

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE,  
CALIFORNIA HELD FEBRUARY 11, 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. 126<sup>th</sup> 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. City Treasurer Patterson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3.

City Clerk Jimenez introduced Laura Herrera from the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/ County Clerk's Office who gave a presentation on Los Angeles County's new voting experience, Voting Solutions for all People. VSAP was launched to address an aging voting system and the complex needs of an electorate with 5.4 million voters. LA County voters will have the option for where, when and how to vote over an 11 day period.

4.

City Manager Shadbehr introduced the presentation of Michael Ishi, Hawthorne Police Chief, recognizing the Community Improvement Task Force Unit for serving the homeless population in Hawthorne. The team routinely checks on homeless residence every morning to confirm their safety, well-being, and to connect them with services. The unit is led by Lieutenant Joel Romero, Sergeant Jose Saldana, detectives: Bradley Jackson, Michael Madison, Sean Judd, Jesus Cisnero, Officer Alex Kahn. From the Public Works Department: Joel Hernandez, Steve Bhoralt, Jesse G, Jaime Villareal, Danny Thomas, Frankie Contreras, Luis Gonzalez, Michael Curren, Steve Gonzalez, Alex Sanchez, and Jorge Flor.

5.

**James Radek** expressed concern about the rising property taxes he is facing and pleads with the City Council to vote against it. **William Meyers**, Treasurer for the Ramona Neighborhood Association, announced that the Association is having a presentation on the new voting procedures on Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at Ramona Elementary School. **Kathy Wagner** of Outreach Children's Ministry announced their annual fundraiser to donate clothes for their cause on Sunday, February 16. **Nilo Michelin**, announced the grand opening of El Camino College's new Gymnasium on Friday, February 21. **Gordon Michael Mego** communicated his concern of the community effect of the tax increase as part of Measure FD and pleads for voters to vote NO on Measure FD. **Darlene Love**, thanked the community and councilmembers for checking on her while she was in the hospital.

6.

**CITY CLERK'S CONSENT CALENDAR**

7.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, to Approve of City Council minutes for the regular meeting of January 28, 2020.

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

8.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, to waive full readings of resolutions and ordinances on Tuesday, February, 2020's agenda.

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

9.

The City Treasurer submitted a financial statement regarding warrants.

Warrants Nos.: 164173-164473; 468487-468607; 10616-10618; 51914-51914

Warrant Totals: \$732,503.41; \$220,265.84; \$35,197.98; \$9.61

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

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

10.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

11.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 8163**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA CALLING AND GIVING NOTICE OF A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE FOR THE ELECTION OF CERTAIN OFFICERS; REQUESTING CONSOLIDATION WITH THE STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020, AND REQUESTING THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ISSUE INSTRUCTIONS TO THE REGISTRAR-RECORDER TO TAKE ANY AND ALL STEPS NECESSARY FOR THE HOLDING OF THE CONSOLIDATED ELECTION.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, that Resolution 8163 be approved and adopted.

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

12.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 8164**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2020 AS BLACK HISTORY MONTH.

Councilmember Valentine moved, seconded by Mayor Vargas that Resolution 8164 be approved and adopted.

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

13.

**RESOLUTION NO. 8165**

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Hawthorne, California Establishing A Gift Program for 1) Earth Day & Service Provider Fair; 2) The Veteran’s Recognition Event; 3) World Fest and 3) The Hawthorne Business Expo – 2021.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, that Resolution 8165 be approved and adopted.

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

14.

**RESOLUTION NO. 8166**

A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Hawthorne, California Authorizing The City Manager To Take All Actions Necessary To Confirm And Implement (1) The Provisions Of The Hawthorne Parking Facilities Lease Between The City Of Hawthorne (As Lessee) And The Parking Authority Of The City Of Hawthorne (As Lessor), And (2) That Agreement For Sublease, Operation And Maintenance Of Parking Facilities Between The City Of Hawthorne (As Sublessor) And The Operator Of The Public Facilities (As Sublessee/Operator), Providing For The Transfer Of Title To Public Facilities Which Are Part Of The Hawthorne Plaza Project To The Operator Upon Request Of The Operator Following The Final Payment And Retirement Of Special Tax Refunding Bonds Issued By The Parking Authority.

Councilmember Awad moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, that Resolution 8166 be approved and adopted.

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

15.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

16.

City Clerk Jimenez announced this was the time and place for the Public Hearing to 1) Receive public comments on the draft Substantial Amendment to the 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan; and 2) Approval of the Substantial Amendment to the 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan to be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (“HUD”).

City Clerk’s Department declaration publication filed.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, to approve item No. 16.

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

17.

