

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE,  
CALIFORNIA HELD DECEMBER 8, 2015**

Mayor Brown called the City Council, Parking Authority, and Housing Authority meetings to order jointly and concurrently at 6:05 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 4455 W. 126<sup>th</sup> Street, Hawthorne, California.

ROLL CALL-Present: Councilmembers, Michelin, Valentine, Vargas, Mayor Brown.  
Excused: Councilmember Reyes English

Rev. Lawrence Becker from Trinity Lutheran Church gave the evening's invocation. Mayor Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilmember Valentine presented a Certificate of Recognition to Gloria Plascencia for her years of honorable efforts in curating art within the community at Phantom, Galleries Gallery H in Hawthorne.

Councilmember Michelin presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Mayor Brown in recognition for his years of service as Mayor.

Councilmember Vargas presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Councilmember Valentine in recognition for her years of service as a Councilmember.

Los Angeles County Assessor Jeffrey Prang, on behalf of the Assessor's Office, presented Certificates of Recognition to outgoing Mayor Brown, outgoing Councilmember Valentine, incoming Mayor Vargas, returning Councilmember Michelin and incoming Councilmember Awad.

1.

Mayor Brown asked if anyone wanted to speak on item No. 1.

City Clerk Norb Huber gave his Certification of the Official Results of the returns of the General Municipal Election held November 3, 2015 as follows:

Pursuant to the provisions of the Elections Code of the State of California, the Registrar-Recorder of the County of Los Angeles canvassed the returns of said General Municipal Election and has certified the results attached hereto and made a part hereof as "Exhibit A" and I now certify to you as follows:

That there were fifteen (15) voting precincts established for the purpose of holding said election, consisting of consolidations of the regular election precincts in said city as established for the holding of state and county elections.

That said general municipal election was held for the purpose of electing the following officers of said city as required by the laws relating to cities in the state of California, to wit:

For Mayor of the City Council for a full term of four years  
For two members of the City Council for a full term of four years

That the whole number of votes cast in said city (except absent voter ballots) was 2,352.

That the whole number of absent voter ballots cast in said city was 2,276 making a total of 4,628 votes cast in said city.

That the names of persons voted for at said election and the total number of votes received by each person are as follows:

For Mayor:

ALEX VARGAS.....	2,682
CHRIS BROWN.....	965
ANGIE REYES ENGLISH.....	428
ANALILIA JOYA.....	405

For members of the City Council:

NILO MICHELIN.....	1,533
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Haidar Awad.....	1,504
KATRINA MANNING.....	1,470
OLIVIA VALENTINE.....	1,373
L. DAVID PATTERSON.....	850
AMIE SHEPARD.....	561
OSVALDO RAMIREZ.....	363
FRANCES STIGLICH.....	354

I CERTIFY THAT ALEX VARGAS WAS ELECTED AS MAYOR FOR SAID CITY FOR THE FULL TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

I CERTIFY THAT NILO MICHELIN WAS ELECTED AS A MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR SAID CITY FOR THE FULL TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

I CERTIFY THAT HAIDAR AWAD ELECTED AS A MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR SAID CITY FOR THE FULL TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

The City Clerk’s statement and the certification of the canvass is now ready to be ordered filed.

Mayor Brown moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, that the City Clerk's statement and certification of the canvass be filed.

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

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Norbert Huber  
 City Clerk

**RESOLUTION NO. 7773**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, RECITING THE FACTS OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION OF MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL HELD IN SAID CITY ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2015 AND DECLARING THE RESULTS THEREOF AND SUCH OTHER MATTERS AS ARE PROVIDED BY LAW.

Mayor Brown moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, that Resolution No. 7773 be approved and adopted.

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

2.

Administration of Oath of Office to newly Elected Officials

Officer Chris Komathy administered the Oath of Office to Councilmember Nilo Michelin as prescribed in the Constitution of the State of California.

California State Treasurer John Chiang administered the Oath of Office to Councilmember Haidar Awad as prescribed in the Constitution of the State of California.

Mr. Alejandro Vargas and Mrs. Maria Vargas administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Alex Vargas as prescribed in the Constitution of the State of California.

