

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE,  
CALIFORNIA HELD JANUARY 22, 2019.**

1.

Mayor Vargas called the City Council, meeting to order jointly and concurrently at 6:04 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.

Pastor Greg Guich from Centinela Bible Church gave the evening's invocation. Councilmember Talleda led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3.

Patricia Donaldson announced that after 3 years of trying the Chamber has finalized their webpage. She also introduced Omari Valentine owner of Off The Lip, Inc. who along with different board members of the Chamber made it possible.

4.

Under oral communications, **Patricia Donaldson**, announced that on March 7 at 12:00 p.m., the Memorial Center will hold the State of City. She also introduced some of her board members that were present at the meeting. **Gordon Mego**, spoke on the future of Hawthorne. **Dwain Tucker**, LA County Sanitation District, spoke regarding the problems they are having on Union negotiations and how it can impact the cities they serve. **Kyle Orleman**, spoke on her yearly scholarship program, spoke about a misinformation on an LA Times article, and pointed out a mistake regarding the minutes of December 11. Pastor **John Jefferson**, expressed his support to the appointment of Michael Ishii as the next Police Chief. Darlene Love, asked the city council to confirmed Michael Ishii as the new Chief of Police. Pastor **David Manila**, also expressed his support for Michael Ishii's appointment.

At this time, Mayor Vargas took some items from the Discussion/Action Items out of order:

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

a.- Reorganization of City Council; appoint Olivia Valentine as mayor pro-tem for one - year term.  
(Vargas)

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Awad to appoint Councilmember Valentine as the Mayor Pro Tem for a one-year term.

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

c.- Direct City Attorney to prepare ordinance amendment limiting mayor pro-tem term to one year  
(Vargas)

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Awad to prepare an ordinance amendment limiting mayor pro-tem term to one year.

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

Item No. 22 was also taken out of order.

Approve Formal appointment of Michael Ishii as Chief of Police Services and approval of the related employment contract and authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, to approve item 22 of the City Manager consent calendar.

ROLL CALL-AYES: Councilmembers Awad, Reyes English, Michelin, Valentine, Mayor Vargas.  
NOES: None.

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 December 11, 2018 and the special meeting of December 20, 2018 be waived and that they be approved and adopted.

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

7.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, to waive full readings of resolutions and ordinances on January 22, 2019's agenda.

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

8.

The City Treasurer submitted a financial statement regarding warrants.

Warrants Nos.: 155696-155978 ; 463757-463895 ; 47576-47902 ;10542-10544.

Warrant Totals: \$ 716,207.42 ; \$1,192,713.13 : \$727,712.90 : \$17,436.28.

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.

9.

There were no Bids at this time

10.

**RESOLUTIONS**

11.

**RESOLUTION NO. 8042**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, A AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE AND THE CITY OF GARDENA REGARDING PARATRANSIT SERVICES, RATIFYING SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEARS 2016-2017 AND 2017-2018 AND APPROVING SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEARS 2018-2019 AND 2019-2020.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, to tabled this item.

No vote was taken at this time. MOTION CARRIED.

12.

**RESOLUTION NO. 8043**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING APPROVING & RATIFYING THE SUBMITTAL OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2018

EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM LOCAL SOLICITATION.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, that Resolution 8043 be approved and adopted.

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

13.

**RESOLUTION NO. 8044**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, PROCLAIMING JANUARY AS NATIONAL BLOOD DONOR MONTH.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, that Resolution 8044 be approved and adopted.

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

14.

**RESOLUTION NO. 8046**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, ACCEPTING DONATION OF KNORR SYSTEMS, INC. POOL COVERS AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS AT HAWTHORNE POOL, LOCATED AT 12501 INGLEWOOD AVENUE, HAWTHORNE BY THE NEWHALL LAND AND FARMING COMPANY, LLC.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, that Resolution 8046 be approved and adopted.

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

15.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS** (None at this time).

16.

**ORDINANCES** (None at this time).

17.

The City Manager, Arnold Shadbehr, presented the following agenda and requested approval of the indicated recommendations:

18.

Approve Progress Payment #10 due to Great Scott Tree Service, Inc. of Stanton, CA. The amount of \$11,210.00 will be paid for with approved and allocated Tree Trimming funds.

19.

