

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE,
CALIFORNIA HELD FEBRUARY 23, 2016.**

Mayor Vargas called the City Council, Parking Authority, and Housing Authority meetings to order jointly and concurrently at 6:10 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 4455 W. 126th Street, Hawthorne, California.

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

Beatrice Williams from the Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce gave the evening's invocation. Frances Stiglich led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.

Under oral communications **Marjorie Currie** requested that good shopping and entertainment for children and the elderly be considered for Hawthorne. **Gordon Mego** spoke in opposition of a proposal for mixed use development on the Hawthorne Plaza mall site. **Pastor John Jefferson** of Del Aire Baptist Church spoke on implementing a program to provide local children who are on the free breakfast/lunch program with meals on weekends. Requested that Hawthorne City officials attend the Torrance Faith Based Council interfaith prayer at the Torrance Department of Children and Family Services on March 22nd for children in the DCFS and children in our community. Announced that the DCFS is looking for community brokers to work alongside them as well as with the families to help them get their children back to their homes. **David Manila** stated that those with grievances against each other should come to together in private, not in front of Council, to try and work things out. **Michelle Brown**, on behalf of Atherton Baptist Church, requested parking leniency on days when funeral services are in progress. **James Radek** inquired if criminal charges would be filed against those who misused city funds. Spoke against more development in the R1 and R2 zones. **Patricia Donaldson**, Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce, presented the quarterly summary of the South Bay Workforce Investment Board. Announced that the Park Ranger program will go back into effect within the next 30 days. Announced that the State of City luncheon will be held on March 28th at the Memorial Center. **Patrick Carey** explained the reasons for noise concerns at Hawthorne Airport. **Lynn Vaughn** spoke in opposition of the Charles Company rendering for the mall site. Feels all developers related to Councilmember Awad should be banned from bidding on projects in the city as long as Councilmember Awad sits on the Council. **Ronny Manson** announced that St. George's Church is hosting a fish dinner on Friday; cost is \$6. **Raymond Vergara** spoke against developers building in zones that are already high density and opposes all ordinances for high density. **Kevin Schaaf** questioned the viability of housing on the mall site and whether the current plan is the best we can do. **Alex Monteiro** announced that on February 25th the Hawthorne Imperial Lions Club will honor the Citizen of the Year, Sgt. Chris Cognac of the Hawthorne Police Department, at the Moose Lodge. The Hawthorne Presidents Council Volunteer Appreciation Day will be held on August 24th ; nomination forms must be turned in by April 1st. Advised residents to do their homework first before coming to the podium and lecturing the Council based on hearsay. **Thierry Lubenec** invited the community to attend the Hawthorne Historical Society's Pancake breakfast on Saturday. **Francis Stiglich** feels we don't need any more condos in the city. Stated that she has received complaints from senior citizens that their phone calls are not being returned. Rallied for an emergency hospital. **Greg Dynabursky** thanked Chief Fager and his department for some of their responses to some incidents that have occurred in his neighborhood; requested extra patrol as there are still issues. Doesn't feel that the city needs any more multi-family units but should consider something with restaurants, sidewalk seating, movie theaters, something that will attract business.

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 Reyes English, to waive full readings of resolutions and ordinances on February 23, 2016's agenda.

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

4.

The City Treasurer submitted a financial statement regarding warrants.

Warrants Nos.: 133165-192722 ; 449720-449885; 34779-35169 ; 10105-10105.

Warrant Totals: \$ 605,291.44 ; \$2,450,317.93 ; \$ 678,331.33 ; \$ 104.54.

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

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

5.

RESOLUTION NO. 7791

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA AUTHORIZING THE COMMENCEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS IN CONNECTION WITH THE REFINANCING OF THE CITY'S OUTSTANDING PENSION OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2005, AND THE CITY'S OBLIGATIONS WITH RESPECT TO THAT CERTAIN FACILITIES LEASE, DATED AS OF JULY 1, 2001, AS AMENDED, BY AND BETWEEN THE CALIFORNIA INFRASTRUCTURE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BANK AND THE CITY, AND APPOINTING A MUNICIPAL ADVISOR AND BOND COUNSEL IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Reyes English, that Resolution 7791 be approved and adopted.

