

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE,  
CALIFORNIA HELD JUNE 11, 2019.**

1.

**Mayor Vargas called the City Council, meeting to order at 6:39 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, and Mayor Vargas.

Absent: None.

2.

Pastor McNeil gave the evening's invocation. Superintendent O'Brien led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3.

Councilmember Monteiro presented Certificates of Achievement to students from Hawthorne Math & Science Academy and Hawthorne High School who were recipients of scholarships from local service organizations.

4.

Cable T.V. Supervisor Eric Chavez introduced the cable staff that participated in the annual SCAN-NATO conference. They won five 1<sup>st</sup> place awards, one-2nd place award and one-3rd place award out of eleven categories.

Mayor Vargas recessed the meeting.

5.

Under Oral communications, **Carol Maston** inquired on why the tree trimmers did not show up according to the posted signs. Expressed concern over a man jumping backyard fences in her neighborhood. On behalf of the Hawthorne Police Officers Association, Captain **Jim Royer** introduced Detective **Tom Kang** who spoke on the recent softball game that the Police Officers Association did in conjunction with Councilmember Talleda and his Wounded Warriors project. Sociedad Jose Marti member **Herminia Balboa** introduced current and past members of the board. President **Arlene Romero** invited everyone to attend the 2019 Cuban Family Festival on September 15<sup>th</sup> at 12141 Prairie Ave. Councilmember **Monteiro** announced on Lilian Carbona's behalf that she has donated \$500 to the Hawthorne Education Foundation. **Pat Donaldson** announced that the Rise and Shine breakfast mixer will be held on August 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Marriot across the street; the Gas Company will sponsor it. The golf tournament will be held on September 19<sup>th</sup> at Rio Hondo. Spoke on attending Steve Romero's swearing in Ontario, Oregon where he is now Chief of Police. **Lisa Aguilar**, on behalf of North Hawthorne Community Association, thanked Chris Burrus and Alex Martinez from Code Enforcement for speaking at their last meeting. Announced that the North Hawthorne Community Association annual picnic will be held on August 31<sup>st</sup>. **Kyle Orleman** thanked Council for their individual letters and the resolution that helped to rename the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum to The United Airlines Field at Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum. Announced that there is talk about putting a Veterans Memorial display within the Coliseum and as part of their permanent display, she would consider donating letters from her great-uncle that he wrote in the trenches during the Battle of Château-Thierry in 1918.

6.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, to waive full readings of resolutions and ordinances on June 11, 2018's agenda.

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

9.

The City Treasurer submitted a financial statement regarding warrants.

Warrants Nos.: 158647-159017 ; 465424-465581 ; 49246-49246 ; 10581-10582

Warrant Totals: \$884,671.03 ; \$446,532.13 ; \$75.72 : \$11,114.62

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.

10.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

11.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 8087**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING THE ANNUAL NATIONAL "DUMP THE PUMP MONTH" IN HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, that Resolution 8087 be approved and adopted.

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

12.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 8089**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, PROCLAIMING FRIDAY, JUNE, 14 2019 AS "FLAG DAY".

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, that Resolution 8089 be approved and adopted.

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

NOES: None.

14.

**RESOLUTION NO. 8109**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND ADMINSURE, INC. TO ADMINISTER THE CITY'S GENERAL AND AUTO LIABILITY SELF-INSURANCE PROGRAM.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, that Resolution 8109 be approved and adopted.

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

NOES: None.

15.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

16.

Deputy City Clerk Dicrisci announced that this was the time and place for the Public Hearing to adopt Resolution No. 8104, Annual Engineer's Report, Confirming the Assessment Diagram and Assessment Amounts, and Authorizing the Levy and Collection of Assessments for Improvement of the Street Lighting System (Landscaping and Street Lighting Act of 1972) for the Fiscal Year 2019-2020.

Public Works 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.

Mayor Vargas ordered to close the public portion of the hearing. MOTION CARRIED.

**RESOLUTION NO. 8104**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE ANNUAL ENGINEER'S REPORT, CONFIRMING THE ASSESSMENT DIAGRAM AND ASSESSMENT AMOUNTS, AND AUTHORIZING THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS FOR IMPROVEMENT OF THE STREET LIGHTING SYSTEM (LANDSCAPING AND STREET LIGHTING ACT OF 1972) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020.

Councilmember Valentine moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, that Resolution 8104 be approved and adopted.

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

NOES: None.

17.

