

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE,
CALIFORNIA HELD JUNE 9, 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. City Manager Arnold Shadbehr led the Pledge of Allegiance

3.

Parks and Recreation Director Von Norris did a Presentation on the Phased Opening of Parks and Recreation Programs. Mr. Norris spoke on the changes in Senior Services during the COVID 19, additional services during the COVID 19, upcoming recreational programs and the Department re-opening plans.

4.

This presentation has been postponed until the next meeting.

Presentation: New Star Family Justice Center - Teen Dating Violence Prevention Program.

5.

Under Oral Communications, the City Clerk stated he received 3 emails. 1) Jesse Ramirez and Ana Cuevas expressing support of AB 2275. 2) Ronald Gomez, commented on the re-start and enforcing of street sweeping in his neighborhood and not receiving sufficient notices about it. 3) Barry, questioned when the pool will be open.

6.

CITY CLERK'S CONSENT CALENDAR

7.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, that the reading of the City Council minutes of the regular meeting of April 28, 2020, May 12, 2020, May 26, 2020 and the special meetings of January 14, 2020, January 16, 2020, February 20, 2020, February 27, 2020, March 15, 2020, May 6, 2020, May 12, 2020 and May 14, 2020 be waived and that they be approved and adopted.

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

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine to Approve that the reading of the City Council minutes of the regular meetings of January 16, 2020 be waived and that they be approved and adopted.

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

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine that the reading of the City Council minutes of the special meeting of February 27, 2020 be waived and that they be approved and adopted.

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

NOES: None. ABSTAIN: Councilmember Awad.

8.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, to waive full readings of resolutions and ordinances on June 9, 2020's agenda.

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

9.

The City Treasurer submitted a financial statement regarding warrants.

Warrants Nos.: 166495-166767 ; 469733-469916 ; 53243-53244 ; 106343-10646

Warrant Totals: \$667,833.24; \$663,634.83 ; \$289.94 ; \$2420.75

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, 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 8183.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL, OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING THE APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021, PURSUANT TO ARTICLE XIII B OF THE CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION.

Mayor Vargas moved seconded by Councilmember Valentine that Resolution 8183 be approved and adopted.

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

12.

RESOLUTION 8203

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA SUBMITTING TO THE VOTERS AT THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION AN ORDINANCE SETTING TERM LIMITS FOR THE OFFICES OF MAYOR AND OF MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

Mayor Vargas moved seconded by Councilmember Valentine that Resolution 8203 be approved and adopted.

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

13.

PUBLIC HEARING

14.

City Clerk Jimenez announced this was the time and place for the Public Hearing to adopt Resolution No. 8201 Approving the Annual Engineer's Report, Confirming the Assessment Diagram and Assessment Amounts, and Authorizing the Levy and Collection of Assessments for Improvement of the Street Lighting System (Landscaping and Street Lighting Act of 1972) for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

Public Works 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 8201

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE ANNUAL ENGINEER'S REPORT, CONFIRMING THE ASSESSMENT DIAGRAM AND ASSESSMENT AMOUNTS, AND AUTHORIZING THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS FOR IMPROVEMENT OF THE STREET LIGHTING SYSTEM (LANDSCAPING AND STREET LIGHTING ACT OF 1972) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021.

Mayor Vargas moved seconded by Councilmember Valentine that Resolution 8201 be approved and adopted.

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

15.

City Clerk Jimenez announced this was the time and place for the Public Hearing to adopt Resolution No. 8202, Confirming Assessments for Fiscal Year 2020-21 Weed and Waste Abatement and Authorizing the Collection Thereof.

Public Works 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 8202

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, CONFIRMING ASSESSMENTS FOR WEED AND WASTE ABATEMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE COLLECTION THEREOF.

Mayor Vargas moved seconded by Councilmember Monteiro that Resolution 8202 be approved and adopted.

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

16.

ORDINANCES

17.

ORDINANCE NO. 2202 (2nd Reading)

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.”

Councilmember Monteiro moved, seconded by Councilmember Talleda, that Ordinance No. 2202 be approved and adopted.

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

18.

ORDINANCE NO. 2203 (2nd Reading)

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 TO TITLE 9 (PUBLIC PEACE, MORALS AND WELFARE) OF DIVISION VI (CONSUMER PROTECTION) OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, that Ordinance No. 2203 be approved and adopted.

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

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 Appoint Mr. Marc Weiss of Commercial Consulting, Inc., to fill the Hawthorne Business Private Sector Seat and replace Ms. Melissa Jean of Courtyard and Towneplace Suites by Marriott who resigned from the SBWIB due to personal reasons.

