The City Council of the City of Inglewood, California held a regular meeting on Tuesday, October 18, 2005 in the Council Chambers in City Hall of said City.

Mayor Dorn called the meeting to order at the hour of 6:07 p.m. The City Clerk announced the presence of a quorum as follows:

Present: Mayor Dorn, Council Members Dunlap, Morales and Franklin;

Absent: Council Member Price.

City officials and personnel present were:

Yvonne Horton

Wanda Brown

Mark F. Weinberg

Anita C. Willis

City Clerk

City Treasurer

City Administrator

City Attorney

Diane Aldahl Administrative Analyst Alice McKee Administrative Assistant

134 <u>PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING CLOSED SESSION ITEMS ONLY.</u> Mayor Dorn inquired if there were any persons present who wished to address the City Council on any closed session items.

There was no response.

Mayor Dorn recessed the City Council at the hour of 6:08 p.m. for closed session item nos. CS-1 and CS-2.

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Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of our Country, and invocation by Mayor Dorn, the meeting was again called to order at the hour of 7:03 p.m.

- PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER AS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH AND NOVEMBER AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION MONTH. Mayor Dorn read a proclamation proclaiming the last week of October as Breast Cancer Awareness Week, and the month of November as Domestic Violence Prevention Month. He presented the proclamation to Evelyn Ware, President of Soroptomists International, Camino Real Region. Mayor Dorn commended the Soroptomists for their diligent work in the community and commented that in addition to their help with breast cancer awareness and domestic violence prevention, the Sorptomists helped with the recent prostate cancer campaign.
- 127 <u>COMMENTS BY MAYOR DORN.</u> Mayor Dorn commented that agenda item no. HE-1 has been pulled from the agenda and will be continued to November 15, 2005, at 7:00 p.m.
- 134 **PUBLIC COMMENTS AGENDA ITEMS.** Mayor Dorn inquired if there were any persons present who wished to address the City Council on any item on the agenda.

Diane Sambrano spoke concerning agenda item nos. 4, adoption of a resolution accepting \$81,200 in State Homeland Security Grant Program Funds and 5, approval to purchase fifty (50) personal computers from Dell Computer L.P.

Morales and seconded by Council Member Franklin that the demands presented to the City Council dated October 12, 2005 in the amount of \$635,668.18 are hereby approved and the City Clerk is hereby authorized to certify upon said registers that said demands are so approved. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Price, Morales, Franklin and Mayor Dorn;

Noes: Council Member Dunlap.

MINUTES. It was moved by Council Member Morales and seconded by Council Member Franklin that the minutes of the meeting of October 4, 2005 be approved as recorded. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Price, Dunlap, Morales, Franklin and Mayor Dorn;

Noes: None.

- 132 <u>CLAIMS DENIED.</u> Letters from the City's claims administrator were presented, recommending denial of the following claims:
  - a) Shiva Aynehasazan for property damage on January 11, 2005.
  - b) Ruel Brown for civil rights violation on July 1, 2005.
  - c) Kisha Jones for property damage on August 21, 2005.
  - d) Eric Scroggins for property damage on July 28, 2005.
  - e) Sequel Contractors Inc. for compensation on July 6, 2005.
  - f) Rita Visloskie for property damage on March 17, 2005.

It was moved by Council Member Morales and seconded by Council Member Franklin, and carried that the above listed claims be denied.

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RESOLUTION NO. 05-113 ADOPTED – BUDGET AMENDMENT - ACCEPTANCE
OF STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAMS FROM THE LOS
ANGELES COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT. Staff report
dated October 18, 2005 was presented recommending adoption of a resolution accepting
\$81,200 in State Homeland Security Grant Program Funds from the Los Angeles County
Office of Emergency Management and amending the fiscal year 2005-2006 annual budget.

It was moved by Council Member Morales and seconded by Council Member Franklin that 1) Resolution No. 05-113 entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA ACCEPTING \$81,200 IN STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2005-2006 ANNUAL BUDGET

be adopted; and the City Council does hereby 2) Approve the purchase of LACOEM-approved equipment and services as part of the fiscal year 2005-2006 budget. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Price, Dunlap, Morales, Franklin and Mayor Dorn;

Noes: None.