Deputy City Clerk Dicrisci announced that this was the time and place for the Public Hearing to adopt Resolution No. 8105, Confirming Assessments for Fiscal Year 2019-20 Weed and Waste Abatement and Authorizing the Collection Thereof.

COLLECTION THEREOF.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, that Resolution 8105 be approved and adopted.

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

NOES: None.

18.

Deputy City Clerk Dicrisci announced that this was the time and place for the Public Hearing to adopt Ordinance No. 2183 1<sup>st</sup> reading, consideration of an amendment to the Municipal Code to incorporate provisions for Accessory Dwelling Units in compliance with state law.

Planning 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.

Mayor Vargas ordered to close the public portion of the hearing. MOTION CARRIED.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2183 (1<sup>st</sup> 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 AMENDMENT APPLICATION 2018ZA05 TO AMEND TITLE 17 OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE TO REPEAL AND REPLACE SECTION 17.20.130, ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT, AND MAKE RELATED AMENDMENTS TO VARIOUS SECTIONS OF TITLE 17 IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE LAW AND MAKING FINDINGS IN SUPPORT THEREOF.

Ordinance 2183 was introduced by title only by Councilmember Valentine

19.

Deputy City Clerk Dicrisci announced that this was the time and place for the Public Hearing to adopt Ordinance No. 2185, consideration of an amendment to the Hawthorne Municipal Code (HMC) related to Accessory Structures on residential, commercial, and industrially zoned parcels.

Planning 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.

Mayor Vargas ordered to close the public portion of the hearing. MOTION CARRIED.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2185 (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A NOTICE OF EXEMPTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) TO AMEND TITLE 17 OF THE HAWTHORNE

21.

### CITY MANAGER'S CONSENT CALENDAR

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

22.

Approve award of a MTA grant and Funding Agreement (FA) for El Segundo Boulevard Improvements Phase 1 – ID#MR312.68 and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement and all future amendments on the City's behalf.

23.

Approve award of a MTA grant and Funding Agreement (FA) for Imperial Highway Improvements and Intersection Capacity Project – ID# MR312.66 and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement and all future amendments on the City's behalf.

24.

Approve award of a MTA Grant and Funding Agreement (FA) for Rosecrans Avenue Improvements and Intersection Capacity Enhancements – ID# MR312.67 and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement and all future amendments on the City's behalf.

25.

Approve purchase of one (1) vehicle for the Police Department with a final cost not to exceed \$36,000 for total purchase.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, to approve items 20 through 25 of the City Manager's consent calendar.

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

26.

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

27.

### CITY COUNCIL'S DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

28.

Consider developing **transitional** housing for homeless veterans at City-owned property located at 14115 Cordary Avenue, Hawthorne, CA 90250 (Vargas).

Mayor Vargas recommended that the Cordary property be designed and landscaped as an RV park, a container home, a building or other options. The project would be transitional and not permanent. The property and the project would be under the full control of the City of Hawthorne. The City Manager would look into funding sources such as grants. Another recommendation would be to have an on-site manager/resource counselor

Councilmember **Awad** congratulated all the students; thanked Dr. O'Brien and all the principals for coming out today; and thanks to Fiona Ma for presenting for Karen Bass.

Councilmember **Talleda** thanked the Hawthorne Police Department for helping start the softball program with the Wounded Warriors. Congratulated Councilmember Awad for his presentation in showcasing our children. Spoke on being a refugee from Cuba and looks forward to the Cuban Festival.

Councilmember **Monteiro** stated it was great to see the kids tonight who are going to college and that we continue to help kids with college expenses. Agrees that the Cordary property is a good idea for Veteran's housing. Spoke on attending the SBWIB Fit for Gold event. Announced that the Senior Citizens' Commission will have resource fair in October and requested a Resolution so they can fundraise through the City. Encouraged the police department to continue doing good work. Announced that Holly Park will hold a pancake breakfast at the Lutheran Church on Imperial on Saturday.

Councilmember **Valentine** spoke on AB1279 which would require the Department of Housing and Community Development to designate areas in this state as high resource areas and directed staff to prepare a resolution opposing this legislation. Thanked Chief Ishii and Lt. Yoshida for the police ride-along she took with them on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Thanked Councilmember Awad and Councilmember Monteiro for giving out scholarships to our students.

Mayor **Vargas** thanked Councilmember Awad and Councilmember Monteiro for stepping up and helping and assisting with scholarships. Spoke on stepping up as a city in order to help Veterans and possibly seniors with housing.

30.

Mayor Vargas adjourned the regular meeting at 8:46 p.m.

  
Monica Dierisei  
Deputy City Clerk