

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE,
CALIFORNIA HELD FEBRUARY 9, 2016.**

Mayor Vargas called the City Council, Parking Authority, and Housing Authority meetings to order jointly and concurrently at 6:07 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 4455 W. 126th Street, Hawthorne, California.

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

Patricia Donaldson from the Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce gave the evening's invocation. Councilmember Nilo Michelin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

William Meyers gave an update on the Senior Citizens' Commission. He spoke on ways they are trying to improve the lack of public participation at their meetings and on services and presentations the Commission has made available relevant to seniors.

1.

Under oral communications **Gordon Mego** spoke on the revitalization of the downtown and north end of Hawthorne. **Erskine Carter** spoke on the importance of having police protection. **Patricia Donaldson** announced the State of City event scheduled for March 24th at the Memorial Center. **Reginald King** spoke on a police procedure issue involving property that was stolen from him. **John Jefferson** spoke regarding the procedure that was followed to fill the vacant Councilmember seat. **Alex Monteiro** announced the Hawthorne Imperial Lions Club "Citizen of the Year" event honoring Sgt. Chris Cognac scheduled for February 25th at the Hawthorne Moose Lodge. Presented a donation in the amount of \$500 from former resident Lillian Carboyan to go towards the Hawthorne Education Foundation. **Leithelle Williams** spoke on the election process for the vacant Council seat and on bringing prosperity to the city. **Frances Stiglich** spoke on repercussions for previous management, spoke against a settlement case and rallied for a hospital.

2.

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

3.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Awad, that the reading of the City Council minutes of the regular meeting of January 12, 2016 be waived and that they be approved and adopted.

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

4.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Awad, to waive full readings of resolutions and ordinances on February 9, 2016's agenda.

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

5.

The City Treasurer submitted a financial statement regarding warrants.

Warrants Nos.: 131871-192720 ; 449579-449719 ; 34380-34778 ; 1013-10104

Warrant Totals: \$ 622,264.00 ; \$395,493.78 ; \$685,129.80 ; \$18,694.04

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

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

6.

RESOLUTION NO. 7787

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA
RE-ADOPTING THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE ELECTRONIC SIGN POLICY.

Councilmember Valentine moved, seconded by Mayor Vargas, that Resolution 7787 be approved and adopted.

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

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

7.

Approve the Purchase of Portable Mainline Camera Unit and authorize the Chief of Public Works and General Services to proceed with it. The total amount of \$58,860.00 will be funded from the allocated Sewer funds.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, to approve item 7 of the City Manager's consent calendar.

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

8.

Approve Review of the Midyear Budget report and consideration of staff recommendations

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Awad, to approve item 8 of the City Manager's consent calendar.

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

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

9.

Claim of Robert Levy arising from allegation of wrongful termination.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the City Council Deny Claim.

Councilmember Reyes English moved, seconded by Mayor Vargas, to approve item 9 of the City Attorney's consent calendar.

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

10.

Claim of Monique Shore arising from her arrest for driving under the influence.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the City Council Deny Claim.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Reyes English, to approve item 10 of the City Attorney's consent calendar.

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

11.

THERE WERE NO CITY COUNCIL'S DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

12.

Elected Official Reports and Recommendations.

City Treasurer **Patterson** thanked the community for coming out and making their voices heard on all matters they find important to them.

City Clerk **Huber** announced the Hawthorne Historical Society Pancake Breakfast scheduled for February 27th at the museum. Reported on looking for dates to screen for the public, the Carl Boenish film "Sunshine Superman".

Councilmember **Awad** thanked the public for coming out today. Congratulated Councilmember Angie Reyes English for Mayor Pro Tem, welcomed back Councilmember Olivia Valentine and commended the Police Department and Sgt. Chris Cognac.

Councilmember **Valentine** thanked the citizens for coming out to speak. Commended Mr. Bill Meyers for his activism and for the work he does on the Senior and Transportation commissions. Thanked Mr. Mego for his advice on responsible development. Announced the Business Expo 2016 scheduled for March 10th at the Memorial Center.

Councilmember **Michelin** recommended applying for a Commission so as to familiarize yourself with the City. Stressed the importance of responsible economic development and priority for the law enforcement budget. Is against taxes until we go through the process of making City departments more efficient. Stated that negative campaigning has no place in Hawthorne. Reported on attending the grand opening of the futsal fields at Memorial Park. Thanked Ms. Carboyan for her donation to the Hawthorne Education Foundation.

Councilmember **Reyes English** spoke in recognition of Black History Month and stated that she would like to see more engagement on the part of the City regarding this event. Announced that the VITA income tax program is available at the Hawthorne Memorial Center. Thanked the staff at the Memorial Center and others who assisted with Covered California registration. Looks forward to working on the Hawthorne Specific Plan and on hearing about the RFP regarding the sale of property across the street. Spoke on participating with the Metro Sector Board and a public hearing that was recently held regarding the cancellation of bus services and how it is affecting citizens. Thanked Mayor Vargas for her appointment of Mayor Pro Tem.

Mayor **Vargas** spoke on responsible development, how we cannot have an influx of just any type of development, but it has to be intelligent, well placed, responsible and in sync with our ability to offer public services. Stated as evidence that the City is turning in a different direction with the addition of the futsal courts which were furnished with the help of LA Galaxy, Chevrolet and Manchester United. Spoke on how much SpaceX has grown and invested in our community with the addition of their parking garage and traffic light. Announced that a Starbucks is opening up on the north side and a Blaze Pizza on Rosecrans. Stated that Council is here to produce and work together.

13.

Mayor Vargas adjourned the regular meeting at 7:31 p.m.

Norbert Huber
City Clerk