

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE,  
CALIFORNIA HELD OCTOBER 22, 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.

Associate Pastor Windle Gardner from Oceangate Ministries gave the evening's invocation. Councilmember Mike Talleda led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3.

Councilmember Monteiro presented a Proclamation to the California Lions Friends in Sight for their vision-screening event that took place at the Hawthorne Senior Center on September 21<sup>st</sup>. Out of the 200 clients that were seen that day, 149 received glasses.

4.

Mayor Pro Tem Valentine introduced Minister Iman Tarik Malik who shared on the efforts of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community to promote peace and justice in the world.

5.

Councilmember Valentine introduced Stephanie Samson and Glenda Silva from Los Angeles World Airports. They spoke on LAX-it, the new way to catch a taxi, Lyft, Opoli, or Uber ride when leaving the airport. LAX-it will be a centralized pick up location inside the airport that is completely dedicated to the use of ride apps and taxi companies.

6.

Under oral communications Nilo Michelin, El Camino Board of Trustees, invited everybody to the grand opening of the Student Services building on November 1<sup>st</sup>. On November 16<sup>th</sup> at 1pm, Coach Featherstone will be honored at the football stadium; the field will be named Featherstone Field. Invited everyone to the State of the College event on November 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am. Past events included the Men of Color conference, the Promise Program luncheon and the El Camino Foundation Halloween Ball. **Alaric Simon**, Hawthorne Imperial Lions Club, thanked Council for allowing the Lions Club to do their vision-screening event in Hawthorne. Spoke on their upcoming Christmas Tree fundraiser that helps them do more work in the community. **Patricia Donaldson**, Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce, announced that their Halloween mixer will be held at the Courtyard Marriot on Thursday. On November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1pm, they will be giving out turkeys at Hawthorne Auto Square. On December 20<sup>th</sup> they will be giving out turkeys and toys at the Memorial Center at 3pm. Introduced new business owners from Priamerica Financial Services, New York Life and Prolific Hair Design that are also new Chamber members. **Herminia Balboa**, Parks & Recreation/Fine Arts Commissioner, announced that they will be holding their 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Art Show on November 7<sup>th</sup> at the Memorial Center. **Neil Gafney** commended the Council for donating land for Veteran housing. **Sara Carreras** requested paint markings for her Ramona neighborhood. **Marlon Saville** spoke on a mold problem regarding his unit. **Tess Banko** spoke on behalf of the RFP for the Cordary property and recommended hiring someone to fulfill the RFP that is not only potentially a developer but also a service provider. **Lucy Ravitch** thanked the Planning Department for putting on a short-term rental workshop. **Lethelle Williams** spoke on attending event at Memorial Center. Expressed displeasure with the way a speaker was treated. Feels more development and franchises are needed in the City. **Darlene Love** spoke on problems with the street near 116<sup>th</sup> and Van Ness.

7.

**CITY CLERK'S CONSENT CALENDAR**

8.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, that the reading of the City Council minutes of the regular meeting of October 8, 2019 be waived and that they be approved and adopted.

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

9.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, to waive full readings of resolutions and ordinances on October 22, 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.

Warrants Nos.: 161694-194613 ; 467219-467386 ; 50583-50914 ; 10603-10604 ; 1055-1055

Warrant Totals: \$729,767.49 ; \$2,223,828.41 ; \$821,998.95 ; \$5,466.96 ; \$25,500.00

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.

11.

**RESOLUTIONS**

12.

**RESOLUTION NO. 8144**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL, OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE SUPPORTING THE CITY'S PARTNERSHIP WITH AARP CALIFORNIA'S AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITY.

Councilmember Valentine moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, that Resolution 8144 be approved and adopted.

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

13.

**ORDINANCES**

14.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2191 (2<sup>nd</sup> READING)**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA AMENDING SECTION 8.48.010 (REGULATION OF SMOKING IN CITY-OWNED FACILITIES DEFINITIONS) TO THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF SMOKING IN CITY-OWNED FACILITIES.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, that Ordinance 2191 be approved and adopted.

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

15.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2192 (1<sup>st</sup> READING)**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 8.20 (PUBLIC NUISANCES) OF TITLE 8 (HEALTH AND SAFETY) OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE, PROVIDING THAT SPECIFIED CONDITIONS ACCOMPANIED BY PROLONGED VACANCIES IN A RESIDENTIAL OR COMMERCIAL BUILDING CONSTITUTES A CONDITION OF PUBLIC NUISANCE AND MAKING RELATED CHANGES TO DEFINITIONS AND ENFORCEMENT.

Ordinance 2192 was introduced by title only by Mayor Vargas.

16.

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

17.

Approve agreement between the City of Hawthorne and Kurt Fischer Structural Engineering Inc. of Encino, CA to provide Tier 1 and Tier 2 seismic retrofit analysis for selected city facilities and authorize the City Manager to enter into and execute it on the City's behalf.

18.

Approve release of a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for Community Housing and Development Organizations (CHDOs) to submit applications for affordable housing projects utilizing set aside CHDO funds under the Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) program and authorize the Housing & CDBG Department to release it for the provision of long-term affordable rental housing through acquisition and rehabilitation or new construction of affordable housing units in the City of Hawthorne. .

