

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE,
CALIFORNIA HELD SEPTEMBER 22, 2015.**

Mayor Brown called the City Council, Parking Authority, and Housing Authority meetings to order jointly and concurrently at 6:02 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 4455 W. 126th Street, Hawthorne, California.

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

Patricia Donaldson gave the evening's invocation. City Clerk Norb Huber led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Naresh Amatya, Acting Director Transportation Division, Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), gave a presentation on the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy. This is a long range transportation plan that encompasses the six county regions. A 20 plus year plan, it represents a long term vision to address the regional transportation and land use needs as required by the federal government.

Dr. Allison Deegan, Administrative Advisor to the County Committee on School District Organization, gave a presentation to help educate the Council and parents on the Unification process. Unification would create a new K-12 district from the Hawthorne School District which could be known as the Hawthorne Unified School District.

Chairman Alex Monteiro, on behalf of the Presidents Council, presented a check to the Chief of Police in the amount of \$8,000 for the K-9 unit. Funds were raised by various organizations and civic groups such as the Kiwanis and Lions Club.

1.

Under oral communications **Mark Blosler**, representing Los County Assessor Jeffrey Prang, spoke on rising property values in the County and in Hawthorne which rose 6% from last year. The increased revenues will help fund services that we rely on. **Patricia Donaldson**, Chamber of Commerce announced that the chamber will hold a candidate's forum at Hawthorne High School. The Chamber mixer will be held on Thursday at Moore's Daycare, 11619 S. Van Ness Ave. Introduced new Chamber member Penny Wilcox of Lifetime Smile, a general cosmetic dentistry in Lawndale. Dr. Mark Newell invited the public to attend a fashion show whereby Hawthorne High School math students learned to apply geometrical shapes to fashion design. The show will be held at 12619 Hawthorne Blvd on Saturday. Thierry Lubenc announced that former city manager Kenny Jue will be the guest speaker at the next Hawthorne Historical Society meeting on September 28th. Spoke in favor of Unification. **James Ross**, on behalf of Ygrene Energy Fund, asked that Council consider the Ygrene program into the community of Hawthorne. **Allen Richards** spoke on the city's finances and the hiring of the former city manager. Questioned whether Council would eliminate stipends for two years. Announced that the Ramona Neighborhood Association will hold an election forum at Ramona School on O October 22nd at 7pm. **Gordon Michael Meego** spoke on the budget, city finances and personnel issues. **Raymond Vergara** thanked various city staff for the good job that they do. Thanked everyone who made the North Hawthorne Community Association picnic a huge success. Speaker feels the city should get more cul-de-sacs to make neighborhoods safer. Spoke on the benefit of having a hospital in the city. **Darlene Love** thanked everyone for all the flowers and concerned calls she received while in the hospital. **Greg O'Brien**, the new Superintendent of the Centinela Valley Union High School District, introduced himself and explained his philosophy as an educator which is that all students can achieve at high levels. **Leithelle Williams** spoke in favor of Unification and spoke strongly on the importance of educating the city's children. **Amie Shepard** thanked the police department for their swift action concerning issues in her neighborhood. Spoke on Hawthorne Math and Science Academy's students exceeding the expectations of the State of California Standards. **Danielle Valentino** with LA Country Metro introduced herself. She is the assigned representative at Metro for the city to address any concerns that it may have. Announced that Phil Washington is the new CEO at Metro and that he is committed to engaging with the city. **Alex Monteiro** announced that he is still accepting students for The Castle preschool at Jim Thorpe Park. The Hawthorne School District will have the Family and Pet Extravaganza at Kornblum on September 26th. The Hawthorne Presidents' Council Community BBQ dinner will be held on October 15th at the Hawthorne Memorial Center to support the Holiday Assistance Program. Feels that we need stability and strong leaders on the Council.

2.

Mayor Brown recessed the Parking Authority and Housing Authority meetings to conduct the meeting of the City Council.

3.

Councilmember Reyes English, moved seconded by Councilmember Valentine, that the reading of the City Council minutes of regular meetings of July 28, 2015, and the special meetings of August 18, 2015 and September 10, 2015 be waived and that they be approved and adopted.

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

4.

Councilmember Reyes English moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, to waive full readings of resolutions and ordinances on September 22, 2015's agenda.

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

5.

