

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE,
CALIFORNIA HELD APRIL 10, 2018.**

1.

Mayor Vargas called the City Council, meeting to order jointly and concurrently at 6:04 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 Lawrence Becker evening's invocation. Commissioner Neil Gafney led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3.

Mr. Neil Gafney and Kyle Orleman introduced Mr. Adam Barnes as the Veteran of the Quarter. Mayor Vargas read a Proclamation in his honor.

4.

Under oral communications **Carol Maston** questioned the street and sidewalk markings done by the Water Company and other utilities companies. **Linda Brown**, from the Hollypark Homeowners Association questioned the fly path and times at the Hawthorne airport. **Kyle Orleman** newly elected chair of Veterans Commission. Thanked Coronel Gafney for extraordinary services to the commission and the community and announced different events taking place too help Veterans. **Lisa Aguilar** from the Historical Society announced that May 19 is the Hall of Fame Dinner at the Ayres Hotel. **Darlene Love**, announced that Sunday, April 22 is the volunteer Appreciation Dinner at the Memorial Center and that May 24 is the K-9 BBQ dinner, they are hoping to raise \$15,000. **Lethielle Williams**, welcome South Bay kids from spring break, announced that the Housing Department is reaching out to homeless with a Website set up to see amenities that are available. Complained about State of the City where she was escorted out, and she was forced to sit in the "peanut gallery". Lethielle said she is "Royalty". **Alex Monteiro**, announced some events coming up, April 22 Earth Day and volunteer Appreciation Day, Apr 21 Earth Day, April 28 Relay for Life, May 12 5k and May 23 Health Fair at Hawthorne High School, May 24 k9 BBQ Dinner. **Beverly Charles**, expressed concern about ab&b being run in private residencies and condo owners. Asked if the City has any Ordinances that reference ab&b or even if it's allowed in the city?

5.

CITY CLERK'S CONSENT CALENDAR

6.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, that the reading of the City Council minutes of the regular meeting of March 27, 2018 be waived and that they be approved and adopted.

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

7.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, to waive full readings of resolutions and ordinances on April 10, 2018's agenda.

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

8.

The City Treasurer submitted a financial statement regarding warrants.

Warrants Nos.: 149753-193725 ; 460350-460509 ; 44469-44470 ;10461-10463.

Warrant Totals: \$ 694,384.05 ; \$828,501.17 : \$128.54 : \$92,451.12.

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

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

9.

RESOLUTIONS

10.

RESOLUTION NO. 7978

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, ORDERING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS / CITY ENGINEER TO PREPARE A REPORT FOR THE STREET LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 AS REQUIRED BY THE STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE SECTION 22622.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, that Resolution 7978 be approved and adopted.

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

11.

RESOLUTION NO. 7979

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, PROCLAIMING APRIL AS "SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH" AND WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 2018 AS "DENIM DAY" IN HAWTHORNE.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, that Resolution 7979 be approved and adopted.

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

12.

RESOLUTION NO. 7980

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, CALLING AND GIVING NOTICE OF A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE FOR THE ELECTION OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AS REQUIRED BY THE PROVISIONS OF THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA RELATING TO GENERAL LAW CITIES AND REQUESTING CONSOLIDATION OF THE REGULAR ELECTION OF THE GOVERNING SCHOOL BOARD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2018, AND REQUESTING THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ISSUE INSTRUCTIONS TO THE REGISTRAR-RECORDER TO TAKE ANY AND ALL STEPS NECESSARY FOR THE HOLDING OF THE CONSOLIDATED ELECTION.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, that Resolution 7980 be approved and adopted.

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

13.

RESOLUTION NO. 7981

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE 2018-19 BUDGET TO INCORPORATE A LIST OF PROJECTS FUNDED BY SB 1: THE ROAD REPAIR AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, that Resolution 7981 be approved and adopted.

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

NOES: None.

14.

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

15.

Award contract to lowest responsive and responsible bidder Sequel Contractors, Inc. of Santa Fe Springs, for Hawthorne Blvd. Improvement, Phase 1 (Project #17-01). The estimated construction cost of \$4,391,000.00 will be funded from a combination of Measure R grant, SB1 and sewer enterprise funds.

16.

Approve Construction of speed humps on 121st Street between Inglewood Avenue and Felton and on 138th Street between Inglewood Avenue and Ramona Avenue. The entire construction cost of \$12,000 for four speed humps will be funded through Gas Tax funds.

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

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

NOES: None.

17.

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

18.

Deny - Seven Claims of Varos Family (Regina, Christopher, Miah, Breanna, TiaRosa, Josie and Sophia) arising from auto v. auto accident on the 405 freeway with City vehicle.

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

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

NOES: None.

19.

