

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE,
CALIFORNIA HELD NOVEMBER 24, 2020.**

1.

Mayor Vargas called the City Council, meeting to order at 6:05 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.

2.

City Manager Lee gave the evening's invocation. Councilmember Talleda led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3.

Supervisor-elect Holly J. Mitchell stated she looks forward to a collaborative working relationship with Hawthorne. Expressed deep concerns on the status of the public health and economic pandemic. Stated that her main goal within the first 100 days is to do a round table with Mayor and City Managers or Councilmembers to find out their concerns and goals to work with the County. Thanked everyone for allowing her to share some words with them and the community.

4.

Under Oral Communications, **Michael Zarro**, Street Watch LA South Bay, stated the city should be doing better to serve the unhoused population. Stated he is extremely disappointed with the City handling this issue. **Kyle Orleman** spoke on agenda item No. 14. Requested that this project consider doing one and two bedroom units for the veterans that do have families. **Gi** complained about the City Council being content with the status quo on hungry families, freezing neighbors on the streets, and renters losing their homes. Demanded to un-fund the Hawthorne Police Department and re-direct that money to the needs of the community.

5.

CITY CLERK'S CONSENT CALENDAR

6.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, that the reading of the City Council minutes of the regular meeting of November 10, 2020 and the special meeting of November 10, 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 Monteiro, to waive full readings of resolutions and ordinances on November 24, 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.: 169933-170223 ; 471413-47150 ; 54871-55186 ; 10676-10678

Warrant Totals: \$757,403.32 ; \$440,366.46 ; \$867,462.88 ; \$13,545.71

Mayor Vargas 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.

9.

BIDS (None at this time)

10.

RESOLUTIONS (None at this time)

11.

PUBLIC HEARINGS (None at this time)

12.

ORDINANCES (None at this time)

13.

GENERAL MATTERS

14.

Authorize Selection of Developer for the Veterans Housing Project Next to 14115 Cordary Avenue and the City Manager to execute an Exclusive Negotiation Agreement with Skid Row Housing Trust, subject to the City Attorney's approval as to form, to negotiate the sale and development of the Cordary Avenue parcel for a Veterans rental housing.

15.

NOT USED

16.

NOT USED

17.

Approval of a Request for a Special Meeting of the City Council on December 15, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, that items 14 and 17 of the General Matters category be approved.

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

NOES: None. ABSENT: Councilmember Awad.

18.

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

19.

Approving Side Letter Agreement between the City of Hawthorne and the Hawthorne Police Officers' Association (HPOA) amending the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) effective July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 relating to the Salary Schedule and Sick Leave Payments.

20.

Approving Side Letter Agreement between the City of Hawthorne and the Hawthorne Municipal Employees' Association (HMEA) amending the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) effective July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2021 relating to Sick Leave Payments.

21.

Approving Side Letter Agreement between the City of Hawthorne and the Hawthorne Police Management Supervisory Group (HPMSG) amending the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) effective July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2021 relating to Sick Leave Payments.

22.

Approving Side Letter Agreement between the City of Hawthorne and the Hawthorne Executive Group (HEG) amending the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) effective July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2021 relating to Sick Leave Payments.

23.

Approval of a Change Purchase Order Purchase Order to K&P Janitorial in the amount of \$37,500 for Total a Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$62,500.

24.

Approve Fiscal Year 2020/21 Blanket Purchase Orders for the Public Works Department contracted services in a total amount not to exceed \$711,844.

25.

Receive and File Los Angeles World Airport (LAWA) Airfield and Terminal Modernization Project.

26.

Approve Reimbursement Agreement between Torrance Valley Pipeline Company LLC. and City of Hawthorne and authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute the Agreement.

27.

Approve Agreement between the City of Hawthorne and Merrimac Energy Group to provide Bulk Fuel services and authorize the Director of Public Works to enter into and execute it on the City's behalf.

28.

Approve Agreement between the City of Hawthorne and C&S Engineering for Engineering Services to Design the Pavement Rehabilitation and Reconstruction of Airport Taxiways and the South Service Road at the Hawthorne Municipal Airport and authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to enter into and execute the agreement.

29.

Approve and authorize the City Manager to execute an Agreement between the City of Hawthorne and Paramount Waterproofing and Restoration to Provide Roof Repair Services and a Corresponding Purchase order in the amount of \$34,341.

30.

Approval of the hiring of a Code Enforcement Officer Supervisor position and direct the City Manager and Director of Human Resources to initiate the appropriate steps to fill the position, including the authorization of any budget transfers that may be necessary to fund this position.

31.

Approve Agreement Between the City of Hawthorne and Tyler Technologies, Inc. for EnerGov Software and Services to Implement the Virtual City Hall Project; AND Approval of a Corresponding Purchase Order in the Amount of \$523,415 and authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute this agreement and any necessary amendments thereto.

Mayor Vargas 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.

32.

CITY ATTORNEY'S CONSENT CALENDAR

33.

Approve to Cancel Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Blanket Purchase Orders ("BPO") for the City Attorney Department on December 15, 2020 and Reissue BPOs re: contracted services in a total amount not to exceed \$525,000. Reimbursement will be sought for general municipal, receivership, land use entitlements and airport related matters.

34.

Deny Government Tort Claim of Ning Lai Cheung for Property Damage arising from a collision with a Gardena police patrol unit during a vehicle pursuit. Hawthorne police investigated the accident and prepared a traffic collision report, but were not involved in the pursuit of the accident. Therefore, the City is not liable to Claimant.

Councilmember Valentine moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, that items 33 and 34 of the City Attorney's Consent Calendar be approved.

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

35.

NO CITY COUNCIL'S DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS AT THIS TIME

36.

ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

City Treasurer **Patterson** reported being under the weather and had nothing to report.

Councilmember **Talleda** very happy with the Housing Project for Veterans and would love to see it finished with some parking within the development.

Councilmember **Valentine** is proud to announce that on November 17, the City of Hawthorne joined 14 other cities to the launching of the South Bay Fiber Network in partnership with the South Bay Cities Council of Governments. Requested the City Manager to give an update on the status of the Corona Virus. Spoke about the Business Expo and announced that the Business Expo 2021 will be held as a virtual town hall event from 10a.m to 2p.m on January 27, 2021. Encouraged everyone to participate on the City's Virtual Holiday Home Decorating Contest and if there are any questions to call 310-349-1640.

Announced a movie night on December 19 at 5:00 p.m., at the Hawthorne Memorial Center parking lot, asked everyone to register on-line as spaces are limited. Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilmember **Monteiro** thanked the community who participates on these virtual meetings. Addressed the voting fraud issue on the Hawthorne Election and clarified that the person involved was Antonio De Bourbon Montenegro not Alex Monteiro as people thought. Thanked everyone who helped him distribute Thanksgiving baskets and more than \$5000 in gift cards to needy families. Concerned about small businesses struggling with this new shutdown. Asked everyone to stay safe and practice social distancing during the Holidays and wished everyone a good and safe Thanksgiving to everyone.

Mayor **Vargas** thanked everyone for listening and their participation in the meeting. Excited about the Housing Project for Veterans. Wished everyone a Safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

37.

Mayor Vargas adjourned the regular meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Diana Cucalon
Acting Deputy City Clerk