

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE,
CALIFORNIA HELD MARCH 26, 2019.**

1.

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

Leithelle Williams gave the evening's invocation. Sgt. Veronica Hernandez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3.

Under oral communications **Maria Angelica Castro** spoke regarding congestion on her street at 4820 W. 120th St. Fearing that the building of the stadium will bring even more congestion, she requested that the City make a study on the problem to find a solution. **Clio Cereceda** introduced herself to the Council. She is an intern in the City Clerk's office who is majoring in Women's Studies and minoring in Political Science. **Laurelia Walker**, Secretary of the North Hawthorne Community Association, invited everyone to attend the 4th Annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 6th at Eucalyptus Park. **Pat Donaldson**, She spoke about Item No. 11. By way of history, she indicated that the city previously sponsored the Business Expo, along with the Chamber of Commerce. She said that funds were collected for the event which was deposited into a Chamber bank account. She spoke about the Chamber filing a fictitious business statement and felt that the city does not need to open a separate account for the Business Expo. **Gordon Mego** spoke on the State of the City event of March 7th, the splash down of the SpaceX Dragon capsule, the March 16th Annual Pancake Breakfast of the Hawthorne Historical Society, new Hawthorne business Hobby Lobby, a South Coast Air Quality Management District sales tax and legislation by Senator Ben Allen of Santa Monica regarding parcel taxes. **Ronnie Manson** thanked the officers that responded to an incident in front of his apartment. **David Granados** announced that the Hawthorne and Wiseburn Friends of the Library will hold their annual book sale on April 6th at the Hawthorne Library. He requested the City's help in getting the word out on the Career Online High School program for adults to get their high school diplomas and to also get career certificates in 10 different subject areas. **Gerry Orleman** asked the City Council to provide a Resolution against changing the name of the Los Angeles Coliseum. **Darlene Love** gave an update on Commissioner Charles Bowie's health. Thanked the Veterans for supplying her with everything she needs. Thanked the Council for doing a great job with the City. **Leithelle Williams** spoke on the upswing that the City is experiencing. Commended the Veterans Commission for the wonderful job they are doing. Suggested that SpaceX open up the mall to be a Tesla motor shop.

4.

CITY CLERK'S CONSENT CALENDAR

5.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, that the reading of the City Council minutes of the special meeting of February 12, 2019 and regular meeting of March 12, 2019 be waived and that they be approved and adopted.

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

6.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, to waive full readings of resolutions and ordinances on March 26, 2019's agenda.

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

7.

The City Treasurer submitted a financial statement regarding warrants.

Warrants Nos.: 157156-157449 ; 464479-464675 ; 48247-48583 ; 10561-10564

Warrant Totals: \$703,208.20 ; \$3,012,421.92 ; \$767,023.42 ; \$166,125.93

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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.

8.

BIDS. (None at this time).

9.

RESOLUTIONS

10.

RESOLUTION NO. 8060

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, PROCLAIMING MARCH AS WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, that Resolution 8060 be approved and adopted.

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

11.

RESOLUTION NO. 8062

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING A GIFT PROGRAM FOR 1) EARTH DAY & SERVICE PROVIDER FAIR; 2) THE VETERANS’ RECOGNITION EVENT; AND 3) THE HAWTHORNE BUSINESS EXPO – JANUARY 29, 2020. Motion to adopt.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, that Resolution 8062 be approved and adopted.

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

12.

PUBLIC HEARING (none at this time)

13.

ORDINANCES

14.

ORDINANCE NO. 2177 (2nd 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.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, that Ordinance No. 2177 be approved and adopted.

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

15.

ORDINANCE NO. 2175 (1st Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA AMENDING CHAPTER 10.20 (TRAFFIC AND PARKING CONTROL DEVICES/SIGNS AND MARKINGS) OF TITLE 10 (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC) TO THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO PARKING REGULATIONS.

Ordinance 2175 was introduced by title only by Mayor Vargas.

16.

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

17.

Approve Progress Payment No. 1 due to Elecnor Belco Electric, Inc. of Chino, Ca for Project #13-04, Prairie Ave. Improvement Project Phase I. The amount of \$366,743.59 will be funded through the approved and allocated Measure R funds.

