

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE,
CALIFORNIA HELD NOVEMBER 12, 2019.**

1.

Mayor Vargas called the City Council, meeting to order at 6:08 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.

Br. Abdullah Ali from the Islamic Center of Hawthorne gave the evening's invocation. Commissioner Herminia Balboa led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3.

Mayor Vargas introduced Senator Steven Bradford who gave a year-end Legislative briefing. An overview of this year included the passage of major housing legislation dealing with rent control, rent gouging, Section 8 streaming process, and accessory dwelling units. There was an overhaul in the way electric utility companies pay the cost of wildfires, which many times are passed on to the rate payers. Other topics included public education, higher education, clean drinking water, the passing of bills such as SB206, SB155 and SB269 and funding for Charles Drew University and community based organizations. Senator Bradford also announced there would be a turkey giveaway on November 26th at the Watts Labor Community Action Center.

4.

Councilmember Valentine presented an economic report from the League of California Cities, which held their annual conference in October. Highlights included Los Angeles City Councilmember Joe Buscaino, the new president of the National League of Cities, who spoke on innovations, strengthening local and federal partnerships and addressing the homelessness crisis. Councilmember Valentine also reported on attending the South Bay Economic Forecast where topics included housing and the future of technology.

14.

Mayor Vargas took this item out of order.

City Clerk Jimenez announced that this was the time and place for the Public Hearing to amend Hawthorne Municipal Code reducing the number of certified applicants applying for a city fireworks permit from eight to six.

City Clerk Department's declaration publication filed. No written communications were received.

Mayor Vargas called for public comments.

Under public comments **Roger Morrissey**, Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Hawthorne, questioned how reducing the number of applicants will affect those organizations that are grandfathered in outside the lotto for those spots. Questioned what the motivation is for going from eight to six. **Linda Flory** spoke in opposition of reducing the permits. **Kyle Orleman** spoke in opposition of firework sales and suggested limiting sales to the smallest number possible so at least the legacy organizations have a chance to make a couple of bucks. **Morrie Dym**, Phantom Fireworks, spoke in opposition of reducing the permits.

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

After discussion by Councilmembers, Mayor Vargas reopened the public hearing.

Morrie Dym responded to Councilmember Monteiro's request for lower rental fees of firework booth properties. He stated that if were up to him there would be no charge but he does not own the properties.

ORDINANCE NO. 2193

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA AMENDING SECTIONS 8.34.030 AND 8.34.060 OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE REDUCING THE NUMBER OF CERTIFIED APPLICANTS APPLYING FOR A CITY FIREWORKS PERMIT FROM EIGHT (8) TO SIX (6).

Councilmember Monteiro moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, to **table** this item.

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

5.

Under Oral communications, **Pat Donaldson** announced that there will be a Thanksgiving turkey/food giveaway on November 26th at Hawthorne Auto Square and a turkey/food/toy giveaway on December 20th at the Memorial Center at 1pm. **Abdullah Ali** thanked the Council for their support of the Islamic Center over the years and the effort and time spent in reaching out to them by the Police Department and the Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce. He invited the Council and community to attend Open Mosque Day on November 24th. **Patrice Springer** introduced herself and stated she will be representing elder abuse advocacy in the South Bay. **Peter Yu** spoke on a proposal for affordable housing for city employees. **Fernando Zeledon** presented the idea of building a platform for Latin American and African startups in the Silicon Beach ecosystem with a landing spot such as Hawthorne. **Leithelle Williams** spoke on LAXit problems. Feels the City needs its own local transit and wants rent control implemented in the City. **Carol Maston** announced that the Senior Citizens' Commission will hold a Holiday Sock Drive on December 4th for Hawthorne Convalescent Home. **Kyle Orleman** spoke on landlord evictions without cause that are happening and requested an emergency ordinance to combat this issue. **Ronnie Manson** thanked the Veterans for serving the country and spoke on attending a Veteran's event at the Coliseum

6.

CITY CLERK'S CONSENT CALENDAR

7.

Councilmember Valentine moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, to waive full readings of resolutions and ordinances on November 12, 2019's agenda.

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

8.

The City Treasurer submitted a financial statement regarding warrants.

Warrants Nos.: 161992 -194625 ; 467387-467567 ; 50915-50919 ; 10605

Warrant Totals: \$714,972.16 ; \$557,182.78 ; \$6,030.97 : \$223.78

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.

9.

RESOLUTIONS

10.

RESOLUTION NO. 8146

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL, OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2019 AS ALZHEIMER'S AWARENESS MONTH.

Councilmember Valentine moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, that Resolution 8146 be approved and adopted.

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

11.

RESOLUTION NO. 8147

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING THE REDUCING CRIME AND KEEPING CALIFORNIA SAFE ACT OF 2020.

Councilmember Valentine moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, that Resolution 8147 be approved and adopted.

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

12.

RESOLUTION NO. 8149

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2019 AS IN-HOME CARE PROVIDER WORKFORCE AND NATIONAL FAMILY CAREGIVERS MONTH IN HAWTHORNE.

Councilmember Valentine moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro Vargas, that Resolution 8149 be approved and adopted.

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

15.

ORDINANCES

16.

ORDINANCE NO. 2192 (2nd 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.

Councilmember Valentine moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, that Ordinance No. 2192 be approved and adopted.

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

17.

CITY MANAGER'S CONSENT CALENDAR

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

18.

This item was pulled before the meeting.

Approve payment for police helicopter repairs and maintenance for the half engine, turbine overhaul/service, and horizontal stabilizer replacement to Enforcement Aviation Services in the amount of \$160,527.51 and authorize the City Manager to execute any and all amendments to project to assure that objective is completed.

