

CITY OF HAWTHORNE

VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

Erika Lampkin, Human Resources Director
Jose Saldana, Police Sergeant



4455 W. 126th Street, Hawthorne, CA 90250

Chairperson Faye Johnson
Vice – Chair Stephen Nellman
Commissioner Kyle Orlemann
Commissioner Carol Steinhauer
Commissioner Daniel Lucero

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Meeting Minutes DATE March 6, 2023

PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54954.3, THE AGENDA WAS POSTED AT CITY HALL BULLETIN BOARD AT 4455 W 126TH STREET ON THURSDAY, April 13, 2023 AT 4:00PM.

Chairperson Orlemann called the Veteran's Commission meeting to order at 4:10pm.

Roll Call: Four members present

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

Absent: Commissioner Daniel Lucero

Staff Present: Erika Lampkin, HR Director & Sgt. Jose Saldana

Flag – Commissioner Stephen Nellman led the flag salute.

1) Oral Communication: None

2) Written Communications: None

3) Approval of Minutes – Meeting of February 6, 2023

Moved to approve by Commissioner Orlemann; 2nd by Commissioner Nellman

Yes Votes – Commissioners Johnson, Steinhauer, Orlemann, Nellman

4) Staff Secretary Report - None

5) Commissioners' Discussion/Action Items

A. *Elections* –

- *Chairperson Orlemann read City Council Agenda item 11 from the February 28, 2023 meeting and asked with that information should we move forward with elections as stated on the agenda.*

- Should we go forward with the elections?

Johnson stated, yes we should.

Moved to approve by Commissioner Johnson; 2nd by Commissioner Nellman

Yes Votes – Commissioners Johnson, Steinhauer, Orlemann, Nellman

- Nellman stated that Johnson should be chairperson.

Moved to approve by Commissioner Nellman; 2nd by Commissioner Orlemann
Yes Votes – Commissioners Johnson, Steinhauer, Orlemann, Nellman

- It was asked if we should have a Vice-Chair.
Johnson stated yes.

Moved to approve by Commissioner Johnson; 2nd by Commissioner Orlemann
Yes Votes – Commissioners Johnson, Steinhauer, Orlemann, Nellman

New Chairperson Johnson took over the management of the meeting

Commissioner Orlemann -asked if 1 year terms will be Retroactive. Erika stated she would find out.

B. Facebook/Website

- *Mindful Veterans Project: Information to be provided by Commissioner Orlemann*
- Website review by Commissioner Johnson.
- Discussed adding a tab for Veterans Census
- Changes to be made by City IT
- Facebook: City will attempt to unlock VeteransAffairs@cityofhawthorne.org Email

C. Events/Outreach:

*VFW and American Legion Social Event Planning,
Tentative Date April 14th 5pm -7pm at VFW*

D. Commissioner Reports/Recommendation

- We need to bring ideas on how to help the Veterans of Hawthorne
- Veteran Fraud Alert
- New eligibility requirements VA PACT
- Open House for VPAN in Hawthorne- they are having a meet and greet every Friday and we should consider having a table there
- Veterans Support Summit 3/11/23

Commissioner Reports/ Recommendations

Chairperson Johnson adjourned the meeting at 5:31pm. The next meeting will be held on April 6, 2023 at 4:00pm.