

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA
HELD SEPTEMBER 24, 2019.**

1.

Mayor Vargas called the City Council, meeting to order at 6:11 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.

Civil Service Commissioner Darlene Love gave the evening's invocation. Superintendent Greg O'Brien led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3.

Mayor Pro Tem Valentine introduced the presentation of the recognition of the 23 Hawthorne High School Manufacturing & Engineering Students who graduated from the South Bay Workforce Investment Board's Aero-Flex Pre-Apprenticeship Program. South Bay WIB Executive Director Jan Vogel gave a speech honoring the organization's record for being the first aerospace engineering apprenticeship program in the country and graduating 288 students and counting. Mayor Pro Tem Valentine presented the 23 high school students with Certificates of Appreciation.

4.

Mayor Pro Tem Valentine introduced the presentation of the Proposed Desalination Project by Bruce Reznik, Executive Director of Los Angeles Water Keeper. Water Keeper is an environmental watchdog group that works to protect inland and coastal waterways and promotes sustainable water supplies. The organization asked the Council to oppose the proposed ocean desalination project that West Basin is putting forward in El Segundo. Their argument states that it is the most expensive, the most energy intensive therefore the most climate impacting and most environmentally harmful way to create a local water supply. There are better alternatives that are not only theoretical but they are already moving forward in Los Angeles.

5.

Mayor Pro Tem Valentine introduced the presentation of the Proposed Desalination Project by E.J. Caldwell, Manager of Water Policy Division at West Basin Municipal Water District. Their mission is to provide a safe and reliable supply of high-quality water to the communities they serve. Right now they are talking about potentially fixing our imported water supplies, reducing our demand on those and finding and identifying potential potable resources that are developed locally and are drought resilient.

6.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Under oral communications, **Arlene Romero**, President of Sociedad Jose Marti, a Cuban-American Culture Center, expressed appreciation for the Council's sponsorship and contribution to the 50th Annual Cuban Festival. **Lucy Ravitch** communicated that she will be unable to renew her short-term rental business license due to city ordinances and requested the Council amend ordinances to allow residents to renew these licenses. **Darlene Love** wished a Mayor Vargas a happy belated birthday. **Kyle Orlemann** announced that the dedication of the columbarium expansion at the Los Angeles National Cemetery will be held on October 5th. If anyone has a need or has been storing cremains and would like to have them interred there, you can start making reservations as of October 1st.

7.

CITY CLERK'S CONSENT CALENDAR

8.

Councilmember Valentine moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, to Approve of City Council minutes the regular meeting of June 11, 2019.

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

9.

Councilmember Valentine moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, to waive full readings of resolutions and ordinances on Tuesday, September 24, 2019's agenda.

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

10.

The City Treasurer submitted a financial statement regarding warrants.

Warrant No's: 161098-194577; 466875-467022; 50251-50581

Warrant totals: \$755,376.90; \$1,781,485.58; \$812,347.93

Councilmember Valentine 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.

11.

RESOLUTIONS

12.

RESOLUTION NO. 8136

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL, OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING, APPROVING & RATIFYING THE SUBMITTAL OF THE FY 2019-2020 STATE OF CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY RIDE TO LIVE MOTORCYCLE EDUCATION GRANT NUMBER MC20003.

Councilmember Valentine moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, that Resolution 8136 be approved and adopted.

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

13.

RESOLUTION NO. 8137

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL, OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING, APPROVING & RATIFYING THE SUBMITTAL OF THE FY 2019-2020 STATE OF CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY SELECTIVE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM (STEP), GRANT NUMBER PT20057.

Councilmember Valentine moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, that Resolution 8137 be approved and adopted.

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

NOES: None.

14.

RESOLUTION NO. 8139

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL, OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING A 30-MINUTE PARKING RESTRICTION AT 13344 HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, that Resolution 8139 be approved and adopted.

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

NOES: None.

15.

RESOLUTION NO. 8140

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL, OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF VARIOUS FINANCE DEPARTMENT RECORDS PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE § 34090 AND RESOLUTION NO. 7170.

Councilmember Valentine moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, that Resolution 8140 be approved and adopted.

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

NOES: None.

16.

ORDINANCES

17.

ORDINANCE NO. 2190 (2nd 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.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, that Ordinance 2190 be approved and adopted.

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

NOES: None.

18.

CITY MANAGER'S CONSENT CALENDER

19.

A request to the City Council of the City of Hawthorne, California, authorizing the City Manager to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Hawthorne and the City of El Segundo, for the City of Hawthorne to provide temporary regular jail services to the City of El Segundo.