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

PUBLIC HEARING

6.

City Clerk Huber announced that this was the time and place for the Public Hearing on Zoning Text Amendment 2016ZA02 small planned unit residential developments on large R-1 and R-2 lots.

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

Mayor Vargas called for public comments.

Under oral comments **James Radek** spoke in opposition of Ordinance 2104.

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

ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NO. 2104 (2st Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTERS 17.14 (R-1) AND 17.16 (R-2) OF TITLE 17 (ZONING) OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO SMALL PLANNED DEVELOPMENTS ON LARGE PARCELS OF LAND.

Councilmember Valentine moved, seconded by Councilmember Awad, that Ordinance No. 2104 be approved and adopted.

ROLL CALL-AYES: Councilmembers Awad, Valentine, Mayor Vargas.
NOES: Councilmember Reyes English.
ABSTAIN: Councilmember Michelin.

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

7.

Approval of agreement for materials testing service with Associated Soils Engineering, Inc. and

cancellation of agreement with Geo-Environmental Services, Inc and Authorize the Director of Public Works to execute it on the City's behalf.

8.

Approval of agreement for materials testing service with Ninyo and Moore, Inc; and Authorize the Director of Public Works to execute it on the City's behalf.

9.

Approve the Proposed Cooperative Agreement between the City of Redondo Beach and the City of Hawthorne for Marine Avenue and Aviation Boulevard Project and authorize the Mayor to execute the Agreement and all future amendments thereof on the City's behalf.

10.

Approve Progress Payment #3 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 \$222,696.15 will be funded through Measure R Grant funds.

11.

Approve the Plans and Specifications for Hawthorne Municipal Pool Repair Project #15-08 and authorize the Chief of General Services and Public Works to advertise for construction bids with a return date of March 22, 2016.

12.

Approve to Designate 2 councilmembers and City Manager as City negotiators re: Unrepresented employee: City Attorney in negotiating extension of employment contract as well as terms and conditions, (including salary), thereof.

Councilmember Awad requested that by interlineation that he be taken off as one of the representative in negotiating extension of employment contract for the City Attorney as well as terms and conditions, (including salary),

Councilmember Reyes English moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, to approve items 7 through 12 of the City Manager's consent calendar.

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

12a.

CITY COUNCIL'S DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

a. Hawthorne 2022 Committee (Huber)

City Clerk Huber stated that the committee he would like Council to authorize or give input to looks forward to six years from now in celebrating the 100th anniversary of the founding of Hawthorne. The committee that he is talking about having is a combination of private and public partnerships. They do not want this committee to spend any of the city's money. They are looking for ways to celebrate and promote Hawthorne. In the six year period of time leading to the anniversary, they are looking at restoring some of the events that have gone by the wayside such as the air fair, hometown parade and car show and possibly have a rose parade float in 2022.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, to support the idea of researching this and putting a plan together that the Historical Society will present.

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

13.

Under Elected Official Reports and Recommendations.

City Treasurer **Patterson** thanked the community for coming out and participating in the City Council meeting and encourages them to voice their opinions and let us know what is important to them. Looks

forward to seeing everyone at upcoming community events such as the Pancake Breakfast on Saturday and the Citizen of the Year on Thursday.

City Clerk **Huber** reported on new businesses Honeyboba and Blaze Pizza. Is optimistic that a plan for development will come along that everyone can agree on.

Councilmember **Awad** thanked the community for coming out and giving their two cents.

Councilmember **Valentine** thanked the community for coming out and expressing their viewpoints. Is happy to hear that the park ranger program is coming back. Congratulated Sgt. Chris Cognac for receiving the Community Citizen of the Year award. Reported on going on a water inspection tour at the Edward C. Little Water Recycling Facility. Invited everyone to attend Business Expo 2016 on March 10th, which is a collaboration between the City of Hawthorne and the Chamber of Commerce and will be held at the Memorial Center.

