

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE,
CALIFORNIA HELD AUGUST 9, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Vargas called the City Council meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 4455 W. 126th Street, Hawthorne, California.

INVOCATION

City Treasurer Greg Fallon gave the evening's invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Deputy City Clerk Diana Cucalon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Monteiro, Reyes English, Valentine, Patterson, Mayor Vargas.
Absent: None.

PROCLAMATIONS/CERTIFICATES/PRESENTATIONS

1. Susan Shelly, Vice President of Communications for the Howard Jarvis Tax Payers Association, gave a presentation on Proposition 19.
2. The presentation for the Holly Park Neighborhood Association Scholarship was postponed until the next Council meeting.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Under oral communications **James Radek**, expressed his concerns in regards to the Charter. **Patricia Donaldson**, CEO Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce, shared information on Casino Night and a Golf Tournament. **Raymond Vergara** expressed his concerns in regards to Cannabis retail. **Gordon Mego** shared information on Covid-19 vaccinations in the military. **Katrina Manning** shared information in regards to free Covid-19 shots for children and free masks at Northeast Community Clinic. **Leatrice Brown** expressed her concerns on marijuana dispensaries in the City. **Roger White** spoke on the use and effects of marijuana.

CITY CLERK'S CONSENT CALENDAR

3. Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Patterson, to waive full readings of resolutions and ordinances on August 9, 2022's agenda.

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

4. City Treasurer Fallon submitted a financial statement regarding warrants.

Warrant Nos.: 12449-12739; 478615-478777; 66099 - 66417; 10819-10820;
195201 - 195230;

Warrant Totals: \$878,066.34; \$1,329,078.67; \$869,202.31; \$11,617.16;

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

ROLL CALL-AYES: Councilmembers Monteiro, Reyes English, Valentine, Patterson,
Mayor Vargas.

NOES: None.

5. Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Patterson, that the reading of the City Council minutes of the special meeting of December 7, 2021 and the regular meetings of January 11, 2022 and January 25, 2022 be waived and that they be approved and adopted.

ROLL CALL-AYES: Councilmembers Monteiro, Reyes English, Valentine, Patterson,
Mayor Vargas.

NOES: None.

RESOLUTIONS

6. RESOLUTION NO. 8373 & 8374

Consideration of resolutions pertaining to a measure concerning adoption of a charter at the November 8, 2022 election, including Resolution No. 8373 ordering the submission to the voters of a measure concerning the proposal to adopt a charter pursuant to California Government Code Section 34458(b) and find the action exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act, and Resolution 8374 directing preparation of an impartial analysis and setting forth the procedure for submitting arguments for and against the charter measure.

Councilmember Valentine moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, to approve the amendment Exhibit B: Section 201 to read (Monthly salary of \$2,000 for yearly salary of \$24,000) for each Councilmember. Remainder would stay the same.

ROLL CALL AYES: Councilmembers Monteiro, Valentine.

NOES: Councilmember Patterson, Reyes English, Mayor Vargas.

Motion failed.

Councilmember Patterson moved, seconded by Councilmember Reyes English, to approve item six as written.

ROLL CALL AYES: Councilmembers Patterson, Reyes English, Mayor Vargas.

NOES: Councilmembers Monteiro, Valentine.

Motion approved.

7. RESOLUTION NO. 8375

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 for July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024 and Amending Chapter 2.32 of the Hawthorne Municipal Code, Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Side Letter Agreement.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Patterson, that Resolution 8375 be approved and adopted.

ROLL CALL-AYES: Councilmembers Monteiro, Reyes English, Valentine, Patterson,
Mayor Vargas.

NOES: None.

8. RESOLUTION NO. 8376

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Hawthorne, California, Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Cooperative Agreement between the City of Hawthorne and the City of Gardena Regarding Paratransit Services for Fiscal Years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Patterson that Resolution 8376 be approved and adopted.

ROLL CALL-AYES: Councilmembers Monteiro, Reyes English, Valentine, Patterson, Mayor Vargas.

NOES: None.

GENERAL MATTERS

9. Housing Maintenance 2022 Rehabilitation of City Owned Properties Various Locations (City Project #22-06) - Out to Bid

Councilmember Reyes English moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro, to approve the plans and specifications.

ROLL CALL-AYES: Councilmember Monteiro, Reyes English, Valentine, Patterson, Mayor Vargas.

