

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE,
CALIFORNIA HELD MAY 14, 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.

Commissioner Darlene Love gave the evening's invocation. Caitlin Osmond led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3.

Mayor Vargas presented a Proclamation to Julia Lemus de Solares in honor of her 105th Birthday.

4.

City Treasurer David Patterson made recommendations to be a more complete Treasurer's office. They include hiring an Investment consultant to help with cash management and investing, create a more comprehensive cash management plan and better account for our LAIF returns.

5.

Councilmember Talleda presented Certificates of Recognition to the Hawthorne Warriors BU 12, 2018 - AYSO Region 21. The youth soccer team won first place in the Long Beach Mayor's Cup. The second first place was Hawthorne Region AYSO 21. They also won the Commissioner's Cup. The overall record of the youth soccer team was 30 wins-2 losses-1 tie.

6.

City Manager Shadbehr gave a presentation on the current state of the 16 Preferential Parking Districts in Hawthorne. He explained the laws regulating "Parking T's" and challenges the city faces in marking Parking T's as a city project. City Manager Shadbehr also communicated the pros and cons of having parking on one-way streets.

7.

Under oral communications **Felicia**, owner of Humble Hearts Academy Preschool and Infant Center, introduced herself to the community. **Letitia Tan** of the Hawthorne Library announced that the American Red Cross will hold a blood drive at the library on May 28th. **Abdullah Ali**, on behalf of the Islamic Center of Hawthorne, extended their condolences to the families and victims of the continuous threats and attacks on churches, synagogues, mosques and all places of worship. Invited the community to attend their interfaith community dinner on May 18th. Inquired on charging stations in the City for electric cars. **Lisa Aguilar** gave suggestions to alleviate parking and for maintaining business storefronts. **Letheille Williams** thanked the Council, Treasurer, and City Manager for their excellent work and spoke optimistically about the city's future. **Darlene Love** congratulated Councilmember Awad on his MBA graduate degree. **Ronnie Manson** expressed concern that the Fire Department is parking on the street during street cleaning hours, causing a buildup of trash on his side of the street.

8.

CITY CLERK'S CONSENT CALENDAR

9.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, that the reading of the City Council minutes of the regular meeting of April 9, 2019 and the regular meeting of April 23, 2019 be waived and that they be approved and adopted.

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

10.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, to waive full readings of resolutions and ordinances on May 14, 2019's agenda.

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

11.

The City Treasurer submitted a financial statement regarding warrants.

Warrants Nos.: 194297-158345; 465019-465226; 48914-48916; 10572-10573; 1054

Warrant Totals: \$804,140.37; \$1,121,877.85; \$161.37; \$51,463.40; \$279,200.00

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.

12.

BIDS. (None at this time).

13.

RESOLUTIONS

14.

RESOLUTION NO. 8069

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO LEVY STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 AND SETTING TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2019 AT 6:00 P.M. AS THE TIME AND DATE OF A PUBLIC HEARING.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, that Resolution 8069 be approved and adopted.

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

15.

RESOLUTION NO. 8074

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, PROCLAIMING WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2019 AS "NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER" IN THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, that Resolution 8074 be approved and adopted.

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

16.

RESOLUTION NO. 8075

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MAY 2019 AS LUPUS AWARENESS MONTH.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, that Resolution 8075 be approved and adopted.

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

17.

RESOLUTION NO. 8081

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING ASSEMBLY BILL 1694 EXPANDING THE TERRITORY OF THE SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY (RMC) TO INCLUDE THE DOMINGUEZ CHANNEL WATERSHED AND SANTA CATALINA ISLAND.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, that Resolution 8081 be approved and adopted.

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

18.

RESOLUTION NO. 8083

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF VARIOUS CITY CLERK DEPARTMENT DUPLICATE RECORDS PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION NO. 7170 AND GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 34090 AND 34090.7

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, that Resolution 8083 be approved and adopted.

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

19.

