

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE,
CALIFORNIA HELD JULY 26, 2016.**

Mayor Vargas called the City Council, Parking Authority, and Housing Authority meetings to order jointly and concurrently at 6:06 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 4455 W. 126th Street, Hawthorne, California.

ROLL CALL-Present: Councilmembers Awad, Reyes English, Valentine, Mayor Vargas.
Absent: Councilmember Michelin.

Chamber President Patricia Donaldson gave the evening's invocation. Commissioner Herminia Balboa led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chief Robert Fager recognized Lt. Ti Goetz, Traffic Bureau Commander; Motor Officer Anthony Barlin; Reserve Police Officer Steve Robinson and Celia and Leonard Luna, Sr., parents of fallen Officer Sgt. Leonard Luna for their work with the 'Ride to Live' Motorcycle Riding Program as instructors and benefactors. 'Ride to Live' is a one day training course designed and now offered free to our community in a public service context.

Alex Monteiro and Darlene Love, on behalf of the Hawthorne Presidents Council, presented a check for \$8,000 to Chief Robert Fager. Funds were raised at the barbeque dinner held on May 22nd and will go towards the K9 Unit.

Chief Robert Fager gave a brief report on the calls for service regarding firework specific calls for the 4th of July for the past three years. In 2014 there were 68 complaints, in 2015 there were 50 and in 2016 there were 83. Total calls for the periods of July 1st to July 4th were 105 for 2014, 103 for 2015 and 143 for 2016. Fireworks that leave the ground, take off or explode are illegal. The firework breakdown calls are not in any capacity of detail to determine if any of those resulted in calls being based on legal fireworks but probably 90% were illegal based.

Director Jessica Ellis of Centinela Youth Services spoke on their program which on average serves about 200 kids a year from the City of Hawthorne. Centinela Youth Services provide services to youth and to victims of youth crimes. They are important partners for public safety, reducing crime and keeping youth on track in school. A short video that highlights their work was shown. Centinela Youth Services was honored as Non-Profit of the Year by Assemblywoman Autumn Burke.

Kimberly Smith from the American Cancer Society thanked the City of Hawthorne, the Public Works Department and the Police Department for their participation in Relay for Life where they raised \$36,53.02. Money raised goes back into the community for free programs and services for cancer patients.

At this time Mayor Vargas adjourned regular meeting to conduct the Successor Agency meeting.

After the Successor Agency meeting to have cake for Mayor Pro Tem Reyes English birthday.

1.

Under oral communications **Patricia Donaldson** thanked the City Council, and Chief Fager for everything they have done for her grandson. Announced that the Chamber golf tournament will be held on August 27th; individual golfers are still needed. Ramona Neighborhood Association President **Bill Meyers** invited the community to attend the Ramona picnic on Saturday at Ramona Park from 11am to 2pm. **Elizabeth Galindo** spoke on a dog biting incident involving her mother. **Hans Phifer** asked that the trees be trimmed and offered suggestions on how to curb illegal fireworks. **Gordon Michael Mego** spoke on revamping the Hawthorne Mall site. **Brenton Givens** talked about the universe and energy and recommended some apps. **Darlene Love** reported on trash near the Hawthorne Blvd. Popeye's. **Allen Richards** spoke on the harm that unlawful fireworks bring to the community. **Kyle Orleman** announced that the 4th Annual Working Session having to do with Veterans and with the challenges of transitioning military families back to homes will be held on August 5th at the Bob Hope Patriotic Hall at 1816 S. Figueroa, Los Angeles. She gave an update on the issue of Veteran households who call 911 but are not taken to a Veteran's hospital. Spoke on illegal fireworks in her neighborhood and is in favor of raising fines for the use of these fireworks. **Yolanda Dunn** publicly thanked those who made the "Resolve to Rise" workshop a success this past Saturday. **Frances Stiglich** reported on incidents at the Senior Center, spoke on illegal fireworks, and suggested Council also limit their comments to five minutes. **Alex Monteiro** announced that the State preschools at Zela Davis, Eucalyptus and The Castle began on July 11th; there are still some spots left. Commented on the many years of collaboration between the

Hawthorne School District and Centinela Youth Services. Spoke in favor of getting rid of selling legal fireworks.

