

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA
HELD JUNE 25, 2019.**

1.

Mayor Vargas called the City Council, meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 4455 W. 126th Street, Hawthorne, California.

ROLL CALL-Present: Councilmembers Monteiro, Valentine, Awad, Talleda, and Mayor Vargas
Absent: City Clerk Jimenez

2.

Kathy Wagner of Outreach Children's Ministry gave the evening's invocation. Sasquatch Jurgen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3.

Mayor Vargas introduced the presentation of Robert Thompson, Operations Manager from the California Water Service Company. California Water Service Company is a private utility company that services residents throughout California and has serviced Hawthorne since 1996. California Water Service Company provides California water that meets state and federal primary and secondary water quality standards. California Water Service Company announced upcoming improvement plans and rising rates. EPA states that further investment is needed to fix failing drinking water infrastructure in the country; this is further supported by the American Society of Civil Engineers rating score "D". California Water Service Company has invested more than any other water utility and proposes 7.3 million infrastructure investment through 2021-2022. The proposed investment will increase customer bills by an average of 31 cents per day. California Water Service Company predicts further rate increases for future cycles.

4.

Mayor Vargas introduced the presentation of Police Chief, Michael Ishi. Chief Ishi introduced new Police Captain Gary Tomatani. The Captain Tomatani commended Officer Jenks and Officer Cunningham for their heroic deeds. Both Officers responded to an emergency call of a woman who was unable to breathe due to an object lodged in her airway. Officers Jenks and Cunningham worked together to perform CPR on the woman until the object was dislodged from her airway. Because of the heroic and deeds of both officers, the woman is alive today.

5.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Sasquatch Jurgen, recommended the solution of "zig-zag" street markings near school intersections to slow down traffic; Mr. Jurgen also recommended increasing parking street fines to alleviate illegal parking issues. **Gordon Michael Migo**, requests for the Councilmembers to communicate their stance to state representatives on bills from the California State Legislature bill that would affect Hawthorne residents: Assembly Bill 414, Senate Bill 175, Assembly Bill 4, and Senate Bill 29. **Amy Shepard**, from the William Hassan Association, would like to work with the City Council on logistical plans to develop low income and veteran housing at the RFK site. **Angela McVay**, is appealing to the council for assistance in cooperating with her inspection request of the roof she had to install on 4524 115th Street on an emergency basis; which the Housing Inspector has been reluctant to inspect. **Kathy Wagner** from Outreach Children's Ministry, announced that they are having a clothing donation drive to raise funding for their services. **Darlene Love**, announced that on June 30th, her church is having a bake sale, and congratulated the Kimberly Mack on becoming the new Director of Housing. **Carol Maston**, thanked Mayor Vargas for the birthday card sent to her husband and thanked the City Manager for responding to her concern for tree trimming at the previous council meeting. **Precious Simpson**, thanked the City of Hawthorne for the public education she received and the scholarship opportunities offered to her. **Lorena Salazar**, inquired if there is a solution to offer homeless residents a place or land to raise their tents while they settle themselves. **Chair of Hawthorne Veteran Affairs Commission** communicated that a one-size-fits-all solution to veterans is irresponsible and asks that their commission weigh on some of the issues.

Oral Communications were closed by Mayor Vargas.

6.

CITY CLERK'S CONSENT CALENDAR

7.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, to waive full readings of resolutions and ordinances on Tuesday, June 25, 2019's agenda.

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

8.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, to approve requests of the warrants by City Treasurer.

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

9.

RESOLUTIONS

10.

RESOLUTION NO. 8107

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, SETTING THE TIME AND PLACE FOR A HEARING ON A WATER RATE INCREASE PROPOSED BY CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE COMPANY, AND ADOPTING CERTAIN POLICIES WITH RESPECT TO SUCH HEARING.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, that Resolution 8107 be approved and adopted.

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

11.

RESOLUTION NO. 8110

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, DESIGNATING THE CITY'S AUTHORIZED AGENTS FOR THE CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR ASSURANCES AND AGREEMENTS REQUIRED FOR ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO STATE DISASTER ASSISTANCE.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, that Resolution 8110 be approved and adopted.

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

12.

RESOLUTION NO. 8111

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING A GIFT PROGRAM FOR THE SENIOR COMMISSION'S SENIOR RESOURCE FAIR.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, that Resolution 8111 be approved and adopted.

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

13.

RESOLUTION NO. 8112

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, OPPOSING ASSEMBLY BILL (AB) 1279 – HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN HIGH RESOURCE AREAS.

Councilmember Valentine moved, seconded by Councilmember Talleda, that Resolution 8112 be approved and adopted.

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

14.

RESOLUTION NO. 8114

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING AN AMENDED PURCHASING POLICY.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, that Resolution 8114 be approved and adopted.

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

15.

RESOLUTION NO. 8113

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, APPOINTING MAYOR PRO TEM OLIVIA VALENTINE AS THE CITIES VOTING DELEGATE TO THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES ANNUAL CONFERENCE (OCTOBER 16th THROUGH 18th, 2019 IN LONG BEACH, CA).

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, that Resolution 8113 be approved and adopted.

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

16.

PUBLIC HEARINGS (NONE)

17.

ORDINANCES

18.

ORDINANCE NO. 2183 (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 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.

Councilmember Valentine moved, seconded by Mayor Vargas, that Ordinance 2183 be approved and adopted.