The City Treasurer submitted a financial statement regarding warrants.

Warrants Nos.: 129796-192639 ; 447961-448135 ; 37752-33158 ; 10083-10083.

Warrant Totals: \$652,660,43 ; \$1,364,741.47 ; \$681,365.71 ; \$20,402.39.

Councilmember Reyes English moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, that the following warrants, properly audited and signed, be paid.

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

6.

Bids were received and were opened on September 8, 2015 for Project 11-01: Construction of Traffic signals on Inglewood Ave. at the Intersections of Imperial Hwy., 118th, 120th St., Broadway, and El Segundo Blvd.

Public Works Department Declaration of Publication Filed.

There were four (4) bids received. (ALL WERE ACCOMPANIED BY BIDDER'S BOND)

THE PRICES WERE AS FOLLOWS:

MSL ELECTRIC	\$662,480
ELECNOR BELCO	\$751,167
PTM ENGINEERING	\$707,007
DYNALECTRIC	\$832,285

7.

Bids were received and were opened on September 8, 2015 for Project 15-05: Intersection Widening and Traffic Signal Construction Project – 1) Inglewood Avenue at El Segundo Boulevard 2) Crenshaw Boulevard at Rocket Road, and 3) Crenshaw Boulevard at Jack Northrop Avenue.

Public Works Department declaration of Publication filed.

There were four (4) bids received. (ALL WERE ACCOMPANIED BY BIDDER'S BOND)

THE PRICES WERE AS FOLLOWS:

MSL ELECTRIC	\$937,948
ELECNOR BELCO	\$1,100,151
PTM ENGINEERING	\$1,027,027
DYNALECTRIC	\$1,074,343

RESOLUTIONS

8.

RESOLUTION NO. 7752

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 22, 2015 AS WOMEN’S EQUALITY DAY IN THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE.

Councilmember Reyes English moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, that Resolution 7752 be approved and adopted.

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

9.

RESOLUTION NO. 7753

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA IN SUPPORT OF SB 350 AND SB 32 AND CALIFORNIA’S LEADERSHIP IN ADVANCING A STRONG ECONOMY AND HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT.

Councilmember Reyes English moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, that Resolution 7753 be approved and adopted.

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

10.

RESOLUTION NO. 7755

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA REVISING PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON SPECIFIC STREETS ADJACENT TO JEFFERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL.

Councilmember Reyes English moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, that Resolution 7755 be approved and adopted.

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

11.

RESOLUTION NO. 7756

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA AUTHORIZING, APPROVING & RATIFYING THE SUBMITTAL OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2015 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM LOCAL SOLICITATION.

Councilmember Reyes English moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, that Resolution 7756 be approved and adopted.

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

12.

City Clerk Huber announced that this was the time and place for the Public Hearing and approval of Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER) for Program Year 2014 for CDBG and HOME funds.

Human Resources Department's declaration publication filed. No written communications were received.

Mayor Brown called for public comments.

Under oral comments, no one indicated a desire to be heard.

Mayor Brown ordered to close the public portion of the hearing. MOTION CARRIED.

Councilmember Reyes English moved, seconded by Mayor Brown, to approve the Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER) for Program Year 2014 for CDBG and HOME funds.

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

ORDINANCES

13.

ORDINANCE NO. 2094 (2nd Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, ADDING AND ENACTING CHAPTER 15.70 (EXPEDITED STREAMLINED PERMITTING PROCESS FOR SMALL RESIDENTIAL ROOFTOP SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS) OF TITLE 15 (BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION) OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE.

Mayor Brown moved, seconded Councilmember Reyes English, that Ordinance No. 2094 be approved and adopted.

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

14.

ORDINANCE NO. 2097 (1st Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 2.28 (PLANNING COMMISSION) AND ADDING AND ENACTING CHAPTER 2.29 (AIRPORT ZONING COMMISSION) OF TITLE 2 (ADMINISTRATION, CIVIL SERVICE AND PERSONNEL) OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE.

Ordinance 2097 was introduced by title only by Councilmember Reyes English.

15.

ORDINANCE NO. 2098 (1st Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING TITLE 17 OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE, CHAPTER 17.76 (SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES) RELATED TO THE REGULATION OF ALCOHOL SALES IN COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL ZONES.