3.

Under oral communications **Dr. Jawdat**, President of the Islamic Center of Hawthorne, condemned the senseless act of terrorism that happened last week in San Bernardino. **Abdullah Ali**, Community Outreach for the Islamic Center of Hawthorne, invited everyone to attend a prayer rally which will begin

at 10:45am this Saturday in front of St. Joseph Church and will end at the Islamic Center of Hawthorne. **Pat Donaldson**, Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce, announced that the grand opening of a hangar at Hawthorne Airport and also the Chamber Mixer will be held on December 9<sup>th</sup> at 12101 Crenshaw Blvd. from 6pm to 9pm. Requested toy donations for the Christmas party toy and food giveaway which will be held on December 21<sup>st</sup> at the Memorial Center parking lot. **Raymond Vergara** thanked everyone who supported him and brought in the Uber partners for the December 2<sup>nd</sup> event at the Memorial Center; thanked all the vendors that came out and the small business owners who came through at the last minute. **Gary Parsons** suggested that Councilmembers go to other South Bay cities' Council meetings to bring back the best ideas from other well run cities. Challenged Council to break the mold and not keep doing things the same way they've always been done. Would like the challenge of changing the city emblem be given to local high school students; the winner would receive \$500 from Mr. Parsons own money. Suggested bringing back the Hawthorne Air Fair through private sponsors and private money. Presented a photograph book of Mayor Vargas' campaign night to Mayor Vargas and a copy for his parents. **Rula Alshanableh** spoke on an incident involving a screaming woman that occurred at her children's school on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Students **Mahmoud Alamed** and **Sabahat** shared their experience of what happened on that day at the Islamic school. **Aba Ngissah** hopes to see more businesses come to Hawthorne so residents can shop in their own community. **Gordon Mego** spoke on two important projects he feels need to be done; the revitalization of the Hawthorne Plaza Mall and the RFK Medical Center site for a hospital. **Speaker** asked that Council go to Sacramento or Washington, D.C. to get money for a hospital in the city. **Speaker** feels it's a shame that with the amount of people who live in the city there was such low voter turnout. **Rueben Sanchez**, President North Hawthorne Community Association, expressed his support for the new Council and the Public Works department that helped clean up the lot on Eucalyptus. **John Vargas**, on behalf of the El Camino College Board of Trustees, congratulated the Council. Announced that the board has recently selected the new Superintendent President, Dr. Dena Maloney, who will come aboard on February 1, 2016. Spoke on attending a conference on STEM education. **Leithelle Williams** suggested turning the hospital property into a Veteran's Hospital and the empty trailer park on Inglewood Ave. into a Veteran's Center. Asked that unification still be kept in mind. **Speaker** thanked Council and City staff for stepping up and doing an amazing job of helping the Veterans' Affairs Commission pull off their first Veterans' Day event. Asked for continued help regarding vandalism problems at the Hollyglen cul-de-sac. **Lisa Aguilar** expressed interest in becoming a business owner in the City. **Alex Monteiro** asked that the Specific Plan be voted on soon so it can be implemented. Thanked everyone who helped distribute baskets for Thanksgiving and those who donated. Spoke on the STEM programs available at Bud Carson and Zela Davis schools. Invited everyone to bring an unwrapped toy and a dish to attend the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Moneta Gardens Improvement potluck on Thursday at 11:30am at the Hawthorne School District Board. **Hamid Haque**, owner of Hummus House, stated that one of the biggest initiatives that we have to undertake is the Hawthorne Blvd. development plan.

4.

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

5.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Michelin, that the reading of the City Council minutes of the regular meeting of November 10, 2015, be waived and that they be approved and adopted.

ROLL CALL-AYES: Councilmembers Awad, Michelin, Mayor Vargas.

NOES: None. ABSENT: Councilmember Reyes English.

#### **MOTION TO RECONSIDER**

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Michelin, that the reading of the City Council minutes of the regular meeting of November 10, 2015, be waived and that they be approved and adopted.

ROLL CALL-AYES: Councilmembers Michelin, Mayor Vargas.

