

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE,
CALIFORNIA HELD MAY 29, 2015.**

Mayor Brown called the City Council meeting to order jointly and concurrently at 6:35 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of the City Hall, 4455 West 126th Street, Hawthorne, California.

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

1.

Under oral communications, **Allen Richards**, spoke on the termination of the City Manager. **DTZ Commercial Real Estate**, spoke regarding a project that they were working on and the termination of the City Manager. **Gordon Michael Mego, Lynn Vaughn, Mike Talleda, Jason Gromski, Amy Sheppard, Wayne Spencer, Unidentified speaker from North Hawthorne, and Chris Palmer** spoke on the City Manager's termination.

2.

Mayor Brown recessed the City Council meeting to conduct simultaneous **Closed Session** on Items 2a, 2b and 2c as follows:

a.

Closed Session: Public Employee performance evaluation pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b) to conduct an employee evaluation concerning the City Manager, Michael Goodson.

b.

Closed Session: Public Employee Dismissal Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b); Title: City Manager. Michael Goodson.

c.

Closed Session: Public Employee Appointment Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b): Title: Interim City Manager

Mayor Brown called the City Council meeting back to order following recess with all Councilmembers present. He announced that three simultaneous **closed sessions** were held on Item Nos. 2a, 2b and 2c. The City Attorney stated the City Council members held a Closed Session to conduct a performance evaluation on the City Manager. The City Attorney said that three council members, including Councilmember Vargas, Nilo and Mayor Pro Tem Valentine voted to terminate the employment contract with the City Manager. Mayor Brown and Councilmember Reyes English voted no. The City Manager was placed on 30 days administrative leave and at the end of the 30 days, the City Manager's termination with the City as City Manager would be effective. The City Attorney announced that the City Council also discussed appointment of an Interim City Manager in Closed Session and that the City Council would be voting on that matter publicly

3.

Appointment of Arnie Shadbehr as Interim City Manager.

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

4.

Designate two Councilmembers and City Attorney as City negotiators re: Unrepresented employee: Interim City Manager in negotiating terms and conditions, (including salary) of employment contract.

Councilmember Vargas and Councilmember Valentine were designated as City negotiator re: Unrepresented employee: Interim City Manager in negotiating terms and conditions, (including salary) of employment contract.

ROLL CALL-AYES: Councilmembers Reyes English, Michelin, Valentine, Vargas, Mayor Brown.

NOES: None.

5.

Mayor Brown adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Norbert Huber
City Clerk