

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE,
CALIFORNIA HELD JULY 28, 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 Monteiro, Talleda, Valentine, Mayor Vargas.
Absent: Councilmember Awad (excused)

2.

Mayor Vargas led the Pledge of Allegiance

3.

City Manager Erick Lee gave a re-cap and an update on the Covid-19 pandemic as the Council declared a State of Emergency beginning March 15, 2020.

4.

Under Oral Communications, the City Clerk stated there is one oral comments from Matt Zarro and three written communications. **Mr Zarro**, called on behalf of friends Mike and Don who are living on the streets and requested the City of Good Neighbors to help do something to get them off the streets. **Maggie** commented on the same issue as the previous caller. **Aracely Cornejo**, spoke on the homelessness issues and requested that the City Council create shelters for people who have mental health issues. **Carol Maston** wrote regarding the neighborhood experiencing more people dumping trash in alleys. Requested cameras be installed in the alley or if more signs be posted about illegal dumping. **Jacques** requested the Council to re-think the moratorium on “parking by permits” hope that the council return some control to the Hawthorne neighborhoods and their residents by restoring the restricted parking petition process, and modify the resident requirement to include those that are currently not able to acquire a permit on the street where they live.

5.

CITY CLERK’S CONSENT CALENDAR

6.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine that the reading of the City Council minutes of the regular meeting of July 14, 2020 be waived and that they be approved and adopted.

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

7.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, to waive full readings of resolutions and ordinances on July 28, 2020’s agenda.

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

8.

The City Treasurer submitted a financial statement regarding warrants.

Warrants Nos.: 167624-167901 ; 470253-470401 ; 53770-53896 ; 10654-10655

Warrant Totals: \$696,159.34; \$2,731,313.05 ; \$893,813.07 : \$9,004.29

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

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

9.

BIDS (None at this time)

10.

RESOLUTIONS

11.

RESOLUTION NO. 8204

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF APPLICATION FOR CALRECYCLE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE GRANT PROGRAM (HD34) FOR WHICH THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE IS ELIGIBLE.

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

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

12.

RESOLUTION NO. 8217

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE AND THE CITY OF GARDENA REGARDING PARATRANSIT SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEARS 2020-2021 AND 2021-2022.

Mayor Vargas moved seconded by Councilmember Valentine that Resolution 8217 be approved and adopted.

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

13.

RESOLUTION NO. 8218

A 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 RELATING TO UTILITY USERS' TAXES.

Councilmember Valentine moved seconded by Councilmember Monyeiro that Resolution 8218 be approved and adopted.

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

14.

RESOLUTION NO. 8220

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING AN AWARD PRESENTATION POLICY FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS.

Councilmember Monteiro moved seconded by Mayor Vargas that Resolution 8220 be approved and adopted.

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

15.

RESOLUTION 8221

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL, OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT CALCULATION FOR THE FISCAL YEARS 2019-2020 AND 2020-2021, PURSUANT TO ARTICLE XIII B OF THE CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION.

Mayor Vargas moved seconded by Councilmember Valentine that Resolution 8221 be approved and adopted.

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

16.

RESOLUTION 8222

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, APPOINTING COUNCIL MEMBER OLIVIA VALENTINE AS THE CITIES VOTING DELEGATE TO THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES ANNUAL CONFERENCE (OCTOBER 7TH THROUGH 9TH, 2020 IN LONG BEACH, CA).

Mayor Vargas moved seconded by Councilmember Monteiro that Resolution 8222 be approved and adopted.

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

17.

RESOLUTION 8223

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, RENAMING 116TH STREET BETWEEN VAN NESS AVE. AND WILTON PLACE IN THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE "DARLENE LOVE STREET".

Councilmember Monteiro moved seconded by Councilmember Valentine that Resolution 8223 be approved and adopted.

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

18.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

19.

City Clerk Jimenez announced this was the time and place for the Public Hearing to Introduce Ordinance No. 2205 – Repealing Section 17.20.130 (Accessory Dwelling Unit) of Chapter 17.20 (Development Standards for All Residential Zones) of Title 17 (Zoning) and Adding a New Chapter 17.21 (Accessory Dwelling Unit) to Title 17 (Zoning) of the Hawthorne Municipal Code.

Planning Department’s declaration publication filed.

Mayor Vargas for Oral comments – No one expressed a desire to be heard.

Mayor Vargas closed Oral comments. MOTION CARRIED.

ORDINANCE NO. 2205 (1st Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, REPEALING SECTION 17.20.130 (ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT) OF CHAPTER 17.20 (DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS FOR ALL RESIDENTIAL ZONES) OF TITLE 17 (ZONING) AND ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 17.21 (ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT) TO TITLE 17 (ZONING) OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE.

Ordinance No. 2205 was introduced by Mayor Vargas.

20.

City Clerk Jimenez announced this was the time and place for the Public Hearing to Introduce Ordinance No. 2206.

Planning Department’s declaration publication filed.

Mayor Vargas for Oral comments – No one expressed a desire to be heard.

Mayor Vargas closed Oral comments. MOTION CARRIED.