NOES: None. ABSENT: Councilmember Reyes English.

ABSTAIN: Councilmember Awad.

6.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Michelin, to waive full readings of resolutions and ordinances on December 8, 2015's agenda.

ROLL CALL-AYES: Councilmembers Awad, Michelin, Mayor Vargas.

NOES: None. ABSENT: Councilmember Reyes English.

7.

The City Treasurer submitted a financial statement regarding warrants.

Warrants Nos.: 130057-192697 ; 448547-448744 ; 33571-33575 ; 10090-10091.

Warrant Totals: \$ 623,391.40 ; \$1,376,625.53 ; \$ 804.87 ; \$ 17,331.21.

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

ROLL CALL-AYES: Councilmembers Awad, Michelin, Mayor Vargas.

NOES: None. ABSENT: Councilmember Reyes English.

8.

City Clerk Huber announced that bids were received sealed and were opened on November 10, 2015, for Street Inlet Improvements (Project #14-04).

Public Works Department submitted declaration of publication. Bidder's bonds were required.

THERE WERE THREE BIDS RECEIVED. (ALL WERE ACCOMPANIED BY BIDDER'S BOND)

THE PRICES WERE AS FOLLOWS:

UNITED STORM WATER \$313,492.98

G2 CONSTRUCTION INC. \$355,643.00

OCEAN BLUE ENVIRONMENTAL \$441,457.50

9.

City Clerk Huber announced that bids were received sealed and were opened on November 10, 2015, for General Maintenance – 3 Year Contract (Project #15-02)

Public Works Department submitted declaration of publication. Bidder's bonds were required.

THERE WERE THREE BIDS RECEIVED. (ALL WERE ACCOMPANIED BY BIDDER'S BOND)

THE PRICES WERE AS FOLLOWS:

MARTINEZ LANDSCAPE \$1,359,155

PUB CONSTRUCTION \$3,794,181

BITECH CONSTRUCTION \$3,116,261

10.

**RESOLUTION NO. 7769**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA APPROVING THE SOUTH BAY MEASURE R HIGHWAY PROJECT LIST FOR THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Michelin, that Resolution 7769 be approved and adopted.

ROLL CALL-AYES: Councilmembers Awad, Michelin, Mayor Vargas.

NOES: None. ABSENT: Councilmember Reyes English.

11.

**RESOLUTION NO. 7770**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA ANNOUNCING THE FREE INCOME TAX PREPARATION AND FAMILY RESOURCE FAIR AS PART OF THE VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE (“VITA”) PROGRAM.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Michelin, that Resolution 7770 be approved and adopted.

ROLL CALL-AYES: Councilmembers Awad, Michelin, Mayor Vargas.  
NOES: None. ABSENT: Councilmember Reyes English.

Item No. 12 was taken out of order by Mayor Brown. He called for Oral Comments. No one indicated a desire to be heard at the time.

12.

**RESOLUTION NO. 7771**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA RATIFYING AND APPROVING THE EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT OF MATERIALS AND LABOR FOR REMOVAL OF MOLD WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING.

Mayor Brown moved, seconded by Councilmember Vargas, that Resolution 7771 be approved and adopted.

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

13.

**RESOLUTION NO. 7772**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA CHANGING 20-MINUTE PARKING RESTRICTION TO 2-HOUR PARKING RESTRICTION ON THE WEST SIDE OF TRURO AVENUE IN FRONT OF 4650 IMPERIAL HIGHWAY AND 11409 TRURO AVENUE.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Michelin, that Resolution 7772 be approved and adopted.

ROLL CALL-AYES: Councilmembers Awad, Michelin, Mayor Vargas.  
NOES: None. ABSENT: Councilmember Reyes English.

14.

**RESOLUTION NO. 7774**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA DESIGNATING THE ANGLED PARKING AREA ON EUCALYPTUS AVENUE IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO THE CITY MAINTENANCE YARD AS A PREFERENTIAL PARKING ZONE.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Michelin, that Resolution 7774 be approved and adopted.