19.

Approve payment for police helicopter repairs and maintenance for 100 hour inspection, engine compressor case replacement, and other listed parts/repairs Enforcement Aviation Services in the amount of \$19,827.12, and authorize the City Manager to execute any and all amendments to project to assure that objective is completed.

20.

Approve purchase of one new Public Works vehicle and six new Police Patrol Vehicles and authorize the Director of Public Works to approve the purchase.

21.

Approve Cable TV editing Equipment Purchase of (3) three editing systems by the City Council.

22.

Approve progress payment No. 7 due to Martinez Landscape Company Inc., of Sylmar, CA for General Maintenance (Project 15-02)-3rd Year

23.

Approve progress payment #1 and final acceptance due to American Road Maintenance for Project #18-03 Hawthorne Municipal Airport Hawthorne, CA Rehabilitation on Runway and Connector Taxiways Project

24.

Approve progress payment No. 7 due to Elecnor Belco Electric, Inc. of Chino, CA for Project #13-04, Prairie Ave. Improvement Project Phase I.

25.

Approve agreement between City of Hawthorne and DRC Engineering, Inc. to provide On-call Map checking services and authorize the Director of Public Works to enter into and execute it on the City's behalf.

26.

Approve agreement between the City and Harris & Assoc. to Provide the City with various services associated with the City's Community Facilities Districts ("CFDs") and Bonds and authorize City Manager to execute agreement and any and all amendments, thereto, with approval by the City Attorney as to form.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, to approve items 19 through 26 of the City Manager's consent calendar.

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

NOES: None.

27.

Receive, approve and file the City of Hawthorne's Investment Report for the quarter ended September 30, 2019 of FY 19-20, September 30, 2019. Continue forward with existing investment strategy.

Councilmember Valentine moved, seconded by Councilmember Awad, to receive, approve and file report.

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

28.

CITY COUNCIL'S DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

29.

Cancel December 24th City Council meeting because it is a city holiday.

Councilmember Monteiro moved, seconded by Mayor Vargas, to approve the cancellation of the December 24, 2019 City Council meeting.

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

30.

ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

City Treasurer **Patterson** thanked the community for coming out and participating in the process, letting their voices be heard and letting those that vote on their behalf know how you like them to vote. Appreciates the recommendation to see what can be done as far as doing a moratorium on no-cause evictions. For anyone in the community that is having renting/housing challenges, advised to call the Housing Rights Center at 800-477-5977.

City Clerk **Jimenez** gave a happy belated Veterans Day and thanked those who have served our country. Thanked everyone that coordinated the Halloween carnival. If anyone has ideas for Hawthorne news stories, contact the Clerk's office at 310-349-2918. As a reminder to Council and Directors who have any events or resources they want to share with the community, please send the flyers to the social media intern Sara.

Councilmember **Awad** thanked the residents for coming out and thanked Council and colleagues for pushing over the blight fee. Gave an update regarding the Los Angeles Clippers stadium and how it may affect Hawthorne. Stated that Urth Café will be at the Hawthorne Auto Square event to give out a pumpkin pie every time a turkey is given out. Commended staff that put in a Wi-Fi signal at City Hall

Councilmember **Talleda** reported on attending the Urth Café and Burlington grand openings and a Native Americans Veterans Association Pow Wow in Southgate. Spoke regarding the State mandated rent control. Hopes the fireworks issue can be worked out to where everyone is happy.

Councilmember **Monteiro** thanked all those that attended the Annual 5K and Health Fair. Announced that the Census 2020 Complete Count Committee will start meeting on December 11th at the Hawthorne Memorial Center Polaris Room at 3:30pm. Thanked the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Parks and Recreation Department for the outstanding job with the Halloween Carnival and Student Art Show on November 7th. Thanked Rebecca Sanchez and Patty Estrada for organizing the Halloween event at City Hall for the Castle preschoolers and staff that participated in the event. Reported on attending the El Camino Food and Service Building and the Lawndale High School Humanities Building grand openings. Reported on attending the SBCOG Homeless Taskforce on November 6th and stated the he will be

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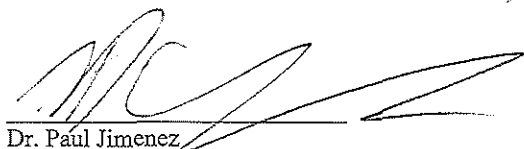
inviting a Los Angeles Deputy to come to the Hawthorne/Lawndale Ministerial Association meeting on November 11th to talk to the churches regarding helping the homeless. Reported on attending the Veterans Service at U.S. Vet in Inglewood with Congresswoman Maxine Waters and Inglewood Mayor James Butts, Jr. Shared Hawthorne's recently developed brochure. Asked to keep Commissioner Darlene Love in your prayers. For those receiving bills in error regarding fire alarms, please call the number on the bill for clarification. Announced that the Hawthorne Presidents Council will have a turkey and food basket giveaway on November 21st at Prairie Vista South.

Councilmember **Valentine** thanked the Veterans for service to the country, especially those that served in World War II and Vietnam as we are losing them at a great rate. Thanked the Parks Recreation and Fine Arts Commission and the staff of city's Recreation and Community Services Department for putting on the Arts Festival on November 7th and congratulated all those that participated.

Mayor **Vargas** thanked his colleagues and the community for being here and to those who watch. Thanked his Council colleagues that are having event to benefit the community. Reported on the Urth Café grand opening and is pleased that they chose Hawthorne for their commissary. Thanked the employees who helped put the City brochure together.

30.

Mayor Vargas adjourned the regular meeting at 8:24 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dr. Paul Jimenez', written over a horizontal line.

Dr. Paul Jimenez
City Clerk