20.

Agreement between the City of Hawthorne and AMC Inc. of Cerritos, CA to provide field survey of various streets for the next upcoming Street Improvement Project.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, to approve items 19 and 20 of the City Manager's consent calendar.

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

21.

Authorization of services to Coffman Associates, Inc. for 14 CFR Part 150 Noise Exposure Map Update at the Hawthorne Municipal Airport.

Councilmember Monteiro moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, to approve item 21 of the City Manager's consent calendar.

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

22.

CITY ATTORNEY'S CONSENT CALENDAR

23.

Claim of Martha Negrete for personal injuries arising from an alleged trip-and-fall on a sidewalk. The incident occurred on February 22, 2019, near the intersection of 139th and Crenshaw. Claimant asserts that the sidewalk constituted a dangerous condition of public property, and that the City is responsible for maintaining the sidewalks.

24.

Claim of Jeannie Young for personal injuries allegedly arising from being taken into protective custody pursuant to Penal Code Section 647(f)(g) and Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5170.

Councilmember Monteiro moved, seconded by Mayor Vargas, to deny items 23 and 24 of the City Attorney's consent calendar.

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

25.

CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

26.

2020 Hawthorne World Fest: To make it a city sponsored event. (Monteiro).
Councilmember Monteiro proposed that we celebrate our diversity with an annual World Fest on August 22, 2020 that would include music, food, vendors with arts and crafts, etc.

The City Council concurred with this discussion action item.

27.

ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

City Treasurer **Patterson** thanked the community for coming out and making their voices heard. Wished Darlene Love a happy birthday.

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City Clerk **Jimenez** thanked everyone who came out tonight and for watching at home. Expressed gratitude for Sociedad Jose Marti for welcoming him and his son to the Cuban Festival. Reminded the community about the Mock Election at the Betty Ainsworth Sports Center on September 28th and 29th and thanked Von Norris and Kywana Bowie from Recreation and Community Services for working with the County to host this event for us. Wished Darlene Love a happy birthday.

Councilmember **Awad** thanked everyone for coming out. Wished Darlene Love a happy birthday.

Councilmember **Valentine** expressed appreciation for securing the mock election in Hawthorne and urged residents to attend the event so that when the time comes to cast your vote, you will be ready to vote. Expressed appreciation for the Cuban Festival and thanked the organizers for working tirelessly to organize the event. Advocated for an economic development manager. Wished Darlene Love a happy birthday.

Councilmember **Talleda** thanked the Cuban Club for putting on the party. Shared his story as a Cuban refugee and expressed gratitude and appreciation for being able to attend the Cuban Festival and celebrate his culture. Spoke on the importance of protecting our oceans from plastics and the valuable presentations of both speakers regarding the Proposed Desalination Project.

Councilmember **Monteiro** wished Mayor Vargas and Darlene Love a happy birthday. Reported on attending the Cuban Festival, the Holly Park Lutheran Church picnic, and the 88 City Summit on Economic Development. For the 2021 budget, requested to budget for some type of economic developer manager or director if possible in order to bring business into the City. Attended Congresswoman Maxine Waters' Census Workshop at Southwest College and reported they are hiring for the 2020 Census; for information, go to 2020census.gov/jobs. Anyone interested in serving on a grand jury should contact Councilmember Monteiro for further information. Announced that the Family First Charter School will be opening at 12500 Ramona Ave., offering free educational opportunities for residents. Spoke on the South Bay Lions Club and Hawthorne Imperial Lions Club free eye examination and free eyeglasses event that took place last Saturday at the Hawthorne Senior Center; requested a presentation for October 22nd in order to recognize the doctors who volunteered at this event. Requested that the meeting be adjourned in remembrance of Phyllis Steinhauer, daughter of Commissioner Carol Steinhauer, who recently passed away.

Mayor **Vargas** praised Hawthorne's current economic position to invest in its citizens and hailed the Council's decision-making. Expressed appreciation to Sociedad Jose Marti for the successful Cuban Festival and acknowledged the value of the Cuban community in Hawthorne. Shared that on September 25th there will be Coffee with a Cop event at the Marriott across the street.

28.

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 Real Property Negotiator, Arnold Shadbeh 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.

Mayor Vargas called the City Council meeting back to order following recess with all Councilmembers present. The City Attorney announced that staff had been advised.

29.

Mayor Vargas adjourned the regular meeting in the memory of Phyllis Steinhauer at 8:24 p.m.



Dr. Paul Jimenez
City Clerk