

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE,  
CALIFORNIA HELD OCTOBER 13, 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. 126<sup>th</sup> Street, Hawthorne, California.

ROLL CALL-Present: Councilmembers Awad, Monteiro, Talleda, Valentine, Mayor Vargas.  
Absent: None.

2.

Councilmember Mike Talleda gave the evening's invocation. City Attorney Russell Miyahira led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3.

Ryan Richards with colleague Phillip Verbera from the Los Angeles County Registrar Recorder did a Power Point presentation regarding Voting by Mail in a time of a pandemic, a snap chat of voting regulations was included, official ballot drop box information, how to return your vote by mail ballot, and how to track your vote by mail ballot.

4.

Andrew Ishimoto from Family Promise of South Bay presented a video regarding homelessness.

5.

Boyd Bishop owner of Gemini Electric Mobility Inc presented a video and requested the City Council's support to implement a clean air and climate care program in the City of Hawthorne.

6.

Under Oral Communications, the City Clerk stated that no written communications were received but three (3) phone calls were waiting to address the Mayor and Council. **Ms. Aguilar** expressed her disappointment of Mayoral candidate Haidar Awad and Council candidates Reyes-English and A. Sheppard for running a smearing campaign against Mayor Vargas. **Kathleen Ray**, spoke about trees breaking on the Bodger Park area and causing serious damage to a parked car. Also, spoke on illegal fireworks and funding of the Police Department. **Jim Lissner**, spoke on Item 20 on the agenda (Red Lights Cameras) and quoted comments from Capt. Kauffman said in 2012.

7.

**CITY CLERK'S CONSENT CALENDAR**

8.

Councilmember Monteiro moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, to waive full readings of resolutions and ordinances on October 13, 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.: 169042-169356 ; 470967-471135 ; 54548-54549 ; 10668-10671

Warrant Totals: \$760,161.26 ; \$1,122,385.23 ; \$30.20 ; \$41,407.13

Councilmember Monteiro 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.

BIDS (None at this time)

11.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

12.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 8240**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A SIDE LETTER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE AND THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION ("HMEA") AMENDING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN THE PARTIES EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2021.

Councilmember Monteiro moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, that Resolution 8240 be approved and adopted.

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

13.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 8241**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A SIDE LETTER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE AND THE HAWTHORNE EXECUTIVE GROUP AMENDING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE HEG EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2021.

Councilmember Monteiro moved seconded by Councilmember Valentine that Resolution 8241 be approved and adopted.

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

14.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 8243**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF CHECKS AND WARRANTS ISSUED IN CONNECTION WITH THE EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM.

Mayor Vargas moved seconded by Councilmember Monteiro that Resolution 8243 be approved and adopted.

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

15.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

16.

### **ORDINANCES**

17.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2206 (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)**

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, ADDING A CAP OF TEN (10) SUCH PERMITS TO BE ISSUED, ON A FIRST-COME FIRST-SERVED BASIS, PER YEAR, WITH A LIMITATION OF ONE PERMIT PER PROPERTY OWNER.

Mayor Vargas moved seconded by Councilmember Valentine that Ordinance 2206 be approved and adopted.

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

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: Councilmembers Awad.

After the voting, Councilmember Talleda asked if it was possible to change his vote.

**MOTION TO RE-CONSIDER** the voting of Councilmember Talleda on Item 17 (Ordinance No. 2206).

Mayor Vargas moved seconded by Councilmember Valentine that Councilmember Talleda re-consider his vote on item No. 17.

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

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: Councilmember Awad, Talleda.

Mayor Vargas moved seconded by Councilmember Valentine that Ordinance 2206 be approved and adopted.

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

NOES: Councilmembers Awad, Valentine.

18.

**GENERAL MATTERS**

19.

Paper Shredding and E-Waste Event.

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

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

NOES: None.

20.

Request from the City Clerk Regarding Flex Vote Centers.

Mayor Vargas moved seconded by Councilmember Monteiro that item 20 of the General Matters category be approved.

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

NOES: None.

21.

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

22.

Approve Fiscal Year 2020/21 Blanket Purchase Orders for the Housing Department in a total amount not to exceed \$435,000.

23.

Approve Progress Payment No. 1 and Final Acceptance in the amount of \$41,553 Due to ACCO Engineered Systems of Glendale, CA for the Installation of an AC Unit at the City Hall's basement server room.

24.

Approve Construction of Speed Humps on 142nd Street Between Ramona Avenue and Hawthorne Boulevard.

25.

