

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE,
CALIFORNIA HELD JULY 14, 2020.**

1.

Mayor Vargas called the City Council, meeting to order at 6:03 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 Valentine gave the evening's invocation. City Treasurer David Patterson led the Pledge of Allegiance

3.

Councilmember Valentine read a Proclamation in honor of Arnold Shadbeh, former City Manager, Public Work's Director, Airport Manager and Engineer.

4.

Director of Recreation and Community Services Von Norris introduced Mr. Jesse Ramirez who spoke on the Homeless Outreach Program.

5.

Under Oral Communications, the City Clerk stated he received six (6) e-mails. **Amie Sheppard** on behalf of Mr. Hassan requested the City to grant a temporary permit to park cars on the RFK parking lot. **Elizabeth** complained about the illegal parking of cars at the RFK parking lot and lack of maintenance of the property as it is now used as dumping grounds for all kinds of trash. **Valentin Hernandez**, also complained about the lack of maintenance of the RFK parking lot. **Reynoso family**, complained about some trees on the sidewalk and problems with growing roots, street sweeping starting at 3:00am and waking everyone up, parking permits rules not being followed, street signs of Hassan Foundation being all over the neighborhood and no one knows about them including the City, **Ruben Sanchez**, provided images of the not clean RFK parking lot. **Connie Pendelton**, stated she has a studio and questioned if she would be able to teach outside wearing masks and maintaining social distancing.

6.

CITY CLERK'S CONSENT CALENDAR

7.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, that the reading of the City Council minutes of the special meeting of June 23, 2020 and the special meeting of July 1, 2020 be waived and that they be approved and adopted.

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

8.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, to waive full readings of resolutions and ordinances on July 14, 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.: 167044-194707 ; 470052-470252 ; 53563-53569 ; 10648-10653

Warrant Totals: \$1,681,417.17; \$5,369,120.62 ; \$28,238.50 ; \$34,857.49

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.

BIDS (None at this time)

11.

RESOLUTIONS

12.

RESOLUTION NO. 8212

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA ADOPTING A LIST OF TRANSFER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT AND HAWTHORNE AGREEMENT NO. 2020MP31 SAFE, CLEAN WATER PROGRAM-MUNICIPAL PROGRAM.

Mayor Vargas moved seconded by Councilmember Monteiro that Resolution 8212 be approved and adopted.

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

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13.

RESOLUTION NO. 8214

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA APPROVING THE SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT FOR THE SOUTH BAY REGIONAL PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY.

Mayor Vargas moved seconded by Councilmember Monteiro that Resolution 8214 be approved and adopted.

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

14.

PUBLIC HEARINGS (None at this time).

15.

ORDINANCES (None at this time).

16.

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

17.

Approve Volunteer Agreement between City of Hawthorne and Arnold Shadbeh to serve as a Special Project Director.

18.

Approve to Receive the grant, approve the Grant Agreement of Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (RPOSD) between the City of Hawthorne and Los Angeles County (RPOSD) and authorize the City Manager or the Director of Recreation and Community Service to execute the agreement and all future amendments on the City's behalf.

19.

Approve Plans & Specifications and authorize the Director of Public Works to advertise Tree-trimming Contract (Project #20-11). This three-year project will have a return date of August 11, 2020.

20

Approve Extension of Facility Use Agreement between City of Hawthorne and Los Angeles
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County/Optum Serve to provide COVID-19 Testing at Memorial Center. The original term, which ended on June 6, 2020, was extended to June 30, 2020 by Amendment No.1 and Amendment No. 2 further extended the term to July 31, 2020. Due to the increasing number of infections in Los Angeles County, it is likely that testing at the Memorial Center will require further extensions in the future. Also, authorize the City Manager to execute all future amendment requests from Los Angeles County to extend the Facility Use Agreement between the City of Hawthorne and Los Angeles County/Optum Serve to provide COVID-19 testing at the Memorial Center.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Talleda to approve items 17 thru 20 of the City Manager's consent calendar.

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

21.

CITY ATTORNEY'S CONSENT CALENDAR

22.

Deny The Estate and surviving heirs of Decedent, Stephanie Pham, have filed a wrongful death claim arising out of an automobile accident involving a third person. Claimants contend that a dangerous condition of public property caused or contributed to the accident.

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

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

23.

CITY COUNCIL'S DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

24.

