

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE,
CALIFORNIA HELD MAY 28, 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. Commissioner Manuel Balboa led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3.

Councilmember Monteiro proposed a pilot project called Smart Parking Solutions to try to alleviate the parking concerns of residents in the City. Users would buy or subscribe unused parking lots of businesses such as churches, super markets, schools, or parks for overnight use. Only subscribed residents will have access to the vacant parking spaces. The mobile app will have other resources on its dashboard like Uber and Lyft in the case where residents park a distance away from their destination they can use the resources to avoid walking. The Pilot Project will consist of 35 parking spaces at Jim Thorpe Park. For this project, the city of Hawthorne will have zero liability.

4.

Councilmember Valentine presented a Proclamation and a Certificate of Recognition to Hawthorne Math & Science Academy, its students and Principal Esau Berumen for being recognized as a 2019 California Distinguished School rated as a top 100 school in the country by US News and World Report, and ranked in the top eleven schools in California.

5.

Councilmember Awad began by referring on several other states that have been experiencing natural disasters that they have never experienced before. Stated that members of the community are looking to Hawthorne for guidance and leadership to prepare for a major natural disaster. He mentioned unfunded mandates, which are services required by Hawthorne but are not funded by the state or federal government, so they will have to be paid for by the City's general fund.

Councilmember Awad spoke about Hazard Mitigation Measures, earthquakes, extreme weather events like local flooding, extreme heat, and droughts. Also spoke on the Emergency response system, minimum wage increases, funds cut on CDBG programs and the fiscal impact on our General Fund.

6.

Mayor Vargas introduced the presentation for the proposed 2019-2020 Budget led by Finance Director Felice Lopez and City Manager Arnold Shadbeh. City Manager explained he began tracking finances by reviewing bank statement for the city of Hawthorne. Using the remaining balance, the Office of the City Manager began investing funds to gain revenue. Closing this fiscal year, the City of Hawthorne will have approximately \$23 million in cash reserve. Felice Lopez, Director of Finance broke down the budget for each city department. Finance Director Lopez communicated that revenues made for safety programs will be used for Measure HH. Proposed General Fund Expenditures for FY 2019-2020 is approximately \$77 million dollars. Tax revenue projected to increase to \$4 million dollars. FY 2019-2020 budget will be approximately \$151 million dollars.

After the budget presentation, Mayor Vargas took item 19 out of order.

19.

City Clerk Jimenez announced that this was the time and place for the Public Hearing to adopt Resolution No. 8101, Approving and Adopting the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020.

City Clerk Department's declaration publication filed. No written communications were received.

Mayor Vargas called for public comments.

Under oral comments, no one expressed a desire to be heard.

RESOLUTION NO. 8101

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, that Resolution 8101 be approved and adopted.

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

NOES: None.

7.

Under oral communications, **Sasquatch Durgin**, spoke regarding speeding issues at the 3500 block of 139th and requested speed bumps be installed. **Nick Scofield** expressed concern over traffic accidents at the corner of 116th and Birch Ave. and requested the City do something about this serious concern. **Darlene Love** thanked the City and Councilmember Monteiro for putting together the K-9 BBQ dinner. **Michael Mego** thanked the Veterans and all the military branches for their service. Commended Councilmember Monteiro for putting together the K9 BBQ dinner and for his efforts in trying to find a solution to the parking situation. Invited everyone to the Centinela Valley Historical Society Annual BBQ dinner on June 9th from 12-4p.m. **Linda Brown** from the Holly Park Homeowners Association announced that they are having their 10th Annual Pancake Breakfast on June 15th at Olivet Lutheran Church from 9am to 12 p.m. **Leithelle Williams** congratulated the students from Hawthorne Math and Science Academy, encouraged residents to stream the council meetings, and questioned the rent on the Section 8 Program. **Ruby Collins** from Parkside Village expressed concern over an abandoned building near Holly Park that makes residents feel unsafe in visiting the park.

8.

CITY CLERK'S CONSENT CALENDAR

9.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, to waive full readings of resolutions and ordinances on May 28, 2019's agenda.

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

NOES: None.

10.

The City Treasurer submitted a financial statement regarding warrants.

Warrants Nos.: 158346-158646 ; 465262-465423 ; 48917-49245 ; 10574-10580.

Warrant Totals: \$686,839.62 ; \$3,225,263.83 ; \$758,945.37 ; \$23,745.30

Mayor Vargas, 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.

11.

City Clerk Jimenez announced that sealed bids were publicly received and opened for the Hawthorne Municipal Airport Rehabilitation of Runway and Connector Taxiways Project #18-03.

Public Works Department submitted declaration of publication, which was ordered filed. Bidder's bonds were required.

THERE WERE TWO BIDS RECEIVED. (ALL WERE ACCOMPANIED BY BIDDER'S BOND)

THE PRICES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

AMERICAN ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$257,440.00
MAXWELL ASPHALT	\$263,936.50

Mayor Vargas moved seconded by Councilmember Valentine to refer these bids for study and recommendation.

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

12.

RESOLUTIONS

13.

RESOLUTION NO. 8096

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING HAWTHORNE A HEALTHY EATING ACTIVE LIVING CITY.

Councilmember Valentine moved, seconded by Mayor Vargas, that Resolution 8096 be approved and adopted.

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

14.

RESOLUTION NO. 8097

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING BUDGET ALLOCATIONS FOR CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR THE 2019-2020 FISCAL YEAR.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, that Resolution 8097 be approved and adopted.

