

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE,
CALIFORNIA HELD MARCH 8, 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, Reyes English, Michelin, Valentine, Mayor Vargas.
Absent: None.

Councilmember Reyes English gave the evening's invocation. Councilmember Awad led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Vargas and Council presented flowers to Councilmember Awad to express their condolences on the passing of his cousin, Hachim Ali Awad, who was killed in a car accident. A moment of silence in honor of Hachim Ali Awad was held.

1.

Under oral communications **Jordan Riedel** announced that a Holly Park Cleanup Day will be held on April 2nd at 9am. **Pastor John Jefferson** asked that Chamber President Patricia Donaldson apologize to the Council, the City and to Katrina Manning for remarks that Ms. Donaldson made regarding Ms. Manning's personal finances during the appointment process. He also asked that the Council apologize for the process that it took to fill the empty Council seat. **Patricia Donaldson** expressed her condolences to Councilmember Awad. Announced that the State of the City will be held on March 24th at the Hawthorne Memorial Center. **Gordon Mego** expressed his condolences to Councilmember Awad. Spoke on the city's opportunities to improve economic vitality. **Reginald King** expressed his condolences to the Awad family. Addressed concerns expressed by Pastor Jefferson and asked that Pastor Jefferson sit down and meet with him to work out their differences. **Alex Monteiro** expressed his condolences to Councilmember Awad and his family. Announced that the Hawthorne Presidents Council will hold Volunteer Appreciation Day on April 24th; the deadline for nominations is April 1st. Relay for Life will be held from April 30th to May 1st at Hawthorne High School. The 5K and Health Fair will be held on May 7th at Hawthorne High School. Regarding the Downtown Specific Plan public hearing, requested that the consultant from MIG go first and then the public speak. **Frances Stiglich** requested that Council meetings be aired more often on the cable channel. Offered her condolences to Councilmember Awad. **Darlene Love** invited speaker Jordan Riedel to attend the Holly Park Homeowners Association meetings which take place the first Thursday of the month at Olivet Lutheran Church and at Atherton Baptist Church. Announced the passing of Victor Penso, a local businessman who donated chickens for the K-9 Community BBQ. Urged Council to attend Volunteer Appreciation Day and to start Council meetings on time. **Leithelle Williams** offered her condolences to Councilmember Awad and his family and to the family of Mr. Orlando Martinez, a teacher from Prairie Vista Middle School who recently passed away. Stated that she has contacted Golden Corral to see if they would come to Hawthorne. **Kyle Orleman** announced that the Vietnam Veterans of America is currently holding their Scholarship Essay Program for high school seniors; the deadline is April 10th. The Veterans Affairs Commission meeting will be held tomorrow at City Hall where information will be available on upcoming events that have to do with the anniversary of the Vietnam War including an observance at Fort Irwin and a town hall meeting at the Long Beach VA hospital. Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day will be celebrated on March 29th or March 30th depending on the community; make it a point to thank a Vietnam Vet.

2.

Mayor Vargas 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 the regular meeting of *January 26, 2016, the special meeting of February 4, 2016 and the special meeting of February 9, 2016 be waived and that they be approved and adopted.

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

*Councilmember Valentine had not been appointed at this time.

4.

Councilmember Reyes English moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, to waive full readings of resolutions and ordinances on March 8, 2016's agenda.

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

5.

The City Treasurer submitted a financial statement regarding warrants.

Warrants Nos.: 133458-133753 ; 449886-450149 : 35170-35184 ; 10106-10109

Warrant Totals: \$ 619,178.58 ; \$680,129.17 ; \$12,887.08 ; \$23,731.99

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

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

6.

RESOLUTION NO. 7792

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA APPOINTING COUNCIL MEMBER OLIVIA VALENTINE AS THE CITY'S DELEGATE TO THE INDEPENDENT CITIES RISK MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY GOVERNING BOARD.

Councilmember Reyes English moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, that Resolution 7792 be approved and adopted.

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

7.

RESOLUTION NO. 7793

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA APPOINTING COUNCIL MEMBERS OLIVIA VALENTINE AND HAIDAR AWAD AS THE CITIES REPRESENTATIVES TO THE SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS BOARD ("SBCCOG").

Councilmember Reyes English moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, that Resolution 7793 be approved and adopted.

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

PUBLIC HEARING

Councilmember Michelin read a statement and recused himself on this item

8.

City Clerk Huber announced that this was the time and place for the Public Hearing and Approval that includes the Final Environmental Impact Report, General Plan Amendment 2016GP01 and the Downtown Hawthorne Specific Plan 2016SP01.

Planning Department's Declaration publication filed. One written communications was received.

Mayor Vargas called for presentations by Dan Amsden of MIG and John Oshima of GRC Associates.

Mayor Vargas opened the hearing for public comments.

Under oral comments **Gordon Mego** spoke against the specific plan. **Jason Gromsky, Leithelle Williams, Alex Monteiro, Steve Colquette, Chris Komathy** and **Daniel Mills** spoke in favor of the plan.

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

Mayor Vargas called for a presentation by Benjamin Anderson of R&A Design.