Consider renaming 116th Street between Van Ness and Wilton as Darlene Love Street. (Monteiro)

Councilmember Monteiro moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine to rename 116th Street between Van Ness and Wilton as Darlene Love Street.

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

25.

24-Hour Ballot Drop Box in Hawthorne. (Jimenez)

City Clerk Jimenez explained that he spoke to the County Recorder's Office and they requested to place a 24 Hour Ballot Drop Box at a location where it would be safe and the community may have easy access to go and drop their ballots at Election time. It was determined that the place would be the Memorial Center. He also stated that there would be an agreement between the City and the RRCC for the next 5 years.

Councilmember Monteiro moved seconded by Mayor Vargas to put a 24-Hour Ballot Drop Box at the Memorial Center in Hawthorne.

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

NOES: Councilmember Valentine.

26.

Consider amending Municipal Code to prohibit self-serving promotional presentations by Council Members and also to remind elected officials that the code already prohibits the use of the city logo by council members for non-city events/self-promotion/campaign activities. (Monteiro)

After some discussion, Councilmember Monteiro requested that the City Attorney prepare a Resolution that states that Councilmembers can't use the city logo or property to self-promote or promote self-image. City Attorney Miyahira stated that he will prepare a Legal Confidential reminding everyone the policies on the use of the City Logo and he will revise the Municipal Code regarding presentations. He also explained that at this time there are no prohibitions regarding any type of presentations and he will bring back an Ordinance for their consideration at the next meeting.

27.

ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

City Treasurer **Patterson** thanked everyone for tune in and viewing the meeting. Spoke in support of Renaming 116th Street as Darlene Love Street and the 24-Hour Ballot Drop Box in Hawthorne

City Clerk **Jimenez** thanked everyone that is watching from home and thanked the neighbors that want their voices to be heard. Announce he will hold a community clean up on Saturday, July 18, 2020 from 9:30 am to 11:30 am by Centennial Park. Thanks his Interns Josh, Samantha and Gary for working on this project. Ask everyone who is participating in protests to be safe due to Covid 19 rising again. Requested everyone to response to the Census questionnaire. Asked everyone to register to vote and reminded the community that on this election everyone will be receiving a mail in ballot. Hopes everyone to stay safe and healthy at home.

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Councilmember **Talleda** thanked Mr. Ramirez for the work that he's doing with the Homeless.

Councilmember **Awad** thanked everyone for attending the viral council meeting, reminded everyone that Covid 19 is real and to wear masks and practice social distancing. Hoped everyone had a happy 4th of July, happy that Mr. Shadbehr is back at work and thanked Mr. Ramirez for his presentation regarding the Homeless Outreach Program.

Councilmember **Valentine** thanked Mr. Ramirez for a great presentation. Attended the Special Council of Governments meeting on June 29 and the topic was Policing and Public Safety in the South Bay. There were two panels of discussion one in Community Policing and best practices and the other one in Community Expectation. Councilmember Valentine is very pleased to see outdoor dining, encouraged the owners of restaurants to do this now that indoor dining is not allowed due to the pandemic.

Councilmember **Monteiro** thanked the rest of the Council for supporting the renaming of 116th Street between Van Ness and Wilton as Darlene Love Street. He expressed concern about the shutting down of businesses now that the Governor has given that order. He spoke about wearing masks outside and keeping social distancing when going out. Thanks Jesse and Von for the Homeless Outreach Program presentation. Thanked everyone who is doing their part to keep the city moving, thanked Parks and Recreation, Police Department and the City for giving the right information to the community and businesses in need. Requested a Legal Confidential with pros and cons be prepared to let the Council know if with CUP to park all those cars is required or if it is even allowed to rent the parking lot to another entity.

Mayor **Vargas** thanked the Parks and Recreation Director for the presentation on Homeless Outreach Programs. Thanked Arnie for everything he did for the City and welcome Mr. Lee as the new City Manager.

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 Legal Counsel – significant exposure to litigation. Initiation of Litigation Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9 paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) Number of Potential Cases: 1

Mayor Vargas called the City Council meeting back to order following recess with all Councilmembers present. He announced that the Closed Session was for a Conference with Legal Counsel - significant exposure to litigation. Initiation of Litigation Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9 paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) Number of Potential Cases: 1. The City Attorney announced that he has been instructed.

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

Dr. Paul Jimenez
City Clerk

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