

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE,
CALIFORNIA HELD JANUARY 19, 2021.**

1.

Mayor Vargas called the City Council meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of the City Hall, 4455 West 126th Street, Hawthorne, California.

ROLL CALL-Present: Councilmembers Reyes English, Monteiro, Patterson, Valentine, Mayor Vargas.
Absent: None.

2.

Mayor Vargas led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3.

Under oral communications, **Matt Zarro**, thinks the City Council rushed this process and public have not had the chance to have any input on this issue. **Mega Mitchell**, supports Amie Shepard to fill the vacancy of City Treasurer.

Mayor Vargas ordered oral communications closed.

4.

CITY CLERKS CONSENT CALENDAR

5.

Finance Director submitted a financial statement regarding warrants.

Warrants Nos.: 472061-472123 ; 55601-55602

Warrant Totals: \$1,187,593.20 ; \$ 315.75

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

ROLL CALL-AYES: Councilmembers Reyes English, Monteiro, Patterson, Valentine, Mayor Vargas.
NOES: None.

6.

Clarification of Procedure approved by City Council on December 15, 2020, for selecting Candidate to Fill Vacancy in Treasurer's Seat Caused by the Election of L. David Patterson to the City Council.

City Attorney Miyahira gave a brief explanation on the procedure in place regarding the vacancy of the City Treasurer position caused by the Election of L. David Patterson to the City Council.

7.

Acknowledge receipt of Applications of six Candidates to Fill Vacancy in Treasurer's Seat Caused by the Election of David Patterson to the City Council. The Six Candidates who timely filed application before the January 8, 2021 deadline are: 1) Benjamin A. DeFrance; 2) Gregory A. Fallon; 3) Ryan Richard; 4) Marie Poindexter-Hornback; 5) Amie Shepard; and 6) Jose Tobar. (Muhamad Awadallah withdrew his application.)

Councilmember Valentine moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, to Acknowledge receipt of Applications of six Candidates to Fill Vacancy in Treasurer's Seat Caused by the Election of David Patterson to the City Council. The Six Candidates who timely filed application before the January 8, 2021 deadline are: 1) Benjamin A. DeFrance; 2) Gregory A. Fallon; 3) Ryan Richard; 4) Marie Poindexter-Hornback; 5) Amie Shepard; and 6) Jose Tobar. (Muhamad Awadallah withdrew his

application.)

ROLL CALL-AYES: Councilmembers Reyes English, Patterson, Monteiro, Valentine, Mayor Vargas.
NOES: None.

8.

Approve and Ratify the selection of three finalists for the vacant City Treasurer position.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Approve and ratify three finalist candidates to be consider for filling the vacancy caused by the election of L. David Patterson to the City Council.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, to ratify Marie Poindexter-Hornback, Gregory Andrew Fallon, and Jose Alcides Tobar as the three final candidates to be considered for filling the vacancy caused by the election of L. David Patterson to the City Council.

ROLL CALL-AYES: Councilmembers Reyes English, Patterson, Monteiro, Valentine, Mayor Vargas.
NOES: None.

9.

Opening statement from finalist candidates for Treasurer position. Questions from Council members.

Gregory Fallon, Poindexter-Hornback, and Jose Tobar spoke on their skills, goals and qualifications for this position.

10.

Motion to continue the selection of Treasurer to Regular Meeting of January 26th, 2021 pursuant to procedure approved by the City Council.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, to continue the selection of Treasurer to regular meeting of January 26th, 2021 pursuant to procedure approved by the City Council.

ROLL CALL-AYES: Councilmembers Reyes English, Patterson, Monteiro, Valentine, Mayor Vargas.
NOES: None.

11.

Mayor Vargas adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Dr. Paul Jimenez
City Clerk