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

2.

Mayor Vargas, moved seconded by Councilmember Reyes English, that the reading of the City Council minutes of the special meeting of July 12, 2016 be waived and that they be approved and adopted.

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

NOES: None. ABSENT: Councilmember Michelin

3.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Reyes English, to waive full readings of resolutions and ordinances on July 26, 2016's agenda.

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

NOES: None. ABSENT: Councilmember Michelin

4.

The City Treasurer submitted a financial statement regarding warrants.

Warrants Nos.: 136406-192763 ; 451774-451970; 36754-37127 ; 10149-10152; 3742-3742.

Warrant Totals: \$ 782,080.62 ; \$1,925,565 ; \$ 664,843.99 ; \$ 6,685.17 : \$50,000.

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, Valentine, Mayor Vargas.

NOES: None. ABSENT: Councilmember Michelin

5.

RESOLUTION NO. 7824

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF OF PUBLIC WORKS AND GENERAL SERVICES TO PROCEED WITH NEGOTIATION, FILING APPLICATION AND ACQUISITION OF FEDERAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 15000 AVIATION BOULEVARD, GSA CONTROL NO. 9-G-CA-1695-AB.

Councilmember Valentine moved, seconded by Councilmember Reyes English, that Resolution 7824 be approved and adopted.

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

NOES: None. ABSENT: Councilmember Michelin

6.

RESOLUTION NO. 7830

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA APPROVING THE FORM AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF CERTAIN LEASE FINANCING DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE REFUNDING OF THE OUTSTANDING SOUTH BAY REGIONAL PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY REFUNDING REVENUE BONDS, 2007 SERIES B (CITY OF HAWTHORNE PROJECT), ISSUED FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CITY, AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING CERTAIN ACTIONS WITH RESPECT THERTO.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Reyes English, that Resolution 7830 be approved and adopted.

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

NOES: None. ABSENT: Councilmember Michelin

7.

RESOLUTION NO. 7831

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA IMPLEMENTING STAGE 1 OF THE WATER SHORTAGE CONTINGENCY PLAN AND ELIMINATING MANDATORY WATER BUDGETS AND ASSOCIATED DROUGHT PENALTIES.

Councilmember Reyes English moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, that Resolution 7831 be approved and adopted.

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

NOES: None. ABSENT: Councilmember Michelin

8.

RESOLUTION NO. 7832

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (“MOA”) BETWEEN THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE AND THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES’ ASSOCIATION (“HMEA”) TO PROVIDE A STIPEND FOR THE CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF A CANINE.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Reyes English, that Resolution 7832 be approved and adopted.

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

NOES: None. ABSENT: Councilmember Michelin

9.

Councilmember Reyes English requested that this item be pulled from the agenda.

RESOLUTION NO. 7833

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA ESTABLISHING 2-HOUR PARKING RESTRICTION BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 6:00 A.M. TO 12:00 A.M. AND “NO PARKING” BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 12:00 A.M. TO 6:00 A.M. ON THE EAST SIDE OF PRAIRIE AVENUE FROM 120TH STREET TO IMPERIAL HIGHWAY.

10.

RESOLUTION NO. 7834

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA DESIGNATING SOUTH SIDE OF BROADWAY/124TH ST. BETWEEN INGLEWOOD AVE. AND THE WESTERLY CITY LIMIT AS A PREFERENTIAL PARKING DISTRICT, RESTRICTING PARKING BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 11:00 P.M. TO 7:00 A.M.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Reyes English, that Resolution 7834 be approved and adopted.

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

NOES: None. ABSENT: Councilmember Michelin

11.

RESOLUTION NO. 7835

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA ACCEPTING THE TRANSFER OF HOUSING ASSETS FROM THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE HAWTHORNE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS REQUIRED BY LAW.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Reyes English, that Resolution 7835 be approved and adopted.

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

NOES: None. ABSENT: Councilmember Michelin

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

12.

