

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE,  
CALIFORNIA HELD AUGUST 14, 2018.**

1.

Mayor Vargas called the City Council, meeting to order jointly and concurrently at 6:07 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 4455 W. 126<sup>th</sup> Street, Hawthorne, California.

ROLL CALL-Present: Councilmembers Awad, Reyes English, Michelin, Valentine, Mayor Vargas.  
Absent: None.

2.

Pastor Curtiss Armour from Empowerment Ministry gave the evening's invocation. Jason Gromski led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3.

Sarah Goodman presented the City with a sculpture version of Replica of the SpaceX Falcon Heavy that is on the Lobby of City Hall.

Right after the presentation, Mayor Vargas took item No. 12 out of order to take action by the council.

**RESOLUTION NO. 8020**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL, OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE CITY'S POLICY FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF DONATED MURAL ART TO INCLUDE DONATION OF SCULPTURES.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, that Resolution 8020 be approved and adopted.

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

4.

Under Oral Communications, Yesenia Rosales invited everyone to the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual North Hawthorne Community picnic on August 25<sup>th</sup> at Eucalyptus Park. Spoke in support of change to the general plan map for the lot at 11415 York Ave. **Patricia Donaldson**, Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce, announced a backpack giveaway for 100 low income children on August 20<sup>th</sup> at Kornblum Elementary. Announced the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament at Rio Hondo on September 27<sup>th</sup>. The installation of the board members will also be held on the 27<sup>th</sup>. Distributed the South Bay Workforce Investment Board report which summarizes the July 19, 2018 meeting activities and program accomplishments during the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of program year 2017 to 2018. The South Bay WIB's 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Award Ceremony will be held on November 1<sup>st</sup> at the Torrance Marriot. The Fit for Gold 35 cadets, seven of whom were Hawthorne residents, were honored during the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Fit for Gold closing ceremony on May 17<sup>th</sup>. **Jason Gromski** thanked everyone who came to the Ramona Neighborhood picnic on August 4<sup>th</sup>. Spoke on why he is limiting his campaign contributions to \$1000 and hopes his counterparts will do the same. **Kimberly Gomez** inquired on whether or not open testing will be held for the police chief position in September. **Jim Mathews** announced that free CERT classes will be held on September 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Hawthorne Memorial Center. **Gordon Mego** spoke in support of the four-unit townhouse project proposed at Imperial and York. **Lisa Aguilar** announced that the Historical Society will hold a backpack giveaway on August 26<sup>th</sup>. **Leithelle Williams** encouraged parents in the community to get out and be a part of the governing board leadership team whose next meeting will be held on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. **Alex Monteiro** announced that he is still accepting applications for The Castle preschool afternoon class at Jim Thorpe Park which begins on August 21<sup>st</sup>. Announced that he is running for City Council.

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 July 24, 2018 and the special meeting of August 2, 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 August 14, 2018's agenda.

8.

The City Treasurer submitted a financial statement regarding warrants.

Warrants Nos.: 193797-193856 ; 461580-461765 ; 45521-45847 ; 10495-10497.

Warrant Totals: \$ 854,801.98 ; \$1,790,034.80 ; \$714,811.73 ; \$873.25.

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, Mayor Vargas.  
NOES: None.

9.

### RESOLUTIONS

10.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 8017

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AGREEMENT WITH MGT CONSULTING FOR STATE MANDATED REIMBURSEMENT CLAIMING (SENATE BILL 90) FOR THE 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21 FISCAL YEARS AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAID AGREEMENT

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, that Resolution 8017 be approved and adopted.

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

11.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 8019

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A SIDE LETTER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE AND THE HAWTHORNE EXECUTIVE GROUP AMENDING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE HEG EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2020.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, that Resolution 8019 be approved and adopted.

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

13.

ORDINANCES

14.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2160 (1<sup>ST</sup> Reading)**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, RE-ADOPTING CHAPTER 8.21 (COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER CLEANING SCHEDULES) TO TITLE 8 (HEALTH AND SAFETY) OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE, REQUIRING CLEANING SCHEDULES FOR COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT CENTERS, AND ADOPTING FINDINGS RELATED THERETO.

Ordinance 2160 was introduced by title only by Councilmember Valentine.

15.