21.

Approve Progress payment #12 due to Zumar Industries of Tacoma, Washington.

22.

Approve License Agreement with Northrop Grumman Corporation and Hawthorne LLC regarding the monitoring of twelve (12) wells on the Airport property for the purpose of determining the extent, if any, or impacted Groundwater migration from the former Northrop Grumman Systems Corporation facility located south of the Airport between Crenshaw Blvd. and Prairie Ave. in the City of Hawthorne and authorize the Director of Public Works to execute the License Agreement and any amendments thereto.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro to approve items 20 thru 22 of the City Manager’s consent calendar.

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

23.

Approve Employment Agreement between City Attorney Miyahira and City of Hawthorne.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine to approve item 23 of the City Manager's consent calendar.

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

24.

Approve Administrative Policy and Protocols for Social Distancing and Individual Responsibility in the Workplace with interlineations stated by the City Manager.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro to approve item 24 of the City Manager's consent calendar.

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

25.

CITY ATTORNEY'S CONSENT CALENDAR (no items at this time)

26.

CITY COUNCIL'S DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

27.

Consider Emergency Modification and Possible Expansion of Outdoor dining Ordinance in Light of Covid-19 and Consideration of Related Mechanisms to Ease Use of Outdoor Dining such as Waiver of Permit Fees and Issuance of Temporary Use Permits. (Valentine)

After some discussion, Councilmember Valentine moved seconded by Mayor Vargas that the outdoor dining Ordinance No. 2068 be modified on a temporary basis in Light of Covid-19 to waive all fees associated with the process of obtaining an outdoor dining permit and that this waiver be in effect until December 31, 2020.

Councilmember Montero requested that the wording should say that all fees be waived except the liability insurance.

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

Councilmember Valentine requested that this action be placed on the website so restaurant owners know of the new changes and they can immediately apply for the permit.

28.

ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

City Treasurer **Patterson** congratulated the community for participating in this process and letting their voices be heard. Announced his birthday.

City Clerk **Jimenez** made statements about racial injustices. Announced that EL Camino College will be hosting different meetings regarding men of color and their experiences and it will take on Wednesdays at 3:00p.m.

Councilmember **Talleda** expressed his opinion of the George Floyd issue.

Councilmember **Valentine** attended a Revenue and Taxation Policy Committee meeting from the League of California Cities in which she learned that the City will be receiving some monies from the CARE Act Program. Also spoke on the re-opening of barber shops and hair salons with new regulations and guidelines.

Councilmember **Awad** thanked the residents for watching this meeting on Zoom spoke on the two rallies in front of the Police Department and thanked them for allowing the protesters to express their first amendment right. Stated that in the interest of transparency to the residents he would like to look to any and all policies of the city he will like to review the hiring and training policy at the next council meeting. He would also like to review and implement as appropriate the uses of force policy. Thanked everyone who attended the prayer visual on the weekend. Received numerous complaints about the illegal fireworks, heard there is petition being passed around in the Hollyglen area to monitor the illegal fireworks, therefore he would like to create an ad hoc citizens advisory committee for fireworks complaints.

Councilmember **Monteiro** also spoke on the illegal fireworks and stated that the city needs to come to some solution to this problem. Stated that 58% of Hawthorne has filled out the forms for the Census. Thanked Von Norris, Arnie and Erick Lee for bringing the Plans to re-open the Memorial Center and the Parks. Drove by 118th and Ramona by the RFK Hospital and saw a Graffiti Removal truck removing graffiti from Bill Hassan's signs. Thanked Councilmember Valentine for attending the League of California Cities meeting. Received two emails one from Jason Gromski and Steven Snortland requesting to make some changes to the Police Department. Made his statements about racial issues and would like to see dialogue instead of violence.

Mayor **Vargas** has received numerous complaints about the cars parked at the RFK parking lot. And questioned the City Attorney if this is permitted. Spoke on the George Floyd issue. Thanked the City Council, the City Treasurer and the City Clerk for everything it's been done to help the community.

29.

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 Labor Negotiators (Subdivision (a) of Section 54957.6 of the California Government Code. Name of Labor Negotiator: Arnold Shadbehr (re: Hawthorne Police Management Supervisory Group – "HPMSG").

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 Labor Negotiators (Subdivision (a) of Section 54957.6 of the California Government Code. Name of Labor Negotiator: Arnold Shadbehr (re: Hawthorne Police Management Supervisory Group – "HPMSG"). City Attorney Miyahira that the Labor Negotiator has been instructed.

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

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Mayor Vargas adjourned the regular meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Dr. Paul Jimenez
City Clerk