ROLL CALL-AYES: Councilmembers Awad, Michelin, Mayor Vargas.  
NOES: None. ABSENT: Councilmember Reyes English.

15.

**RESOLUTION NO. 7775**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA ACCEPTING DONATION OF THREE (3) FUTSAL PITCHES AT MEMORIAL PARK BY THE LA GALAXY FOUNDATION.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Michelin that Resolution 7775 be approved and adopted.

ROLL CALL-AYES: Councilmembers Awad, Michelin, Mayor Vargas.  
NOES: None. ABSENT: Councilmember Reyes English.

16.

**RESOLUTION NO. 7776**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA APPROVING TWO (2) SIDE LETTER AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE AND THE HAWTHORNE POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION AMENDING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE HPOA EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2020.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Michelin, that Resolution 7776 be approved and adopted.

ROLL CALL-AYES: Councilmembers Awad, Michelin, Mayor Vargas.  
NOES: None. ABSENT: Councilmember Reyes English.

17.

**RESOLUTION NO. 7777**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA APPROVING A JOINT FUNDING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITIES OF GARDENA, MANHATTAN BEACH, HAWTHORNE AND THE SOUTH BAY REGIONAL PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY FOR PREFUNDING OF A UASI GRANT ALLOCATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN INTERAGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INTEROPERABILITY SYSTEM PLATFORM.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Michelin, that Resolution 7777 be approved and adopted.

ROLL CALL-AYES: Councilmembers Awad, Michelin, Mayor Vargas.  
NOES: None. ABSENT: Councilmember Reyes English.

18.

**RESOLUTION NO. 7778**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA AUTHORIZING CERTAIN DESIGNATED CITY OF HAWTHORNE OFFICERS TO ORDER THE DEPOSIT OR WITHDRAWAL OF MONIES FROM THE LOCAL AGENCY INVESTMENT FUND.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Michelin, that Resolution 7778 be approved and adopted.

ROLL CALL-AYES: Councilmembers Awad, Michelin, Mayor Vargas.  
NOES: None. ABSENT: Councilmember Reyes English.

19.

City Clerk Huber announced that this was the time and place for the Public Hearing and approval of Ordinance No. 2098 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.

Planning Department's Declaration publication filed. No written communications were received.

Mayor Vargas called for public comments.

Under oral comments Jason Gromsky, Don Harris and Gordon Mego spoke in favor of Ordinance 2098.

Mayor Vargas closed the public comments. MOTION CARRIED.

### **ORDINANCE NO. 2098 (2<sup>nd</sup> 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 ALOCHOLIC BEVERAGES) RELATED TO THE REGULATION OF ALCOHOL SALES IN COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL ZONES.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Michelin, that Ordinance 2098 be approved and adopted.

ROLL CALL-AYES: Councilmembers Awad, Michelin, Mayor Vargas.

NOES: None. ABSENT: Councilmember Reyes English.

Item No. 20 was taken out of order by Mayor Brown

20.

City Clerk Huber announced that this was the time and place for the Public Hearing and approval of Urgency Ordinance No. 2105 Extending the Moratorium on Massage Establishments in any zone for an additional 12 months.

Planning 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 closed the public comments. MOTION CARRIED.

### **URGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 2105**

AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, EXTENDING THE MORATORIUM ON MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENTS IN ANY ZONE FOR AN ADDITIONAL 12 MONTHS.

Mayor Brown moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, that Ordinance 2105 be approved and adopted.

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

NOES: None. ABSENT: Councilmember Reyes English.

21.

City Clerk Huber announced that this was the time and place for the Public Hearing and approval of Resolution No. 7751 Amending the text of the Circulation Element of the General Plan and Incorporating the Crenshaw Station Active Transportation Plan and Neighborhood/Electric Vehicle Strategy to the Circulation Element.

Planning Department's Declaration publication filed. No written communications were received.

Mayor Vargas called for public comments.

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

Mayor Vargas closed the public comments. MOTION CARRIED.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 7751**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA AMENDING THE TEXT OF THE CIRCULATION ELEMENT OF THE GENERAL PLAN AND INCORPORATING THE CRENSHAW STATION ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN AND NEIGHBORHOOD/ELECTRIC VEHICLE STRATEGY TO THE CIRCULATION ELEMENT.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Michelin, that Resolution 7751 be approved and adopted.