PURCHASE APPROVED – 50 PERSONAL COMPUTERS FROM DELL COMPUTER L.P. Staff report dated October 18, 2005 was presented recommending approval to purchase fifty (50) personal computers from Dell Computer L.P.

It was moved by Council Member Morales and seconded by Council Member Franklin that the City Council does hereby approve purchase in the amount of \$62,519. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Price, Dunlap, Morales, Franklin and Mayor Dorn;

Noes: None.

## 217.4 <u>HEARING NOT HELD – ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES OF CONVENIENCE</u> 217.13 <u>AND NECESSITY FOR TAXI SERVICES IN THE CITY OF INGLEWOOD;</u>

- 217.14 RESOLUTION NOT ADOPTED ISSUING A CERTIFICATE OF
- 217.15 PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO ALL YELLOW TAXI;
  RESOLUTION NOT ADOPTED ISSUING A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC
  CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO UNITED INDEPENDENT TAXI
  DRIVIERS, INC.; RESOLUTION NOT ADOPTED DENYING THE
  CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY FOR PACIFIC
  RAPID CAB. Mayor Dorn declared this matter continued to November 15, 2005, at 7:00 p.m.
- ORDINANCE NO. 05-09 INTRODUCED AMENDING THE INGLEWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF SIDEWALK HANDICAP ACCESS RAMPS AS DRIVEWAYS. The City Clerk read the title of Ordinance No. 05-09; whereupon it was moved by Council Member Dunlap and seconded by Council Member Morales that further reading be waived. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Price, Dunlap, Morales, Franklin and Mayor Dorn;

Noes: None.

Thereupon, Ordinance No. 05-09, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA TO AMEND THE MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF HANDICAP ACCESS RAMPS AS DRIVEWAYS

was introduced by Mayor Dorn.

132.6 CLOSED SESSION – JOHN CRAWFORD DBA THE IVY HOUSE VS. CITY OF INGLEWOOD, ET AL. Closed session – Confidential – Attorney/Client Privileged; Pending Litigation, Government Code Section 54956.9(a); John Crawford dba the Ivy House vs. City of Inglewood, et al., LASC Case No. BC 307703.

Discussion; no action was taken.

132.6 <u>CLOSED SESSION – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, ET AL VS. CITY OF LOS ANGELES (LAWA).</u> Closed session – Confidential – Attorney/Client Privileged; Pending Litigation, Government Code Section 54956.9(a); County of Los Angeles, et al vs. City of Los Angeles (LAWA); RIC 426822 (formerly LASC Case No. BS 094320).

Discussion; no action was taken.

219 <u>VERBAL REPORTS - CITY TREASURER.</u> The City Treasurer commented that she purchased a \$1 million federal home loan bank bond rated AAA by S&P.

## 127.2 <u>COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS.</u>

Council Member Price spoke concerning the Economic Development Committee meeting held on October 13. He commented that they discussed the on-going projects in the City and that the minutes of the meeting are available on the City website. He commented that there will be a Town Hall meeting on November with the new owners of Hollywood Park.

Council Member Dunlap spoke concerning the Public Information Committee meeting where they discussed future plans for Inglewood Community Television and the city newsletter. She requested that residents with ideas about programming for television programs or ideas on the format and design of the newsletter should call her office at (310) 412-5320.

Mayor Dorn commented that he supports whatever is beneficial to the City, as long as the City can afford it, but he would not support it if the cost in any way compromises funding for the protection of the City. He thanked the California legislatures who were

instrumental in helping the City receive the \$2million grant for the design to upgrade a portion of LaBrea Avenue.

Council Member Dunlap inquired of the City Attorney if the Mayor's comments were out of order since he was not reporting on a Council Committee.

The City Attorney commented that she would review the pertinent portion of the Brown Act and report back to Council Member Dunlap.

Mayor Dorn commented that he is not out of order because he is the Chair of the Council meeting and it is his prerogative, and other to comment on reports.

134 <u>PUBLIC REMARKS.</u> Mayor Dorn inquired if there were any persons present who wished to address the City Council on any matter connected with City business not elsewhere considered on the agenda.

Florence Rawlins spoke concerning problems on Grevillea Avenue where she is being harassed by her neighbors. She commented that she had to get a restraining order to keep them away from her but they violate the order and the police will do nothing about it. She requested that the Mayor and Council help in protecting her and upholding the restraining order.