18.

Approve Progress Payment No. 6 and final acceptance due to Sequel Contractors, Inc of Santa Fe Springs, Ca for Project # 17-01, Hawthorne Blvd. Improvement (Phase 1). The amount of \$479,991.56 will be paid through the approved and allocated Measure M and Measure R funds.

19.

Approve Progress Payment #10 to Shawnan Corporation of Downey, CA for Project #15-03, El Segundo Blvd. Improvement. The amount of \$124,915.50 will be funded from MTA Call for Projects.

20.

Approve City Treasurer's attendance of California Municipal Treasurer's Association conference. The cost of \$1000 for registration and lodging will be paid from the General Fund.

21.

Approve Agreement between City of Hawthorne and RSG to provide economic impact analysis. The not-to-exceed cost of \$30,000 will be funded through the General Fund

22.

Approve Agreement between City of Hawthorne and RDP Municipal Advisors for economic analysis, reassessment of unfunded liabilities, and debt service financing consultant services and authorize the City Manager to enter into and execute it on the City's behalf.

23.

Approve RSG proposal to prepare two nexus finding reports (required by California Government Code § 66001(d)(1)). Authorize City Manager to execute agreement as well as to execute any and all amendments thereto for the purpose of complying with Government Code § 66001(d)(1).

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, to approve items 170 through 23 of the City Manager's consent calendar.

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

24.

25.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

26.

Appointment of Manuel Balboa to the Citizens Oversight Committee.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, to appoint Manuel Balboa to the Citizens Oversight Committee.

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

NOES: None.

27.

Appointment of Donald Harris to the Citizens Oversight Committee.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Talleda, to appoint Donald Harris Manuel Balboa to the Citizens Oversight Committee.

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

NOES: None.

28.

ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

City Treasurer **Patterson** thanked the community for coming out, making their voices heard and participating in the process. Looks forward to seeing everyone at future Council meetings.

City Clerk **Jimenez**, in an effort to improve communications with residents, suggested checking out the Nextdoor app at www.nextdoor.com. For help in signing up for the app, call the Clerk's office at 310-349-2918. Reminded those who have not yet turned in their 700 forms that they are due soon. Suggested that on March 31st, which is Cesar Chavez Day, we take a few minutes to pay gratitude to those hard working individuals who are responsible for picking the food that is on our plates.

Councilmember **Awad** thanked everyone for coming today. Congratulated Robert Smith for being the Veteran of the Quarter and congratulated the Veterans' Commission for always doing an outstanding job.

Councilmember **Talleda** congratulated Robert Smith for being Veteran of the Quarter. Thanked Sgt. Veronica Hernandez, who led this evening's Pledge of Allegiance, for serving our country and spoke on the struggles that she and other women who have gone to war are facing.

Councilmember **Monteiro** congratulated Robert Smith for his Veteran of the Quarter honor and thanked him for his service in the U.S. Air Force. Requested that the traffic situation on 120th Street be looked into. Thanked the Veterans' Commission for all their service and for doing an outstanding job. Would love to see the 19 names from Hawthorne that are on the Northern California Vietnam Memorial wall to be displayed at the Hawthorne Memorial Center. Congratulated the Hawthorne Historical Society on their breakfast event. Reported on attending the March 20th four-district school meeting to improve the lives of children. Announced that April 5th is the deadline for nominating volunteers for Volunteer Appreciation Day.

Councilmember **Valentine** addressed comments made by the Chamber of Commerce president regarding the Business Expo event. Shared a Daily Breeze article regarding new hotels in the City. Thanked the Veterans' Affairs Commission for their work and dedication in benefitting Hawthorne Veterans and Veterans from surrounding areas.

Mayor **Vargas** thanked Sgt. Veronica Hernandez for being here tonight and for her service to the country. Spoke on the CNBC story that concluded Hawthorne was the top place to buy a home in California. Spoke on the positive things happening in our schools, new hotels coming to the city and improvements at the Hawthorne airport.

29.

Mayor Vargas adjourned the regular meeting at 7:42 p.m. in the memory of Diana Joy Segel.

Dr. Paul Jimenez
City Clerk