

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE,  
CALIFORNIA HELD AUGUST 27, 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. 126<sup>th</sup> Street, Hawthorne, California.

ROLL CALL-Present: Councilmembers Awad, Monteiro, Talleda, Valentine, Mayor Vargas.  
Absent: None.

2.

Pastor Harry Hendrix gave the evening's invocation. Gordon Mego led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3.

Councilmember Valentine presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Demetrius Deason to thank him for giving back to the children of Hawthorne. On Saturday, he held a charity event, funded through his non-profit Layups2standup, at Memorial Park where he gave away almost 400 backpacks and 300 pairs of shoes to the students of Hawthorne.

4.

City Manager Shadbehr introduced John Fairbank of Fairbank, Maslin, Maullin, Metz & Associates, a public opinion research polling company that conducted a survey throughout the City among registered voters. The results reflect 382 completed responses. More than seven-in-ten Hawthorne residents think things in the City overall, and in their neighborhood, are headed in the right direction.

5.

Councilmember Monteiro presented a Proclamation to Bishop Harry L. Hendrix Sr. in honor of his 23<sup>rd</sup> Pastoral Celebration.

6.

Presentation: How Los Angeles Job Corps Center and the Transportation Communications Union Benefits South Bay Job-Seekers. (This presentation was not held.)

7.

Presentation: Donation of 30" x 24" painting, "Amalgam," celebrating the history of Jazz by Emmy Lu. (This presentation was not held.)

8.

Councilmember **Talleda** introduced El Camino College President Dena Maloney and El Camino Board of Trustees Member Nilo Michelin who spoke on ways they are involved with the City of Hawthorne. They also partner with the South Bay Workforce Investment Board to provide apprenticeship and training programs for the students and do outreach to the Centinela Valley Union High School District and Da Vinci.

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10.

CITY CLERK'S CONSENT CALENDAR

11.

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

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

12.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, to waive full readings of resolutions and ordinances on August 27, 2019's agenda.

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

13.

The City Treasurer submitted a financial statement regarding warrants.

Warrants Nos.: 159915-194480 ; 466298-466529 ; 49899 ; 10592-10593

Warrant Totals: \$1,450,759.59; \$2,453,086.46 ; \$362.84 ; \$7,483.20

Warrant Nos.: 160503-194525; 466530-466699; 49902-50249; 10594-10595

\$768,473.69; \$1,568,618.54; \$808,099.54; \$4053.40

Councilmember Monteiro moved, 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.

14.

City Clerk Jimenez announced that sealed bids were publicly received and opened for the Alley Improvement on August 13, 2019. (Project #19-01).

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

There were eight bids received. (All were accompanied by bidder's bond)

The prices are as follows:

SEQUEL CONSTRUCTION \$752,150

MARTINEZ LANDSCAPE \$449,950

CT&T CONCRETE PAVING INC. \$1,043,000

The bids were reviewed by staff and the award to Martinez Landscape is on the agenda as Item No. 40. No vote required.

15.

RESOLUTIONS

16.

RESOLUTION NO. 8119

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL, OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, APPROVING A DEBT MANAGEMENT POLICY, GENERAL FUND CASH BALANCE RESERVE POLICY AND DISCLOSURE PROCEDURES FOR PUBLIC DEBT ISSUANCES AND RELATED DISCLOSURE OBLIGATIONS.

Councilmember Monteiro moved, seconded by Mayor Vargas, that Resolution 8119 be approved and adopted.

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

17.

RESOLUTION NO. 8120

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE MEMBERSHIP COMPOSITION OF KHHR COMMUNITIES NETWORK COMMITTEE.

Councilmember Monteiro moved, seconded by Mayor Vargas, that Resolution 8120 be approved and adopted.

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

18.

RESOLUTION NO. 8121

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA ACCEPTING FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION GRANT (AIP 3-06-0101-018-2019) IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$307,125, UNDER THE FISCAL YEAR 2019 AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE UPDATE OF THE NOISE EXPOSURE MAP (NEM) THAT WAS PREPARED AS PART OF THE PREVIOUS 14 CFR PART 150 NOISE COMPATIBILITY STUDY AND AUTHORIZING AND RATIFYING THE DIRECTOR OF THE PUBLIC WORKS EXECUTION OF GRANT DOCUMENTS.

Councilmember Monteiro moved, seconded by Mayor Vargas, that Resolution 8121 be approved and adopted.