Councilmember **Michelin** feels we should fight for the City's rights when it comes to reducing our RHNA numbers. Looks forward to seeing the Park Rangers back as they reduce crime, provide youth employment and bring the community to the parks. Reiterated that Council works for the people and if anyone has any concerns, to personally contact him 310-435-7472.

Councilmember **Reyes English** announced that on March 16th, the Realtors Association will be having a meet and greet at the Depot restaurant, the Bunny Breakfast will be held at the Memorial Center on March 12th and the African American History Celebration will be held at Hawthorne High School on February 27th. Reported that this weekend will be attending a NALEO conference in Long Beach to learn about energy. Reported that Lot to Spot had a round table discussion to talk about mural arts at Bicentennial Park on February 16th. Looks forward to attending Volunteer Appreciation Day on April 24th. Explained her reasoning regarding tonight's vote for the proposed changes on R1 and R2 lots. Reported on attending the water tour with Councilmember Valentine and on attending the Islamic Women's Fashion Show which was held at the Memorial Center. Announced that the Service Provider Fair will be held on April 14th at the Memorial Center.

Mayor **Vargas** reported that Compton Councilmember Isaac Galvan recently lost his brother in a drive-by shooting and the other was injured in the same shooting; he asked that we keep the family in our prayers. Reported on attending the opening day of the American Softball Association at Hawthorne High School. Asked that Lot to Spot be offered a meeting place to show what their plans are for Bicentennial. Stated that Code Enforcement will become stricter when it comes to keeping properties clean. Requested [a list](#) of all developments in the Planning Department. Requested a comprehensive list of permits, fees and taxes for Hawthorne in comparison to other cities. Requested a legal confidential on how we can challenge the state regarding RHNA numbers.

14.

Councilmember Awad recused himself on this item.

Appointment of City Attorney Russell Miyahira as City's real property negotiator with respect to the sale of 4.2 acres (9 parcels) bound by 126th Street, Hawthorne Boulevard, West El Segundo Boulevard and Grevillea Avenue, APNs: 4041-014-910, 4041-014-907, 4041-014-914, 4041-014-916, 4041-014-915, 4041-014-909 City of Hawthorne.

Councilmember Reyes English moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, to Appoint the City Attorney Russell Miyahira as City's real property negotiator with respect to the sale of 4.2 acres (9 parcels) bound by 126th Street, Hawthorne Boulevard, West El Segundo Boulevard and Grevillea Avenue, APNs: 4041-014-910, 4041-014-907, 4041-014-914, 4041-014-916, 4041-014-915, 4041-014-909 City of Hawthorne.

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

14.a

Mayor Vargas called for oral comments

Under oral comments **Gordon Mego** stated that whenever and RFP is being considered for the civic center, he would hope that we look at all the different aspects, both public and private elements that would be beneficial to the city.

Mayor Vargas ordered oral comments closed.

Mayor Vargas recessed the City Council meeting to conduct a **Closed Session**: Conference with Real Property Negotiator, Russell Miyahira pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.8: Property: 4.2 acres (9 parcels) bound by 126th Street, Hawthorne Boulevard, West El Segundo Boulevard and Grevillea Avenue, APNs: 4041-014-910, 4041-014-907, 4041-014-914, 4041-014-916, 4041-014-915, 4041-014-909. Agency Negotiator, City Attorney; Negotiating Parties: Ali Awad, Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment for the sale of the property.

Mayor Vargas called the City Council meeting back to order following recess with all Councilmembers present. He announced that the **closed session** was to discuss a Conference with Real Property Negotiator, Russell Miyahira pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.8: Property: 4.2 acres (9 parcels) bound by 126th Street, Hawthorne Boulevard, West El Segundo Boulevard and Grevillea Avenue, APNs: 4041-014-910, 4041-014-907, 4041-014-914, 4041-014-916, 4041-014-915, 4041-014-909. Agency Negotiator, City Attorney; Negotiating Parties: Ali Awad, Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment for the sale of the property. The City Attorney stated that staff has been directed.

15.

Mayor Vargas adjourned the regular meeting in memory of Compton Councilmember Isaac Galvan's brother at 9:35 p.m.

Norbert Huber
City Clerk