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

19.

ORDINANCE NO. 2185 (2nd 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 MUNICIPAL CODE ADDRESSING DEFINITIONS AND TYPES OF ACCESSORY STRUCTURES PERMITTED WITHIN RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL, AND INDUSTRIALLY ZONED PROPERTIES.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, that Ordinance 2185 be approved and adopted.

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

20.

CITY MANAGER'S CONSENT CALENDER

21.

Installation of speed humps on 139th Street between Yukon Avenue and Cerise Avenue.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, to Approve installation of speed humps on 139th Street between Yukon Avenue and Cerise Avenue.

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

22.

Progress Payment No. 4 due to Elecnor Belco Electric, Inc, of Chino, Ca for Project # 13-04, Prairie Avenue Improvement Project Phase I.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, to Approve this Progress Payment # 4 to Elecnor Belco Electric, Inc., of Chino, Ca. The amount of \$300,369.53 will be funded through the approved and allocated STPL funds.

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

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NOES: None.
ABSENT: None.

23.

Progress Payment #9 and Final acceptance due to MSL Electric, Inc. for Project #15-05 Intersection Widening and Traffic Signal Construction Project.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, to Approve this Progress Payment #9 and Final acceptance to MSL Electric, Inc. of Anaheim, California. The amount of \$52,633.52 will be paid for with Measure R Grant funds.

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

24.

Progress Payment #6 due to Martinez Landscape Company, Inc. of Sylmar, Ca for General Maintenance (Project # 15-02) – 3rd Year.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, to Approve this Progress Payment #6 to Martinez Landscape Company, Inc. of Sylmar, Ca. The amount of \$387,217.15 will be funded through the approved and allocated Measure M and Measure R funds.

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

25.

City of Hawthorne's Investment Report for the quarter ended March 31, 2019.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, to Receive, approve and file the City of Hawthorne's Investment Report for the quarter ended March 31, 2019 of FY 18-19, March 31, 2019. Continue forward with existing investment strategy.

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

26.

CITY ATTORNEY'S CONSENT CALENDAR

27.

Claim of David Moreno for personal injuries allegedly arising from traffic design defect which occurred as the result of a bicycle vs. auto collision.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, to Deny claim of David Moreno.

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

28.

Claim of Joshua Richard for personal injuries/civil rights violation.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, to Deny claim of Joshua Richard.

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

29.

Claim of Muzhda Azizi for personal injuries arising from an automobile collision with pursuit suspect.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, to Deny claim of Muzhda Azizi.

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

30.

CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

31.

Councilmember Monteiro proposes to Eliminate recess for cake during regular city council meetings because it interrupts the council proceedings. Councilmember Monteiro proposes that the council have cake after the council meeting and not before.

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAIN: Councilmember Awad

32.

Councilmember Valentine gave a report on the League of California Cities' Revenue and Taxation Policy Committee. Councilmember Valentine communicated State Budget will be mostly dedicated to debt repayment, pension obligations and schools; there will be 20-billion-dollar surplus for emergencies. Governor Newsom communicated his goal for California to build 500,000 new housing units per year. Bill AB1356 Cannabis, was opposed by Hawthorne, is now stuck in committee but it should resurface the following year. SB330, was opposed by Hawthorne, and is being actively opposed by the League of California Cities. AB1279 has failed to advance in the committee. AB147 will result in an increase in tax revenue between 1.8 to 3.5%. AB1482 is a precursor to rent control that puts a cap on rent increases; Hawthorne and the League of California Cities have not taken a position on this bill.

33.

Mayor Vargas emphasized the conduct and orderly fashion of debates and behavior of the Councilmembers outlined by Code and Policies. Directed the City Attorney to amend to limit the number of presentations presented by Councilmembers

34.

ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

City Treasurer Patterson thanked the community for attending and wished everyone and thanked the City Council and City Staff for the work.

Councilmember **Awad** thanked the community for attending and wished everyone and thanked the City Council and City Staff for the work.

Councilmember **Talleda** spoke about opportunity to provide a quality housing resource to low income veterans to prevent them from becoming homeless with the RFK site.

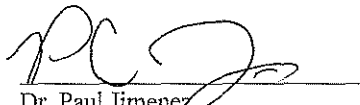
Councilmember **Monteiro** emphasized the council's efforts to contact the owner of the RFK site for a project to serve the city's veterans, elderly, and low-income community. Announced that on 1st of July, residents will have up to twenty bulk items available for scheduled pick up per year with Republic Services; this is an effort to keep bulk trash items off the street. Congratulated officers Jenks and Cunningham for their heroic deed. Thanked Von Norris for providing resources to Hawthorne's homeless population. Wished a happy fourth of July to all residents. Gave a directive to the City Attorney to provide a presentation that will highlight key details of the 2020 Census.

Councilmember **Valentine** reminded the public that it is National Mosquito Awareness Week from June 23rd to June 29th. Attended Voter Solutions for All People on June 18; thanked City Clerk Paul Jimenez for organizing the event that introduced citizens different channels to vote.

Mayor Vargas Attended Voter Solutions for All People on June 18; thanked City Clerk Paul Jimenez for organizing the event. Congratulated and thanked officers Jenks and Cunningham for their heroism. Congratulated new Police Captain Gary Tomatani on his new assignment.

35.

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



Dr. Paul Jimenez
City Clerk