NOES: None.

10. Tree Trimming Project (City Project #22-07) - Out to Bid.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Reyes English, to approve the plans and specifications.

ROLL CALL AYES: Councilmember Monteiro, Reyes English, Valentine, Patterson, Mayor Vargas.

NOES: None.

CITY MANAGER'S CONSENT CALENDAR

11. Highway Safety Improvement Project Traffic Signal Upgrade and Reconstruction 120th St Improvement Project – Prairie Ave to Felton Ave, (City Project # 21-06) – Out to Bid.

12. Progress Payment #1 in the amount of \$308,545.75 due to Sequel Contractors, Inc. of Santa Fe Springs, CA for Local Street Improvement Project 2022 (Project # 22-04)

13. Acting City Manager Appointments Pursuant to Hawthorne Municipal Code Section 2.04.020.

14. Emergency Preparedness Coordinator

15. Agreement/Contract Renewal. Between the City of Hawthorne and LDM Associates, Inc. for the administration of the CDBG & HOME Programs

16. Agreement between the City of Hawthorne and Tele Health Van LLC for providing daily virtual tele-health resources and family support to low income and homeless residents in the City.

17. City of Hawthorne Employee Handbook

18. Recruitment Incentive Program for current sworn employees.

19. Approval of side letter for Nakagawa, Medical Director

Councilmember Reyes English moved, seconded by Councilmember Patterson, to approve items 11, 12, 13, 15, 17, 18 and 19 of the City Manager's consent calendar.

ROLL CALL-AYES: Councilmembers Monteiro, Reyes English, Valentine, Patterson,
Mayor Vargas.

NOES: None.

Councilmember Reyes English moved, seconded by Councilmember Patterson, to approve item 14 of the City Manager's consent calendar.

ROLL CALL-AYES: Councilmembers Monteiro, Reyes English, Valentine, Patterson,
Mayor Vargas.

NOES: None.

Councilmember Reyes English moved, seconded by Councilmember Patterson, to approve item 16 of the City Manager's consent calendar.

ROLL CALL AYES: Councilmembers Monteiro, Reyes English, Valentine, Patterson,
Mayor Vargas.

NOES: None.

CITY ATTORNEY'S CONSENT CALENDAR

20. Deny Claim of Silvino Perez for Monetary Damages

21. Deny Petition of Maximiliano Serrano for Leave to Submit a Late Claim for Damages

22. Deny Claim of Erin Bishop for Personal Injuries

Councilmember Patterson moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, to approve items 20 to 22 on the City Attorney's consent calendar.

ROLL CALL-AYES: Councilmembers Monteiro, Reyes English, Valentine, Patterson,
Mayor Vargas.

NOES: None.

DISCUSSION/ ACTION ITEMS

23. Extending City Holiday - Labor Day 2022 (Monteiro)

Councilmember Monteiro suggested City staff be given a day off on September 2, 2022 extending the Labor Day holiday.

Councilmember Monteiro moved, seconded by Councilmember Reyes English, to approve giving City staff a day off on September 2, 2022, extending Labor Day holiday.

ROLL CALL AYES: Councilmembers Monteiro, Reyes English, Valentine, Patterson,
Mayor Vargas.

NOES: None.

ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS / RECOMMENDATIONS

City Treasurer **Fallon** shared his thoughts on Prop 13 and property taxes.

Councilmember **Valentine** shared information regarding broadband for the community and a grant application.

Councilmember **Monteiro** thanked everyone for attending tonight's City Council meeting, thanked City staff for National Night Out, congratulated the Historical Society on their Annual Hall of Fame Induction Banquet. Invited the community to an event hosted by the Lions Club for free eye exams and glasses on August 27, 2022 at the Hawthorne Memorial Center. Invited the community to World Fest taking place September 17, 2022. He gave a directive to the City Manager regarding a resident request to have the "T" parking in his area.

Councilmember **Reyes English** spoke regarding taxes in California.

Councilmember **Patterson** thanked the community for having their voices heard and thanked the interns that helped with a PowerPoint presentation.

Mayor **Vargas** shared his thoughts on Cannabis retail and EJMA and on the upcoming World Fest 2022 event.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Vargas adjourned the regular City Council meeting at 8:23 p.m.

CERTIFICATION



Dr. Paul Jimenez, City Clerk