

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE,
CALIFORNIA HELD MAY 3, 2018.**

Mayor Vargas called the City Council meeting to order jointly and concurrently at 5:40 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of the City Hall, 4455 West 126th Street, Hawthorne, California.

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

City Clerk Norb Huber led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.

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

Mayor Vargas ordered oral communications closed.

2.

Consider approving the elimination of the Non-Classified position of Housing Administrator in order to balance the budget of the Housing Department for Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the City Council Approve the elimination of the Non-Classified position of Housing Administrator in order to balance the budget of the Housing Department for Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

Councilmember Valentine moved, seconded by Mayor Vargas to Approve the elimination of the Non-Classified position of Housing Administrator in order to balance the budget of the Housing Department for Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

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

3.

Legal Representation Waiver with Rutan & Tucker to Allow Firm to Represent the City of Hawthorne in Successor Agency Matters and Authorize the City Attorney or Designee to Execute Agreement in Furtherance of Said Waiver

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the City Council Consent to Legal Representation Waiver with Rutan & Tucker to Allow Firm to Represent the City of Hawthorne in Successor Agency Matters, Authoring the City Manager or Designee to Execute Agreement in Furtherance of Said Waiver

Councilmember Valentine moved, seconded by Mayor Vargas to Consent to Legal Representation Waiver with Rutan & Tucker to Allow Firm to Represent the City of Hawthorne in Successor Agency Matters, Authoring the City Manager or Designee to Execute Agreement in Furtherance of Said Waiver

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

4.

Mayor Vargas Awad called for oral comments and no one indicated a desire to be heard.

City Attorney Miyahira stated that there were 3 potential cases but they will be taking one a time

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Mayor Vargas called the City Council meeting back to order following recess with all Councilmembers present except for Councilmember Reyes English. He announced that the **closed session** was to discuss a Conference with Legal Counsel – Initiation of Litigation against a third party, pursuant to subdivision (c) of Section 54956.9 (Three potential cases). The City Attorney, Miyahira announced that there were three

potential cases and they discussed two potential cases. Miyahira stated that the City Attorney was advised.

A separate Closed Session was held on the third potential case – Initiation of Litigation:

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5.

Mayor Vargas Awad called for oral comments and no one indicated a desire to be heard.

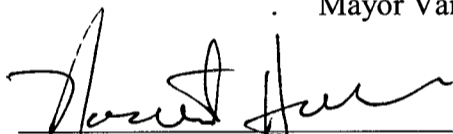
Mayor Vargas recessed the City Council meeting to conduct a **Closed Session**: Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Subdivision (a)) of Section 54956.9 of the California Government Code. Name of Case. Deborah Weinrauch v. City of Hawthorne, et al, Case No. BC 664828.

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The City Attorney, Miyahira stated that they met in closed session on item No. 5 to discuss a Settlement proposal with Deborah Weinrauch and the City Council voted unanosly in closed session to approve the settlement agreement and this settlement agreement will be in the City Clerk's Office once all parties have sign it hopefully by Friday.

6.

Mayor Vargas adjourned the meeting at 6:37pm.



Norbert Huber
City Clerk