

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE,  
CALIFORNIA HELD NOVEMBER 10, 2020.**

1.

Mayor Vargas called the City Council, meeting to order at 6:12 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 4455 W. 126<sup>th</sup> Street, Hawthorne, California.

ROLL CALL-Present: Councilmembers Monteiro, Talleda, Valentine, Mayor Vargas.  
Absent: Councilmember Awad.

2.

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

3.

This presentation has been re-scheduled.

Presentation: Senator Steven Bradford Legislative Briefing

4.

Mayor Vargas congratulated Pastor Jefferson for providing much needed help to the Hawthorne community. Read a Proclamation celebrating the Del Aire Baptist Church 75th Anniversary.

5.

Under Oral Communications, **Ms. Martinez** congratulated all the winners of the Hawthorne election, spoke against item 34 on the agenda and appalled about the hatred during this city election from some candidates. Reminded everyone that this is a city of good neighbors and we should be good and do good for the community.

6.

**CITY CLERK'S CONSENT CALENDAR**

7.

Councilmember Valentine moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, that the reading of the City Council minutes of the regular meeting of September 22, 2020 and the regular meeting of October 13, 2020 be waived and that they be approved and adopted.

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

8.

Councilmember Valentine moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, to waive full readings of resolutions and ordinances on November 10, 2020's agenda.

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

9.

The City Treasurer submitted a financial statement regarding warrants.

October 14, 2020

Warrants Nos.: 169357-169646 ; 471136-471260 ; 54550-54867 ; 10672-10673

Warrant Totals: \$711,762.68 ; \$1,564,484.89 ; \$877,377.37 ; \$3746.21

October 27, 2020

Warrants Nos.: 169647-169932 ; 471261-471412 ; 54968-54970 ; 10674-10675

Warrant Totals: \$699,479.73 ; \$1,844,358.92 ; \$1509.04 ; \$31,175.63

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

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

10.

BIDS (None at this time)

11.

**RESOLUTIONS**

12.

**RESOLUTION NO. 8242**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE PAY SCHEDULE.

Councilmember Valentine moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, that Resolution 8242 be approved and adopted.

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

13.

**RESOLUTION NO. 8244**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING A FOUR- WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF WILTON PLACE AND 115TH STREET.

Councilmember Valentine moved seconded by Councilmember Monteiro that Resolution 8244 be approved and adopted.

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

14.

**RESOLUTION NO. 8245**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION BY THE LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD LAND TRUST FOR STATEWIDE PARK PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS.

Councilmember Valentine moved seconded by Councilmember Monteiro that Resolution 8245 be approved and adopted.

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

NOES: None. ABSENT: Councilmember Awad.

15.

#### PUBLIC HEARINGS

16.

City Clerk Jimenez announced this was the time and place for the Public Hearing for Housing Authority to adopt Fiscal Year 2019-20 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report.

Housing Department's declaration publication filed.

Mayor Vargas called for public comments.

No one spoke under oral communications for this item.

Mayor Vargas ordered to close the public portion of the hearing. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Vargas moved seconded by Councilmember Valentine to adopt Fiscal Year 2019-20 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report.

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

NOES: None. ABSENT: Councilmember Awad.

17.

#### ORDINANCES

18.

#### GENERAL MATTERS

19.

Status of Enforcement Efforts Related To HMC Section 8.21.030 (Commercial Development Center Cleaning Schedules).

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

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

NOES: None. ABSENT: Councilmember Awad.

20.

Reopening of the Emergency Rental Assistance Grant Program

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

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

NOES: None. ABSENT: Councilmember Awad.

21.

Update on the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget and Review of the Quarter 1 Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

Mayor Vargas moved seconded by Councilmember Monteiro that item 21 of the General Matters category be approved.

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

NOES: None. ABSENT: Councilmember Awad, Valentine.

22.

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

23.

Approval of a Purchase Order to Catholic Charities of Los Angeles in the amount of \$150,000 for Homeless Services Coordination.

24.

Approve Appropriation of a \$10,268.98 Donation from the Hawthorne Parks and Recreation Foundation to Assist with the Replacement of the Dance Floor at the Betty Ainsworth Sports Center. Funds will be appropriated from the General Fund balance into the Parks & Recreation Sports Center Account #100-6105-000-4202.

25.

Approve Progress Payment #4 in the Amount of \$127,678.69 to Shawnan Corporation of Downey, CA for Project #20-05, Local Street Improvement Project.

26.

Approve Appropriation of \$152,000 from the Police Department Asset Forfeiture Fund for the Purchase of Police Vehicles; and Approval of a Purchase Order in the Not to Exceed Amount of \$152,000 to Okuma Enterprise for the Purchase of Police Vehicles.

27.

Approve Agreement with Granicus for Design and Development of a New City Website.

28.

Approve the Plans and Specifications and authorize the Director of Public Works to Solicit Bids for the Holly Park and Ramona Park Improvement Project (City Project #20-06) with a return date of December 22, 2020.

29.

Approve an LS-1 Option E Agreement with Southern California Edison (SCE) to Replace SCE-owned street lights from High-Pressure Sodium Vapor (HPSV) to Light Emitting Diode (LED) and authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute the Agreement and any and all amendments thereto.