Approve City's response to the County of Los Angeles Civil Grand Jury A DIET FOR LANDFILLS: Cutting Down on Food Waste Report and authorize the letter to be transmitted to the Presiding Judge of the Los Angeles Superior Court.

26.

Approve Agreements between the City of Hawthorne and CalWORKS/GAIN/GROW/DCFS and the South Bay Workforce Investment Board, Inc., and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement with CalWORKS/GAIN/GROW/DCFS and the agreement with the South Bay Workforce Investment Board, Inc.

27.

Approve Housing Authority Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2019-2020.

28.

This item was pulled by Staff before the meeting.

Blanket Order (BPO) in the amount not to exceed \$240,000 to Redflex Traffic Systems for the City's Redlight Camera Enforcement Program.

29.

Approval of a Purchase Order to Enforcement Aviation Services in the Amount of \$25,200.20 for Police Helicopter Repairs and Maintenance and authorize the City Manager to execute any and all change orders related to this project to assure that the objective of this helicopter maintenance is completed.

30.

Approve Agreement for additional Homeless Coordination Services between the City of Hawthorne and St Margaret's Center/Catholic Charities of Los Angeles.

Mayor Vargas moved seconded by Councilmember Monteiro that items 22 thru 30 except for Item 28 of the City Manager's Consent Calendar be approved.

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

31.

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

32.

Deny - Claimant Ivis Rodriguez alleges personal injuries arising from an alleged trip-and-fall in the parking lot of the Superior Grocers on Hawthorne Blvd., which is private property.

33.

Deny – Claim of Robert Lee Manning arising from an automobile accident on the I-105 Freeway.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro to approve items 32 and 33 of the City Attorney’s consent calendar.

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

34.

#### **CITY COUNCIL’S DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

35.

Cancel Council Meetings Scheduled for October 27, 2020 and December 22, 2020 (Valentine)

Councilmember Valentine moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, to approve item 35.

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

36.

City sponsorship of 2021 Hawthorne Business Expo, which includes providing information about the event on City’s website and digital billboard and sending out notices to licensed businesses within the City. City sponsorship will also include showing the businesses who have financially supported the event on the City’s website and may include providing recognition of event sponsors in the form of showing the business logo and/or short taped interviews with sponsors who are providing financial support for businesses. (Valentine)

Mayor Vargas in concurrence with the city council approved item 36. MOTION CARRIED.

37.

#### **ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS**

City Treasurer **Patterson** thanked the community for coming out and making their voices heard, thanked the community for tuning in to YouTube to listen to the council meetings.

City Clerk **Jimenez** thanked the public for taking the time and watch the meeting. Explained that the Supreme Court backed the date to finish the Census to October 15 and requested everyone to complete the census forms. Spoke on a couple of websites regarding voting by mail on this election.

Councilmember **Valentine** congratulated the City Clerk for his advocacy and determination to make sure the community is aware of all the information needed about voting and census. Excited about the launching of Home Share South Bay Program along with the South Bay Council of Governments in

partnership with Silvernest, the program serves the homeowners who wants to share their dwelling with those who are looking for a room-mate, explained that Silvernest will do a background check on the renters for a 5% monthly fee, this programs is made available to all the residents in the South Bay. Spoke on the Rental Assistance Program. Urged everyone to go out and vote and also to fill the Census forms.

Councilmember **Talleda** agreed with Councilwoman Valentine on the program that is about to start and spoke also on the “Illegal Dumping Program”. Stated that he has been contacted by residents of 116<sup>th</sup> Street to request speed bumps on that street.

Councilmember **Awad** thanked the residents for coming out and or watching the meeting. Questioned the City Clerk on the cut off time for receiving public comments to the council meetings. Also questioned the City Attorney about Elected Officials using public funds, public equipment or public space for campaign purposes.

Councilmember **Monteiro** echoed Councilmember Valentine’s words to City Clerk Jimenez regarding the election procedures and voting centers and the Census. Thanked all the staff from various departments that look into federal funds to help create programs to help the homeless in the city. Thinks a great idea the new program presented by Gemini Mobility. Announced that more recycling programs are coming to Hawthorne in the near future. Spoke on how the election season is a process of learning for all the candidates and asked everyone to go and vote early.

Mayor **Vargas** thanked everyone for listening to the meeting. Spoke on Boyd Bishop (Gemini Electric Mobility) presentation. Stated he was invited to speak at the Male Success Alliance Program at Dominguez Hills and at the Men of Color Program at Santa Monica College.

38.

Mayor Vargas adjourned the regular meeting at 8:25p.m. in memory of Kaoru Merry Satow.

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Dr. Paul Jimenez  
City Clerk