

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE,
CALIFORNIA HELD SEPTEMBER 8, 2020.**

1.

Mayor Vargas called the City Council, meeting to order at 6:02 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.

Director of Parks and Community Service Department Von Norris gave the evening's invocation. Mayor Alex Vargas led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3.

Under Oral Communications, the City Clerk read an email from **Anika Stich**, complained about the no help Hawthorne offers the homeless, supports the defunding the Hawthorne Police and spoke about Hawthorne being a called a sunset city many years ago. **Matt Zarro**, asked the City Council to suspend sweeps happening in Hawthorne to homeless, stated they are un-coming, unconstitutional and illegal. **Reuben Sanchez**, North Hawthorne Community Association wrote in regards to Enforcements of COVID 19 protocols, monitoring of the parks against pot smokers, parking permits and questioned if there was any monetary savings as a result of City closures during the pandemic. **Mohamed Akari**, complained about candidates posting signs in public places. **Byron Barahona**, concerned resident of Hawthorne trying to figure out why 52% of the city budget is going to policing. **Dylan Little, Hansel Cisneros, Lawrence Valencia, Jazlyn Dorantes, Gi Salvatierra, Alexandra Quintana, Ruth Mejia, Gloria Lilian and Ms. Lynea**, wrote to request the defunding the Police Department. **Maria Cintron**, wrote about the illegal renting of two mobil homes on the yard of 11308 Firmona Ave., and the city doesn't do anything about it. **Lely Alarcon**, wrote about B&T tire shop also providing mechanic services as Adolfo auto shop on Imperial and Firmona Ave, questioned why these kind of businesses are taking over without any respect for the homeowners and upset they are affecting the quality of life for the neighbors. **Jasmine Palafox**, concerned about AAMCO Ornamental Iron welding factory that burns iron 7 days a week. Complained about the noise specially now in the pandemic that the they have to be home and her little brother can't concentrate on his virtual classes due to the noise, also complained about the pollution that this factory causes and the dangers to her whole family's health. Asked the city to look into any regulations that seems to consider the well-being of the neighbors and requested the city to take some action about it. **Jon Marcovici**, concerned about excessive speed on 135th and Aviation, requested the city to declare road safety a priority and in particular speeding and requested that the city work with the Police Department to ensure speed limits to be aggressively enforced.

4.

CITY CLERK'S CONSENT CALENDAR

5.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, that the reading of the City Council minutes of the regular meeting of July 28, 2020, August 11, 2020 be approved and adopted.

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

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, that the reading of the City Council minutes of the regular meeting of August 11, 2020 and regular meeting of August 25, 2020 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 Valentine, to waive full readings of resolutions and ordinances on September 8, 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.: 168467-168750 ; 470701-470849 ; 54227-54228 ; 10662-10664.

Warrant Totals: \$711,016.85 ; \$573,726.28 ; \$269.99 ; \$106,920.55

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.

8.

BIDS

9.

City Clerk Jimenez announced that sealed bids were publicly received and opened for Prairie Ave. Improvement Project Phase II Projec

Public Works Department submitted declaration of publication, which was ordered filed. Bidder's bonds were required.

THERE WERE FOUR BIDS RECEIVED. (ALL WERE ACCOMPANIED BY BIDDER'S BOND).

THE PRICES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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| SHAWNAN | \$3,504,460 |
| SEQUEL | \$3,598,200 |
| EXCEL PAVING | \$3,776,300 |
| GRIFFITH CO | \$4,125,710 |
| All AMERICAN ASPHALT | \$3,798,790 |
| HARDY & HARPER | \$3,956,000 |
| SULLY-MILLER | \$3,857,000 |

Councilmember Monteiro moved seconded by Councilmember Valentine to refer these bids for study and recommendation.

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

10.

RESOLUTIONS

11.

RESOLUTION NO. 8206

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 15, 2020 THROUGH OCTOBER 15, 2020 AS HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH IN THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, that Resolution 8206 be approved and adopted.

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

12.

RESOLUTION NO. 8227

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING H.R. 7809, "HELPING OPEN PROPERTIES ENDEAVOR ACT OF 2020" OR THE "HOPE ACT OF 2020" TO ASSIST THE COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE MARKET AND THE COMMERCIAL MORTGAGE BACKED SECURITIES MARKET AFFECTED BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, that Resolution 8227 be approved and adopted. .

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

13.

RESOLUTION NO. 8229

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, OPPOSING PENDING HOUSING LEGISLATIONS AND EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR ACTIONS TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN LOCAL AUTHORITY AND CONTROL

Councilmember Valentine moved seconded by Councilmember Monteiro that Resolution 8229 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

16.