**ORDINANCES**

18.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2196 (1<sup>ST</sup> Reading)**

An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Hawthorne, California, Amending Title 10 (Vehicles & Traffic) Chapter 10.80 (Airport Rules & Regulations) of the Hawthorne Municipal Code For  
02/11/20

Sponsoring or Hosting Events at the Hawthorne Airport, Including Filming & Food Trucks At the Hawthorne Municipal Airport.

Ordinance No. 2196 was introduced by Councilmember Monteiro.

19.

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

20.

Deny - Claim of Marlon Saville for alleged personal injuries arising from occupancy of low-income apartment.

21.

Deny -Claimant, Maria Escalante, seeks contribution and indemnification for damages sustained by Plaintiff, Irma Albright, arising out of an alleged sidewalk trip and fall in the City of Hawthorne.

22.

Deny - Claim of Mary Ann Miller for personal injuries arising out of an alleged sidewalk trip-and-fall.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro to approve items 20 through 22 of the City Attorney's consent calendar.

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

23.

CITY MANAGER'S CONSENT CALENDAR

24.

Approve and file FY 2019-20 Midyear Budget Report, adjustments and Appropriations.

25.

Approve Progress Payment #11 due to Zumar Industries of Tacoma, Washington.

26.

Purchase of AC Unit for the City Hall's basement server room

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, to Approve items 24 -25- and 26 of the City Manager's Consent calendar.

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

27.

Mayor Vargas recessed the City Council to conduct the Parking Authority meeting.

## PARKING AUTHORITY

28.

### PARKING AUTHORITY RESOLUTION NO. 74

A Resolution Of The Board of Directors of the Parking Authority of the City Of Hawthorne, California Authorizing The Interim Executive Officer To Take All Actions Necessary To Confirm And Implement (1) The Provisions Of The Hawthorne Parking Facilities Lease Between The City Of Hawthorne (As Lessee) And The Parking Authority Of The City Of Hawthorne (As Lessor), And (2) That Agreement For Sublease, Operation And Maintenance Of Parking Facilities Between The City Of Hawthorne (As Sublessor) And The Operator Of The Public Facilities (As Sublessee/Operator), Providing For The Transfer Of Title To Public Facilities Which Are Part Of The Hawthorne Plaza Project From the Parking Authority To The Operator Upon Request Of The Operator Following The Final Payment And Retirement Of Special Tax Refunding Bonds Issued By The Parking Authority.

Councilmember Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, that Parking Authority No. 74 be approved and adopted

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

Mayor Vargas recessed the Parking Authority meeting to conduct the City Council meeting

29.

### ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

City Treasurer Patterson thanked everyone for coming out and wished everyone a Black History Month, excited to see the Investments earnings thanks to Finance Department and their hard work and the changes made with some new cash management strategies.

City Clerk **Jimenez** thanked everyone who showed up and reminded everyone that election season has begun and you can vote by mail or drop off your ballot at 6 different locations in Hawthorne. Wished everyone a Happy Black History Month.

Councilmember **Awad** thanked the task force that was introduced by Chief Ishii. Wished everyone a Happy Black History Month. Happy to see Ms. Love back at the Council meeting. Thanked Felice Lopez Finance Director and the City Treasurer Patterson for a job well done handling the investments

Councilmember **Talleda** spoke on a personal issue involving a Veteran that needed help and turned into a big problem. Spoke on Black History Month.

Councilmember **Valentine** announced a presentation in March in honor of Black History Month. Thanked everyone who participated in the Business Expo. Spoke on Ordinance No. 2176 regarding sidewalks trip and fallen and reminded the public that homeowners should be aware that if someone falls on your side of the sidewalk it is the homeowner responsibility. Announced that the South Bay Council of Government is having their 21 Annual General Assembly on March 19 in Carson, is free to the public and elected officials but registration is needed.

Councilmember **Monteiro** welcomed Ms. Love back to the meeting. Congratulated Dr. Jimenez for the voting presentation. Also thanked City Treasurer for the work on the City Investments. Thanked the Police Task Force for giving a hand to needy. Congratulated Councilmember Valentine on her successful Business Expo. Spoke on Black History Month. Wished everyone a Happy Valentines.

Mayor **Vargas** spoke about Black History Month and trips that he's taking to learn about this history. Congratulated Councilmember Valentine on her successful Business Expo. Announced the passing of a long time resident Frances Stiglich.

30.

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.

Mayor Vargas called the City Council meeting back to order following recess with all Councilmembers present: He announced that the closed session was to discuss a Conference with Legal Counsel – Initiation of Litigation against a third party, pursuant to subdivision (c) of Section 54956.9.

The City Attorney has been advised and for bookkeeping purposes this was a matter of Item 28 before the City Council voted on the Parking Authority Resolution 74.

31.

Mayor Vargas adjourned the regular meeting in the memory of Frances Stiglich at 7:51 p.m.

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Dr. Paul Jimenez  
City Clerk