ORDINANCE NO. 2206

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 17.74 (SHORT-TERM RENTAL PERMITS) OF TITLE 17 (ZONING) OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ALLOW SECONDARY RESIDENCES, NEWLY DEFINED TO INCLUDE DWELLINGS OWNED BY PERSON(S) WHOSE PRIMARY RESIDENCE IS IN THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, TO BE SUBJECT TO HOME-SHARING REGULATIONS AND NOT VACATION RENTAL REGULATIONS.

The public hearing for this item will be open and continued to the next regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council on August 11, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. No introduction will take place. Item is to be continued by consent of the City Council.

21.

ORDINANCES

22.

ORDINANCE NO. 2207 (1st Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA AMENDING SECTION 1.08.030 (CITY NAME AND SEAL) OF TITLE I (GENERAL PROVISIONS) OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING USE OF THE CITY SEAL.

Ordinance No. 2207 was introduced by Councilmember Monteiro.

23.

The City Manager, Erick Lee, presented the following agenda and requested approval of the indicated recommendations:

24.

Approve Plans and Specifications for Prairie Avenue Improvement Project, Phase II (Project #20-12) and authorize the Director of Public Works to advertise for construction bids with a return date of September 8, 2020.

25.

Approve Agreement between the City and the Regents of the University of California on behalf of the UCLA Center for Prehospital Care (‘UCLA) to provide Hawthorne Police Department personnel with continuing education in prehospital and emergency medicine to maintain licensure as an EMT-Basic and Paramedic and authorize the Chief of Police to execute the agreement and any amendments, thereto, with approval by the City Attorney as to form.

26.

Approve an Agreement between the City of Hawthorne (“City”) and the City of Gardena (“Consultant”) for Senior Case Management Services effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

Mayor Vargas moved seconded by Councilmember Monteiro that items 24-25 and 26 of the City Managers Consent calendar be approved.

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

27.

CITY ATTORNEY’S CONSENT CALENDAR (no items)

28.

CITY COUNCIL’S DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

29.

Funds allocated to the City under the CARES Act (Monteiro)

Councilmember Monteiro announced that the State of California has given Hawthorne one million seventy three thousand dollars thru the CARES ACT. Directed the City Manager to look into where this money can be allocated. Spoke on Rental Assistance Programs and directed the City Manager and the Housing Director to come up with a plan to help low-income families in the City.

The City Council agreed to direct the City Manager to come up with a plan to spend these funds in areas such as technology, relief to small businesses, rental assistance and mortgage assistance.

30.

ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

City Treasurer **Patterson** commended the City Council for their commitment to the community. Thanked everyone for making their voices be heard.

City Clerk **Jimenez** thanked everyone for watching from home. Thanked everyone who attended the community clean-up specially housing Director Kimberly Mack and Assistant City Attorney Melissa Crosthwaite and her father, also thanked Dan from Republic Services, Von Director of Parks and Recreation for making this program a success and thanked his Interns Josh, Gary and Samantha for taking the lead on this project. Regarding his social media he has been featuring businesses in Hawthorne and this time was LA Start and Fabulous Grill. Reminded everyone to complete the census. Recognized Congressman John Louis who passed away on July 17.

Councilmember **Talleda** requested some info regarding the death of some senior in the due to the pandemic. Spoke about the homeless issue and requested the city to help in some way. Spoke about the food drive at the church located on 142nd and Hawthorne Blvd. He also mention the amount on illegal dumping of trash on the streets. Happy that he received a loan for his non-profit. Thanked everyone for taking part on the cleaning program that the City Manager has started.

Councilmember **Valentine** reported on the July 16 KHHR meeting (Committee that discusses the impact of noises because of the Airport), it has 17 community members. Reported on the South Bay Council of Governments regarding a survey recently conducted called Business Impact and re-opening survey. In addition, she announced that on August 20th the South Bay Council of Governments will have a second Zoom meeting regarding the topic of “Policing in the South Bay”.

Councilmember **Monteiro** announced that Councilwoman Valentine is the Chairwoman of the South Bay Cities Council of Governments. Thanked the City Council for passing all the resolutions at this meeting. Thanked the City Manager in advanced for bringing a plan for HUD and CDBG monies that can be use in the community. Talked to Jesse Ramirez about homeless issues and stated that they are some shelter services that the City can provide. Stated that the City is trying to create and provide relief for the suffering community of Hawthorne.

Mayor **Vargas** thanked everyone who call in during oral comments, requested the community to participate in the Census. Spoke on the great loss of John Louis, who participated on the civil rights movement and impacted in the Civil Right Era in the 60’s but he continued as a Public leader who impacted so many lives with all his efforts. Spoke about the State mandating the closure of some businesses in the City of Hawthorne, Coast Fitness still open. Mayor Vargas explained the City is not responsible for this anymore, it is the LA County Public Health Department who already contacted the owner and is filing a case against this business. Spoke regarding the homeless population in the City and requested the City Manager to send the Homeless Task Force to speak with the individuals mentioned at the beginning of the meeting. Also, spoke on all the help the businesses, schools and churches have provided to suffering communities during this pandemic.

31.

Mayor Vargas adjourned the regular meeting at 8:39 p.m.

Dr. Paul Jimenez
City Clerk