

**Minutes for the Meeting of City of Hawthorne**  
**Veterans Affairs Commission**  
**October 21, 2019**

**Meeting Convened: 4:03 P.M.**

- 1) Call to Order
  - ***Commissioner's Present: Moreno, Robilotta, Steinhauer, Chair Orlemann***
  - ***Commissioner Absent: Lester***
- 2) Flag Salute, Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3) Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.3, the October 21, 2019 Veterans Affairs Commission Agenda was posted at City Hall, 4455 West 126<sup>th</sup> St., Hawthorne, CA on October 16, 2019 at 12 noon.
- 4) Oral Communications: None
- 5) Written Communications: None
- 6) Approval of Minutes: ***The September 23 meeting minutes were approved, and motioned by Commissioner Moreno and seconded by Commissioner Robilotta; passed 4-0.***
- 7) Commission's Discussion/Action Items
  - Discussion of Hawthorne Veteran Housing and update from Hawthorne Planning Director
    - i. Sheri Repp Loadsman, interim planning director, presented the status of the veterans housing project to the Commission, and solicited feedback on how the development could be best used and for what target audience.
    - ii. She provided the RFP and evaluation criteria and indicated the RFP would go out after Council approval at the meeting Oct 22.
    - iii. The Commission, along with audience guest Tess Banko (UCLA Executive Director of Family Wellness Center) provided specific guidance based on their knowledge of the veteran community and what would fit best based on the veterans needs and surrounding Hawthorne community
    - iv. Ms. Loadsman was apprised that single parent family housing would be best suited to address a significant gap in help and resources available to that cohort and urged that consideration in the plan.
  - Budget Review and Update
    - i. The update was deferred at this meeting
  - Website and technical Responsibilities
    - i. This topic was deferred pending the return of Commission Lester
  - Veteran of the Quarter
    - i. The Commission agreed the recognition ceremony would be the Dec. 10 Council meeting. Sec. Gafney will coordinate the draft proclamation and the council agenda.
  - Open Business
    - i. Chair Orlemann provide background for the new WLA VA Director, Dr. Braverman.

He is a 30-year Army veteran with pain management specialty.

- ii. Commissioner Steinhauer reminded everyone of the annual VFW Thanksgiving meal for hospitalized veterans at the VFW hall on 17 November.

8) Adjournment: 5:13 p.m.