

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE,
CALIFORNIA HELD JANUARY 9, 2018.**

1.

Mayor Vargas called the City Council, Parking Authority, and Housing Authority meetings to order jointly and concurrently at 6:07 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 4455 W. 126th Street, Hawthorne, California.

ROLL CALL-Present: Councilmembers Awad, Reyes English, Michelin, Valentine, Mayor Vargas.

Absent: None.

2.

Pastor Chris McCulloh of Stone Temple Church gave the evening's invocation. Gary Premeaux led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3.

Under oral communications **Gordon Mego** spoke on revitalizing the mall and hospital. **Leithelle Williams** questioned whether the new hotel was earthquake proof. Announced that the oversight committee for the Centinela Valley School District will meet on January 24th. Spoke in support of rent stability in Hawthorne. **David Granados** announced upcoming library programs including Great Read Away, Discover & Go, Let Them Eat Books, Personal Finances Workshop, Gardening Workshop and Author Talk with Robert Johnson. Then next Friends of the Library meeting will be held on February 1st.

4.

CITY CLERK'S CONSENT CALENDAR

5.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Reyes English, that the reading of the City Council minutes of the regular meeting of September 12, 2017 and the minutes of the special meeting of December 14, 2017 be waived and that they be approved and adopted.

ROLL CALL-AYES: Councilmembers Awad, Reyes English, Michelin, Valentine, Mayor Vargas.

NOES: None.

6.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Reyes English, to waive full readings of resolutions and ordinances on January 9, 2018's agenda.

ROLL CALL-AYES: Councilmembers Awad, Reyes English, Michelin, Valentine, Mayor Vargas.

NOES: None.

7.

The City Treasurer submitted a financial statement regarding warrants.

December 26, 2017.

Warrants Nos.: 147241-193665 ; 458993-459161 ; 43042-43393 ; 10437-10435

Warrant Totals: \$ 938,778.98 ; \$1,752,506.66 ; \$719,704.85 ; \$319,046.43.

January 9, 2018.

Warrants Nos.: 147639-147937 ; 459162-459291 ; 43394-43397

Warrant Totals: \$ 660,292.53 ; \$589,824.93 ; \$3,616.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Reyes English, that the following warrants, properly audited and signed, be paid.

ROLL CALL-AYES: Councilmembers Awad, Reyes English, Michelin, Valentine, Mayor Vargas.
NOES: None.

8.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

9.

City Clerk Huber announced that this was the time and place for the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2154 adding parameters and standards to Chapter 17.22 (Specific Plans).

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

Mayor Vargas called for public comments.

Under oral comments, no one indicated a desire to be heard.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2154 (1ST Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT AND AMENDING TITLE 17 (ZONING) OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADD PARAMETERS TO CHAPTER 17.22 (SPECIFIC PLANS).

Ordinance 2154 was introduced by title only by Mayor Vargas.

10.

City Clerk Huber announced that this was the time and place for the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2155 amending Title 17 (Zoning) of the Hawthorne Municipal Code to require Planning Commission approval of any residential project located in the Mixed Commercial (CM) Zone to ensure a quality project that meets the requirements of the Specific Plan, General Plan, and design guidelines.

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

Mayor Vargas called for public comments.

Under oral comments **Gordon Mego** spoke in opposition of state legislation that would take decision making to accept or reject high density residential housing and mixed use projects from municipalities and counties.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2155 (1ST Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT AND AMENDING CHAPTER 17.29 (CM—MIXED COMMERCIAL CLASSIFICATION) OF TITLE 17 (ZONING) OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE TO REQUIRE APPROVAL OF A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR SPECIFIED MIXED USE PROJECTS IN THE CM ZONE; REQUIRE COMPLIANCE WITH THE DOWNTOWN HAWTHORNE SPECIFIC PLAN AND ADOPTED DESIGN STANDARDS; CLARIFY THAT CAR WASHES ARE A PROHIBITED USE IN THE CM ZONE; CLARIFY THAT CERTAIN STUDIES AND DESIGN REVIEW ARE REQUIRED FOR SPECIFIED MIXED USE PROJECTS; AND MAKE RELATED CHANGES TO THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE CONSISTENT WITH THESE AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 17.29.

Ordinance 2155 was introduced by title only by Councilmember Valentine.

City Clerk Huber announced that this was the time and place for the Public Hearing on Consideration of an agreement (Billboard Agreement 2017BA04) with Oceangate Properties, Inc. to construct and operate a new double-faced, digital billboard at 5100 Rosecrans Avenue (APN 4149-001-122).

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

Mayor Vargas called for public comments.

Under oral comments **Rod Wilson** of EMI expressed appreciation for the recommendation of approval on their item. **Gary Premeaux** of South Bay Ford expressed appreciation for staff's recommendation. **Danielle Marquez** questioned how this billboard would benefit the community.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 7954

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT AND APPROVING BILLBOARD AGREEMENT APPLICATION 2017BA04 BETWEEN THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE AND OCEANGATE PROPERTIES INC TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE A NEW DOUBLE-FACED, DIGITAL OUTDOOR ADVERTISING SIGN ("BILLBOARD") LOCATED AT 5100 ROSECRANS AVENUE AND MAKING FINDINGS IN SUPPORT THEREOF.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, that Resolution 7954 be approved and adopted.