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

Councilmember Monteiro moved, seconded by Mayor Vargas, that Resolution 8122 be approved and adopted.

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

20.

RESOLUTION NO. 8124

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA,  
ADOPTING A CITY POLICY FOR SPECIAL PAYOUTS.

Councilmember Monteiro moved, seconded by Mayor Vargas, that Resolution 8124 be approved and adopted.

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

21.

RESOLUTION NO. 8125

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA,  
AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE TO ACCEPT THE DONATION OF A 30" X 24"  
PAINTING "AMALGAM," BY EMMY LU.

Councilmember Monteiro moved, seconded by Mayor Vargas, that Resolution 8125 be approved and adopted.

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

22.

RESOLUTION NO. 8126

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL, OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA,  
APPROVING AMENDED GUIDELINES RELATED TO TEMPORARY STREET  
CLOSURES/BLOCK PARTIES IN THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE.

Councilmember Monteiro moved, seconded by Mayor Vargas, that Resolution 8126 be approved and adopted.

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

23.

RESOLUTION NO. 8129

24.

RESOLUTION NO. 8131

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL, OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A BUDGET AMENDMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF \$162,616.12 FROM THE GENERAL FUND RESERVE TO THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT SECTION 8 ADMINISTRATIVE FUND DUE TO BUDGET DEFICIENCY IN THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT.

Councilmember Monteiro moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, that Resolution 8131 be approved and adopted.

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

NOES: None.

25.

RESOLUTION NO. 8132

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT THE NO-COST USE OF A TESLA AUTOMOBILE BY TESLA FOR A TWO-WEEK PERIOD.

Councilmember Monteiro moved, seconded by Mayor Vargas, that Resolution 8132 be approved and adopted.

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

NOES: None.

26.

PUBLIC HEARING

27.

City Clerk Jimenez announced this was the time and place for the Public Hearing to adopt Resolution No. 8123, consenting to a water rate increase proposed by California Water Service Company.

Public Works Department's declaration publication filed. Five written communications against the increase were received.

Mayor Vargas called for public comments.

Under oral comments **Dana Branch** spoke against the increase and proposed that it be reduced from the 28% over the three-year period down to no more than 9%.

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

Robert Thompson, Operations Manager, California Water, gave a presentation on the infrastructure improvement planning process tied to the new rate proposal.

RESOLUTION NO. 8123

28.

ORDINANCES

29.

ORDINANCE NO. 2187 (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE AMENDING CHAPTER 10.36 (STOPPING, STANDING & PARKING), SECTION 190 (USE OF STREETS FOR PARKING AND/OR STORAGE OF CERTAIN LARGE VEHICLES, INCLUDING RECREATIONAL VEHICLES AND HOUSE CAR, PROHIBITED) OF TITLE 10 (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC) TO THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO PARKING OF RECREATIONAL VEHICLES.

Ordinance 2187 was introduced by title only by Mayor Vargas.

30.

ORDINANCE NO. 2188 (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTION 2.04.040 (POWERS & DUTIES) OF CHAPTER 2.04 (CITY MANAGER) OF TITLE 2 (ADMINISTRATION, CIVIL SERVICE AND PERSONNEL) OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE TO REQUIRE INCREASED ACCOUNTABILITY REGARDING GENERAL FUND RESERVES.

Ordinance 2188 was introduced by title only by Mayor Vargas.

31.

ORDINANCE NO. 2189 (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE AMENDING CHAPTER 2.22.125 (SMOKING PROHIBITED IN PUBLIC PARK, PARK AND RECREATION AREAS) TO THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO LIMITING EXPOSURE TO SECOND-HAND SMOKE IN PUBLIC AREAS.

Ordinance 2189 was introduced by title only by Mayor Vargas.

32.

CITY MANAGER'S CONSENT CALENDAR

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

33.

Approve application for Bingo License between City of Hawthorne & Southwest Alano Club.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, to approve item 33 of the City Manager's consent calendar.

36.

Authorize the purchase from the City of Gardena/Gardena Police Department for one 2016 Honda motorcycle, for a price not to exceed \$20,500.

37.

Approve issuance of a purchase order for \$29,500 for material and repair services to be rendered by Bravo Glass & Glazing for the Police Department's front lobby doors.

38.