RESOLUTION NO. 8084

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO LEVY WEED ABATEMENT ASSESSMENTS AND SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING DATE ON JUNE 11, 2019 AT 6:00 P.M. FOR SUCH PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, that Resolution 8084 be approved and adopted.

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

20.

RESOLUTION NO. 8085

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, PROCLAIMING SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2019 AS "ARMED FORCES DAY" IN THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, that Resolution 8085 be approved and adopted.

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

21.

RESOLUTION NO. 8086

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, DESIGNATING 135th STREET BETWEEN JEFFERSON AVENUE AND PRAIRIE AVENUE AS A PREFERENTIAL PARKING DISTRICT.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, that Resolution 8086 be **TABLED**.

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

NOES: None. ABSTAIN: Councilmember Monteiro.

22.

RESOLUTION NO. 8088

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MAY 2019 AS “MELANOMA AWARENESS MONTH” IN THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, that Resolution 8088 be approved and adopted.

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

NOES: None.

23.

RESOLUTION NO. 8090

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MAY 2019 AS “MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH” IN THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, that Resolution 8090 be approved and adopted.

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

NOES: None.

24.

RESOLUTION NO. 8091

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION, ACCEPTANCE OF AN ALLOCATION OF FUNDS AND EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FOR AN AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (AIP) MATCHING GRANT.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, that Resolution 8091 be approved and adopted.

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

NOES: None.

25.

RESOLUTION NO. 8092

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF VARIOUS FINANCE DEPARTMENT RECORDS PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE § 34090 AND RESOLUTION NO. 7170.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, that Resolution 8092 be approved and adopted.

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

NOES: None.

26.

RESOLUTION NO. 8093

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, OPPOSING ASSEMBLY BILL 1356 (TING), REQUIRING CITIES TO ISSUE CANNABIS LICENSES BASED SOLELY UPON THE PERCENTAGE OF CITY RESIDENTS WHO VOTED IN FAVOR OF CANNABIS SALES, THEREBY SUBVERTING LOCAL LAND USE DECISIONS.

Councilmember Valentine moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, that Resolution 8093 be approved and adopted.

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

27.

RESOLUTION NO. 8094

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, OPPOSING ASSEMBLY BILL 1763 (CHIU) RE: DENSITY BONUS LAW.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, that Resolution 8094 be approved and adopted.

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

28.

GENERAL MATTERS (NON-CONSENT ITEMS)

29.

RESOLUTION NO. 8070

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF BONDS IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$123,000,000 TO REFUND CERTAIN PENSION OBLIGATIONS OF THE CITY, APPROVING THE FORM AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A TRUST AGREEMENT AND A BOND PURCHASE AGREEMENT, AUTHORIZING JUDICIAL VALIDATION PROCEEDINGS RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS AND AUTHORIZING ACTIONS RELATED THERETO.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, that Resolution 8070 be approved and adopted.

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

30.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

(None at this time)

31.

ORDINANCES

32.

ORDINANCE NO. 2179 (2nd Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 5.74 (TAXICABS) OF TITLE 5 (BUSINESS REGULATIONS & LICENSES) – DIVISION II (BUSINESSES REGULATED) OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE, REGULATION OF TAXICABS.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, that Ordinance 2179 be approved and adopted.

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

33.

ORDINANCE NO. 2182 (2nd Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA ADOPTING A CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT AND APPROVING ZONE TEXT AMENDMENT 2019ZA01 AMENDING TITLE 17 (ZONING), CHAPTERS 17.04.010, 17.20.030, 17.35.000, 17.35.030 AND 17.35.130 OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO STRUCTURES AND SIGNAGE IN RESIDENTIAL ZONES AND MAKING FINDINGS IN SUPPORT THEREOF. Motion to adopt.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, that Ordinance 2182 be approved and adopted.

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

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CITY MANAGER’S CONSENT CALENDAR

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

36.

Approve Agreement between the City of Hawthorne and LDM Associates, Inc. for CDBG & HOME Investment Partnership Program Consulting Services.