**THIS ITEM WAS PULLED FROM THE AGENDA**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2162 (1<sup>ST</sup> Reading)**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, ADDING DIVISION XI AND CHAPTER 9.105 TO TITLE 9 (PUBLIC PEACE, MORALS AND WELFARE) OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING CAMPAIGN FINANCE.

16.

**URGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 2163**

AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, ADDING CHAPTER 10.62 TO TITLE 10 (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC) OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING DOCKLESS SHARED MOBILITY DEVICES AND STATING THE URGENCY THEREFFORE.

Councilmember Valentine moved, seconded by Mayor Vargas that Ordinance No. 2163 be approved and adopted.

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

17.

**CITY MANAGER'S CONSENT CALENDAR**

18.

Approve Progress Payment #1 to Union Pacific Railroad Chicago, IL. The amount of \$77,876.38 will be funded from Measure R Funds.

19.

Approve Agreement between City of Hawthorne and the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (COG) to Implement a Green Business Certification Program authorize the Chief of Public Works and General Services to enter into and execute it on the City's behalf. Approximate cost of \$28,000 will be funded by grant funds from California Green Business Network

20.

Approve Progress Payment No. 2 due to Martinez, Inc., 12337 San Fernando Road, Sylmar, Ca 91342 for General Maintenance (Project # 15-02) – 3<sup>rd</sup> Year. The amount of \$121,421.21 will be paid funded through the approved and allocated Gas Tax and Measure M funds.

21.

Approve Progress Payment #3 to Shawnan Corporation of Downey, CA for Project #15-03, El Segundo Blvd. Improvement. The amount of \$432,587.04 will be funded from MTA Call for Projects and Development Impact Funds.

22.

Approve Progress Payment No. 2 due to Sequel Contractors, Inc., of Santa Fe Springs, Ca. The amount of \$586,435 will be funded through the approved and allocated project funds.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Awad, to approve items 18 through 22 of the City Manager's consent calendar.

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

23.

### NO CITY COUNCIL'S DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

a.- Discussion of appropriateness of window signage restrictions (currently set at maximum 25% of window and within the total allotment permitted for all signs) in light of requests to provide relief for struggling businesses. (Reyes English)

Councilmember Reyes English moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, to send this to the Planning Commission.

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

24.

### ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

City Treasurer **Patterson** thanked the community for coming out and making their voices heard. Had a great time at the Ramona Association Picnic and announced that he will be running for re-election in this upcoming election.

Councilmember **Valentine** stated that she is running for her seat at this coming election. Thanked staff for obtaining a grant from the California Green Business Network for the green business certification Program and also thanked them for all hard work trying to obtain grants for different projects. Thanked Sara Goodman for her art gift. Thanked the Golden State Water State Company for completing a \$4.7 million dollars pipeline on repairs in the City of Hawthorne and the City of Inglewood. Attended the Ramona Neighborhood Association Picnic and the backpack giveaway hosted by Assemblywoman Burke. Announced that the FAA invited 28 kids to tour the Hawthorne Airport including the hangers, and the aviation academy.

Councilmember **Michelin** also attended the Ramona picnic, spoke on the great job that the council is doing but requested that Code Enforcement still patrols the Salvation Army property through the Auto Zone for minor crime reports, happy to be back for his first day of school, wished Frances Stiglich a Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

Councilmember **Reyes English** thanked the Ramona Association for a great picnic, thanked Ms. Goodman for the gift provided, thanked Arnie for taking care of the kids brought by the FAA, thanked staff for obtaining a grant from the California Green Business Network, and announced attending several events around the area.

Councilmember **Awad** thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting, and had a good time at the Ramona picnic.

Mayor **Vargas** commented on the great Ramona Neighborhood Association Picnic, requested that the candidates for this election do not use the public microphone as a public podium.

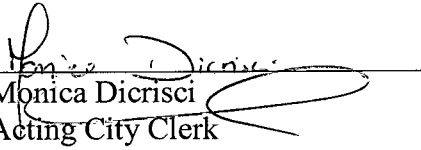
25.

This closed session was pulled before the meeting.

**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 Executive Group).

26.

Mayor Vargas adjourned the regular meeting at 7:41 p.m.



Monica Dicrisci  
Acting City Clerk