

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE,
CALIFORNIA HELD FEBRUARY 9, 2021.**

1.

Mayor Vargas called the City Council, meeting to order at 6:05 in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 4455 W. 126th Street, Hawthorne, California.

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

2.

City Treasurer Gregory Fallon gave the evening's invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3.

Councilmember Monteiro presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Teresa Marco from Northgate Market for their commitment and consistent efforts to provide support to the residents of Hawthorne through many community giving endeavors.

4.

Councilmember Valentine gave Certificates of Appreciation to the winners of Holiday Home Decorating Contest for their efforts in making Hawthorne a more festive place to live. First place went to Jon Rhoades, second place to Beth Lopez and third place to Stephen Blandino.

5.

Mayor Vargas presented a Proclamation to Ms. Francis Abamonte in honor of her 100th birthday.

6.

Under Oral Communications, the City Clerk stated that 16 emails were received and they will be posted on the City's web page under City Clerk and 5 speakers will be addressing the Council. **Steven Contreras**, cancer survivor supports to have cannabis access in the City. **Matt Zarro**, spoke on homeless issues and asked to stop the sweeps done by police. He is against raising rents at this time. **Megan Mitchell** spoke in support of Item 14.

7.

CITY CLERK'S CONSENT CALENDAR

8.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, to approve the City Council minutes for the regular meeting of January 12, 2021.

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

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, to approve the City Council minutes for the special meeting of January 19, 2021.

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

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, to Approve of City Council minutes for the regular meeting of January 26, 2021.

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

9.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, to waive full readings of resolutions and ordinances on February 9, 2021's agenda.

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

10.

The City Treasurer submitted a financial statement regarding warrants.

Warrants Nos.: 660-946 ; 472178-472339 ; 60000-60333 ; 10708-10712

Warrant Totals: \$745,777.31 ; \$ 2,245,798.25 ; \$ 859,102.66 ; \$88,538.90

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

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

11.

BIDS (None at this time)

12.

RESOLUTIONS

13.

RESOLUTION NO. 8262

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA DESIGNATING COUNCILMEMBER REPRESENTATIVES TO VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Patterson, that Resolution 8262 be approved and adopted.

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

14.

RESOLUTION NO. 8263

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA ESTABLISHING FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF 116TH STREET AND BIRCH AVENUE.

Mayor Vargas moved seconded by Councilmember Valentine that Resolution 8263 be approved and adopted.

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

15.

RESOLUTION NO. 8264

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING CERTAIN DESIGNATED CITY OF HAWTHORNE OFFICERS TO MAKE BANKING TRANSACTIONS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, INCLUDING, ORDERING THE DEPOSIT OR WITHDRAWAL OF MONIES FROM THE BANK OF THE WEST ACCOUNT.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, that Resolution 8264 be approved and adopted.

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

16.

RESOLUTION NO. 8265

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING CERTAIN DESIGNATED CITY OF HAWTHORNE OFFICERS TO ORDER THE DEPOSIT OR WITHDRAWAL OF MONIES FROM THE MULTI-BANK SECURITIES, INC. (MBS).

Mayor Vargas moved seconded by Councilmember Monteiro that Resolution 8265 be approved and adopted.

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

17.

RESOLUTION NO. 8266

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, RATIFYING THE EXTENSION OF AMENDED ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER REGARDING EFFECTS OF COVID-19 AND THE CITY'S EFFORTS TO ADDRESS CONSEQUENCES OF RESTAURANT CLOSURES AND LIMITATIONS ON RE-OPENING AND EXPANDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUTDOOR DINING IN REQUIRED PARKING AREAS ISSUED BY THE CITY MANAGER ON FEBRUARY 1, 2021.

Mayor Vargas moved seconded by Councilmember Monteiro that Resolution 8266 be approved and adopted.

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

18.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

City Clerk Jimenez announced this was the time and place for the Public Hearing and Introduction of Ordinance 2213 – Amending the City of Hawthorne Municipal Code Section 2.18.050 Setting Forth the Required Qualifications for the Appointment to the Civil Service Commission.

No written communications were received.

Mayor Vargas called for public comments.

Under oral comments, no one expressed a desire to be heard.

Mayor Vargas ordered to close the public portion of the hearing. MOTION CARRIED.

ORDINANCE NO. 2213 (1st Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA RECOMMENDING TO THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL OF THE AMENDMENT OF MUNICIPAL CODE SECTIONS 2.18.050 SETTING FORTH THE REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE APPOINTMENT TO THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION.

Introduced by title only by Councilmember Reyes English.

