

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE,
CALIFORNIA HELD MAY 12, 2020.**

1.

Mayor Vargas called the City Council, meeting to order at 6:09 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.

Councilmember Monteiro gave the evening's invocation. Councilmember Talleda led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3.

Under oral communications, a phone call from **Jerry Jamgotchian** spoke regarding Planet Fitness Gym located on 133rd and Hawthorne Blvd. and the lack of parking spaces for his members. Requested the City Council to Appeal the Planning Director's decision regarding this issue. An email from **Melanie Wise** in support of the Moratorium was read by the City Clerk.

4.

CITY CLERK'S CONSENT CALENDAR

5.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, that the reading of the City Council minutes of the regular meeting of May 14, 2019 be waived and that they be approved and adopted.

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

NOES: None.

6.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, to waive full readings of resolutions and ordinances on May 12, 2020's agenda.

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

NOES: None.

7.

The City Treasurer submitted a financial statement regarding warrants.

Warrants Nos.: 165940-166218 ; 469454-469580 ; 52913-52915 ; 10634-10636

Warrant Totals: \$660,098.59; \$671,939.99 ; \$13,663.16 ; \$14,688.64

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.

8.

RESOLUTIONS

9.

RESOLUTION NO. 8176

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE FIVE (5) YEAR REPORTABLE FEES REPORT FOR FISCAL YEARS 2010-2011 TO 2014-2015 PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 66001(D)(1).

Mayor Vargas moved seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, that Resolution 8176 be approved and adopted.

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

10.

RESOLUTION NO. 8189

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA ORDERING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS / CITY ENGINEER TO PREPARE A REPORT FOR THE STREET LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 AS REQUIRED BY THE STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE SECTION 22622.

Mayor Vargas moved seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, that Resolution 8189 be approved and adopted.

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

11.

RESOLUTION NO. 8190

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO LEVY WEED ABATEMENT ASSESSMENTS AND SETTING A HEARING DATE ON JUNE 09, 2020 AT 6:00 P.M. FOR SUCH PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS.

Mayor Vargas moved seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, that Resolution 8190 be approved and adopted.

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

12.

RESOLUTION NO. 8191

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ESTABLISH AN ANNUAL EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION DAY BETWEEN THE MONTHS OF MAY AND AUGUST.

Councilmember Valentine moved, seconded by Mayor Vargas, that Resolution 8191 be approved and adopted.

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

13.

RESOLUTION NO. 8192

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING SENATE BILL 990 (MOORLACH) TO SUSPEND ASSEMBLY BILL 5, WHICH PROHIBITS CALIFORNIANS FROM DOING BUSINESS AS INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS.

After some discussion, Councilmember Valentine requested that this item be continued until the City Attorney provides more information about AB 5.

14.

RESOLUTION NO. 8193

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS FOR BUILDING PERMIT FEES ON 100 UNIT CONDO UNIT MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT AT 14200 KORNBLUM AVENUE.

Councilmember Monteiro moved, seconded by Councilmember Talleda, that Resolution 8193 be approved and adopted.

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

15.

RESOLUTION NO. 8194

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS FOR DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEES ON AMAZON/RING PARKING GARAGE.

Mayor Vargas moved seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, that Resolution 8194 be approved and adopted.

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

16.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

17.

City Clerk Jimenez announced this was the time and place for the Public Hearing to approve the Draft 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan, 2020-2021 Action Plan and 2020-2024 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice in connection with the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Programs.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: 1. Conduct a public hearing to receive comments from members of the public; and 2. Consider and approve the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan, 2020-2021 Action Plan, and 2020-2024 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice for the City of Hawthorne Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) programs, finding the approval of these documents exempt from the National Environmental Policy Act and California Environmental Quality Act, and authorizing the City Manager to: a. Submit the City of Hawthorne's 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan, 2020-2021 Action Plan, and 2020-2024 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); b. Execute the 2020-2021 CDBG and HOME Program Grant Agreement and all related documents on behalf of the City; and c. Execute sub-recipient agreements with the non-profit organizations receiving allocations of CDBG and HOME funds in the Action Plan; and authorize the City Manager, or their designee to be the official

representative of the City of Hawthorne to submit required environmental documentation for CDBG and HOME projects.

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.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine to approve Item 17.

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

18.

City Clerk Jimenez announced this was the time and place for the Public Hearing on Ordinance 2201, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Hawthorne, California, Amending Title 1 (General Provisions), Title 15 (Buildings and Construction) and Title 17 (Zoning) to add Additional Enforcement Strategies Such as Withholding of Permits and Adding Application Considerations to Address Delinquent Fines, Zoning Violations, and Continuing Violations of the Hawthorne Municipal Code

Planning Department's declaration publication filed. 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. 2201(1st Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING TITLE 1 (GENERAL PROVISIONS), TITLE 15 (BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION) AND TITLE 17 (ZONING) TO ADD ADDITIONAL ENFORCEMENT STRATEGIES SUCH AS WITHOLDING OF PERMITS AND ADDING APPLICATION CONSIDERATIONS TO ADDRESS DELINQUENT FINES, ZONING VIOLATIONS, AND CONTINUING VIOLATIONS OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE.

Ordinance 2201 was introduced by title only by Mayor Vargas.

19.

CITY MANAGER'S CONSENT CALENDAR

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

20.

Approve to Ratify and accept VFW, American Legion, Wounded Heroes, Jim Thorpe Jr. Baseball League and Del Aire Baptist Church as certified applicants to have a Safe and Sane Fireworks Booth pursuant to Hawthorne Municipal Code ("HMC") Section 8.34.085 (B).

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, to approve item 20 of the City Manager's consent calendar.

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

21.

CITY COUNCIL'S DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

22.