ROLL CALL-AYES: Councilmembers Awad, Michelin, Mayor Vargas.

NOES: None. ABSENT: Councilmember Reyes English.

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

22.

Approve Authorization for City Manager to Issue an RFP Regarding the City of Hawthorne Integrated Commercial (Hotel/Restaurant/Retail) Development Opportunity.

23.

Approve Progress Payment #7 due to Martinez Landscape-Project #12-01. The amount of \$341,438.88 will be funded through Gas Tax and Weed Abatement funds.

24.

Approve Progress Payment #5 due to Great Scott Tree Service of Stanton California -Project #13-03. The amount of \$18,075.00 will be funded through with the approved and allocated Tree Trimming Funds.

25.

Approve Progress Payment #1 due to MSL Electric, Inc. for Intersection Widening and Traffic Signal Modification Project (#15-05): 1) Inglewood Avenue at El Segundo Boulevard, 2) Crenshaw Boulevard at Rocket Road and 3) Crenshaw Boulevard at Jack Northrop Avenue. The amount of \$ 65,322.00 will be funded through Measure R funds.

26.

Approve to Award the Contract for General Maintenance-3 Year Contract to Martinez Landscape Co. of Sylmar, California.

27.

Approve to Award the Contract for Street Inlet Improvement (Project #14-04) to United Storm Water of City of Industry, CA.

28.

Approve to Purchase parts and service for the Police Department's Helicopter "landing gear guide assembly", via payment to 'Enforcement Aviation Services' for the related cost of \$21,144.99.

29.

Approve the Transfer of Reserve Funds from LAIF account to General Fund Checking Account to ensure payroll is funded.

30.

Acceptance of 112.5 Square Feet of right-of-way dedication on a portion of Lot 1 of Belle-View tract, in the City of Hawthorne, County of Los Angeles, State of California, as per map filed in book 9, page 77 of maps, in the office of the County Recorder of the County of Los Angeles.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Awad, to approve items 22 thru 30 of the City Manager's consent calendar.

ROLL CALL-AYES: Councilmembers Awad, Michelin, Mayor Vargas.

NOES: None. Absent: Councilmember Reyes English.

31.

Approve to Authorize the Execution of Billboard Management Agreement with Becker Boards Small, LLC, to provide services related to administration of the Electronic Billboard for the City of Hawthorne, for the City's Billboard located on Hawthorne Blvd.

Councilmember Awad moved, seconded by Mayor Vargas, to approve Item 31 with an amendment that the last sentence of Section 3 be deleted, which includes subsections (i), (ii) and (iii).

ROLL CALL-AYES: Councilmembers Awad, Michelin, Mayor Vargas.

NOES: None. Absent: Councilmember Reyes English.

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

32.

Claim of Kenneth & Shadonna Williams arising from automobile accident on March 28, 2015 at intersection of Crenshaw Boulevard and El Segundo Boulevard.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Michelin to deny claim.

ROLL CALL-AYES: Councilmembers Awad, Michelin, Mayor Vargas.

NOES: None. Absent: Councilmember Reyes English.

37.

### CITY COUNCIL'S DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

a.- Cancellation of December 22, 2015 City Council meeting.

Councilmember Michelin moved, seconded by Mayor Vargas, to cancel the City Council meeting of December 22, 2015.

ROLL CALL-AYES: Councilmembers Awad, Michelin, Mayor Vargas.

NOES: None. Absent: Councilmember Reyes English.

Under City Council Discussion/Action Itemg, Item B was taken out order (former Council still seated)

b.- Consider Sponsoring Chamber of Commerce Business Expo on March 10, 2016

Councilmember Valentine stated that she is working with the Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce to put on a Business Expo for the purpose of assisting businesses in Hawthorne to gain knowledge about resources available to them to improve their sustainability. It will be free to the public and will feature a panel discussion and seminars. She requested that it be made a city sponsored event.

