

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE,
CALIFORNIA HELD JANUARY 14, 2020**

1.

Mayor Vargas called the City Council, meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 4455 W. 126th Street, Hawthorne, California.

ROLL CALL-Present: Councilmembers Awad, Monteiro, Talleda, Valentine, Mayor Vargas.
Absent: None.

2.

Neil Gafney gave the evening's invocation. Ronnie Manson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3.

Councilmember Awad introduced and presented a Proclamation to Jim and Carrie Holland of the Donate Life. This organization promotes organ donations to save lives.

4.

Under oral communications, **Alfred Konuwa** spoke on illegal activity at a homeless community on the other side of his fence. **Peter Yu** spoke on affordable housing for City workers. **Gordon Mego** spoke on revitalizing downtown Hawthorne and reopening a hospital. **Patricia Donaldson** reported on the Christmas giveaway. Announced that the State of City will be held on February 27th. Announced that the Chamber of Commerce is moving to 21335 Hawthorne Blvd. on February 1st. **Juan Portillo** invited the Council and community to a MLK Community Cleanup on January 20th near Hawthorne Middle and Washington schools.

5.

CITY CLERK'S CONSENT CALENDAR

6.

Councilmember Valentine moved, seconded by Mayor Vargas, that the reading of the City Council minutes of the regular meeting of December 10, 2019 be waived and that they be approved and adopted.

ROLL CALL-AYES: Councilmembers Awad, Monteiro, Talleda, Valentine, Mayor Vargas.
NOES: None.

7.

Councilmember Valentine moved, seconded by Mayor Vargas, to waive full readings of resolutions and ordinances on January 14, 2020's agenda.

ROLL CALL-AYES: Councilmembers Awad, Monteiro, Talleda, Valentine, Mayor Vargas.
NOES: None.

8.

The City Treasurer submitted a financial statement regarding warrants.

Warrants Nos.: 162970-163269; 467925-468087; 51256-51586 : 10610-10611;

Warrant Totals: \$740,694.00; \$3,155,269.46; \$852,645.85; \$43,131.08;

Warrant Nos.: 163270-163871; 468088-468314; 51587-51590; 10612-10614

\$1,564,807.31; \$593,099.19; \$1,946.35; \$52,562.00

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

ROLL CALL-AYES: Councilmembers Awad, Monteiro, Talleda, Valentine, Mayor Vargas.
NOES: None.

9.

RESOLUTIONS

10.

RESOLUTION NO. 8159

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL TAX REFUNDING BONDS RELATED TO THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2006-1 (THREE SIXTY DEGREES @ SOUTH BAY), APPROVING AND DIRECTING THE EXECUTION OF A FISCAL AGENT AGREEMENT AND APPROVING OTHER RELATED DOCUMENTS AND ACTIONS.

Councilmember Valentine moved, seconded by Mayor Vargas, that Resolution 8159 be approved and adopted.

ROLL CALL-AYES: Councilmembers Awad, Monteiro, Talleda, Valentine, Mayor Vargas.
NOES: None.

11.

RESOLUTION NO. 8161

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, ACCEPTING DONATION OF A DREAM COURT AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS AT HOLLY PARK LOCATED AT 2058 W. 120th STREET, BY THE NANCY LIEBERMAN CHARITIES.

Councilmember Valentine moved, seconded by Mayor Vargas, that Resolution 8161 be approved and adopted.

ROLL CALL-AYES: Councilmembers Awad, Monteiro, Talleda, Valentine, Mayor Vargas.
NOES: None.

12.

RESOLUTION NO. 8162

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, PROVIDING FOR THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT OF THOSE EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE HAWTHORNE POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION ("HPOA"), ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE ("HMC") AND AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE HPOA MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ("MOU").

Councilmember Valentine moved, seconded by Mayor Vargas, that Resolution 8162 be approved and adopted.

ROLL CALL-AYES: Councilmembers Awad, Monteiro, Talleda, Valentine, Mayor Vargas.
NOES: None.

13.

ORDINANCES

14.

ORDINANCE NO. 2195 (1st Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA ENACTING MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 2.41 REGARDING RESERVE POLICE OFFICER PROGRAM.

Ordinance 2195 was introduced by title only by Mayor Vargas.

15.

CITY MANAGER'S CONSENT CALENDAR

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

16.

Approve Progress Payment #2 due to Great Scott Tree Service, Inc. of Stanton, CA.

17.