ORDINANCE NO. 2208 (1st Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 2.44.076 REGARDING CONTINUOUS RECRUITMENT AND SELECTION – ENTRY LEVEL.

09/08/20

Introduced by title only by Councilmember Monteiro.

17.

GENERAL MATTERS

18.

Approve Fiscal Year 2020/21 Blanket Purchase Orders for supplies and services in a total amount not to exceed \$22,589,266.

Mayor Vargas moved seconded by Councilmember Talleda to approve Item 18 of the General Matters Category.

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

19.

Approve Update on the Implementation of the Five-Year Plan to Address Homelessness in Our Community.

Mayor Vargas moved seconded by Councilmember Monteiro that item 19 of the General Matters category be approved.

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

20.

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

21.

Approve Progress Payment #1 to United Storm Water, Inc. of Industry, CA for Project #20-07, Street Inlet Improvement Project – Phase 2

22.

Approve Progress Payment #13 to Zumar Industries of Tacoma, Washington.

23.

Approve Releasing a request for proposals for the sale of the 14115 Cordary parcel (APN 4051-030-902) for development of an 18-Unit an affordable Veterans rental housing project on September 9, 2020.

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

24.

Approve Amendment No. 1 to the Catch Basin Trash Excluder Maintenance Agreement (Option 2) Between the Los Angeles County Flood Control District and the City of Hawthorne.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, to approve items 21 22, and 24 of the City Manager's consent calendar.

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

25.

The City Attorney, Russell Miyahira, presented the following agenda and requested approval of the indicated recommendations:

26.

Approve to Appoint City Manager Erick B. Lee as City's labor negotiator for Dr. Nakagawa Employment Contract.

Councilmember Monteiro moved, seconded by Councilmember Talleda, to approve item 26 of the City Attorney's consent calendar.

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

27.

CITY COUNCIL'S DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS (no items at this time)

28.

ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

City Treasurer **Patterson** thanked the community for participating in the process and making their voices heard. Send prayers out to everyone who is suffering in the pandemic

City Clerk **Jimenez** thanked the public for watching the meeting from home and call in to let the voices be heard. Gave an update on the Census and urged everyone to respond to it. He also spoke on Voting Centers and stated that he has been communications with the County to try to make this a user-friendly process. It is estimated that there will be 8 to 10 Voting Centers in Hawthorne. Thanked everyone for watching the Council meeting and asked everyone to stay safe.

Councilmember **Awad** thanked the residents for coming out, watching the meeting and voicing their concerns. Spoke to the Director of Parks and Recreation Von Norris and virtual painting classes are being offer at this time. Announce that Dulce who owns an art gallery along with members of the Fine Arts Commission and some community members will paint a mural at Ramona Park. Spoke on trash issues along Hawthorne Blvd and on the back of businesses. Questioned if there is anything on the books regarding citing the businesses, as they should be responsible for the cleanliness of their businesses. Requested everyone to be safe.

Councilmember **Talleda** spoke on homelessness and mental issues happening in the city. Announce a Homeless Conference on September 22. Thanked everyone for taking part at this council meeting.

Councilmember **Valentine** thanked Von Norris and Jesse Ramirez for providing a very comprehensive report on how to work on homeless issues, stated that this is a very complicated issue as it is hard to address every kind of situation. Agreed with Councilmember Awad on the cleaning schedules as she proposed this years ago where the owners of commercial property had to clean their own property on a regular basis and they provide Code Enforcement with a cleaning schedule. Asked if it is being enforce and if it was it should not be any trash on their properties. Spoke on the upcoming 19th Anniversary of 911. Wished everyone to have a good week.

Councilmember **Monteiro** wished everyone had a great Labor Day weekend. Requested an update on the homeless sweeps that the Police Department used to conduct. Thanked Von and Jesse for keeping them up to date on the homeless issues in the community. Congratulated the City Clerk and his interns for all the work done in regard to the Census. Wished everyone to stay safe.

Mayor **Vargas** thanked the rest of the council for all their contributions to the meeting and thanked the residents who call in to speak on their concerns. Spoke on the job the homeless task

force have done. Expressed concerns on the cleaning schedules not being follow by the property owners. Requested a Legal Confidential with updates regarding this issue. Spoke on weather patterns and how it affected Hawthorne and how Edison stepped up and took care of the blackouts in the City.

29.

Per City Attorney Russell Miyahira's suggestion closed sessions item 29 and 30 were taken simultaneously.

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

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31.

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

Dr. Paul Jimenez
City Clerk