Under oral communications **John Jefferson** stated that he feels public funds should not be used to conduct a business expo.

Mayor Brown requested that \$500 of his stipend be donated to the Chamber to offset the cost of the Expo.

Councilmember Valentine moved, seconded by Mayor Brown, to make the Business Expo a city sponsored event.

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

c.- Procedure for Appointing Councilmember to seat vacated by Alex Vargas (Vargas)

Mayor Vargas explained the procedure chosen to fill the vacated seat which he feels is the most transparent. In brief, City staff is to solicit applications with a deadline of December 16<sup>th</sup> by 5pm. An application similar to that used by the commissioners would be prepared. Applications shall be available at the City Clerk's department commencing on December 9, 2015 at noon. At special and regular meetings, candidates will explain why they should be appointed.

Councilmember Michelin moved, seconded by Councilmember Awad, to table this item until a subsequent special meeting.

ROLL CALL-AYES: Councilmembers Awad, Michelin, Mayor Vargas.  
NOES: None. Absent: Councilmember Reyes English.

38.

### **Under Elected Official Reports and Recommendations.**

City Treasurer **Patterson** spoke on how he is hurt by continued stories of hate and prejudice perpetrated against the innocent because of religions faith and ethnicity. He will continue to work on letting people know racial profiling and discrimination are behaviors not welcome in our city. Spoke on attending the tree lighting ceremony. Feels it is a travesty that 4,628 people voted in a city that has about 36,000 registered voters and almost 100,000 people that live in the city. Is grateful to hear the Mayor and Councilmembers talk about their commitment for economic development and hopes that they show a commitment for true fiscal responsibility and transparency.

City Clerk **Huber** thanked the City Manager and the City for putting up the holiday lights for the tree lighting event. He encouraged the Councilmembers to attend as many events as possible. Feels Council has a sincere effort to help the city move forward. Would like to get some blankets and jackets for the homeless through a donation that he was given. Asked that deadlines in the Clerk's office be respected.

Councilmember **Michelin** stated that he looks forward to working with Council to bring economic development to Hawthorne. Looks forward to attending the interfaith memorial on Saturday which will begin at St. Joseph Church and end at the Islamic Center. Requested an update on the fence situation in Hollyglen. Expressed prayers for the victims of San Bernardino.

Mayor **Vargas** pledged to work hard at Council meetings to come up with the right decisions no matter how long it takes. Spoke on how we are here in solidarity with the Islamic Center and with all members of the community.

39.

Mayor Vargas called for oral comments and no one indicated a desire to be heard.

Mayor Vargas recessed the City Council meeting to conduct a **Closed Session**: Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation, Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9 (One potential case – Crown Castle).

Mayor Vargas called the City Council meeting back to order following recess with all Councilmembers present except for Councilmember Reyes English who was absent. He announced that the **closed session** was to discuss Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation, Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9 (One potential case – Crown Castle). The City Attorney stated that staff has been instructed.

40.

Mayor Vargas called for oral comments and no one indicated a desire to be heard.

Mayor Vargas recessed the City Council meeting to conduct a **Closed Session**: Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Subdivision (a)) of Section 54956.9 of the California Government Code. Name of Case. Stanley Jordan v. City of Hawthorne, et al, Case No. 14-CV-07554.

Mayor Vargas called the City Council meeting back to order following recess with all Councilmembers present except for Councilmember Reyes English who is absent. He announced that the closed session was to discuss a Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Subdivision (a)) of Section 54956.9 of the California Government Code. Name of Case. Stanley Jordan v. City of Hawthorne, et al, Case No. 14-CV-07554. The City Attorney has been instructed

41.

**Closed Session**: Conference with Labor Negotiators pursuant to Subdivision (a) of Section 54957.6 of the California Government Code. Name of Labor Negotiator: Arnold Shadbehrr (re: Hawthorne Police Officers' Association).

Closed session 41 was not held because the City Council voted to approve Item 16.

42.

Mayor Vargas adjourned the regular meeting in memory of the 14 victims and those injured in the San Bernardino attack at 10:40 p.m.

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Norbert Huber  
City Clerk