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, to approve items 17 and 18 of the City Manager's consent calendar.

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

Mayor Vargas recessed the City Council meeting to conduct the Housing Authority meeting with all member present.

19.

**HOUSING AUTHORITY**

20.

Approve releasing a request for proposals for the sale of the 14115 Cordary parcel (APN 4051-030-902) for development of an 18-Unit an affordable Veterans rental housing project.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, to approve the release of the accompanying Request for Proposals for the sale and development of the Cordary parcel for Veterans rental housing.

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

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21.

**CITY COUNCIL'S DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM**

22.

Appointment of Jesse Villalpando to the Youth Commission.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, to appoint Jesse Villalpando to the Youth Commission.

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

23.

Direct City Attorney to prepare Ordinance amending Section 8.34.060 reducing the number of certified applicants for a fireworks booth from 8 to 6 applicants.

Mayor Vargas stated there was no need for a vote since it appeared that all Councilmembers agreed with directive contained in item number 23.”

24.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS**

City Treasurer **Patterson** thanked the community for coming out and participating in the process and letting all their voices be heard. Encouraged everyone and their neighbors to continue to come out and share their experiences, insights, positive experiences and the areas in which the city can grow as well. Appreciates everyone's participation.

City Clerk **Jimenez** thanked the City Clerk offices of Torrance, Redondo Beach, Gardena and Inglewood for attending the City Clerk's meeting hosted by the Hawthorne City Clerk's office. Expressed appreciation for City Clerk staff for their efficiency when compared to the larger staffs of neighboring cities. Stated that one his interns is writing Hawthorne news stories for the Herald Press so if anyone has suggestions for stories, contact Paul Jimenez at [pjimenez@cityofhawthorne.org](mailto:pjimenez@cityofhawthorne.org). Reminded everyone, even if they do not live in Hawthorne, to get on the Nextdoor application, which currently has 8,800 members on it. Wished everyone a happy Latinx Heritage month.

Councilmember **Awad** thanked the audience for coming out and thanked those at home watching.

Councilmember **Talleda** thanked Tess Blanko for speaking tonight regarding Veterans under Oral Communications. Appreciates Councilmember Awad's efforts in pushing the Veterans project and spoke on being excited for this project but to keep it simple. Is glad to hear that someone is working with Lucy Savitch regarding her Air BnB issue.

Councilmember **Monteiro** spoke in support of the Veteran housing project. Is pleased to see that we are putting on another Request for Proposal for CHDO to build affordable housing. Thanked the Hawthorne Presidents Council for the community dinner that raised \$6140, which will go towards the Holiday Assistance program. Announced the following upcoming events: Golden State Water Company's Operation Gobble will take place on November 21<sup>st</sup>; Metro will hold a workshop on bus and route changes at the Lennox Library from 10am to 12pm on November 26<sup>th</sup>; the Fun Run and Health Fair will be held on November 26<sup>th</sup> at the Hawthorne High School football field at 8am and the West Basin Municipal Water District will hold a Water Festival on November 26<sup>th</sup>.

Councilmember **Valentine** reported on the KHR Communities network meeting which was held on October 17<sup>th</sup>; highlights from the meeting included a grant from the FAA to do a Part 150 study for aircraft noise and an overview on safe helicopter operations from Star Helicopters. Requested that the City Attorney provide a legal confidential on the impact of SB330 and AB68. Directed the City Manager to look into whether the League of California Cities' recommendation of using the Municipal Health Diagnostic tool would benefit our Finance Department. Thanked the Senior Citizens' Commission for the Senior Resource Fair. Thanked Councilmember Monteiro and the Hawthorne Presidents Council for the Community BBQ Dinner and also thanked the Kiwanis for helping with the event. Announced that free

flu shots are available on October 28<sup>th</sup> at the Lennox Library and on November 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Hawthorne Library.

Mayor Vargas thanked Councilmember Monteiro for bringing up the fireworks discussion. Reported on attending the Presidents Council BBQ. Spoke on the development of the Veteran housing project on Cordary. Spoke on the importance of keeping the community clean.

Council for today's meeting had a great discussion. Spoke of dinner put on by Councilmember Monteiro had good time and won a George Foreman grill. Sent appreciation for Kiwanis help with event. Expressed happiness of the new development for Veteran's. Regarding the CHDO RFP, asked that we give enough opportunity for those applying and that they are vetted to make sure they have the community's best interest in developing.

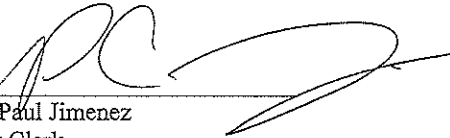
25.

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

Mayor Vargas called the City Council back to order following recess with all Councilmembers present. The City Attorney announced that they met on Item Number 25, Conference with Labor Negotiator regarding HPMSG and that the Labor Negotiator had been instructed.

Mayor Vargas adjourned the regular meeting at 8:57 p.m.



Dr. Paul Jimenez  
City Clerk