

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE,
CALIFORNIA HELD JULY 28, 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. 126th Street, Hawthorne, California.

ROLL CALL-Present: Councilmembers Reyes English, Michelin, Valentine, Vargas, Mayor Brown.
Absent: None.

Pastor John Jefferson gave the evening's invocation. Chamber President Patricia Donaldson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Alden Gordinave, representing L.A. Metro Transit Authority/Emergency Management Department, shared some of the new initiatives, such as Staff Well Being, that they are doing at Metro and how it overlaps with our jurisdictions.

Chairman Neil Gafney gave an update on the Veterans' Affairs Commission. Progress to date includes evaluating ways to identify veterans and working on liaisons and relationships with people who can help with their efforts and support them. Vice Chair Kyle Orleman spoke regarding housing for homeless veterans and how to help them.

Chief Fager introduced Hawthorne Police Officer Alex Khan and Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health Clinician Patricia Pasillas, whom through an allocation of funds from Los County, have formed the 'Gardena-Hawthorne Mental Evaluation Team'. Ms. Pasillas alternates between Hawthorne along with Officer Khan and the City of Gardena on a bi-weekly basis to address issues of mental illness in the city.

Katrina Manning presented the annual Holly Park Homeowners Association Scholarship Award to high school senior Callie Jefferson in the amount of \$500. Miss Jefferson will attend California Baptist University in the fall. Applicants for the scholarship must write a 500 word essay and meet the GPA requirement.

Councilmember Reyes English introduced Leslie Wilkes, Founder and CEO of WLL Enterprises Inc., a non-profit organization whose goal is to bring awareness to healthy eating and fight childhood obesity. They bring awareness through education, fitness and nutrition which includes a series of six books designed for kids aged five to thirteen.

Mayor Brown recessed for a 10 minute break in honor of Councilmember Reyes English and Mayor Brown's birthdays.

Mayor Brown took items 27 and 28 out of order.

27.

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

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1.

Under oral communications **Thierry Lubenec** thanked everyone who attended the Hall of Fame Dinner and Good Neighbor's Day. Spoke on all the work it took for Hawthorne to be a host city for Special Olympics. On behalf of all the organizations and the people of Hawthorne, presented a signed banner by the athletes to the Council. **Patricia Donaldson**, President & CEO Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce, announced that the Chamber Installation will be held on August 28th at the Memorial Center. Requested donations for the funeral of 4 year old Mark Bacerra, Jr. who drowned two weeks ago. Gave an update on the missing golf tournament funds. **Herminia Balboa** announced that Phantom Galleries will host "Colors of Cuba" art exhibit on August 22 from 6pm to 9pm. **Roberto Bilbao**, Treasurer Sociedad Jose Marti, invited everyone to attend their festival on September 27th. **Leithelle Williams** thanked Mayor Brown for bringing Special Olympics to Hawthorne. Requested help from the city in traveling to Jamaica to deliver school supplies to children there in need. **William Myers** questioned why Resolution 7736 on tonight's agenda has no provision for allowing the announcements of public meetings for various non-governmental organizations. **Harvey Paez** thanked the Chief of Police and the Council for whoever had part in mandating new procedures for mental illness. Addressed the issue of a lack of a hospital in the city. **Gordon Mego** announced that recently his community stakeholders group finished collecting a total of 4,067 signatures on petitions in regards to a hospital in the community. Asked that item 8 be pulled. Regarding the budget, wants to make sure that departments are sufficiently funded and workers are reasonably compensated so that they don't take the brunt of cutbacks or other areas that are vital, necessary services. **Speaker** reported on the funeral of the young boy who recently passed away. **Ruben Sanchez**, President North Hawthorne Homeowners Association, reported on the criminal element that hangs around 117th and Grevillea. Would like to see more codes and ordinances implemented to protect residents. **Carlos** expressed concern that vehicles that do not belong in his neighborhood are parking day and night and hanging out at 116th and would like to see Resolution 7739 pass. **Speaker** addressed a situation involving a \$500 donation to the Chamber of Commerce that she feels should be returned to her. Spoke on the need for a hospital in the city.

2.

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

3.