30.

Approve an Agreement between the City of Hawthorne and Harris & Associates and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement and any and all amendments thereto in order to provide various affordable housing advisory services associated with the City's Cordary Veteran's Housing Project, the Permanent Local Housing Allocation ("PLHA") grant, affordable housing reporting compliance, density bonus agreements, preparation of the 2019-

2020 SB 341 report and other related housing services on an as needed basis. Also, Appropriate \$33,075 from the Successor Agency 20% Set Aside Fund balance to the Fund 462 Contract Services Account (#4051) assist with funding these services. Also, Approve a Blanket purchase order to Harris & Associates in the not to exceed amount of \$75,000 for these services.

31.

Approve a Blanket Purchase Order (BPO) in the amount not to exceed \$50,000 to Arthur J. Gallagher & Company, Insurance Brokers of California.

32.

Approve Gardening in the Caltrans Operating Highway Right of Way but provide direction to staff.

Councilmember Monteiro moved seconded by Councilmember Valentine that items 23 thru 32 of the City Manager's Consent Calendar be approved.

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

33.

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

34.

Approve that the City disseminates a Public Notice Regarding Municipal Code Section 12.04.031 - Maintenance and Repair of Sidewalks to the public on the City's website and cable media informing the public of the passage of Municipal Code Section 12.04.031 on March 12, 2019, which Section places the duty of sidewalk maintenance and repair on adjacent landowners.

Councilmember Monteiro moved, seconded by Mayor Vargas to approve items 34 of the City Attorney's consent calendar.

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

35.

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

36.

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

City Treasurer **Patterson** thanked the community for coming out on Election Day and making their voices heard. Spoke on the Veterans facility in Hawthorne. He is looking forward to star working with the rest of the council for the betterment of the community.

City Clerk **Jimenez** thanked the public for watching the meeting from home and taking the time to share their comments. Updated on this election ballot count, ballots cast, thanked everyone who help with this election, help all the community volunteers, interns, Diana and Monica from the Clerk's Office who handled all the election coordination with a positive attitude. Spoke about the Veterans and ask everyone to tender more support to all of them for their service to the Country.

Councilmember **Talleda** congratulated David Patterson and Angie English for winning the election. Thanked the Council for his opportunity to serve as Councilman for a couple of years

and for the opportunity to have also served on the Planning Commission. Spoke on Marine Corp Day, Veterans Day, and the illegal dumping program in the city. Hopes he is still connected to the City after the election, once again, he congratulated the winners of the election.

Councilmember **Valentine** congratulated all the winners of this election that pertain to Hawthorne. Maxine Waters (Congressional Seat for the 43<sup>rd</sup> District), Steve Bradford (Senatorial Seat 35<sup>th</sup> District), Autumn Burke (Assembly Seat 62<sup>nd</sup> District), Holly Mitchell (New Supervisor of the 2<sup>nd</sup> District), Don Dear (West Basin Municipal Water District Division 5). Also congratulated the winners of the Hawthorne Election David Patterson and Angie English. Reminded everyone that Veterans Day is not just a day off, it is a day to celebrate, reflect and pay respect to those who died in this country serving us. Spoke regarding programs where businesses are seeking funding and explained what the requirements are in order to qualify. Requested that residents support local businesses as they are trying to re-invent themselves during this pandemic. Spoke about the Business Expo and announce that the Business Expo 2021 will be held as a virtual town hall event. Announced the launch of the South Bay Fiber Network in partnership with the South Bay Cities Council of Governments and all the 15 Cities in the South Bay. Encouraged everyone to participate on the City's 13<sup>th</sup> Holiday Home Decorating Contest.

Councilmember **Monteiro** thanked the community who participates on these virtual meetings. Thanks the residents for the voting turnout. Congratulated everyone who won on this election. He is proud to have run a clean campaign, stated his goal was to protect the City of Hawthorne and his residents. Spoke regarding the Clean Power Alliance Program. Announced that on November 23 he will be given food baskets for Thanksgiving along with the City of Hawthorne, Moneta Gardens Inc., and the President's Council. Thanked everyone for working together for the betterment of the City.

Mayor **Vargas** thanked everyone for listening to the meeting. Thanked the residents of Hawthorne for participating in the electorate process. Commented on the financial status of the City. Stated that the City Council represent everyone living in the city regardless of what ethnicity, religious beliefs, and political party they have. Thanked the community for voting for him and putting their trust on him for the next four years, thanked Councilmember Talleda for his great work on this couple of years serving as Council. Congratulated Councilman Elect David Patterson for being a gentleman during this contentious election. Welcome Councilwoman Elect Reyes English to the City Council team and thanked all his supporters and volunteers from his campaign. Thanked his dad and all the Veterans who have served this country.

37.

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 – Anticipated Litigation, Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (d)(2) of Section 54956.9 of the California Government Code (One potential case)

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He announced that the Closed Session was to discuss a Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation, Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (d)(2) of Section 54956.9 of the California Government Code (One potential case). The City Attorney stated the he had been instructed.

38.

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 – Initiation of Litigation against a third party, pursuant to subdivision (c) of Section 54956.9 (d)(4) (One potential case).

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39.

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

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Dr. Paul Jimenez  
City Clerk