

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE,
CALIFORNIA HELD MARCH 12, 2019.**

1.

Mayor Vargas called the City Council, meeting to order at 6:00 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.

Kathy Wagner of Outreach Children's Ministry gave the evening's invocation. Commissioner Manuel Balboa led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3.

Councilmember Monteiro, on behalf of Moneta Gardens Improvement, presented a \$500 donation to the Hawthorne Recreation and Community Services Department. This donation will go towards helping to replace the sound system at the Hawthorne Memorial Center Sun Room.

4.

Under oral communications, **Kathy Wagner**, Founder of Outreach Children's Ministry, announced that she will hold a fundraiser on Thursday at the Lawndale Panda Express in order to raise funds for summer and school year children's ministries. **Daniel Granados**, Hawthorne Library Manager, announced that the Hawthorne Library has been selected to host a series of programs in 2019 as part of LA County's 'My Brother's Keeper' initiative; Side Hustle Savvy, Understanding Pathways to Starting Your Own Business will be held on March 14th. Announced that this morning, The Institute of Museum and Library Services announced that LA County Library is among its national medal finalist for 2019. This is the Library's second year in row being nominated and they are the only library system in California to receive a nomination.

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 February 12, 2019 and regular meeting of February 26, 2019 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 Monteiro, to waive full readings of resolutions and ordinances on March 12, 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.: 156864-157155 ; 464303-464478 ; 48243-48246 ; 10555-10560 ; 1051-1051

Warrant Totals: \$703,976.86 ; \$644,723.90 ; \$2,642.08 : \$96,119.70 : \$39,000.00

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

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

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BIDS. (None at this time).

10.

RESOLUTIONS

11.

RESOLUTION NO. 8056

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MARCH AS RED CROSS MONTH.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, that Resolution 8056 be approved and adopted.

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

NOES: None.

12.

RESOLUTION NO. 8057

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, OPPOSING SENATE BILL 330 (SKINNER) – HOUSING CRISIS ACT OF 2019.

Councilmember Valentine moved, seconded by Mayor Vargas, that Resolution 8057 be approved and adopted.

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

NOES: None.

13.

RESOLUTION NO. 8058

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, OPPOSING ASSEMBLY BILL 5 (GONZLEZ FLETCHER/KALRA) – OPPORTUNITY TO WORK ACT.

Councilmember Valentine moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, that Resolution 8058 be approved and adopted.

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

NOES: None.

14.

RESOLUTION NO. 8059

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING AB 147 (MCGUIRE) RELATING TO THE COLLECTION OF SALES AND USE TAXES FROM ONLINE AND OUT-OF-STATE RETAILERS WITHOUT A PHYSICAL PRESENCE IN CALIFORNIA.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, that Resolution 8059 be approved and adopted.

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

NOES: None.

15.

PUBLIC HEARING (none at this time)

16.

ORDINANCES

17.

ORDINANCE NO. 2176 (2nd Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA ADDING SECTION 12.04.31 TO TITLE 12 (STREETS AND SIDEWALKS) TO CHAPTER 12.04 (SIDEWALK AND CURB REPAIR) OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL REGARDING MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF SIDEWALKS.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, that Ordinance No. 2176 be approved and adopted.

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

18.

ORDINANCE NO. 2177 (1st Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA AMENDING SECTION 2.06.190 (DECORUM – GENERALLY) OF CHAPTER 2.60 (CITY COUNCIL) OF TITLE II (ADMINISTRATION, CIVIL SERVICE AND PERSONNEL) OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE, RELATED TO DISRUPTION OF CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS.

Ordinance 2177 was introduced by title only by Mayor Vargas.

19.

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

20.

Approve Progress Payment No. 2 and Final 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 \$10,899.51 will be funded through the approved and allocated Public, Educational or Governmental (PEG) funds.

21.

Approve Progress Payment No. 1 due to Pardess Air, Inc., for Rooftop Air Conditioning Unit Replacement (AC-1 and AC-2) on Police Department Building (Project #18-02). The amount of \$273,980.00 will be funded through the approved and allocated Equipment funds.

22.

Approve Agreement between City of Hawthorne and FM3 Research to provide public survey services and authorize the City Manager to enter into and execute it on the City's behalf. The not-to-exceed cost of \$24,850 will be funded through the General Fund.

23.

Approve Progress Payment #10 due to Zumar Industries. The amount of \$9,295.58 will be paid for with approved and allocated Gas Tax funds.

Councilmember Valentine moved, seconded by Mayor Vargas, to approve items 20 through 23 of the City Manager's consent calendar.

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

24.

CITY ATTORNEY'S CONSENT CALENDAR (no claims at this time)

25.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

26.

City Council directed the City Attorney to draft an ordinance fining property owners \$20,000 for leasing to unlicensed cannabis retailers. They also directed the City Attorney to draft an ordinance prohibiting cannabis delivery from delivering to anyone that does not show identification that he or she is 21 year of age or older.

27.

ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

City Treasurer **Patterson** spoke in favor of looking into whether marijuana/cannabis would be a net positive for the City. Asked that the City monitor the City of Inglewood's upcoming ordinance to limit annual rent increases by 5% per year so that Hawthorne may consider an ordinance that mirrors Inglewood's.

City Clerk **Jimenez**, on behalf of our citizens, thanked the Mayor and Council for starting tonight's meeting on time.

Councilmember **Talleda** spoke of the spirited debate on cannabis and how society has changed dramatically in the past four decades on the acceptability of marijuana use.

Councilmember **Monteiro** shared statistics that when Proposition 64 was passed, the citizens of Hawthorne voted 58% yes to legalize marijuana. Stated that rent stabilization is an issue we have to tackle at a later date. Thanked Mayor Vargas for a great job with the State of the City and thanked Patricia Donaldson and the Chamber of Commerce for organizing the event. Spoke on attending the South Bay Cities Council of Governments General Assembly, the American Legion Palisades Post 283's "A Celebration for Medal of Honor" event and a Clean Power Alliance meeting. Announced that Volunteer Appreciation Day is on April 28th with the deadline for nominations on April 5th; the Bunny Breakfast, Service Provider Fair and Earth Day are on April 13th; the K9 BBQ Dinner on May 23rd and a Town Hall meeting with property owners, apartment owners and property managers at 3pm at the Memorial Center Venus Room on May 16th.

Councilmember **Awad** thanked Mayor Vargas, Patricia Donaldson and the Chamber of Commerce for a wonderful State of the City event. Thanked everyone for a great discussion and thanked everyone who came out to attend tonight's meeting.

Councilmember **Valentine** spoke on attending the South Bay Council of Governments 20th Annual General Assembly where Fernando Torres-Gil spoke regarding aging and Dr. Patrick Soon-Shiong spoke on cancer research; Councilmember Valentine gave directive to staff to invite both gentlemen to speak at future Council meetings. Complimented Mayor Vargas on his State of the City speech regarding why Hawthorne is the best place to purchase a home. Congratulated everyone who made the State of the City event successful, especially the Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor **Vargas** stated that any decisions that may be difficult or even considered controversial, he is confident that the Council will make a well and balanced decision at the end. Appreciates the Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce and the committee that helped organize the State of the City. Spoke on city improvements and businesses that are moving into town. Directed staff to put a link on the city website homepage for the State of City and for the Parks and Recreation highlights video. Thanked Council for the discussion on the cannabis issue.

28.

Mayor Vargas adjourned the regular meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Dr. Paul Jimenez
City Clerk

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