

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE,
CALIFORNIA HELD OCTOBER 8, 2019.**

1.

Mayor Vargas called the City Council, meeting to order at 6:00 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.

Kathy Wagner from Outreach Children's Ministry gave the evening's invocation. Mr. Lowe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3.

Under oral communications, **Kathy Wagner**, on behalf of Outreach Children's Ministry, invited everyone to attend their 10 Year Anniversary Celebration on October 13th. **Juanita Douse** announced that the Senior Citizens' Commission will hold a Resource Fair on October 10th at the Memorial Center. **Patricia Donaldson** announced that the Chamber of Commerce will hold a Costume Mixer on October 24th at the Hawthorne Marriot from 6pm to 8pm. Thanked everyone who attended their golf tournament, which was a great success. Announced that on November 26th they will be giving out turkeys and groceries to low income and homeless families at Hawthorne Auto Square at 1pm. On December 20th there will be a Christmas party with giveaways at the Memorial Center. **Darlene Love** asked that the street be striped at 116th and Wilton. **Leithelle Williams** commented on the improvement of the Imperial and Crenshaw corridor now that it has been paved. Feels the City is well overdue in hiring an Economic Advisor to help keep pushing the City forward. Asked that Ordinance 2192 be tabled.

4.

CITY CLERK'S CONSENT CALENDAR

5.

Councilmember Valentine moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, that the reading of the City Council minutes of the regular meeting of August 27, 2019 be waived and that they be approved and adopted.

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

6.

Councilmember Valentine moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, to waive full readings of resolutions and ordinances on October 8, 2019's agenda.

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

7.

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.

8.

RESOLUTION NO. 8063

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING AN AMENDED CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE CONTAINING REVISED DESIGNATED POSITIONS AND DISCLOSURE CATEGORIES AND REPEALING ALL PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODES.

Councilmember Valentine moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, that Resolution 8063 be approved and adopted.

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

9.

RESOLUTION NO. 8130

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2019 AS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH IN THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA.

Councilmember Valentine moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, that Resolution 8130 be approved and adopted.

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

10.

RESOLUTION NO. 8141

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, OPTING INTO THE LOS ANGELES CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT'S BALLOT MEASURE TO PROVIDE INCREASED FUNDING FOR FIRE PROTECTION & EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.

Councilmember Valentine moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, that Resolution 8141 be approved and adopted.

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

11.

13.

THIS ITEM WAS PULLED BEFORE THE MEETING.

ORDINANCE NO. 2192 (1st Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 8.20 (NUISANCES) OF TITLE VIII (HEALTH AND SAFETY) OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE, SPECIFYING THAT PROLONGED VACANCY IN A RESIDENTIAL OR COMMERCIAL BUILDING CONSTITUTES A CONDITION OF PUBLIC NUISANCE.

14.

CITY MANAGER'S CONSENT CALENDAR

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

15.

Approve Progress Payment #1 due to Great Scott Tree Service, Inc. of Stanton, CA.
The amount of \$13688.00 will be paid for with approved and allocated Tree Trimming funds.

16.

Approve Construction of speed humps on Truro Avenue between 120th Street and Broadway

17.

Approve Progress Payment No. 6 due to Elecnor Belco Electric, Inc. of Chino, CA for Project #13-04, Prairie Ave. Improvement Project Phase I.

Councilmember Valentine moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, to approve item 17 of the City Manager's consent calendar.

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

18.

Approve Employment Agreement with Human Resources Director.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, to approve items 15, 16 and 18 of the City Manager's consent calendar.

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

19.

21.

Deny - Claimant, Kristina Newman, seeks damages for personal injuries and property damage arising from minor automobile collision with a City-owned vehicle that occurred on April 24, 2019. Claimant asserts that the City employee was the cause of the accident, and that the City is responsible for her alleged injuries and damages.

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

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

NOES: None.

22.

ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

City Treasurer **Patterson** thanked the community for coming out and participating in the process. Announced that Target will be opening in neighboring Lawndale.

City Clerk **Jimenez** thanked everyone who attended the Mock Election at on September 28th and 29th. Announced that there are two new interns in the City Clerk's office that will be covering Hawthorne news stories for the Herald Press and social media; if anyone has ideas for these mediums, contact the City Clerk at pjimenez@cityofhawthorne.org. Announced that his office will host a city clerk's meeting on October 21st with neighboring city clerks as a way to learn about best practices. Encouraged residents to sign up for the Next Door app for useful information and access to resources.

Councilmember **Talleda** thanked the Hawthorne Police Department, Chief Ishii and Acting Captain Royer for organizing a barbeque for combat wounded Veterans and their families last Saturday.

Councilmember **Awad** thanked the audience for coming out today and the members at home for watching and tuning in.

Councilmember **Monteiro** thanked Neil Gafney for the disaster workshop training for Council and Staff on September 25th. Spoke on attending the South Bay Cities Council of Governments and the Southern California Association of Governments meetings where there were discussions regarding RHNA numbers. Reported on attending Governor Newsom's Homeless Advisory Board, the Extreme Makeover house, the grand reopening of the West Basin Municipal Water District facilities in El Segundo, the Hollypark Homeowners Association meeting, the Kiwanis 80th Year Installation and the North Hawthorne Neighborhood Association meeting. Announced the barbeque dinner which will be held on October 17th at 5pm at the Memorial Center. On October 26th there will be a Halloween event at the Hawthorne Moose Lodge at 5pm where the Lodge's 55-year celebration will also be held. On Saturday the Annual Hawthorne Fun Run and Health Fair will be held at Hawthorne High School is at 8am. Announced that Governor Newsom signed a bill this afternoon that will have some rent stabilization effective next year. Attended a Clean Power Alliance meeting where it was announced that rebate incentives are coming up for next year.


Councilmember **Valentine** announced that Urth Café is coming to Hawthorne on October 27th at 4940 W. 147th Street.

Mayor **Vargas** enjoyed attending the Mock Election and thanked City Clerk Jimenez for his part in organizing the event. Spoke on attending the Hawthorne Library book sale and the St. Joseph Fiesta. Encouraged residents to attend events coming up in the City.

Mayor Vargas called the City Council meeting back to order following recess with all Councilmembers present: He announced that Council met in closed session for a conference pursuant to the agenda. The City Attorney stated that they met in Closed Session re: Item No. 23, the potential modification of the terms and amount of the financial security provided to the City for the grant and use of the subsurface easement agreement that was approved by the City Council a few years ago. Pursuant to Section 7 (b)(i) of the agreement, the City Council unanimously agreed to a reduction of the letter of credit from \$2.5 million to \$1.5 million, which is commensurate with the 60% reduction in the length of the tunnel. No further action is required by the City Council, i.e., amendment to the agreement.”

24.

Mayor Vargas adjourned the regular meeting at 6:48 p.m.



Dr. Paul Jimenez
City Clerk