CITY COUNCIL'S DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

20.

a.- Hawthorne Airport Noise issue (Shadbehr)

City staff began by saying they received airport noise complaints a few months ago from the unincorporated areas of West Athens and Wiseburn. Subsequent to those complaints, city staff was contacted by Congress member's staff relative to similar complaints. City Manager Arnold Shadbehr responded to Waters' complaints by forwarding emails and speaking directly to the Congress woman. In

addition, the City Manager attended a homeowner's meeting at Holly Glen regarding the same issue. Whenever airport staff receives complaints, staff reviews web track and provides the information back to the complaining part. The members of the public who are complaining of airport noise perceive a lack of remedial action on the part of the responsible party. Tonight, city staff wants to the public to know that the City is being proactive by making this educational presentation. First of all, the City is responsible for: 1) air fields; 2) airfield lighting; 3) turf areas; 4) tower building; 5) perimeter fence/gates; and 6) security and safety at the airport. Individuals who own/operate aircraft are responsible for the operation of their aircraft. Fixed Based Operators (private commercial entities) are responsible for their own operations and scheduling. The FAA is responsible for managing airspace and for ensuring the safe and efficient flow of aircraft traffic. The Hawthorne Municipal Airport does not control aircrafts schedules or flight paths. Only the FAA manages airspace, establishes flight patterns, implements flight procedures and corridors and determines minimum flight altitudes for aircraft. All aircraft movements are controlled through the FAA National Airspace System. Pilots (including the FAA) does not require permission to fly over homes in the City of Hawthorne pursuant to United States Code Title 49, Section 40103, since the U.S. Government has exclusive sovereignty of airspace of the U.S. A citizen of the US has a public right of transit through the navigable airspace. However, fixed wing airplanes must maintain a minimum altitude of 1,000 feet when operating over congested or densely populated areas pursuant to Part 91.119 of the Code of Federal Aviation Regulations. This does not apply when aircraft are landing or taking off. According to the FAA, helicopters have no minimum altitude requirements when weather, safety and other air traffic permit. Safety data on flight paths, altitudes, and near misses are maintained by the FAA, not by the City of Hawthorne. During the power point presentation, the call log from Holly Park and Parkside Village was discussed. It was noted that all residents of Parkside Village received a noise disclosure to alert buyers of the proximity of their dwelling units to the Hawthorne Municipal Airport. Unfortunately, there is currently no soundproofing program in effect. Although permanent noise monitors may be obtained through FAA grants, these systems are for informational and reporting purposes only and not for noise implementation. It is therefore important to note that such monitoring system cannot be used as an enforcement tool. In the future, when the City applies and receives a grant for a Part 150 Noise Study, the City will publicize workshops and public meetings. The timing of such will rely on FAA authorization and the availability of such federal airport improvement funds. The City is presently applying for an FAA grant from the Airport Improvement Program (AIP) for fiscal year 2019/2020.

After presentation by the City Manager:

Mayor Vargas moved seconded by Councilmember Reyes English to approve a Noise Monitor.

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

21.

ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

City Treasurer **Patterson** thanked the community for coming out and let their voices be heard

City Clerk **Huber**, announced that Roofing Company owner Jim Taylor passed away. Events happening in the community are announced in his newspaper article.

Councilmember **Valentine** reported that on March 28 took a tour of the Metro Golden Expo Line. Congratulated Mr. Adam Barnes for his service to our Nation. Congratulated Neil Gafney for all his service on the Veterans Affairs Commission and thanked Kyle Orleman for taking it over. Thanked Arnie for an informative presentation.

Councilmember **Michelin**, congratulated Mr. Barnes for all the work he's done, for being the Veteran of the Quarter and for always being faithful to our country. Kudos to the Veterans Commission, sad to see Neil Gafney go but congratulated Kyle Orleman who will do a fantastic job as the Chairman. Thanked the Director of Housing for everything he has done for the homeless with affordable housing programs.

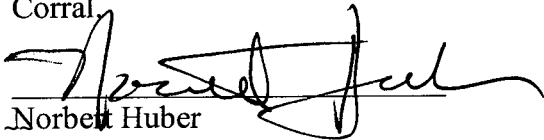
Councilmember **Reyes English** congratulated the Veterans Commission for great events, Spoke on LAWA having job openings, her 9th Annual Service providers Fair will have tennis shoe and bike giveaway, Clean Power Alliance, Did a SpaceX and the Boring Company tour. School District Fundraising at Aleworks for adoption of dogs, thanked Arnie for everything he is doing. Thanked the IT team.

Councilmember **Awad** congratulated Adam Barnes for being Veteran of the Quarter, and Kyle Orleman for becoming President of the Veterans Commission. Thanked Arnie for his presentation and thanked members of the community for coming out.

Mayor Vargas congratulated Adam Barnes for being Veteran of the Quarter and Kyle Orleman for taking the Presidency of the Veterans Commission Thanked Arnie for his presentation. Looking forward the Service Providers Fair, K-9 Dinner, the 5K run.

22.

Mayor Vargas adjourned the regular meeting at 8:03 p.m. in the memory of Sostenes "Sos" Guerrero Corral.


Norbert Huber
City Clerk