

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE,
CALIFORNIA HELD JUNE 23, 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.

City Clerk Jimenez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3.

A video was presented by Eleanor Meloni, Executive Director of the New Star Family Justice Center, a Domestic Violence Prevention Agency where the first and most important issue is preventing domestic violence and offers prevention services. She spoke on the different programs presented to the youth like Bullying and how this program teaches teen the proper way to go about teen dating specially when it comes to social media and teaches them mutual respect on relationships.

4.

Lieutenant Romero Presentation: Business Reopening, update.

5.

Councilmember Awad presented the 2020 Awad Family Foundation Scholars with Certificates of Achievement for their commitment and accomplishments.

6.

Under Oral Communications, the City Clerk stated he received 8 emails. **Andrea**, spoke on homeless surrounding the 99cents Store and leaving trash behind. **Ruben Sanchez**, expressed concern regarding the RFK non-permitted car lot, questioned if the city has given any type of permits regarding this issue. The next 6 emails are regarding Fireworks as Jason Gromsky, Anthony, Clara & Mike, MS. Megan Castro, Mr & Mrs Brown and Dale Frank complained about the loud noises that starts after Memorial Day Holiday and seems to be prolonged until the 4th of July Holiday, they all requested to revise the laws on fireworks as they are getting out of control.

7.

CITY CLERK'S CONSENT CALENDAR

8.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Monterio, that the reading of the City Council minutes of the regular meeting of June 9, 2020 be waived and that they be approved and adopted.

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

9.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, 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.

10.

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The City Treasurer submitted a financial statement regarding warrants.

Warrants Nos.: 166769-167043 ; 469917-470051 ; 53245-53562 ; 10647-10647

Warrant Totals: \$829,883.87; \$587,102.15 ; \$884,114.79 ; \$47,602.32

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.

11.

BIDS (None at this time)

12.

RESOLUTIONS

13.

RESOLUTION NO. 8204

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE 2018-2019 DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 66006(B).

Mayor Vargas moved seconded by Councilmember Monteiro that Resolution 8204 be approved and adopted.

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

14.

RESOLUTION NO. 8207

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, RATIFYING THE EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER REGARDING EFFECTS OF COVID-19 AND THE CITY'S EFFORTS TO ADDRESS CONSEQUENCES OF RESTAURANT CLOSURES AND LIMITATIONS ON RE-OPENING PERTAINING TO OUTDOOR DINING ISSUED JUNE 10, 2020.

Mayor Vargas moved seconded by Councilmember Valentine that Resolution 8207 be approved and adopted.

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

15.

RESOLUTION NO. 8208

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO APPLY FOR THE LOCAL EARLY ACTION PLANNING (LEAP) GRANT AND CITY MANAGER EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH JWA CONSULTANTS, INC. FOR PREPARATION

OF THE GRANT APPLICATION.

Mayor Vargas moved seconded by Councilmember Monteiro that Resolution 8208 be approved and adopted.

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

16.

RESOLUTION NO. 8209

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA AUTHORIZING, APPROVING & RATIFYING THE SUBMITTAL OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2019 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM LOCAL SOLICITATION.

Mayor Vargas moved seconded by Councilmember Monteiro that Resolution 8209 be approved and adopted.

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

17.

This item has been pulled

18.

PUBLIC HEARINGS (None at this time)

19.

ORDINANCES (None at this time)

20.

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

21.

Approve Progress Payment No. 1 due to Martinez Landscape Company, Inc., of Sylmar, CA for General Maintenance (Project # 15-02).

22.

Approve Progress Payment #1 to Shawnan Corporation of Downey, CA for Project #20-05, Local Street Improvement Project.

23.

Approve Agreement between the City of Hawthorne and Fine Line Auto Body & Paint to provide Auto body and Paint services and authorize the Director of Public Works to enter into and execute it on the City's behalf.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine 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.

24.

CITY ATTORNEY'S CONSENT CALENDAR

25.

Settlement of Property Damage Claim of Lauren McCall with Mercury Insurance for incident arising out of a city vehicle colliding with McCall's vehicle in the amount of \$11,197.41.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro to approve item 25 of the City Attorney's consent calendar.

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

26.

CITY COUNCIL'S DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS (None at this time)

27.

ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

City Clerk **Jimenez** thanked everyone who is watching from home, commend the neighbors from speaking out and let their voices be heard. Thanked the Interns for managing and providing great resources on "Next Door" and Instagram. Reminded all the protesters that COVID 19 is very real and to please wear masks.

City Treasurer **Patterson** had nothing to report at this time.

Councilmember **Talleda** thanked Officer Romero for his presentation. Spoke in opposition of closing fireworks stands and stated that he's been in Hawthorne for many years. .

Councilmember **Awad** thanked everyone for participating in this process, thanked the students for taking time out of their summer to be involved on the Teen Violence Prevention Program and paying attention to their academics. Spoke on the Fireworks and stated that the illegal is disturbing the quality of life for many residents. He announced that he would be working on some solutions to totally banned fireworks. He also requested the use of masks especially with the protests around the city.

Councilmember **Valentine** spoke about the homeless issue and how dirty 99cents store is keeping their business. Belated recognized Juneteeth Day. Commented on the civil unrest since the death of George Floyd and announced that on June 29 a forum from the South Bay Cities Council of Governments will take place and will address questions about this incident. Announced that this week was National Mosquito Awareness week and expressed concern about the transmission of the west Nile Virus. Wished everyone a Happy 4th of July. Councilmember Valentine requested to have a discussion regarding the ban of illegal fireworks and how the Council and the Police Department should proceed at this time.

Councilmember **Monteiro** spoke kindly about Ms. Love and stated that during the years she became a second mother to him. Thanked the community for all the condolences sent to him and stated that Hawthorne had lost a beautiful soul. Wished a Happy belated Juneteeth Day and a Happy belated Father's Day. Requested the Chief of Police to dedicate a line for fireworks complaints. Spoke on the kids from the Castle graduating in a different way due to the pandemic. Thanked the Chief and Lieutenant Williams for making Jack Woodman 95 birthday a happy one.

Announced that the Hawthorne School District will continue to provide breakfast and lunch to the Hawthorne school district kids on Monday and Wednesday at Prairie Vista Middle School and Tuesday and Thursday at Washington Middle School. He announced also he will co-sponsor a drive thru pick up for food distribution with the food bank from Los Angeles. It will take place on June 29 at Broadway and Hawthorne Way from 9 to 12. Thanked Councilmember Awad for bringing Ms. Meloni from the New Star Family Justice Center and speak on Bullying and Teen dating issues. Wished everyone a Happy Fourth of July.

City Manager Arnold Shadbehrr introduced Guido Fernandez as the new Airport Manager.

Mayor **Vargas** read a Proclamation honoring the life of Ms. Darlene Love. Asked the City Manager if the Police Department could patrol the streets due to the illegal fireworks issue. Requested the City Attorney to prepare a Legal Confidential to combat illegal fireworks. Councilmember Monteiro requested that fines be added to the ordinance that refers to illegal fireworks. Mayor Vargas thanked the rest of the Council for their hard work in moving the city on the right direction and for making it possible to have a robust budget. Thanked Councilmember Awad for his contribution to the community on behalf of his family. Spoke on the George Floyd killing, protests taking place in Hawthorne, illegal fireworks and his office hours.

28.

Mayor Vargas adjourned the regular meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Dr. Paul Jimenez
City Clerk