Councilmember Reyes English moved, seconded by Mayor Brown, that the reading of the City Council minutes for regular meeting of May 26, 2015 be waived and that they be approved and adopted.

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

NOES: None. ABSTAIN: Councilmember Michelin

Councilmember Reyes English moved, seconded by Mayor Brown, that the reading of the City Council minutes for regular meeting of June 23, 2015 be waived and that they be approved and adopted.

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

NOES: None.

Councilmember Reyes English moved, seconded by Mayor Brown, that the reading of the City Council minutes for regular meeting of July 14, 2015 be waived and that they be approved and adopted.

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

NOES: None. ABSTAIN: Councilmember Michelin, Mayor Brown.

4.

Mayor Brown moved, seconded by Councilmember Reyes English, to waive full readings of resolutions and ordinances on July 28, 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.: 128498-192449 ; 447142-447378 ; 31934-32341 ; 10075-10080.

Warrant Totals: \$ 750,742.13 ; \$6,153,224.96 ; \$ 706,757.99 ; \$ 38,457.07

Mayor Brown moved, seconded by Councilmember Reyes English, 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. 7671

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL, OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA ADOPTING AN UPDATED CITY OF HAWTHORNE INVESTMENT POLICY.

Councilmember Valentine moved, seconded by Councilmember Reyes English, that Resolution 7671 be approved and adopted by interlineation.

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

7.

RESOLUTION NO. 7736

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL, OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA ADOPTING AN ELECTRONIC SIGN POLICY.

Councilmember Valentine moved, seconded by Mayor Brown, that Resolution 7736 be approved and adopted.

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

8.

RESOLUTION NO. 7738

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL, OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO CANCEL AN EXISTING RESIDUAL RECEIPTS NOTE AND ACCEPT A NEW SURPLUS CASH NOTE FOR THE BENEFIT OF A 75-UNIT TELACU SENIOR HOUSING PROJECT.

Councilmember Reyes English moved, seconded by Councilmember Michelin, that Resolution 7738 be tabled.

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

9.

RESOLUTION NO. 7739

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL, OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA DESIGNATING 116TH STREET, WEST OF FELTON AVENUE TO THE END OF CUL-DE-SAC AS A PREFERENTIAL PARKING ZONE.

Councilmember Vargas moved, seconded by Mayor Brown, that Resolution 7739 be approved and adopted.

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

The Interim City Manager, Arnold Shadbehr, presented the following agenda and requested approval of the indicated recommendations:

10.

Approve the installation of speed humps on Kornblum Avenue between 135th Street and 139th Street and on 137th Place between Inglewood Avenue and Ramona Avenue.

11.

Approve Progress Payment #1 due to All American Asphalt for Local Street Improvement Project (#14-06). The amount of \$951,366.12 will be funded through Measure R.

12.

Approve Progress Payment #3 due to Great Scott Tree Service of Stanton, California. The amount of \$20,995.00 will be funded through with the approved and allocated Tree Trimming Funds.

13.

Approve Progress Payment #3 due to Zumar Industries, Inc. in the amount of \$10,441.44 will be funded through the approved and allocated Gas Tax funds.

14.

Authorize the purchase of a mobile enclosed trailer from 'Universal Trailers' – Riverside, CA.

15.

Approve the purchase of one new editing system/setup (includes equipment and furniture) and the upgrading of the two existing editing systems/setups.

16.

Mayor Brown moved, seconded by Councilmember Reyes English, to approve items 10-16 of the City Manager's consent calendar.

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

The City Attorney, Russell Miyahira, presented the following agenda and requested approval of the indicated recommendations:

17.

Claim of Concepcion Torres, Trip and Fall on City Sidewalk on December 2, 2014 at 12645 Hawthorne Boulevard.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the City Council deny claim of Concepcion Torres.

18.

Application for leave to present late claim on behalf of claimant, Rhonda Sanchez pursuant to Government Code Section 911.4.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the City Council deny application for leave to present late claim pursuant to Government Code Section 911.4.

19.

Application for leave to present late claim on behalf of claimant, Karyl Clarke pursuant to Government Code Section 911.4.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the City Council deny application for leave to present late claim pursuant to Government Code Section 911.4.

