

CITY OF HAWTHORNE  
VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMISSION

DATE NOVEMBER 7, 2022

PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54954.3, THE AGENDA WAS POSTED AT CITY HALL BULLETIN BOARD AT 4455 W 126<sup>TH</sup> STREET ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2022 AT 4:00PM.

Chairperson Orleman called the Veteran's Commission meeting to order at 4:00pm.

**Roll Call: 4 members present**

**Present:** Chairperson Kyle Orlemann, Commissioners Carol Steinhauer, Stephen Nellman, Faye Johnson

**Also Present:** Erika Lampkin, HR Director, Maria Montelongo, Office Clerk

Commissioner Johnson led the flag salute.

**Oral Communication:** Council woman Olivia Valentine welcomed the newest Commissioner Faye Johnson and shared a few words to the commission of how excited she is that the commission is back and look forward to them assisting the community and its veterans'.

**Written Communications:** N/A

Approval of Minutes – Meeting October 3, 2022

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve minutes at the next meeting, Chairperson Orlemann seconded. All in favor.

**Commissioner's Discussion Action Items**

- A. *Introduction of new commissioner* – Faye Johnson introduced herself to the Commission and stated she is retired Air force and currently works at the VA in Long Beach.
- B. *Briefing on Cordary Project* - Chairperson Orlemann stated the City of Hawthorne has an acre parcel west side of Cordary and north of Rosecrans. Project will be for Veteran Housing and plans for the development have stopped after developer dropped out. Project was set to be completed and occupied by 2022. Erika advised that once the fifth person has been appointed to the commission
- C. *Veterans' Service Provider Fair* – Chairperson Orlemann stated the fair is typically held in April but due to Covid the fair has not been possible. Chairperson Orlemann shared flyers with the Commission of previous Veteran fair. Commissioner will approve to save the date.
- D. *Facebook/Website access* – Erika, HR Director advised Chairperson Orlemann that Facebook and website access is currently being worked on and will have an update at the next meeting.
- E. *Ways Forward* – Chairperson Orlemann would like to bring back Veteran of the Quarter and give out a certificate along with a proclamation to be read at the City Council meeting and

parking space in front of City Hall. The commissioners will work on a spreadsheet and to come up with a number of how many veterans' reside in Hawthorne.

### **Commissioner Reports/ Recommendations**

Commissioner Nell man suggested to speak to the Council and ask for their expectations in regards to what Veterans' Commission should focus on.

Commissioner Johnson suggested to have standing items on the agenda moving forward.

Commissioner Steinhauer will continue to update the Commission on the legislation and changes to LA County laws.

Chairperson Orlemann asked Erika for an updated amount on the Veterans' Commission funding account, also suggested to appoint a Vice Chair at the next meeting.

Chairperson Orlemann adjourned the meeting at 5:05pm. The next scheduled will be December 5, 2022 at 4:00pm.