19.

City Clerk Jimenez announced this was the time and place for the Public Hearing and Introduction of Ordinance No. 2211 – Amending Section 2.12.010 of the Hawthorne Municipal Code Updating the Descriptions of Various Departments to Reflect the Current Composition.

No written communications were received.

Mayor Vargas called for public comments.

Under oral comments, no one expressed a desire to be heard.

Mayor Vargas ordered to close the public portion of the hearing. MOTION CARRIED.

ORDINANCE NO. 2211 (1st Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA AMENDING SECTION 2.12.010 OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE UPDATING THE DESCRIPTIONS OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS TO REFLECT THE CURRENT COMPOSITION.

Introduced by title only by Councilmember Valentine.

20.

ORDINANCES (None at this time)

21.

Not used.

22.

GENERAL MATTERS

23.

Update on the Five-Year Plan to Address Homelessness in Our Community.

Director of Community Services introduced Ms. Brenda Williams from Community Services, Mary Agnes from St Margaret Center Director, Jesse Ramirez from St Margaret Center and Community Service and Dulce Medina from Community Services Department. Who work actively on Homeless Issues. They spoke on short and long term supporting actions:

24.

Approve to Receive and File the Review of the Mid-Year Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

Director of Finance Felice Lopez gave a Review of the Mid-Year Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

25.

Preliminary Update on the Cannabis Financial Analysis and Request for Directions Regarding Certain Decision Points to Include in the Cannabis Consulting Services Request for Proposals (RFP).

Hitta Mosesman from Harris & Associates updated the City Council on the Cannabis Financial aspects and also spoke on the cultivation, manufacturing delivery and retail of this kind of business.

The City Council requested that the City Staff bring an updated financial analysis of this project and at the same time bring a draft RFP so they can talk about it at the next meeting.

26.

The City Manager, Erick B. Lee, presented the following agenda and requested approval of the indicated recommendations:

27.

Approve of a Blanket Purchase Order to Ricoh in the amount of \$16,000 for Monthly Service and Maintenance Calls Related to City and Department Printers and Copiers.

28.

Approve Appropriation of \$35,875.93 from the Police Department Asset Forfeiture Fund for the Purchase of Zoll X Series Manual/Defibrillator; and Approval of a Purchase Order in the Not to Exceed Amount of \$35,875.93 to McKesson for the Purchase of Zoll X Series Manual/Defibrillator.

29.

Approve and authorize the City Manager to execute the First Amendment to Enterprise Service Agreement Mobile Subscription Addendum, between the City of Hawthorne and Vigilant Solutions for modernization of City parking systems, and approve a purchase order in the amount of \$186,000 to the vendor.

30.

Approve Appropriation of \$300,000 to fund emergency protective measures related to the COVID-19 Emergency Declaration as follows: From - Fund: General Fund, Account #: 100-39900, Fund Balance, Amount: \$300,000; To - Fund: COVID-19 Emergency, Account #: 125-8101-000-0-0-40514, Account Name: Contract Services, Amount: \$300,000.

31.

Approve, receive and file the highlights of the South Bay Cities Council of Governments Board Meeting from January 28, 2021.

32.

Approve Progress Payment #2 in the amount of \$3,450 to United Storm Water Inc. of Industry, CA for Project #20-07, Street Improvement Project – Phase 2.

33.

Approve Progress Payment #7 in the Amount of \$102,356.33 to Sialic Contractors Corporation dba Shawnan of Downey, CA for Project #20-05, Local Street Improvement Project.

34.

Rejects the bids received on the December 22, 2020 bid opening date for Holly Park and Ramona Park improvement Project (City Project #20-06) and authorize the Director of Public Works to re-advertise for bids with a return date of March 23, 2021

35.

Approval of a Purchase Order to South Bay Ford in Amount of \$194,868.67 for the Purchase of Six Replacement Vehicles.

36.

Approve Los Angeles County Food Distribution Event for Hawthorne Residents on February 26, 2021 and authorize the City Manager to execute any agreements necessary for the City to partner with the County of Los Angeles to host a food distribution event on February 26, 2021.

37.

Approve to consider to partner with the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)/South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) for their application to the Caltrans Sustainable Communities Planning Grant Program entitled: "Implementation Planning for Neighborhood Mobility-Access Hubs in South Bay Disadvantaged Communities" and authorize the City Manager to issue Letter of Commitment to SCAG/SBCCOG to participate in the development of the Implementation Planning for Neighborhood Mobility-Access Hubs in South Bay Disadvantaged Communities program.

38.