Approve the appointment of Hilda Shofani, owner of Le Pain Du Jour, who was nominated by the Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce, to serve on the South Bay Workforce Investment Board as representative of the private business sector in Hawthorne.

18.

Authorize Body Worn Cameras (BWCs) for Police Department Staff.

Councilmember Valentine moved, seconded by Councilmember Talleda, to approve items 16 through 18 of the City Manager's consent calendar.

ROLL CALL-AYES: Councilmembers Awad, Monteiro, Talleda, Valentine, Mayor Vargas.
NOES: None.

19.

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

20.

Deny claim of Yoni R. Solis for excessive use of force (one round of less-than-lethal ammunition) during his arrest for driving under the influence.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Mayor Vargas to deny item 20 of the City Attorney's consent calendar.

ROLL CALL-AYES: Councilmembers Awad, Monteiro, Talleda, Valentine, Mayor Vargas.
NOES: None.

21.

CITY COUNCIL'S DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

22.

Reorganization of Council (Monteiro)

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Talleda, to nominate Councilmember Monteiro for the Mayor Pro Tem's position for the next year.

ROLL CALL-AYES: Councilmembers Awad, Monteiro, Talleda, Valentine, Mayor Vargas.
NOES: None.

Selection of Councilmembers to Represent City on Committees (Vargas)

CENTINELA YOUTH SERVICES

Delegate: Councilmember Valentine
Alternate: Councilmember Awad
Meeting Date:
Second Thursday of every other month
Location: 11539 Hawthorne Blvd., 5th Floor
Time: to be determined.

CITY SELECTION COMMITTEE

(Ad Hoc of League of California Cities)
Delegate: Mayor Vargas
Alternate: Councilmember Talleda
Meeting Date: As needed (email will be sent)
Location: To be determined
Time: To be determined

COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 5

Delegate: Mayor Vargas
Alternate: Councilmember Monteiro
Meeting Date: Third Wednesday of the month
Location: 3031 Torrance Blvd., 3rd Floor Assembly Room, Torrance
Time: 1:30 PM

INDEPENDENT CITIES ASSOCIATION (ICA)

Delegate: Mayor Vargas
Alternate: Councilmember Monteiro
Meeting Date: First Thursday of each month
Location: Notified by email
Time: To be determined

INDEPENDENT CITIES RISK MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (ICRMA)

Delegate: Councilmember Valentine
Alternate: Christine Tomikawa
Meeting Date: Second Wednesday of even numbered months (subject to change)
Location: 3401 E. Florence Avenue, Huntington Park
Time: 10:00 a.m.

LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES - LOS ANGELES COUNTY DIVISION

Delegate: Councilmember Valentine
Alternate: Councilmember Talleda
Meeting Date: First Thursday of the month
Location: Will be notified by email
Time: To be determined.

SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Delegate: Councilmember Valentine
Alternate: Councilmember Monteiro
Meeting Date: Fourth Thursday of the month
Location: To be determined – Notified by email
Time: 6:00 p.m.

SOUTH BAY REGIONAL PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS (RCC)

Delegate: Haidar A wad
Alternate: Alex Monteiro
Meeting Date: Third Tuesday of the month - City Manager only
Location: 4440 W. Broadway, Hawthorne
Time: 2:00p.m.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (SCAG)

Delegate: Councilmember Talleda

Alternate: Councilmember Awad

Meeting Date: First Thursday of the month

Location: SCAG Offices, 818 W. 7th St., 12th floor, Los Angeles

Time: 9:00a.m.

WEST BASIN WATER ASSOCIATION - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Delegate: Councilmember Valentine

Alternate: Councilmember Monteiro

Meeting Date: Fourth Monday of the month.

Location: Will be notified by email.

Time: Noon.

MTA -METRO - SOUTH BAY CITIES SERVICE COUNCIL

Delegate: Haidar Awad

Alternate: Mike Talleda

Meeting Date: 2nd Friday of each month.

Location: Inglewood City Hall - Conference Room A, One Manchester Blvd

Inglewood, Ca 90301

Time: 9:30 a.m.

LACCE- CPA CLEAN POWER ALLIANCE - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Delegate: Alex Monteiro

Alternate: Frank Feng

Meeting Date: 1st Thursday of the month.

Location:

Time: 2:00 p.m.

LA COUNTY WEST VECTOR & VECTOR-BORNE DISEASE CONTROL

Delegate: Olivia Valentine

Alternate: Alex Monteiro

Meeting Date: 1st Thursday of the month.