Mayor Brown moved, seconded by Councilmember Reyes English, to approve items 17, 18 and 19 of the City Attorney's consent calendar.

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

NOES: None.

20.

CITY COUNCIL'S DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

a.- Consider preparing Ordinance that requires that the City Council be notified re: 1) general fund reserve balance without counting restricted funds; 2) general fund operating fund balance without counting restricted funds; 3) description and explanation of promotions, reclassifications and other pay increases that impact the general fund; 4) whether general fund reserve balance has been used to balance budget; 5) description and explanation of any extraordinary costs that impact either the City's operating general fund or general fund reserve balance; 6) providing back-up documents, i.e., bank statements to support general fund reserve balance and 7) posting these reports on City Website and making reports available to media, labor groups, neighborhood associations and any other person or entity requesting a copy of report. (Valentine).

Councilmember Valentine explained that this proposed ordinance is designed to prevent a key problem we are now having wherein the reserves were used to pay operating expenses without prior approval from the City Council. If these items are put in place in an ordinance, it will protect the city to some extent.

Councilmembers voted yes to direct City Attorney to prepare an ordinance reflecting Councilmember Valentine's discussion/action item.

21.

Under Elected Official Reports and Recommendations.

City Treasurer **Patterson** reported on attending the Historical Society's Hall of Fame Dinner, Good Neighbors Day and Special Olympics. Stated that he has no special relationship with Patricia Donaldson's vendors, but wished her luck in seeking some type of resolution in whatever dispute she is involved in.

City Clerk **Huber** reported on attending the Kiwanis carnival but future years for the carnival are in doubt because of the cost of putting on this event. Announced that National Night Out will be held next Tuesday in front of City Hall. Reminded all candidates that August 7th at 5pm is the deadline for submitting paperwork to run in the election.

Councilmember **Vargas** reported on attending the Historical Society's Hall of Fame Dinner. Spoke on past events and past residents of the city and how we are going to make a strong effort to establish a golden age in the city.

Councilmember **Michelin** reported on attending the Historical Society's Hall of Fame Dinner and Good Neighbors Day. Looks forward to attending the Colors of Cuba art exhibit on August 22nd, the Cuban Festival on September 27th, and National Night Out on Tuesday.

Councilmember **Reyes English** requested a report regarding Metro Emergency Preparedness and what their connection is with the city. Requested feedback from the emergency preparedness department on what is new and also requested a response on earthquake insurance. Commended the efforts of Chief Fager, the Police Department and L.A. County Health in their efforts in getting assistance for the homeless, commended the Veterans' Commission in their efforts to provide services and commended the Kiwanis Club for providing a family outing in a safe environment. Would like to see an ordinance that would force the stop of alcohol sales at 10pm. Reported that she is working on getting speed bumps for 135th street near Zela Davis School. With regards to concerns of fireworks in the city, wants to come back with either a freeze of those that are applying for fireworks stands to stay at the level we are at today and or a complete elimination of fireworks altogether. Expressed concern with Municipal Auditing Services, LLC that include the terms of contract, who is monitoring their practices and if contract is expired, an RFP proposal for services. Announced the grand opening of Anointed Feet Dance School which will be held on August 1st at 13933 Hawthorne Blvd.

Councilmember **Valentine** inquired to what extent the Ralph's Shopping Center is involved regarding concerns expressed tonight by residents in the area and how this ties in with the shopping center ordinance and its effectiveness. Thanked the Veterans' Affairs Commission for their enthusiasm and stated she will do anything she can to help them. Requested that the City Manager set up a meeting with Commissioner Orelman and herself concerning Veteran's housing and whether we can plan a Veteran's Day Ceremony. Reported on attending Good Neighbor's Day, Special Olympics and commended staff who worked on Special Olympics.

Mayor **Brown** thanked all the volunteers throughout the community who helped with Special Olympics. Commended city staff for the phenomenal job they did on Special Olympics. Read a Certificate of Recognition that was received from Senator Ben Allen for Hawthorne's participation as a host town for Special Olympics 2015.

26.

THIS ITEM WAS PULLED BEFORE THE MEETING

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29.

Mayor Brown adjourned the regular meeting in memory of Anazelle Joseph at 9:59p.m.

Norbert Huber
City Clerk