Approve Progress Payment # 1 due to Digital Networks Group, Inc., of Lake Forest, Ca for Procurement and Installation of Audio Visual System at City Hall (Project # 18-01). The amount of \$60,678.49 will be funded through the approved and allocated Public, Educational or Governmental (PEG) funds.

20.

Approve Progress Payment #9 due to Zumar Industries of Tacoma, Washington. The amount of \$8,694.75 will be paid for with approved and allocated Gas Tax funds.

21.

Approve Progress Payment #8 to Shawnan Corporation of Downey, CA for Project #15-03, El Segundo Blvd. Improvement. The amount of \$535,122.65 will be funded from MTA Call for Projects.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, to approve items 18 through 21 of the City Manager's consent calendar.

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

23.

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

24.

Deny - Claim of Ronnie Brown for excessive use of force during his arrest for robbery.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro to approve item 24 of the City Attorney's consent calendar.

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

25.

Deny - Claimant Remedios ("Medy") Perez, the former Housing Administrator in the Housing Department submitted an amended claim for damages. In addition to asserting claims for age and race discrimination, defamation, and emotional distress, she has now asserted claims for Whistleblower retaliation arising from her layoff due to a budget shortfall.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, to approve item 25 of the City Attorney's consent calendar.

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

26.

Deny - Claim of Derick Payne for alleged failure to investigate theft of cash.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, to approve item 26 of the City Attorney's consent calendar.

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

27.

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

b.- Selection of Councilmembers to Represent City on Committees (Vargas)

#### Centinela Youth Services

Delegate: Olivia Valentine  
Alternate: Haidar Awad

Meeting Date:  
Second Thursday of every other month  
Location: 11539 Hawthorne Blvd., 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Time: to be determined.

City Selection Committee

(Ad Hoc of League of California Cities)

Delegate: Alex Vargas  
Alternate: Haidar Awad/ Mike Talleda

Meeting Date: As needed (email will be sent)  
Location: To be determined  
Time: to be determined

Count Sanitation District No. 5

Delegate: Alex Vargas (Delegate must be the Mayor)  
Alternate: Olivia Valentine

Meeting Date: Third Wednesday of the month  
Location: 3031 Torrance Blvd., 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Assembly Room, Torrance  
Time: 1:30 p.m.

Independent Cities Association (ICA)

Delegate: Alex Vargas  
Alternate: Alex Monteiro

Meeting Date: First Thursday of each month

Location: Will be notified by email  
Time: To be determined

Independent Cities Risk Management Authority (ICRMA)

Delegate: Olivia Valentine  
Alternate: Alison Stevens

Meeting Date: Second Wednesday of even numbered months (subject to change)  
Location: 3401 E. Florence Avenue, Huntington Park  
Time: 10:00 a.m.

League of California Cities - Los Angeles County Division

Delegate: Olivia Valentine  
Alternate: Mike Talleda

Meeting Date: First Thursday of the month  
Location: Will be notified by email  
Time: To be determined.

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

Delegate: Olivia Valentine  
Alternate: Alex Monteiro

Meeting Date: Fourth Thursday of the month  
Location: To be determined — Notified by email.  
Time: 6:00 p.m.

South Bay Regional Public Communications Authority Board of Directors

Delegate: Haidar Awad  
Alternate: Alex Monteiro

Meeting Date: Third Tuesday of the month — City Manager only  
Location: 4440 W. Broadway, Hawthorne  
Time: 2:00 p.m.

For delegates/alternates: Mid-year Budget: December — February.  
Adoption of Budget: April — May.

Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)-Executive Committee

Delegate: Mike Talleda  
Alternate: Haidar Awad

Meeting Date: First Thursday of the month  
Location: SCAG Offices, 818 W. 7th St., 12th floor  
Los Angeles  
Time: 9:00 a.m.

West Basin Water Association - Board of Directors

Delegate: Olivia Valentine  
Alternate: Alex Monteiro

Meeting Date: Fourth Monday of the month.  
Location: Will be notified by email.  
Time: Noon.

MTA -METRO - South Bay Cities Service Council

Delegate: Haidar Awad  
Alternate: Mike Talleda

Meeting Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month.  
Location: Inglewood City Hall - Conference Room A  
One Manchester Blvd  
Inglewood, Ca 90301  
Time: 9:30 a.m.

