

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE,
CALIFORNIA HELD SEPTEMBER 10, 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, and Mayor Vargas
Absent: None

2.

Patricia Donaldson, President of Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce, gave the evening's invocation. Councilmember Haidar Awad led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3.

The presentation: 'How the Los Angeles Job Corps Center and the Transportation Communications Union benefits South Bay job-seekers' was not held.

4.

Councilmember Valentine introduced the video highlighting National Night Out which was held on August 6th, a community event hosted by the Hawthorne Police Department in a show of solidarity against crime. The event offered food, activities, games, and an opportunity to meet the Hawthorne Police Department. Councilmember Valentine Mayor Pro Tem requested that everyone in the chamber who participated in the event stand and be recognized. Thanked the Holly Park Homeowners Association, Von Norris and Kywana Bowie from the City of Hawthorne and everyone who worked on this event.

5.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Under oral communications **Patricia Donaldson**, President of Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce, summarized the July 18, 2019 South Bay Workforce Investment Board meeting activities and program accomplishments that occurred during the fourth quarter of the program. Announced that the Chamber golf tournament will be held at Rio Hondo on September 19, 2019. **Lucy Ravitch** requested that the Council please consider changing the ordinance regarding short-term rentals. **Arlene Romero**, representing Sociedad Jose Marti, invited the Council to their annual Verbena (Cuban Festival) on Sunday at 12141 Prairie Avenue. She also thanked the Council for their donations and all the assistance and support they have provided this year and in years past. **Valentine Hernandez** echoed the same concerns as Lucy Ravitch for the city to reconsider changing the municipal code on short term rentals as it helps local residents to make extra money to help their families and avoid maybe getting a second job to provide for their kids. **Amie Shepard** expressed support for the concerns of Lucy Ravitch about short-term rentals. Communicated that a poll was taken on the NextDoor application, which resulted 63 percent in favor of keeping short-term rentals. **Carol Maston** thanked the Mayor for her birthday card and also announced that on October 10, 2019, there will be a Senior Citizens Resource Fair at Memorial Park. **Darlene Love** stated that she did not receive a birthday card and has lived in Hawthorne for 58 years.

6.

CITY CLERK'S CONSENT CALENDAR

7.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, that the reading of the City Council minutes of the special meeting of April 16, 2019 be waived and that they be approved and adopted.

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

NOES: None.

8.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, to waive full readings of resolutions and ordinances on Tuesday, September 10, 2019's agenda.

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

NOES: None.

9.

The City Treasurer submitted a financial statement regarding warrants.

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\$704,706.80	\$622,029.00	\$199.00	\$14093.79

Mayor Vargas 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.

10.

RESOLUTIONS

11.

RESOLUTION NO. 8127

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, ACCEPTING DONATION OF MURAL AT JIM THORPE PARK FROM SKYE AMBER SWEET.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, that Resolution 8127 be approved and adopted.

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

NOES: None.

12.

RESOLUTION NO. 8134

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING, APPROVING, AND RATIFYING THE ACCEPTANCES COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CITY PLANNING GRANT.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, that Resolution 8134 be approved and adopted.

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

NOES: None.

13.

RESOLUTION NO. 8135

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ST MARGARET CENTER FOR THE PROVISION OF HOMELESS SERVICES.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, that Resolution 8135 be approved and adopted.

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

14.

RESOLUTION NO. 8138

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, APPOINTING AN ALTERNATE DELEGATE TO REPRESENT THE CITY ON THE INDEPENDENT CITIES RISK MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY GOVERNING BOARD.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, that Resolution 8138 be approved and adopted.

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

15.

ORDINANCES

16.

ORDINANCE NO. 2187 (2nd Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, 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.

Councilmember Monteiro moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, that Ordinance 2187 be approved and adopted.

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

17.

ORDINANCE NO. 2188 (2nd 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.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, that Ordinance 2188 be approved and adopted.

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

18.

ORDINANCE NO. 2189 (2nd Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, 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.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, that Ordinance 2189 be approved and adopted.

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

19.

ORDINANCE NO. 2190 (1st Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTION 2.17.070 (YOUTH COMMISSION DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES) OF CHAPTER 2.04 (ADMINISTRATION, CIVIL SERVICE & PERSONNEL) OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE YOUTH COMMISSION PURPOSE

Ordinance 2190 was introduced by title only by Mayor Vargas.

20.

NON-CONSENT ITEMS

Interim Planning Director Sheri Loadsman gave a presentation on the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA). The objective of RHNA is to: 1) increase the housing supply and mix of housing types, tenure, and affordability within each region in an equitable manner; 2) promote infill development and socioeconomic equity, the protection of the environment and agricultural resources, and the encouragement of efficient development patterns; 3) promote an improved intraregional relationship between jobs and housing; 4) allocate a lower proportion of housing need in income categories in jurisdictions that have a disproportionately high share in comparison to the country distribution; and 5) affirmatively further fair housing. Stated that there is not enough low income housing that is being built.

The RHNA will work with Hawthorne to develop a strategy to update its housing element with the final process to be completed by 2021. Failure to develop a new housing element will result in fines from the state. SCAG has presented three options for how Hawthorne can develop its new housing element.