Authorize City Manager to enter into and execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Charles Company to obtain reimbursement for outside counsel costs in assisting the Charles Company with the title transfer of the Parking Structure from the City of Hawthorne Parking Authority to the Charles Company, with City Attorney approval as to form of the MOU.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, to approve item 38 of the City Manager's consent calendar.

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

NOES: None.

39.

Authorize the Public Works Director to proceed with the purchase of a Back Hoe.

40.

Award contract to lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Martinez Landscape of Sylmar, CA, for Alley Improvement Project (Project #19-01).

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, to approve items 34 through 37 and items 39 and 40 of the City Manager's consent calendar.

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

NOES: None.

41.

#### CITY ATTORNEY'S CONSENT CALENDAR

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

42.

Approve Settlement of Lawsuit of Edward J. Ortega vs. City of Hawthorne, et al., [Case No. CV 17-06576 DMG(PLAx)].

43.

Deny Claim of Carlos Montenegro, Richard Gonsalves, Sr., Madeline Gonzalves, Joseph John Chavez, and Robert Villarreal, allege personal injuries arising from alleged constitutional violations.

44.

## CITY COUNCIL'S DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

45.

- a. Appoint Ryan Richard to the Planning Commission (Vargas)

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro to appoint Ryan Richard to the Planning Commission.

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

- b. Consider designating the Hawthorne Arts Complex Open Studio Event and Layups2StandupCares as City-sponsored events. Also, add the Open Studio Event 2019 and the Layups2standupCares to the eligibility list of approved events for which councilmembers can contribute to. (Valentine)

Councilmember Valentine moved, seconded by Mayor Vargas, that the Hawthorne Arts Complex Open Studio Event and Layups2StandupCares be designated city sponsored events.

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

46.

## ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

City Treasurer **Patterson** shared his appreciation of the City's partnership with El Camino College where he got a great education before transferring to USC. Thanked the community for coming out and participating in the process and letting their voices be heard.

City Clerk **Jimenez** spoke on 'The Power of Voting' presentation that was held at the Teen Center on August 12<sup>th</sup>. Any teens who need to complete volunteer hours or college students interested in internships for college credit in the Finance or City Clerk's office should contact the Clerk's office at 310-349-2918. Announced that a mock election, which allows the community to test out the new voting process, will be held at the Memorial Center on September 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 4pm. Encouraged all to sign up for the Next Door app, which offers resources and helpful information. Announced that the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual 'Men of Color' conference will be held on October 11<sup>th</sup> at El Camino College.

Councilmember **Awad** thanked everyone for coming out today. Directed the setup of the next public oversight committee meeting which will include how to deal with blight issues.

Councilmember **Talleda** requested more information on the policies regarding Airbnb in the City. Thanked everyone for showing up. Encouraged residents to report street light outages in order to make neighborhoods safer.

Councilmember **Valentine** thanked Emmy Lu who is going to donate a painting to the City. Mr. Lu will have an art exhibit next door at the Marriot hotel on September 7<sup>th</sup>. Expressed concern that many residents do not feel safe in certain neighborhoods so will be reaching out to the police department for a solution.

Councilmember **Monteiro** welcomed former resident Frances Stiglich to the meeting. Congratulated



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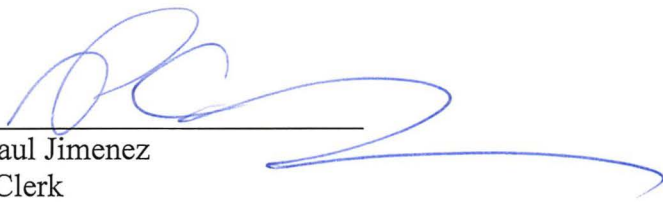
Mayor Vargas called for oral comments. No one indicated a desire to be heard.

Mayor Vargas recessed the City Council meeting to conduct a **Closed Session:** Conference with Legal Counsel – Initiation of Litigation against a third party, pursuant to subdivision (c) of Section 54956.9 (One potential case).

Mayor Vargas called the City Council meeting back to order following recess with all Councilmembers present: He announced that the closed session was to discuss a Conference with Legal Counsel – Initiation of Litigation against a third party, pursuant to subdivision (c) of Section 54956.9 (One potential case). The City Attorney stated that staff was directed.

48.

Mayor Vargas adjourned the regular meeting at 8:17 p.m.



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Dr. Paul Jimenez  
City Clerk