LACCE- CPA Clean Power Alliance - Board of Directors

Delegate: Alex Monteiro  
Alternate: Doug Krauss/ Frank Feng

Meeting Date: 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month.  
Location: 555 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, 35<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Los Angeles, CA 90013 (place to be determined)  
Time: 2:00 p.m.

LA County West Vector & Vector-Borne Disease Control

Delegate: Olivia Valentine  
Alternate: Alex Monteiro

Meeting Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month. (alternate month)  
Location: 6750 Centinela Avenue  
Culver City, Ca 90230  
Time: 7:30p.m.

LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (LAX) ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Olivia Valentine/ Mario Chiappe - Terms indefinite.

Helps advise LAX on airport/community issues and needs. Meets second Thursday of each month at LAX.

Qualifications: Must be resident of the area - seven areas represented must be interested in the airport.

NOTE: There was a Beautification Commission (HMC 2.14.010), a Young Adult Commission (HMC 2.26010), and a Citizens Advisory Board on CDBG but the commissions are now inactive/disband.

KHHR - COMMUNITIES NETWORK COMMITTEE

Council Representative: Olivia Valentine

Delegate: Member (Advanced Air)  
Alternate: Hawthorne Airport LLC

Meeting Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month. (quarterly)

Location: 3901 W. El Segundo Blvd  
Hawthorne, Ca 90250

Time: 6:00p.m.

d.- Appointment of Jazmine Esquivias to the Youth Commission (Vargas)

Mayor Vargas moved seconded by Councilmember Monteiro to appointment of Jazmine Esquivias to the Youth Commission.

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

**ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS**

City Treasurer **Patterson** wished everyone a Happy New Year and a happy Martin Luther King Day, thanked the community for coming out and let their voices be heard.

City Clerk **Jimenez**, wished everyone a happy belated MLK Day, attended the Voters Center Outreach Community meeting, thanked all the volunteers from DaVinci and Math and Science Academy for coming over and re-organizing the City Clerk's office and on the same token they get their volunteering hours needed at school. Thanked all the Department Heads for meeting with him and thanked his staff for making an easy transition to his new position.

Councilmember **Talleda** expressed gratitude to have an opportunity to serve the people of Hawthorne and is looking forward for the next two years in office and will try to make a difference in the city. Would like to implement some ideas in regards to Veterans issues, Planning Commission, Veterans Commission.

Councilmember **Monteiro** wished everyone a Happy New Year and MLK Day, congratulated Chief Mike Ishii on his appointment. Attended a meeting with the South Bay Cities Council of Governments and spoke about all the new programs that the City will be getting involved. Also met with Republic Services and will come with more information on how to clean up Hawthorne in regards to big bulky and trash issues. Attended the Grand Opening of the catering business at Michaels Learning Place.

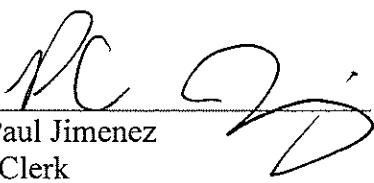
Councilmember **Awad** wished everyone a Happy New Year and congratulated Mike Ishii as the new Police Chief. Spoke on the kids at Michaels Learning center and how they are able to manage the catering trucks, and thanked members of the community for coming out.

Councilmember **Valentine** wished everyone a Happy New Year, congratulated Chief Mike Ishii on his appointment. Spoke on the different topics at the League of California Cities meeting. Requested staff to work with the League and with CDTFA to assure that some funds be distributed to Hawthorne. Ask staff to research AB 147 and provide a draft Resolution of support. Announced her 4<sup>th</sup> Hawthorne Business Expo taking place January 23 from 3-7 p.m. Wished everyone a happy MLK Day.

Mayor **Vargas** congratulated Mike Ishii on his appointment. Thanked Councilmember Awad for helping out as his representative on the community. And also congratulated Councilmember Valentine n her new appointment of Mayor Pro Tem, congratulated Ms. Esquivias on her appointment to the Youth Commission. Wished everyone a happy MLK Day. Happy that negotiations ended between the teachers and the LA Unified School District.

22.

Mayor Vargas adjourned the regular meeting at 7:40 p.m.

  
Dr. Paul Jimenez  
City Clerk