37.

Approve Agreement between the City of Hawthorne and LDM Associates, Inc. for the Provision of Professional Construction Management Services to the City of Hawthorne for the CDBG & HOME Investment Partnership Programs.

38.

Approve Progress Payment #11 and Final acceptance due to Shawnan Corporation of Downey, CA for Project #15-03, El Segundo Blvd. Improvement. The amount of \$781,792.96 will be funded through the approved and allocated Measure R, MTA Call for Project and Proposition C funds.

39.

Approve Progress Payment No. 3 due to Elecnor Belco Electric, Inc. of Chino, Ca for Project #13-04, Prairie Ave Improvement Project Phase 1. The amount of \$524,051.94 will be funded through the approved and allocated Measure R funds.

40.

Approve Agreement between City of Hawthorne and DRC Engineering, Inc. to provide topographic surveying services and authorize the Director of Public Works to enter into and execute it on the City's behalf. The amount of \$49,600.00 will be funded through Measure R Funds.

41.

Progress Payment No. 2 and Final due to Pardess Air, Inc. The amount of \$33,265.12 will be paid for with approved and allocated Gas Tax funds. The amount of \$33,265.12 will be paid for with approved and allocated Gas Tax funds.

42.

Approve to Receive and file the Annual Housing Element Progress Report for the calendar year 2018.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, to approve items 36 through 42 of the City Manager's consent calendar.

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

43.

CITY ATTORNEY'S CONSENT CALENDAR

44.

Deny - Claim of Jamar Dawson for alleged civil rights violation resulting from issuance of a traffic citation.

45.

Deny - Claim of Edward Cobbins for civil rights violations.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, to deny items 44 and 45 of the City Attorney's consent calendar.

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

46.

CITY COUNCIL'S DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS (none at this time)

47.

ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

City Treasurer **Patterson** thanked the community for coming out and making their voices heard and participating in the process. Wished all the mothers a Happy Mother's Day.

Councilmember **Awad** thanked the community for attending and watching the City Council Meeting. Wished the community a Happy Ramadan and Happy Mother's Day.

Councilmember **Talleda** shared his experience from the SCAG Conference and acknowledged the challenges ahead to plan city functionality.

Councilmember **Monteiro** thanked everyone who participated in Relay for Life. Thanked those who showed up for Volunteers Appreciation Day. Acknowledged May 2nd as National Day of Prayer. Stated 450 million dollars are allocated for homelessness thanks to Proposition H. Reported on attending Clean Power Alliance, a Housing Workshop and the Hawthorne Historical Society Hall of Fame event. Announced that the Clean Up Hawthorne town hall meeting will be held at the Memorial Center on Thursday at 3pm and the K9 bbq dinner will be held on May 23rd.

Councilmember **Valentine** reported on attending the South Bay Housing Forum and the Hall of Fame Dinner. Thanked the City Treasurer for giving a new perspective on how to approach our finances. Congratulated Councilmember Awad on his birthday and graduation.

Mayor **Vargas** thanked the City Treasurer for his presentation. Congratulated Councilmember Awad on his achievement of earning a MBA Graduate Degree. Reported on attending the Day of Prayer celebration at Centinela Bible Church. Spoke on the actions being taken in Sacramento and urged residents to pay attention to what is going on.

48.

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 – Existing Litigation (Subdivision (a)) of Section 54956.9 of the California Government Code. Name of Case. Vanessa Escalante v. City of Hawthorne, et al, Case No. WCAB-ADJ8883482

Mayor Vargas called the City Council meeting back to order following recess with all Councilmembers present. The City Attorney announced that they had met in closed session regarding Escalante vs City of Hawthorne. The Council voted unanimously in closed session to approve a worker's comp settlement agreement with Escalante. The settlement agreement will be made available to the public in the City Clerk's department after it is executed by all parties and approved by the court.

49.

Mayor Vargas adjourned the regular meeting at 9:13 p.m.

Dr. Paul Jimenez
City Clerk