

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

Mayor Brown 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, Mayor Brown.
Absent: None.

Pastor Patrick Caceres from Set Apart Ministries gave the evening's invocation. Patricia Donaldson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Finance Director Rickey Manbahal gave a presentation on Open Gov. In an effort to be transparent, the City of Hawthorne has partnered up with Open Gov which is a software company that will allow us to present our financial data on the city's website for the general public to see.

1.

Under oral communications **Stephanie Escobar**, Exhibits Coordinator at Artifact Forum Gallery, invited Council and the public to attend their 1st Annual Community Arts Showcase on March 21st at the Cultural Education Center for the Arts located at 3827 W. Rosecrans Ave. They are part of Arts & Services for Disabled, Inc. which is their larger non-profit that serves adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities; their mission is to provide life-long learning, community inclusion and vocational opportunities through the arts. **Patricia Donaldson**, Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce, announced that the State of the City will be held on Friday at the Memorial Center. Suggested that companies that cannot keep their areas clean should be fined as it makes the city look bad. Reported that the Chamber has received complaints from businesses in the North Hawthorne Homeowners Association area in reference to two men that are going around asking businesses to give them money in exchange for supporting them at the City Council and the Police Department. **Ruben Sanchez** introduced the 2015 new board members of the North Hawthorne Community Association which included David Isabel, Oscar Solarez, Andrea Santana and Raymond Vergara. They invited everyone to join their meetings which are held the first Monday of the month at St. Joseph Hall at 7pm. **Oliver Kunitake** stated that he wants the city to step in to get freeway sound barriers for the Hollyglen area. Wants job postings to be mandatory and promoting within to be on a merit basis. **Gordon Mego** inquired on the latest information about making a hospital happen for the community. **Alex Monteiro** thanked Mayor Brown and City Treasurer Patterson for attending the Hawthorne Lions Imperial Club Community Dinner Awards last week. Announced that the nomination forms for Volunteer Appreciation Day are due April 3rd and the event will be held on April 26th. Announced that MGI will have some money to go toward security deposits for Hawthorne residents that are moving; to apply, call 310-978-4357. Dr. **Temisha Brame Carter**, on behalf of the Centinela Valley Teachers' Association, asked for support of the current recall of the three board members of the Centinela Valley Union High School District. **Kyle Orleman**, on behalf of Vietnam Veterans of America, announced that they have five \$1,000 scholarships they would like to award to high school seniors attending South Bay Schools. **Jason Gromsky**, President Ramona Neighborhood Association, invited everyone to attend their open meeting on March 19th at Ramona Elementary School where annual elections for the Association will also take place. **Ruben Sanchez**, North Hawthorne Community Association, feels focus should be put on raising the grades and test scores of the Centinela Valley students. **Frances Stiglich** asked for more police patrol near the parking lot at 116th. **Darlene Love** thanked Council for taking care of requests in the Holly Park area. Suggested more community relations with police officers.

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 special meeting of December 16, 2014 and the regular meeting of January 13, 2015.

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

4.

Councilmember Valentine moved, seconded by Mayor Brown Councilmember Vargas, to waive full readings of resolutions and ordinances on March 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.: 192291-192295 ; 445150-445336 ; 30252-30254 ; 10057-10057

Warrant Totals: \$ 740,763.02 ; \$1,682,631.88 ; \$ 793.96 ; \$ 159,923.85.

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.

RESOLUTIONS

6.

RESOLUTION NO. 7693

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL, OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MARCH AS "WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH" IN HAWTHORNE.

Mayor Brown moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, that Resolution 7693 be approved and adopted.

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

NOES: None.

7.

RESOLUTION NO. 7694

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL, OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA ESTABLISHING A POLICY ON THE USE OF CITY-OWNED VEHICLES BY ELECTED OFFICIALS.

Councilmember Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Michelin, to continue Resolution 7694 with the suggested amendments.

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

NOES: None.

8.

Item 8 was pulled by the City Manager before the meeting

RESOLUTION NO. 7695

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL, OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA IN SUPPORT OF SB 203 REQUIRING A WARNING ON PACKAGED BEVERAGES ABOUT THE HARMFUL HEALTH EFFECTS THAT RESULT FROM THE CONSUMPTION OF DRINKS WITH ADDED SUGARS.

9.

RESOLUTION NO. 7696

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL, OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA
EXTENDING PEAK HOUR PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON IMPERIAL HIGHWAY,
BETWEEN OXFORD AVENUE AND INGLEWOOD AVENUE.**

Councilmember Valentine moved, seconded by Mayor Brown, that Resolution 7696 be approved and adopted.

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

ORDINANCES

10.

Item 10 was pulled by the City Manager

ORDINANCE NO. 2087 (2nd 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.

11.

Item 11 was pulled by the City Attorney

ORDINANCE NO. 2086 (1st Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, REPEALING AND RE-ENACTING SECTION 8.20 (NUISANCES) OF TITLE VIII (HEALTH AND SAFETY) OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE PROPERTY MAINTENANCE STANDARDS, INCLUDING THE DESIGNATION OF PUBLIC NUISANCES, ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR THE ABATEMENT OF PUBLIC NUISANCES, INCLUDING THE ABATEMENT OF ABANDONED, WRECKED, DISMANTLED AND INOPERATIVE VEHICLES AND REPEALING CHAPTER 8.40 (PROPERTY MAINTENANCE).

12.

ORDINANCE NO. 2088 (1st Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTION 10.36.100 (AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH ANGLE PARKING) OF TITLE 10, (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC) OF CHAPTER 10.36 (STOPPING STANDING AND PARKING) TO ESTABLISH "T" MARKED PARKING.