Draft disclosure Ordinance for elected officials/commissioners on all public hearing items concerning land use, zoning and other public nuisance determinations. Disclosure would require disclosure of all ex parte contacts (whether principal or surrogates), nature of communication, etc. Direct City Attorney to provide copies of draft ordinance to city council members. (Vargas)

ORDINANCE NO. 2202

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, ENACTING CHAPTER 2.3 TO TITLE 2 (ADMINISTRATION, CIVIL SERVICE AND PERSONNEL) OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE ENACTING THE "HAWTHORNE TRANSPARENCY, DISCLOSURE & ACCOUNTABILITY REFORM ACT."

Ordinance 2202 was introduced by title only by Mayor Vargas.

23.

CAMPAIGN REFORM – (Awad)

Council requested that the City Attorney provide samples of term limit ordinances from other cities and a cost estimate.

24.

ORDINANCE NO. 2203

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE ADOPTING REGULATIONS RELATED TO EVICTIONS, AND STATING THE EFFECTIVE DATE AND DURATION OF THE ORDINANCE & ENACTING CHAPTER 9.71 A OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE.

Mayor Vargas requested to hold a Special meeting to make this Ordinance an Urgency Ordinance so it will take effect right away.

Councilmember Awad questioned the City Clerk on how many emails he had received regarding this topic, which the City Clerk responded that he will look into it and will give him a number. Councilmember Awad stated that it was approximately 200 emails in support of this item. Councilmember Talleda stated that he didn't recall getting 200 messages. Councilmember Valentine inquired if businesses sent emails on this topic. Councilmember Monteiro expressed his support of the 30-day Moratorium.

Request from the City Clerk:

He wanted to let Councilmember Awad know that the number of Emails that were received regarding the eviction topic was 134 in total with one of them being a "test generic Email" from someone from Thousand Oaks from test@aol.com.

25.

Transferring City Council Discretionary Fund Stipend to General Fund for projects that support the public health, safety and welfare of Hawthorne residents. (Awad)

Councilmember Awad directed the City Attorney to draft a Resolution on how to repeal the discretionary fund to benefit the safety and welfare of the residents. The Mayor and City Council agreed with Councilmember Awad's request.

26.

Establish an ad-hoc task force with representatives from city departments to develop a plan of action in coordination with the county of Los Angeles and the state of California to quickly but safely return the City of Hawthorne to a pre-COVID state status from the emergency shutdown for council action. (Awad)

Councilmember Monteiro moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine to make a presentation at the next Council meeting for an update on State & County of Los Angeles plan of action as it relates to re-opening the City of Hawthorne, to be given by Sam English.

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

NOES: None.

27.

ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

City Treasurer **Patterson** thanked the community for tuning in and participating in the process. Encourage everyone to call in and expressed their thoughts and feelings especially on this important times.

City Clerk **Jimenez** thanked the community for joining the meeting from home. Stated that 10,166 members are connected to the Next Door Account and 1168 members are following them on Instagram. Stated he had received positive feed-back about the information being provided to the community. Requested that if any of the Directors have any information about new resources email them to him so it can be posted on social media. Requested the community respond to the Census. Wished every mom a Happy Mother's Day including Councilmember Valentine.

Councilmember **Talleda** stated that this has been a great meeting, everyone gave ideas to serve the community. Happy to see Alondra Golf Course open again. Appreciates Councilmember Awad's ideas on bringing everyone together. Looks forward to the meeting where they discuss the final opening of the City.

Councilmember **Awad** wished everyone a Happy Mother's Day. Glad that residents are receptive to all the information that is being put out in the community and he's glad everyone is watching the meeting even though is not live.

Councilmember **Valentine** thanked everyone for all the work, debate that are going on at the meetings. Thanked Councilmembers Awad and Talleda for their great ideas. Spoke on the paycheck protection loan and stated it was so successful that it run out of money and Congress had to reset it on April 27. Thanked everyone for all the great discussions and asked everyone to have a safe week.

Councilmember **Monteiro** requested the information of the census be put on or billboards. Spoke on the Zoom meeting he attended for the Clean Power Alliance and stated that they will be giving rebates to their customers, if interested customers have to log in at:customerservice@cleanpoweralliance.org. He will provide all the obtained information to the City Clerk to put in social media. Also attended a Zoom meeting with the South Bay Cog (homeless task force). Thanked Von Norris for applying for a grant and now Joseph Ramirez is the City's homeless coordinator. Stated that the County of Los Angeles along with hotels and motels have a program called Room Key that will make it possible to host some homeless with no COVID 19 issues. Commended Ms. Kimberly Mack, Hosing Director for providing the action Plan for CDBG and HOME funds. Requested that Cable Department contact Hawthorne High School, Math and Science Academy and Leuzinger High School to put some pictures of the 2020 graduates on channel 22. Announce that EL Camino College is offering "English as a second Language "classes for free.

Mayor **Vargas** thanked everyone who is watching the meeting live. Reminded all the council to have a point of decorum and wait for their turns to speak. Glad to have the Urgency Ordinance in place. Thanked all staff for doing their job. Congratulated the rest of the Council for doing their part to be able to help the community during this time.

28.

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 Real Property Negotiator, Arnold Shadbehr pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.8: Property: Vacant residential parcel located at 14115 Cordary Avenue in the City of Hawthorne (APN#4051-030-902) [40,260 square feet, zone R-4]. Agency Negotiator, Planning Director Greg Tsujiuchi; Negotiating Parties: Century Housing; Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment of the property.

Mayor Vargas called the City Council meeting back to order following recess with all Councilmembers present. The City Attorney stated that the Property Negotiator has been instructed.

28.

Mayor Vargas adjourned the regular meeting at 7:57 p.m.

Dr. Paul Jimenez
City Clerk