Ordinance 2098 was introduced by title only by Councilmember Reyes English.

16.

ORDINANCE NO. 2099 (1st Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING TITLE 17 OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE, CHAPTERS 17.04 (DEFINITIONS), 17.25 (C-1 FREEWAY COMMERCIAL/MIXED USE CLASSIFICATION), 17.26 (C-

2 LOCAL COMMERCIAL CLASSIFICATION), AND 17.32 (M-1 LIMITED INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION), RELATED TO THE REGULATION OF PERSONAL COSMETIC SERVICES.

Ordinance 2099 was introduced by title only by Mayor Brown.

17.

ORDINANCE NO. 2100 (1st Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, ADDING CHAPTER 5.17 TO DIVISION 1 OF TITLE 5 OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE, RELATING TO ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY'S BUSINESS LICENSE TAX.

Ordinance 2100 was introduced by title only by Councilmember Vargas.

The Interim City Manager, Arnold Shadbehr, presented the following agenda and requested approval of the indicated recommendations:

18.

Approve Progress Payment #2 due to All American Asphalt, Corona, California. The amount of \$158,003.74 will be funded through Measure R.

19.

Approve Energy Efficiency Climate Action Plan (EECAP)

20.

Approve the purchase of 35 shotguns from ProForce Law Enforcement, Inc. by the Police Department.

21.

Approve Progress Payment #4 (second contract year) to Great Scott Tree Service of Stanton, California. The amount of \$18,180.00 will be funded through the approved and allocated Tree Trimming Funds.

22.

Approve to Award the Contract for federal HSIP Project (#11-01): Upgrade and Reconstruction of Traffic Signals on Inglewood Avenue at the intersections of Imperial Highway, 118th Street, 120th Street, Broadway and El Segundo Boulevard to MSL Electric, Inc. of Anaheim, California.

23.

Approve to Award of Contract for Project #15-05 - Intersection Widening and Traffic Signal Modification Project: 1) Inglewood Ave. at El Segundo Boulevard, 2) Crenshaw Boulevard at Rocket Road and 3) Crenshaw Boulevard at Jack Northrop Avenue to MSL Electric, Inc. of Anaheim, California

24.

Approve Progress Payment #4 due to Zumar Industries, Inc. The amount of \$ 10,856.60 will be funded through the approved and allocated Gas Tax funds.

25.

Approve the Acceptance of 2-foot wide right-of-way for the purpose of sidewalk improvement in compliance with the ADA requirements on a portion of Lots 705 and 726 of Tract No. 2603, in the City of Hawthorne, County of Los Angeles, State of California, as per map recorded in Book 26, Page 64 of maps, together with that portion of the adjoining vacated public way 116th Street as shown on said Tract, in the office of the County Recorder of the County of Los Angeles and authorize the City Clerk to record with the County Recorder.

26.

Approve a Loan Agreement between the City of Hawthorne and the Hawthorne Successor Agency for Payment to Rosenow-Spevacek Group, Inc. for Completion of a Fiscal Consultant Report.

27.

Approve Loan Agreement between the City of Hawthorne and the Hawthorne Successor Agency for Tax Increment Payment required by the Gateway Center Disposition and Development Agreement.

Councilmember Reyes English moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, to approve items 18 through 27 of the City Manager's consent calendar.

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

The City Attorney, Russell Miyahira, presented the following agenda and requested approval of the indicated recommendations:

28.

Claim of Thomas Body, Property Damage Resulting from Parkway Tree branch falling on claimant's 2004 RX 330 Lexus at 2508 West 115th Street.

Councilmember Reyes English moved, seconded by Mayor Brown, that the claim filed on behalf of Claimant Thomas Body, claiming Property Damage Resulting from Parkway Tree branch falling on claimant's 2004 RX 330 Lexus at 2508 West 115th Street be granted in its entirety.

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

29.

