

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE,
CALIFORNIA HELD JANUARY 28, 2020**

1.

Mayor Vargas called the City Council, meeting to order at 6:05 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.

Kathy Wagner of Outreach Children's Ministry gave the evening's invocation. Councilmember Olivia Valentine led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3.

Hawthorne Police Chief Michael Ishii reported on crime stats from prior years. Violent crime is down almost 17percent overall, property crime is down 35 percent and residential burglaries are down 30 percent approximately since 2018. Last year officers received over 44,000 incidents or calls to go to and have handled over 94,000 incidents. He spoke on the next phase of the community policing initiative, which is called Hawthorne Safe Initiative. The initiative will involve the Police Department working closely to improve five areas: parks, streets, schools, businesses and neighborhoods.

4.

Under oral communications, **Patricia Donaldson** announced the new address of the Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce, 13335 Hawthorne Blvd. and that The State of the City will be held on February 27th at 12:00 pm. **Peter Yu** spoke on building affordable housing.

5.

CITY CLERK'S CONSENT CALENDAR

6.

Councilmember Monteiro moved, seconded by Councilmember Awad, that the reading of the City Council minutes of the regular meeting of September 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 Monteiro moved, seconded by Councilmember Awad, to waive full readings of resolutions and ordinances on January 28, 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.:	163872-194661; 468315-468486;	51591-51913;	10615
Warrant Totals:	\$806,560.02; \$774,263.53;	\$862,282.98;	\$6,540.00
Warrant Nos.:	1056-1061;		

Warrant Totals: \$332,435.12;

Councilmember Monteiro moved, seconded by Councilmember Awad, 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. 8148

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE CALLING A SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION FOR NOVEMBER 3, 2020, REQUESTING THAT SUCH ELECTION BE CONSOLIDATED WITH THE STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION HELD ON THAT DATE AND SUBMITTING A CANNABIS BUSINESS TAX MEASURE TO THE ELECTORATE AT THAT ELECTION.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, that Resolution 8148 be approved and adopted.

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

11.

ORDINANCES

12.

ORDINANCE NO. 2195 (2st Reading)

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

Councilmember Monteiro moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, that Ordinance 2195 be approved and adopted.

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

13.

CITY MANAGER'S CONSENT CALENDAR

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

14.

Approve the purchase of two vehicles (2) for the Police Department.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, to approve item 14 of the City Manager's consent calendar.

ROLL CALL-AYES: Councilmembers Awad, Monteiro, Talleda, Valentine, Mayor Vargas.

NOES: None.

15.

Approve Progress Payment No. 9 and Final acceptance due to Elecnor Belco Electric, Inc. of Chino, CA for Project #13-04, Prairie Ave. Improvement Project Phase I.

16.

Approve Local Street Improvement (Project #20-05) – Out to Bid

17.

Approve Street Inlet Improvement – Phase 2 (Project #20-07) – Out to Bid

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, to approve items 15 through 17 of the City Manager's consent calendar.

ROLL CALL-AYES: Councilmembers Awad, Monteiro, Talleda, Valentine, Mayor Vargas.

NOES: None.

18.

CITY ATTORNEY'S CONSENT CALENDAR

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

19.

Deny Claim of Javier Urias that alleges personal injuries arising from an alleged defect in a sidewalk in the City of Hawthorne located near 12806 Prairie Avenue, South of El Segundo Boulevard.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, to approve the City Attorney's consent calendar.

ROLL CALL-AYES: Councilmembers Awad, Monteiro, Talleda, Valentine, Mayor Vargas.

NOES: None.

20.

ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

City Treasurer **Patterson** thanked the community for coming out, participating in the process and letting their voices be heard. Expressed interest in the Officer Reserve Program. Hopes that this Council or a future Council may consider some alternate cannabis uses such as research and testing. Questioned whether CBD products were allowed for sale in the City and if not if it was something that could be considered. Thanked and expressed his appreciation for Staff, the Hawthorne Police Department, the Sherriff Department and the L.A. County Fire Department for their response to a recent fire at his apartment.

City Clerk **Jimenez** expressed his gratitude to those that participated in the MLK Community Clean Up at Hawthorne Middle School and Washington Ave. and to Councilmember Monteiro for helping to get gloves and garbage bags for the event. Spoke regarding his participation in the homeless count and thanked Von Norris, Kywana Bowie and their team from the Recreation and Community Services Department for hosting the event. Announced that the Ramona Neighborhood Association will host a presentation on the new voting process on February 13th at 7pm at Ramona Elementary School. For those who are experiencing grief, especially in light of the recent death of Kobe Bryant and those who perished

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with him, if you feel that you need to talk to someone, look into making an appointment with a mental health therapist or dial 211 for help in finding a mental health counselor based on your income situation.

Councilmember **Talleda** congratulated the Police Department for the decline in crime and burglaries. Spoke on the positive experience of participating in the MLK clean-up event and how it helps in getting to know your neighborhood. Suggested that the City come up with a viable and consistent program to keep the curbs from accumulating trash and furniture, especially in front of buildings.

Councilmember **Awad** congratulated the Police Department. Commended Director of Recreation and Community Services Von Norris for his involvement with the homeless count that recently took place in Hawthorne and his work with Mychal's in facilitating their fencing program. Spoke on attending the homeless count and how the City is helping the homeless. Spoke on the passing of Kobe Bryant and possibly getting a memorial such as a mural in his honor.

Councilmember **Valentine** spoke on the January 16th KHR Airport Communities Network Committee meeting highlights, one of which was that Wiseburn residents expressed views that aircraft flying out of Hawthorne Airport has become louder and more frequent and whether Wiseburn could be considered for noise contour studies. Noise complaints should be reported to 9-awp-noise@faa.gov. Thanked City Clerk Paul Jimenez for the community clean-up event and recommends these events be done quarterly. Announced that the Hawthorne Business Expo will be held tomorrow with 42 Hawthorne businesses participating.

Councilmember **Monteiro** thanked Police Chief Ishii and the Police Department for their outstanding work; is happy to see statistics going down. Is glad that attention is being given to the homeless situation and that we continue to offer services to help. Thanked the Public Works department for getting grants to help beautify the City. Reminded residents of their bulk item free pickups.

Mayor **Vargas** congratulated Councilmember Valentine and the volunteers that are working on the Business Expo; looks forward to attending the event. Is excited and proud of the Police Department for all the great work they are doing. Spoke on the passing of Kobe Bryant and held a moment silence.

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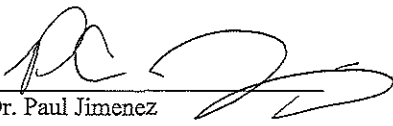
Mayor Vargas called for oral comments. No one indicated a desire to be heard.

Mayor Vargas recessed the City Council meeting to conduct a **Closed Session**: Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation - Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: (one case)

Mayor Vargas called the City Council meeting back to order following recess with all Councilmembers present. The City Attorney announced that he had been instructed.

22.

Mayor Vargas adjourned the regular meeting at 8:08 p.m.


Dr. Paul Jimenez
City Clerk