Approve a Purchase Order to the Los Angeles County Registrar Recorder's Office in the amount of \$250,000 for Municipal Election Services.

Mayor Vargas moved seconded by Councilmember Valentine to approve items 27 thru 38 of the City Manager's consent calendar.

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

39.

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

40.

Deny - Claim of Lisa Carlson for Alleged Failure to Accommodate and Wrongful Termination.

Councilmember Monteiro moved seconded by Mayor Vargas to approve item 40 of the City Attorney's consent calendar.

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

41.

CITY COUNCIL'S DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

42.

Appointment of Donnisha Sanford to the Parks and Recreation - Fine Arts Commission (Vargas)

Mayor Vargas moved seconded by Councilmember Monteiro to appoint Donnisha Sanford to the Parks and Recreation- Fine Arts Commission.

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

43.

Definition of Mixed Use in Zoning Code (Patterson)

44.

ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS / RECOMMENDATIONS

Councilmember **Reyes English** received a complaint from a Bodger Park resident regarding a potential rape occurred by the Dominguez Channel, requested that this information be forward to

the appropriate authorities to take action and investigate. Thanked the City Manager and the Department Heads for all the information they provide regarding programs related to COVID. Would like to bring up Municipal Auditing Services, Filming Ordinances and Hawthorne Business Licenses items during Covid times. Gave her sympathies to Mayor Vargas and Akbar Faraoki for losing family members during this time. Congratulated Mr. Fallon on his appointment as the new City Treasurer.

Councilmember **Patterson** thanked the community for letting him know that is important at this time and thanked staff for working hard during these difficult times.

Councilmember **Monteiro** thanked staff who presented items and gave good information to them thanked the community for voicing their concerns. Would like to hold a Zoom meeting where it shows how to streamline and simplify the rental assistance program. Requested a Legal Confidential regarding the new law in effect as of January 2021 regarding contribution limits. Asked everyone to practice social distancing and wear masks to prevent getting COVID. Congratulated Ms. Valentine on her successful Business Expo.

Councilmember **Valentine** announced that the Annual Essay Program from Vietnam Veterans of America is giving a \$1000.00 scholarship, the students have to Interview and report on an Airman Veteran and the deadline is April 18. Thanked Von Norris and Jesse Ramirez for the great report on Homeless issues, thanked Felice Lopez for the Mid-Year Financial report. Asked the City Manager to bring back SB 9 and SB 10 (Housing Bills), she will recommend to denied these bills and requested the Councils support on AB 14 and AB 34 (Broadband Services in the State).

Mayor **Vargas** congratulated Francis Abamonte on her 100 birthday.

City Clerk **Jimenez** thanked everyone for watching the meeting. Congratulated Councilmember Valentine on her successful Business Expo. Announced that the City is accepting applications on her rental assistance program. The library contacted him to let the community know that Sidewalks services are now available at Hawthorne and Wiseburn Libraries. Announced programing at the Community Services. Ask everyone to be careful as the deaths in Hawthorne due to COVID are still high. Announced if you are 65 years of age or older and you want to get vaccinated you can log into vaccineslacounty.com or call 1-833-540-0473 from 8:00 am to 8:30pm seven days a week to schedule an appointment.

City Treasurer **Fallon** thanked everyone for being so welcoming

45.

Mayor Vargas called for oral comments. No one indicated a desire to be heard.

Mayor Vargas recessed the City Council meeting to conduct a **Closed Session:** Conference with Legal Counsel – Initiation of Litigation against a third party, pursuant to California Government code subdivision (c) of Section 54956.9 (d)(4) (One potential case).

Mayor Vargas called the City Council meeting back to order following recess with all Councilmembers present except for Councilmember Reyes English who was absent.

He announced that the Closed Session was to discuss a Conference with Legal Counsel – Initiation of Litigation against a third party, pursuant to California Government code subdivision (c) of Section 54956.9 (d)(4) (One potential case). The City Attorney stated the he had been instructed.

46.

Mayor Vargas called for oral comments. No one indicated a desire to be heard.

Mayor Vargas recessed the City Council meeting to conduct a **Closed Session:** Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation, Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (d)(2) of Section 54956.9 of the California Government Code (One potential case).

Mayor Vargas called the City Council meeting back to order following recess with all Councilmembers present except for Councilmember Reyes English who was absent.

He announced that the Closed Session was to discuss a Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation, Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (d)(2) of Section

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54956.9 of the California Government Code (One potential case). The City Attorney stated the he had been instructed.

47.

Mayor Vargas adjourned the regular meeting at 10:11 p.m.

Dr. Paul Jimenez
City Clerk