RESOLUTION NO. 7788

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA CERTIFYING FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE DOWNTOWN HAWTHORNE SPECIFIC PLAN PROJECT (SCH #2015021074), MAKING FINDINGS OF FACTS PURSUANT TO CEQA, ADOPTING A STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATION, ADOPTING A MITIGATION MONITORING PROGRAM AS PER PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. PC2016-13.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, that Resolution 7788 be approved and adopted with a reduced density from 30 units per acre to 24 units per acre. Before the vote was taken, the EIR consultant stated that reducing the density from 30 to 24 units per acre would result in few environmental impacts. Before the vote was taken, the Planning Director stated that reducing the density from 30 to 24 units per acre was consistent with the General Plan.

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

NOES: None. ABSENT: Councilmember Michelin.

RESOLUTION NO. 7789

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA ADOPTING GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT 2016GP01.

Councilmember Reyes English moved, seconded by Mayor Vargas, that Resolution 7789 be approved and adopted with a reduced density from 30 units per acre to 24 units per acre.

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

NOES: None. ABSENT: Councilmember Michelin.

RESOLUTION NO. 7790

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA ADOPTING THE DOWNTOWN HAWTHORNE SPECIFIC PLAN 2016SP01.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Reyes English, that Resolution 7790 be approved and adopted with a reduced density from 30 units per acre to 24 units per acre.

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

NOES: None. ABSENT: Councilmember Michelin.

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

9.

City Attorney Miyahira recused himself from this item.

Approve Third Amendment to Employment Agreement between the City of Hawthorne and Russell Miyahira.

Councilmember Michelin moved, seconded by Councilmember Awad, that this item be tabled until the next meeting.

ROLL CALL-AYES: Councilmembers Awad, Reyes English, Michelin.

NOES: Councilmember Valentine, Mayor Vargas.

Approve Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the City of Hawthorne and the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) to administer cost-sharing for the implementation of the Coordinated Integrated Monitoring Program (CIMP) for the Dominguez Channel Watershed Management Area and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement on behalf of the City.

11.

Approve Renewal of General Services Agreement between the County of Los Angeles and the City of Hawthorne and authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement on behalf of the City.

12.

Approve Progress Payment #8 and Final Acceptance due to Martinez Landscape Co, Inc. of Sylmar, CA. (Project # 12-01). The amount of \$155,286.63 will be funded through the approved and allocated Gas Tax, Measure R, Prop C, and Weed Abatement.

13.

Approve Purchase of a Police Vehicle from South Bay Ford for payment of \$31,012.71.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, to approve items 10 to 13 of the City Manager's consent calendar.

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

14.

CITY COUNCIL'S DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

a.- Approving AYSO Region 21 (Hawthorne) Soccer Sign Up Events (4/23, 4/27, 5/14, 6/22) as a "co-sponsored" events between AYSO and City of Hawthorne for purposes of being afforded space on the Electronic Sign, pursuant to Section III(C) of the Electronic Sign Policy (English)

Councilmember Reyes English requested that AYSO be allowed to use the electronic sign in order to recruit additional youth from our city to play soccer during open enrollment periods.

Councilmember Reyes English moved, seconded by Councilmember Michelin, to Approve AYSO Region 21 (Hawthorne) Soccer Sign Up Events (4/23, 4/27, 5/14, 6/22) as "co-sponsored" events between AYSO and City of Hawthorne for purposes of being afforded space on the Electronic Sign, pursuant to Section III(C) of the Electronic Sign Policy

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

15.

Under Elected Official Reports and Recommendations.

City Treasurer **Patterson** congratulated the Council and the community for the passing of the Specific Plan which he feels will be the beginning of something new and something big in the city. Congratulated the Hawthorne Historical Society for putting on a great pancake breakfast. Spoke on attending the Lions Club Citizen of the Year dinner for Sgt. Cognac.

City Clerk **Huber** spoke on attending the Citizen of the year dinner. Has had positive feedback regarding the 2022 city anniversary. Looks forward to attending the State of the City.

Councilmember **Valentine** reported on attending a neighborhood watch meeting called by concerned citizens who want to assist the police department with neighborhood crime prevention. Announced that the 2016 Business Expo, a collaboration between the Chamber and the City, will be held on Thursday.

Councilmember **Michelin** stated that his thoughts and prayers are with the Awad family.

Councilmember **Reyes English** spoke on celebrating International Women's Day. Reported on attending the TJ Maxx and Blaze Pizza grand openings. Reported on attending the League of Cities membership

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dinner where there is an RFP for ambulatory services. Participated in a NALEO energy tour in Long Beach. Reported on attending a water conference in San Jose. Announced that her Service Provider Fair in collaboration with Earth Day will be held on April 16th. The Realtors South Bay Association meet and greet will be held tomorrow. Asked for clarification regarding marijuana dispensary transport.

Mayor **Vargas** reported on attending the NALEO Institute on Energy. Attended opening day for the American Softball Association and Holly Park Little League. Stated that the opening of Blaze Pizza is a good indicator that we are rising economically. Spoke on the passing of the Hawthorne Blvd Specific Plan being the blueprint for success and future development of our community

16.

Mayor Vargas adjourned the regular meeting at 9:30 p.m. in memory of Hachim Ali Awad.

Norbert Huber
City Clerk