Location: 6750 Centinela Ave, Culver City, Ca 90230

Time: 7:30 p.m.

LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (LAX) ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Delegate: Councilmember Valentine

Alternate: Alex Monteiro

Meeting Date: 1st Thursday of the month.

Location: LAX

Time: 2:00 p.m.

KHHR - COMMUNITIES NETWORK COMMITTEE

Delegate: Councilmember Valentine

Alternate: Councilmember Monteiro

Meeting Date: 3rd Thursday of the month (Quarterly)

Location: 3901 W. EL Segundo Blvd, Hawthorne Ca 90250

Time: 6:00p.m.

ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

City Treasurer Patterson wished everyone a Happy New Year and looks forward to the community's participation in the year, 2020.

City Clerk Jimenez thanked the community for attending and participating. Announced that the City Clerk's Office cohosted a Voter Solutions Town Hall with Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. Stated that the cities of Gardena and Torrance will hold events updating residents on the new voting process on January 16th and January 21st; with further information located on the City website and on the Nextdoor mobile application. Announced the MLK Community Clean Up event hosted by the City Clerk's Office, on January 20th at 11am to 1pm; the event will focus on the surrounding area of Hawthorne Middle School.

Councilmember **Awad** thanked the community for attending and wished everyone a Happy New Year and a great 2020.

Councilmember **Talleda** wished everyone a Happy New Year. The Councilmember delivered gifts to kids as part of the Wounded Warriors organization. Spoke about his experience visiting a Navajo Reservation and the urgency to service the needs of their veterans. Administered the oath for the Holly Park Association.

Councilmember **Valentine** reminded the community about the Hawthorne Business Expo on January 29 at the Memorial Center, from 2:30 PM to 6:30 PM; Councilmember Valentine highlighted the breakout sessions that will begin at 4:15PM that will include: financing your business, protecting your business from cybercrime, how to build a dynamic website, how to have a great social media presence, and how to find free resources. Joined the Hawthorne Little League in the discussion, Leadership begins at Homeplate, led by Preston Pollard. Congratulated the leaders of the Hawthorne Little League, Angela and DuJuan Ray for their roles in inspiring the league members. Congratulated Vontray Norris for his role in securing the donation to improve the basketball courts at Holly Park. Wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Councilmember **Monteiro** wished everyone a Happy New Year. Attended the Winter Wonderland event and thanked the staff of the Parks and Recreation Department. Attended the Behavior Health Service. Announced that on January 15, the Census Complete Count Committee will meet at the Memorial Center. Clean Power Alliance and Edison will send residents an explanation of their bill, breaking down projections of peak hours for residents; residents may also receive rebates on their invoices. Congratulated the City Manager's Office for successful negotiations with the Police Department. Congratulated Hawthorne Police Department for the drop-in crime rate. Thanked the Mayor for his nomination to appoint Monteiro to Mayor Pro Tem.

Mayor **Vargas** thanked the community for attending and participating. Thanked the city staff and council for their hard work.

Mayor Vargas recessed to conduct the Closed Sessions.

Mayor Vargas took Item 24 and Item 25 at the same time

Closed Session – Conference with Labor Negotiator pursuant to Subdivision (a) of Section 54957.6 of the California Government Code. Name of Labor Negotiator: Arnold Shadbehr. (re: HPOA).

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Under Oral Communications no one indicated a desire to be heard.

Mayor Vargas recessed the Council meeting to conduct both closed sessions.

Mayor Vargas called the City Council meeting back to order following recess with all Councilmembers present. The City Attorney announced that the Labor Negotiator was instructed.

26.

Closed Session – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Subdivision (a)) of Section 54956.9 of the California Government Code. Name of Case. Floyd McLucas v. City of Hawthorne, et al, Case No. 19- CV-04019-MWF-JEM.

Mayor Vargas called the City Council meeting back to order following recess with all Councilmembers present. The City Attorney announced that all the Councilmembers were present and that they approved unanimously the following: 1) they approved the Settlement Agreement with Floyd McLucas 2) authorize the City Manager to execute the Settlement Agreement. 3) authorize to release the check to the defendant's attorney after this settlement is executed and 4) to make this settlement available to the public in the City Clerk's Department after the agreement is signed by all parties.

27.

Mayor Vargas adjourned the regular meeting at 7:53 p.m

Dr. Paul Jimenez
City Clerk