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

15.

RESOLUTION NO. 8098

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING THE APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020, PURSUANT TO ARTICLE XIII B OF THE CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, that Resolution 8098 be approved and adopted.

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

16.

RESOLUTION NO. 8102

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, INC. TO PROVIDE THE CITY WITH PERFORMANCE UPGRADES AND DATA CONVERSIONS TO THE EXISTING FINANCIAL SYSTEMS, AND PROVIDE TRAINING ON THE UPGRADED SYSTEMS TO CITY PERSONNEL.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, that Resolution 8102 be approved and adopted.

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

17.

RESOLUTION NO. 8103

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, DIRECTING STAFF NOT TO ACCEPT ANY ADDITIONAL PETITIONS FOR PREFERENTIAL PARKING PURSUANT TO HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 10.38.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, that Resolution 8103 be approved and adopted.

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

20.

City Clerk Huber announced that this was the time and place for the Public Hearing to Adopt Resolution No. 8099, establishing fees for redacting video records in response to public records requests.

City Clerks Department's declaration publication filed. No written communications were received.

Mayor Vargas called for public comments.

Under oral comments, no one expressed a desire to be heard.

RESOLUTION NO. 8099

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING FEES FOR REDACTING VIDEO RECORDS IN RESPONSE TO PUBLIC RECORDS REQUESTS.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Talleda, that Resolution 8099 be approved and adopted.

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

21.

ORDINANCES (none at this time)

22.

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

23.

Approve to re-appoint Mr. Tod Sword representing Southern California Edison, and Appoint 1) Mr. Jamin Gallman representing Space X and 2) Ms. Melissa Jean, representing Marriott, all of whom were nominated by the Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce, to serve on the South Bay Workforce Investment Board as representative of the private business sector in Hawthorne.

24.

Approve Progress Payment #12 due to Great Scott Tree Service, Inc. of Stanton, CA. The amount of \$9165.00 will be paid for with approved and allocated Tree Trimming funds.

25.

Approve the Purchase of two new Public Works vehicles and authorize the Chief of Public Works and General Services to proceed with the purchase. The amount of \$62,503.93 will be funded through approved and allocated Equipment funds.

26.

Approve Progress Payment #5 due to Martinez Landscape Company, Inc., of Sylmar, Ca for General Maintenance (Project #15-02) – 3rd Year. The amount of \$169,084.56 will be funded through the approved and allocated Transportation Development Act Article 3 (SB 821) and Measure R funds.

27.

Approve the Cash Management Services Agreement with Bank of the West and authorize the City Manager and Director of Finance to implement agreement.

28.

Approve the formal nomination of Mr. Dennis Robin McCall as the new member of the KHHR Communities Network Committee (CNC) to replace Committee member Patrick Carey.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro to approve items 23 through 28 of the City Manager's consent calendar.

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

NOES: None.

29.

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

30.

Deny - Claimant, Irma Albright, alleges personal injuries arising from an alleged defect in a sidewalk in the City of Hawthorne.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, to accept the City Attorney's recommendation and Deny this claim.

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

NOES: None.

31.

CITY COUNCIL'S DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

32.

Direct City Attorney to Prepare Resolution Accepting Donation of Parking System Technology from Shafaq Abudllah. (Monteiro)

Councilmember Monteiro moved, seconded by Councilmember Talleda, to Direct City Attorney to Prepare Resolution Accepting Donation of Parking System Technology from Shafaq Abudllah.

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

NOES: None.

33.

ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

City Clerk **Jimenez**, thanked the community for attending and watching the City Council Meeting. Expressed gratitude for his interns who contributed to over 200 hours of service. Reminded the community that the Memorial Center is hosting an informational event about the new voting process on June 18

Councilmember **Awad** thanked the community for attending and watching the City Council Meeting. Expressed appreciation for having a balanced budget.

Councilmember **Monteiro** thanked the community for attending and watching the City Council Meeting, thanked the presenters, and thanked those who attended the Town Hall Meeting on May 16. Special thanks to Don Harris, Meza, Wendy Solaris, Neil Power, and Chris Palmer. Awarded scholarships to students from HMSA. Thanked Councilmember Talleda for the invitation to the golf tournament and recognized the police officers, Jonathan Koval and Pedro Mambo were awarded for their service.

Emphasized the importance of remembrance in recognition for veterans who died for this country on Memorial Day.

Councilmember **Talleda** Appreciated the work of the students from HMSA. Agreed that measures need to be taken on to improve traffic conditions for residents of Hawthorne. Thanked the community for attending his golf tournament. Announced that on June 2nd, he will be taking place in a softball tournament at 12 noon.

Councilmember **Valentine** thanked the police department for their being heroes and the successful BBQ event. Attended the Los Angeles Economic Development Corporation where she shared insights in Supply Chain and the importance of data to make important decisions. Commended Councilmember Talleda for the successful golf tournament. Thanked the presenters for their reports.

Mayor **Vargas** congratulated the two police officers who were awarded. Commended the police department for the successful BBQ. Stated the importance of honoring our fallen Veterans on Memorial Day. Spoke highly about HMSA and other local schools for their success at producing quality education for Hawthorne's students. Stated the need to a traffic light at 116th and Hawthorne Boulevard. Communicated the novel idea of playing classical music at storefronts to remove Panhandlers from loitering at businesses.

34.

Mayor Vargas adjourned the regular meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Dr. Paul Jimenez
City Clerk