Ordinance 2088 was introduced by title only by Councilmember Valentine.

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

13.

Approve monthly General Fund expenditures.

14.

Approve agreement for Actuarial Consulting Services with Bartel Associates, LLC for an amount not to exceed \$18,500 and authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement.

15.

Approve agreement with Rosenow Spevacek Group, Inc. (RSG) for a broker opinion of value for Successor Agency properties in an amount not to exceed fee of \$6,900 and authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement.

16.

Approve agreement with Rosenow Spevacek Group, Inc. (RSG) for a broker opinion of value for Successor Agency property located at 12601 Hawthorne Boulevard in an amount not to exceed fee of \$8,000 and authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement.

17.

Approve progress payment #3 & final due to HYM Engineering for demolition of City owned property located at 12711 & 12717 Hawthorne Boulevard (Project #14-07)

Mayor Brown moved, seconded by Councilmember Vargas, to approve items 13 through 17 of the City Manager's consent calendar.

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

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

18.

Approve a partial settlement has been proposed in the lawsuit entitled Jonathan Meister & Greater Los Angeles Agency on Deafness, Inc. v. City of Hawthorne, et. al, (CV-14-1096 MWF) and further authorize the City Manager to execute settlement agreement.

Councilmember Reyes English moved, seconded by Mayor Brown to approve the partial settlement in the lawsuit entitled Jonathan Meister & Greater Los Angeles Agency on Deafness, Inc. v. City of Hawthorne, et. al, (CV-14-1096 MWF) and further authorize the City Manager to execute settlement agreement.

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

Optional Closed Session: – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Subdivision (a)) of Section 54956.9 of the California Government Code. Name of Case. Jonathan Meister & Greater Los Angeles Agency on Deafness, Inc. v. City of Hawthorne, et al. Case No. CV-14-1096 MWF

19.

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

Councilmember Reyes English moved, seconded by Mayor Brown, to appoint Mayor Pro Tem Olivia Valentine as Trustee to the Los Angeles County West Vector & Vector-Borne Disease Control District.

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

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

Councilmember Reyes English moved, seconded by Mayor Brown, to appoint Mayor Pro Tem Olivia Valentine to the LAX Advisory Committee.

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

c.- Direct staff to research feasibility and cost/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)

Mayor Brown stated that we're moving in an age when we're doing redevelopment and we need to start focusing on our future and saving energy.

d.- Imposition of Regulations on Curb Painters in City (Michelin)

Councilmember Michelin feels curb painters in the city have abused their privileges. He would like the City Manager to come up with a report to see if there are any other options for doing curb painting such as through the city or RFP. Direction was given to prepare an ordinance prohibiting curb painters and also for the City Manager to prepare a report as to the cost of the city picking up the cost of painting curbs.

20.

Under Elected Official Reports and Recommendations.

City Treasurer **Patterson** spoke on attending the Lions bowling event that was held on Sunday. He stated that he endorses the Open Gov program and is glad the city has chosen to adopt it.

City Clerk **Huber** spoke on the Historical Society's pancake breakfast that helped the Hawthorne High School Band raise money for their uniforms. Stated that the Historical Society will announce the selection of the 2015 Hall of Fame inductees at the State of City luncheon.

Councilmember **Vargas** congratulated the North Hawthorne Homeowners Association on their new board. Spoke on attending the pancake breakfast. Looks forward to seeing the completion of the revamping of Hawthorne Blvd. Thanked staff for helping the Fusion neighborhood resolve some lighting issues with their neighboring Metro facility.

Councilmember **Michelin** requested a policy to have all city jobs, whether permanent or temporary, be posted on the city website. Requested that strategies used in other neighborhoods in the city be used in the area of 116th Street and in Holly Park neighborhoods to reduce crime and other problems. Spoke on attending the Ramona Neighborhood Association meeting and the Historical Society Pancake breakfast.

Councilmember **Reyes English** requested that the Planning Department and the Economic Development Department provide an overview of what is happening in their departments. Requested an inspection of city lighting as she has noticed many areas are in the dark. Reminded everyone that the Service Provider Fair will be held on April 11th at the Memorial Center. Asked for a report regarding the status of RFK Hospital. Would like to know the community's feedback regarding the new Superior market across the street.

Councilmember **Valentine** spoke on the importance of stores keeping their premises clean and how Ordinance 2086 will help. Reported on the art walk held in Hawthorne on March 8th and hopes that as time passes, we will have more and more art exhibits. Urged students to participate in the Vietnam Veterans of America \$1,000 scholarship program. Spoke on attending the February meeting of the North Hawthorne Community Association. Looks forward to the opening of new restaurant, Flights, near El Segundo and the 405.

Mayor Brown spoke on attending the pancake breakfast and the Susan G. Komen Foundation mammogram screening event at the Memorial Center.

25.

Mayor Brown called for oral communications and no one indicated a desire to be heard.

Mayor Brown recessed the City Council meeting to conduct a **Closed Session**: Conference with Labor Negotiator pursuant to Subdivision (a) of Section 54957.6 of the California Government Code. Name of Labor Negotiator: Michael Goodson (re: Hawthorne Executive Group).

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 Labor Negotiator pursuant to Subdivision (a) of Section 54957.6 of the California Government Code. Name of Labor Negotiator: Michael Goodson (re: Hawthorne Executive Group), and the City Attorney stated that the Labor Negotiator has been instructed.

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27.

Mayor Brown adjourned the regular meeting at 8:21 p.m.

Norbert Huber
City Clerk