CITY COUNCIL'S DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

a.- City Participation in President Obama's 'My Brother's Keeper' Initiative/Challenge. (Valentine)

This presentation was postponed.

b.- Direct staff to prepare resolution authorizing execution of JPA with Ygrene Energy Fund. (Valentine)

Councilmember Valentine stated that Ygrene Energy Fund is a leading provider of clean energy financing for residential and commercial properties throughout the United States. The Ygrene Works Program provides immediate accessible zero down 100% PACE financing for energy efficiency, renewable energy, water conservation and in certain areas, hurricane protection, electric vehicle charging stations and seismic upgrades. Councilmember Valentine directed staff to prepare a Resolution authorizing execution of a JPA with Ygrene Energy Fund.

c.- Voluntary participation with other city employees in the furlough contribution for 2015-2016 fiscal year. (Huber) [Non-Voting item; requires individual agreement by each elected official]

City Clerk Huber stated that he put this item on to show his concern for his fellow employees of the city. Councilmember Valentine stated that she is willing to reduce hers by 5%.

d.- Reduction of City Councilmember's Salary/Stipend. (Michelin) [Non-Voting item; requires individual agreement by each elected official]

Councilmember Michelin feels all stakeholders should share in the burden of the budget problems. There should be a reduction in the Councilmembers' salary but disagrees that this should be a non-voting item. He does not think it should be voluntary. It will come back as a separate Resolution for salary and for the stipend for charitable events.

e.- Consider City Council policy requiring pre-approval of all City Councilmember expenses for conferences, etc. (Michelin)

Councilmember Michelin stated that in most municipalities and school boards, it is standing operating procedure where they approve city councilmember expenses for conferences, etc. It puts things in the open and lets the public know what you are going to do. Councilmember Valentine suggested an amendment to make the allocation equal for each councilmember and have it separately allocated. After further discussion, the City Attorney will prepare a policy taking into account everybody's concerns.

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f.- Direct staff to research and/or prepare resolution regarding term limits for City Councilmembers. (Michelin)

Councilmember Michelin stated that term limits is something that most of the South Bay cities have and makes a lot of sense. It is important to have new ideas coming in. Requested to have a Resolution about term limits put on by the City Attorney at the next meeting.

g.- Direct staff to amend Credit card policy. (Michelin)

Councilmember Michelin feels the credit cards should be used only for emergencies such as buying supplies in case of earthquake or storms and not for everyday things. Requested that staff come up with some rules about credit card policies to make it stricter.

30.

Under Elected Official Reports and Recommendations.

City Treasurer **Patterson** stated that he will also participate in the 5% furlough of his salary. Reported on attending the North Hawthorne Community Association picnic and the VFW barbeque.

City Clerk **Huber** announced that the Hollypark Homeowners Association will hold a candidate's forum on October 1st at Atherton Baptist Church, Hollyglen will hold one on October 8th at Cabrillo School and the Ramona Neighborhood Association will hold theirs October 22nd. Congratulated incoming Kiwanis Club President Gregg McClain. Reported on experiencing more electrical outages. Reminded residents that water restrictions are still in effect. Announced that the Historical Society tree lighting ceremony is scheduled for December 5th.

Councilmember **Vargas** announced that the St. Joseph Parish Fiesta will be held this coming weekend; everyone is welcome to attend.

Councilmember **Michelin** spoke in support of Unification. Stated that he has been vigilant by voting against stipends and the last budget. Requested oversight regarding Municipal Auditing Services. Reported on attending the North Hawthorne picnic. Feels the city's RHNA numbers should be brought down to a reasonable level. Stated that he voted against putting an apartment building at Yukon and Rosecrans.

Councilmember **Reyes English** spoke on providing housing assistance to those that are in need. Thanked everyone who attended the 9-11 ceremonies. It is her hope to return and continue to support our non-profit organizations and those that ask for support. Applauded Mike Talleda and the Wounded Heroes of America for the work they are doing to provide assistance to Veterans.

Councilmember **Valentine** spoke in favor of Unification because good schools with solid academic achievement and stability create an attraction for people to come in and move into a city but it should be initiated by the parents. Commended Phantom Galleries for their success in finding ways to bring art into Hawthorne. Spoke on the choices and actions made regarding the budget to save the city.

Mayor **Brown** announced that there will be a job fair on September 24th with 50 different agencies hiring on the spot at the Hawthorne Memorial Center in collaboration with Los Angeles County and also spoke on the importance of Women's Equality month.

31.

This closed session was not held.

Closed Session: – Conference with Legal Counsel – Initiation of Litigation against a third party, pursuant to subdivision (c) of Section 54956.9 (One potential case).

32.

Mayor Brown adjourned the regular meeting at 9:18 p.m.