Option 1 is 5,509, Option 2 is 7,251 and Option 3 is 1,422. The Interim Planning Director said that the City may challenge the RHNA numbers but may not be successful. In addition, challenges by other cities could result in further increases to the RHNA of Hawthorne. The update to the Housing Element is required by October 2021. The Interim Planning Director asked the City Council to consider the three methodologies prepared by SCAG and determine which option is best suited to Hawthorne. SCAG has publicly stated that Option 1 or 2 more appropriately addresses housing policy so that the RHNA does not place increased demand in rural areas.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, to reject action number one- use Housing and Community Development (HCD) determination and methodology. The Interim Planning Director indicated that a comment letter would be sent to SCAG no later than September 13, 2019.

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

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, to accept action number two - appeal with SCAG the allocation of HCD.

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

21.

CITY MANAGER'S CONSENT CALENDER

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

22.

Approve to appoint City Manager Arnold Shadbeh as the City's Negotiator with the Hawthorne Police Management & Supervisory Group

23.

Approve agreement between City of Hawthorne and L. Everett and Associates for continued operation of Soil Vapor Extraction System at 12601 Hawthorne Blvd. and authorize the Director of Public Works/City Engineer to enter into and execute it on the City's behalf.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, to approve items 22 and 23 of the City Manager's consent calendar.

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

24.

CITY ATTORNEY'S CONSENT CALENDAR

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

25.

Deny claim of Irma Albright alleging personal injuries arising from an alleged defect in a sidewalk in the City of Hawthorne.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Talleda, to deny item 25 of the City Attorney's consent calendar.

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

26.

ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

City Clerk **Jimenez** reminded the community that a Mock Election will be held at the Betty Ainsworth Sports Center on September 28th and 29th. If any neighborhood association or an organization that would

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like a presentation with a Q&A on the new voting process contact City Clerk Jimenez at 310-349-2918. Congratulated North Hawthorne and President Ruben Sanchez on their Community BBQ where over five hundred people attended.

Councilmember **Awad** thanked everyone for coming out. Requested that the City Attorney place the resolutions or ordinances on the Public Oversight Committee's agenda regarding anti-blight fees, nuisance abatement liens and finance.

Councilmember **Valentine** congratulated the North Hawthorne Community Association on their Community BBQ event. Reported on attending the open studio event this past Sunday at the Hawthorne Art Complex, home of over eighty artists. Thanked the artist Emmy Lou for donating the painting, Amalgam, to the City of Hawthorne.

Councilmember **Monteiro** gave a directive for the City Attorney to look into the ordinances and resolutions of short term rentals and bring back a recommendation. Thanked the Hawthorne Police Department for the National Night out event and thanked North Hawthorne for their community event. Commended efforts made by Vontray Norris and Brenda Williams for their work with the City Homeless Task Force. Announced that the Lions Club free vision screening and free recycled glasses event will be held on September 21st at the Memorial Center. The Community BBQ Dinner to raise money for the Holiday Assistance Program will be held on October 17th. The Annual Health Fair and 5K will take place October 26th at Hawthorne High School. Reminded the community that today is Suicide Prevention Day; anyone with mental health issues that needs help can call 800-273-talk (8255). Looks forward to attending the Jose Marti Cuban Festival.

City Manager Arnold **Shadbeh**r thanked Vontray Norris and his staff for securing a grant. Thanked Planning Director Sheri Loadsman for the detailed presentation on the RHNA process.

Councilmember **Talleda** stated that if Airbnb is approved, which he feels it should be, it would be the model Lucy Ravitch represents; a person that is serious, lives on the premises and has a track record. Thanked the community for coming and feels it's important for them to come every now and then to give their input. Noted that tomorrow is 9/11 and to not forget the good men and women that died that day. Reported on attending the North Hawthorne picnic. Spoke on suicide amongst Veterans; anything that can be done to help them should be done.

Mayor **Vargas** congratulated the North Hawthorne Community Association, Ruben Sanchez and Andrea Santana for their wonderful picnic. Suggested we invite Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti to come see what we are doing in the City with our homeless task force organized by the Hawthorne Police Department and the City of Hawthorne. Looks forward to attending the Verbena Cuban Festival. Spoke on the tragedy 9/11 and suggested we observe a moment of silence in honor of those that passed away and in memory of those who suffer since. Invited everyone to attend the 9/11 ceremony tomorrow at City Hall.

27.

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 Labor Negotiator (Subdivision (a) of Section 54957.6 of the California Government Code). Name of Labor Negotiator: Arnold Shadbeh'r (re: Hawthorne Police Management & Supervisory Group).

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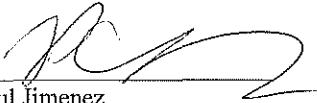
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Mayor Vargas recessed the City Council meeting to conduct a **Closed Session:** Conference with Real Property Negotiator, Arnold Shadbehr pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.8: Property: An existing tunnel easement for a tunnel project under 120th Street located approximately between Crenshaw Blvd and Hawthorne Blvd in the City of Hawthorne. Agency Negotiator, City Manager; Negotiating Parties: The Boring Company: Under Negotiation: Potential modification of the terms and amount of the financial security provided to the City for the grant and use of the easement.

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29.

Mayor Vargas adjourned the regular meeting at 8:03 p.m.



Dr. Paul Jimenez
City Clerk