Roosevelt Douglas spoke concerning the fine job the Inglewood Police are doing and hopes the previous speaker will be given the consideration she deserves. He commented on the possibility of election coverage being included in the proposed programming for Inglewood Community Television.

Resident spoke concerning the need for a reliable taxi company in Inglewood. He commented on the difficulty in getting a taxi to take him to the airport, even though he lives only 15 minutes away.

Resident spoke concerning the taxi service in Inglewood and commented that were it not for a good neighbor to take them to the airport, they would have missed their flight because the taxi never did come.

Valerie Harper spoke concerning the parking restrictions and the street cleaning schedule on Crenshaw Boulevard. She commented that often the parking police are writing tickets before 8:00 a.m. on street cleaning days, and then the street cleaners never come.

Council Member Morales left the Council Chambers at the hour of 7:40 p.m.

Michael Benbow spoke concerning the number of lighted business signs in the City, especially on Crenshaw and Century Boulevards that are malfunctioning. He commented that many of the bulbs or neon tubes appear to be out, or letters are missing and this gives the City a distressed ghetto look. He inquired if there is a building code or a municipal code to enforce businesses to have operational lighting.

Paul Russell commented that he appreciated hearing the two committee reports and looks forward to the reports from the rest of the committees. He commented that Frederick Davis could not attend the meeting and asked him to report on the local football scores.

Willie Agee commented on the competent and professional manner in which Inglewood Police officers Nicole Loudermilk and Reginald Blaylock handled a difficult situation with several young men and he wanted to publicly commend the officers.

Dorothy Cole, 4<sup>th</sup> District, spoke concerning the successful clean-up day they had in District 4 and the positive impact it had on the neighborhood and she requested that it be schedule again soon. She commented on the dangerous crosswalk at 104<sup>th</sup> and Van Ness and often cars don't stop when the crossing guard is helping school children cross the street. She

commented that vehicles often travel at 80 mph, they drag race on the weekends, and she requested that police units monitor the area more frequently.

Ray Davis commented that he is not impressed when his income is taxed and then given back to the City as a grant. He requested that the Mayor and Council do whatever they can to speed up the completion of the various development projects around the City because the Fox Hills Mall is planning a big remodel and they will take the business away from Inglewood if we never complete the promised shopping centers.

Kevin Golden, city planner, commented on the professional job the City is doing with the redevelopment on Century Boulevard. He commented that once an area renovation is jump-started, the businesses take notice and the area takes on a new life.

George Harrison spoke concerning the gang-related graffiti tags throughout his neighborhood. He commented that Public Works covered most of it, but not all of it and requested that the City be diligent in fighting the vandalism and criminal activities of gangs.

Diane Sambrano commented that it was a member of the public, and not the City Council, who was instrumental in getting cameras in the Council Chambers. She further commented that she attended a recent Inglewood Unified School District meeting but no members of the City Council were present. She commented on comments from last week's meeting and inquired if the production of filming of City events will go out for bid.

Milton Brown commented that whether or not a Council Member initiates an idea, they all play a key role in approving City decisions. He commented that many cities televise their commission meetings and the reason the City cannot put the local television programming out to bid is because it is not yet developed.

Tasha Cooper, Youth Choir Director, spoke concerning the local choir, singers and rappers who are working hard with their craft but need a place for rehearsals. She commented that their current location includes a residential area and they need a place where they can work and not disturb the neighbors. She requested that the Mayor and Council help them find a location because their work helps keep the kids off the streets and gives them something to work for.

Resident and member of L.A. Inner City Man's Choir spoke concerning the work the program is doing and it is a safe harbor for the choir and it helps young people stay out of trouble.

Miss Lasky, Choir Mother, spoke concerning the need for young people to have activities that help them build character and achieve goals. She commented that she used her home for their practice but it is too small and requested that the Mayor and Council help them in finding a place where they can practice. She further commented that the program has been ongoing for 14 years and they work with children from eleven years to college age.

Council Member Price left the Council Chambers at the hour of 8:15 p.m. and returned at the hour of 8:18 p.m.

Council Member Dunlap left the Council Chambers at the hour of 8:20 p.m.

There being no further business to be presented, Mayor Dorn declared the meeting adjourned at the hour of 8:29 p.m.

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