Fire and Life Safety Improvement. AIP No. 3-06-0101- 014-2012, (Project # 12-07) in the

amount of \$115,752.15.

11.

Approve Progress Payment #9 due to All American Asphalt for Hawthorne Boulevard Mobility Improvement Project (10-02) MTA PC25-LAF3109, MEASURE R MR312.44 in the amount of \$1,179,726.35.

12.

THIS ITEM WAS PULLED BEFORE THE COUNCIL MEETING

Professional Services Agreement between the City of Hawthorne and Good Energy, L.P., for consulting Services relating to a Community Choice Aggregation Program.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the City Council approve this agreement.

Mayor Pro Tem Valentine moved, seconded by Councilmember Vargas, to approve items 10 and 11 of the City Manager's consent calendar.

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

NOES: None. ABSENT: Mayor Brown.

13.

CITY COUNCIL'S DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

a.- Consider adopting policy re: City Council providing fee waivers to Non-Profits in light of recent proliferation of requests for such waivers (Valentine)

This item was continued for further discussion to March 10, 2015 and a direction was given to the City Attorney and City Manager to prepare suggestions for sample policies with input from Non-Profits.

b.- Request for Waiver of Fees – Moneta Gardens Improvement, Inc. & Hawthorne School District, 13th Annual Hawthorne 5K and 20th Annual Hawthorne Health Fair, at Hawthorne Memorial Center on Saturday, May 9, 2015 (Vargas)

Councilmember Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Reyes English, to waive all the fees for this event.

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

NOES: None. ABSENT: Mayor Brown.

c.- Request for Waiver of Fees – Hawthorne Hall of Fame Banquet, 5th Annual Good Neighbors Day and the 5th Christmas Tree Lighting/Santa Claus Arrival. (Goodson)

This item (c) was not discussed

d.- Appointment of Mayor Pro Tem Olivia Valentine as Trustee to the Los Angeles County West Vector & Vector-Borne Disease Control District" (Valentine)

This item (d) was not discussed

e.- LAX Advisory Committee shall be placed on the permanent list of committees. (Valentine).

Councilmember Reyes English moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Valentine, to place the LAX Advisory Committee on the permanent list of committees.

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

NOES: None. ABSENT: Mayor Brown.

f.- Appointment of Mayor Pro Tem Valentine to the LAX Advisory Committee. (Mayor Brown)

This item (f) was not discussed

g.- Direct staff to research feasibility and costs/benefits of requiring photovoltaic and/or solar water heating units (solar panels) for all new multifamily residential construction, and to analyze requiring LEED certification or equivalency for same. (Mayor Brown)

This item (g) was not discussed

h.- Consider increasing councilmember's stipend to \$4,000 with regard to budget allocations for elected officials pertaining to city sponsored events (Resolution No. 7652) and also consider reducing city manager budget re: special events (presently budgeted at \$50,000). (Reyes English)

Councilmember Reyes English directed staff to prepare suggestions on how to amend Resolution No. 7652.

i.- Elected officials use of City Vehicles (Reyes English)

Councilmember Reyes English directed staff to prepare a Resolution prohibiting the use of City Vehicles by elected officials.

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

Councilmember Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Michelin, to waive the fees for the use of the Memorial Center for the State of the City.

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

NOES: None. ABSENT: Mayor Pro Tem Valentine, Mayor Brown.

14.

Under Elected Official Reports and Recommendations.

City Treasurer **Patterson** requested that information regarding free tax preparation events put on by the Board of Equalization and AARP be put on the city website so citizens can have access to that information. He lended his support to Mr. Billionaire P.A. and the event that he will be doing on Friday for the students of Hawthorne High.

City Clerk **Huber** brought to Council's attention that the curb painters are back in the neighborhoods after only eight months. Spoke on the Historical Society's meeting where Lawndale City Councilman Jim Osborne gave a presentation on the history of the Bodger Park area. Reported on visiting Cal State Dominguez Hills' archives where the history of Hawthorne is very much present. Reminded everyone to attend the pancake breakfast on Saturday. Councilmember **Vargas** requested that the subject of the curb painters be put on the agenda again. Suggested that local organizations have smaller events so residents can have something to look forward to every week. Spoke on self-policing to make sure we have good policies that don't make it easy for individuals to abuse certain perks that we have in the city.

Councilmember **Michelin** requested that the City Attorney look into different options regarding curb painting. Asked for a report from the City Manager to see what has been done to clean up Jim Thorpe and Memorial parks and come up with a resolution so that they are family oriented parks. Requested information from the City Manager regarding any leases with the State Senator and any other government offices that the City Council is going to approve a lease with. As far as the public process regarding the non-profit organizations, would like buy-in from the non-profit organizations and the public regarding the process; feels this is resolvable and looks forward to the staff report.

Councilmember **Reyes English** would like to see a flagging somewhere along the Imperial roadway to not impede traffic where it's just gridlock and to allow for car accessibility through those streets. Commended all the work that has taken place along Hawthorne Blvd which is looking great. Would like to see extended sidewalks continued along restaurants on the boulevard as this is a great way to showcase the restaurants and capture some of the foot traffic that is coming through. Stated that we need to follow the item for bringing a stadium to Inglewood so we can be ready to accommodate any audiences that a stadium would bring. Is excited for the economic development department that has been implemented as this is a great opportunity for us to brainstorm and provide synergy among private and public sectors and bringing developers together in hopes of developing our major corridors. Would like the noise ordinance to be more stringent as there are a lot of homes that are having private parties with continuous loud music. Asked for a copy of the letter from our Senator with his request of what his needs are and that the letter be

provided to all the Councilmembers. Requested a briefing from the City Manager as to where we are with HUD. Wants to look into ordinances regarding dog owners being responsible for picking after their dogs. With regards to the curb painters, feels we need to put more policies in place to assure this isn't being abused. Wants to see policy brought to the Council to address exactly how and what is the role of the PIO department and she Commended Mr. Billionaire P.A. on his work with the youth.

Councilmember **Valentine** congratulated the Policy Department for the "Coffee with a Cop" program and everyone who has made this a national phenomenon. Thanked Dr. Prieto for speaking tonight and clearing up myths regarding vaccines. Thanked Gerard Wright from MOVE LA for his idea to make grand boulevards throughout the South Bay; asked that the City Manager keep in touch with him and to promote his idea with the South Bay COG. Spoke on the congestion problem on Imperial and would like to see the public works department look into having restrictions expanded on Imperial.

15.

City Clerk closed in honor of Rebecca Gerten who passed away on January 21st. Rebecca was the wife of our Parks and Recreation employee, Bill Gerten.

Mayor Pro Tem Valentine adjourned the regular meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Norbert Huber
City Clerk