ROLL CALL-AYES: Councilmembers Awad, Reyes English, Michelin, Valentine, Mayor Vargas.
NOES: None.

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

Approve to Award a contract to lowest responsible bidder Sheldon Mechanical Corp. of Santa Clarita, Ca for Rooftop Air Conditioning Unit Replacement (AC-3 and AC-4) at Police Department Building (Project #17-05). Project cost of \$300,200.00 will be paid from General fund.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Reyes English to approve the City Manager's consent calendar.

ROLL CALL-AYES: Councilmembers Awad, Reyes English, Michelin, Valentine, Mayor Vargas.
NOES: None.

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

Deny - Claim of Evelyn U. Ejinaka on behalf of son, Patrick Ogbo, a minor for accident which arises out of a pedestrian v. auto accident on September 19, 2017 on El Segundo Boulevard in front of the fire department.

Deny - Claim of Alliance Schools for Cooperative Insurance Programs (ASCIP) which arises out of a trip and fall accident on June 1, 2017 at 13344 Hawthorne Boulevard involving Marcela Fernandez, an employee of the Hawthorne School District.

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

ROLL CALL-AYES: Councilmembers Awad, Reyes English, Michelin, Valentine, Mayor Vargas.
NOES: None.

17.

CITY COUNCIL'S DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

a.- The Mayor and the Council need to appoint **one of the council members** to the Board of Directors to our newly formed **LACCE Joint Power Agreement** with two alternates.
Alternate 1: Doug Krauss and alternate 2: Frank Feng.

Mayor Vargas moved seconded by Councilmember Valentine to appoint Councilmember **Reyes English** to the Board of Directors to our newly formed **LACCE Joint Power Agreement**.

ROLL CALL-AYES: Councilmembers Awad, Reyes English, Michelin, Valentine, Mayor Vargas.
NOES: None.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine to appoint **Doug Krauss** as Alternate 1.

ROLL CALL-AYES: Councilmembers Awad, Reyes English, Michelin, Valentine, Mayor Vargas.
NOES: None.

Mayor Vargas, moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine to appoint **Frank Feng** as Altrnate 2.

ROLL CALL-AYES: Councilmembers Awad, Reyes English, Michelin, Valentine, Mayor Vargas.
NOES: None.

18.

ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

City Treasurer **Patterson** thanked the community for coming to participate in the process. Would like to see a designated place where residents can go to file complaints regarding landlord/tenant issues.

City Clerk **Huber** complimented the Recreation and Community Services department on the excellent holiday festival that was held at the Memorial Center. Announced that the Ramona Neighborhood Association will hold a meeting on Thursday at Ramona School.

Councilmember **Michelin** wished everybody a happy new year and looks forward to working with everybody to bring economic development to the City of Hawthorne. Reported on taking a tour of the hotel site and stated that the modules are state of the art.

Councilmember **Valentine** announced that the Hawthorne Business Expo will be held at the Memorial Center on January 24th. So far 50 Hawthorne businesses are scheduled to participate. Keynote speakers will provide information to businesses about contracting and networking opportunities with the City of Inglewood and with LAX. Announced that Green Line Stations Aviation, LAX, Mariposa, El Segundo, Douglas and Redondo Beach will be closed from January 26th to April 7th.

Councilmember **Reyes English** thanked Council for appointing her to the Los Angeles Community Choice Energy. LACCE allows local governments to control the source of the price of the electricity consumed by its residents and businesses. Requested that the Service Provider Fair and Earth Day be set up for some time in April. Hopes that Council in 2018 continues to be aggressive when it comes to economic revenue for the City.

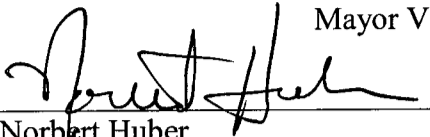
Councilmember **Awad** thanked Chief Fager and the Police Department for keeping an eye on the streets during the holiday season. Commended Von Norris and the Parks and Rec for the outstanding holiday event. Spoke on looking into assessing some kind of fee on properties that are idle or unproductive.

Mayor **Vargas** asked that staff prioritize answering phones from the public. Thanked Von Norris, Parks and Recreation, the Hawthorne Historical Society and the organizations that helped in putting together the Winter Wonderland Spectacular. Directed that a formal letter be issued to Senator Wiener, Senator Bradford and Assemblymember Burke in opposition of the transit zoning bill. Would like a public service announcement to be created so residents know what to do and who to call regarding furniture that

is left on city curbs. Requested an account of the Code Enforcement department to determine if there are certain things that can be strengthened and to see what other cities are enforcing.

19.

Mayor Vargas adjourned the regular meeting at 7:15 p.m.



Norbert Huber
City Clerk