

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE,
CALIFORNIA HELD JULY 9, 2019.**

1.

Mayor Vargas called the City Council meeting to order at 6:02 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.

Melissa Segal gave the evening's invocation. Commissioner Darlene Love led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3.

Andy Soto, Partnership Specialist with the U.S. Census, gave a presentation on the importance of participating in the 2020 Census.

4.

Under oral communications, **Neil Gaffney** spoke on the importance of emergency preparedness and made available to the public a number of documents and booklets on how to prepare for an earthquake and other various threats. **Patricia Donaldson** thanked everyone for their support and prayers for her grandson who was attacked by a Rottweiler. Announced the upcoming golf tournament that will be held at Rio Hondo on September 19th. Recommended More Prepared on 147th for emergency preparedness supplies. **Joy Langford** from Assemblywoman Autumn Burke's office announced their back to school Health and Wellness Fair to be held at Crozier Middle School on August 3rd. **Gordon Mego** spoke on the recent earthquakes that occurred in Ridgecrest, CA. and on the importance of having a hospital in Hawthorne. **Aimee Shepard** clarified that her employer is open to all kinds of projects but particularly a homeless transitional center with wraparound services for Veterans in the existing RFK building with some additional low income and senior housing for Veterans and requested a directive from the City Council to help get this kind of project going. **Darlene Love** expressed disappointment that a local drug store she frequents only has one shopping cart available due to theft. Thanked the City for the tree trimming services. Requested that more Councilmembers attend the Presidents Council. **Ruby Cohen** thanked the City for the tree trimming services and the Police Department for their presence in the Parkside Village area. **Chris Palmer** stated that funds are available regarding the U.S. Census count and he would follow up on how to obtain them.

5.

CITY CLERK'S CONSENT CALENDAR

6.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, to waive full readings of resolutions and warrants on July 9, 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.: 159316-159616; 465761-466119; 49567-49571; 10584-10588

Warrant Totals: \$696,156.65; \$3,385,572.27; \$1,638.44; \$8608.38

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.

8.

RESOLUTIONS

9.

RESOLUTION NO. 8115

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION BY THE LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD LAND TRUST FOR STATEWIDE PARK PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, that Resolution 8115 be approved and adopted.

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

NOES: None.

10.

PUBLIC HEARING (none at this time)

11.

ORDINANCES (none at this time)

12.

CITY MANAGER'S CONSENT CALENDAR

13.

Authorize, approve and ratify the acceptance of the recommendation to enter into a contract with Alarm Program Systems, LLC.

14.

Approve Progress Payment No. 5 due to Elecnor Belco Electric, Inc., of Chino, Ca for Project # 13-04, Prairie Avenue Improvement Project Phase I. The amount of \$133,808.11 will be funded through the approved and allocated STPL funds.

15.

Approve Plans and Specifications for Alley Improvement Project #19-01 and authorize the Director of Public Works to advertise for construction bids with a return date of August 13, 2019. The estimated project cost of \$600,000.00 will be funded from CDBG funds.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, to approve items 13 through 15 of the City Manager's consent calendar.

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

NOES: None.

16.

CITY ATTORNEY'S CONSENT CALENDAR

17.

Approve Claim of Temre Britt for property damage to vehicle arising from gunfire exchange with suspect.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, to approve item 17 of the City Attorney's consent calendar.

18.

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

19.

ELECTED OFFICIALS/REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

20.

City Treasurer **Patterson** thanked the community for coming out and participating in the process.

City Clerk **Jimenez** thanked the audience for coming out tonight. Reminded Council and Directors to send him information they want the community to know about so it can reach the 8,000 people on Nextdoor. If any groups that would like to know about the new voting process, contact City Clerk Jimenez at 310-349-2918 for information. Thanked Councilmember Valentine, Mayor Vargas and all our neighbors for attending the new voting process meeting that was held at the Memorial Center on June 18th. Hopes everyone is enjoying their summer and encouraged parents to take their children to the Hawthorne summer park programs.

Councilmember **Talleda** spoke of the one acre of land available and expressed interest in an idea he had of making affordable housing for Veterans. Expressed his frustration with the firework stand process and the need for early notification if changes occur. Recognized the non-profit group Combined Federal Campaign for the work they are doing. Requested that word get out early if there are changes with the code or changes with what is required to open up a business. He also spoke about getting a hospital but stated it will require someone who knows what they are doing and has a lot of passion, ingenuity and money to make it happen. Requested an update on his directive to put together a notification process to include more people in the radius of upcoming projects.

Councilmember **Awad** thanked the public for coming out and hopes they had a wonderful 4th of July weekend.

Councilmember **Monteiro** spoke on the hard work it takes to work the firework stands when the profits are not the greatest and clarified that the profits do not go to salaries but rather to the community. Requested that the Lions Club eye exam and glasses event scheduled for September 21st at the Senior Center be a city sponsored event. He spoke of his vision to work with Bill Hassan to develop RFK with a project that would benefit the people of Hawthorne. Stated that he would love to see the City involved in the Census since a high count will bring funding to the schools and the community. Spoke on the smart parking pilot program that will take place at the Moose Lodge parking lot.

Councilmember **Valentine** spoke on bringing back National Night Out, which will be held at Memorial Park on August 6th. The community is invited to attend a planning meeting for this event on July 15th at the Betty Ainsworth Center.

Mayor **Vargas** commended the Police Department for enforcing the illegal firework bans. Spoke on the development status at the RFK building.

Mayor Vargas adjourned the regular meeting at 7:04 p.m.

Dr. Paul Jimenez
City Clerk