Approve Agreement between the City of Hawthorne (“City”) and Rosenow Spevacek Group, Inc. (“RSG”) to Provide Consulting Services regarding CFD Administration and Continuing Disclosure for CFD-2004-01 and CFD 2006-01.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Reyes English, to approve item 12 of the City Manager’s consent calendar.

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

NOES: None. ABSENT: Councilmember Michelin.

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

13.

Claimants, Jorge Huitron, Jenny Oleden, Audrey Sheila Huitron, and Scarlett Joelene Huitron claim personal injuries arising out of a motor vehicle collision involving a Hawthorne police officer.

Councilmember Reyes English moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, to deny item 13 of the City Attorney’s consent calendar.

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

NOES: None. ABSENT: Councilmember Michelin.

14.

Claimant, Alma Perry claims personal injuries arising out of debris blowing into her eyes from a taxing air plane at the Hawthorne airport.

Councilmember Reyes English moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, to deny item 14 of the City Attorney’s consent calendar.

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

NOES: None. ABSENT: Councilmember Michelin.

16.

CITY COUNCIL’S DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

There were no items for discussion.

17.

Under Elected Official Reports and Recommendations.

City Clerk **Huber** thanked the volunteers and the people that attended Good Neighbors Day for making it a successful event. Announced that National Night out will be held next Tuesday in front of City Hall.

Councilmember **Valentine** spoke on FAA drone regulations and directed the City Attorney to design a Resolution that we can use for ourselves to protect our city based on the fact that we have an airport. Thanked those who put together Good Neighbors Day. Thanked Yolanda Dunn and the Police Department for collaborating in the Resolve to Rise workshop. Announced that Assemblywoman Autumn Burke is having a Health and Wellness Fair on July 30th. Announced that Walmart and See’s Candies are hiring. Announced that Nike has invited coaches, scouts and prospective team members from various cities who are interested in basketball careers for tryouts which are being held this week at the Hawthorne airport.

Councilmember **Awad** thanked Norb Huber and the Hawthorne Historical Society for the Good Neighbors Day event. Thanked Yolanda Dunn for the Resolve to Rise workshop.

Councilmember **Reyes English** thanked Public Works Director Arnold Shadbehrr, the Public Works Department and Republic Services for their efforts in getting bulky items off the streets. Thanked the Presidents Council for their contribution to the K9 Unit. Would like to see businesses take more responsibility in keeping their areas clean. Asked that efforts be made to answer phones from callers with dog issues. Spoke on the efforts the NBA is taking to address current concerns and issues.

Mayor **Vargas** reported on attending Good Neighbors Day. Spoke on the importance of customer service and answering office phones at City Hall. Asked that the city website be reviewed for ease of using. Congratulated Chief Fager for all the good stuff he does and directed city staff to proceed negotiations to extend his contract.

18.

Mayor Vargas called for oral comments

Under oral comments no expressed a desire to be heard.

Mayor Vargas ordered oral comments closed.

Mayor Vargas recessed the City Council meeting to conduct a **Closed Session** - Conference with Real Property Negotiator, Interim City Manager Arnold Shadbehrr pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.8: A portion of the municipal airport commonly known as the “Hawthorne Municipal Airport – Jack Northrop Field” bound by 120th Street, Crenshaw Boulevard, Jack Northrop Avenue and Prairie Avenue, Portion of Tract Map No. 8636, City of Hawthorne. Agency Negotiator, City Manager, Arnold Shadbehrr; Negotiating Parties: Hawthorne Airport LLC, Under Negotiation: Amendment to Ground Lease - Price and Terms of Payment for the extension of the lease 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, Interim City Manager Arnold Shadbehrr pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.8: A portion of the municipal airport commonly known as the “Hawthorne Municipal Airport – Jack Northrop Field” bound by 120th Street, Crenshaw Boulevard, Jack Northrop Avenue and Prairie Avenue, Portion of Tract Map No. 8636, City of Hawthorne. Agency Negotiator, City Manager, Arnold Shadbehrr; Negotiating Parties: Hawthorne Airport LLC, Under Negotiation: Amendment to Ground Lease - Price and Terms of Payment for the extension of the lease of the property. The City Attorney Russell Miyahira stated that the Real Property Negotiator, City Manager Arnold Shadbehrr, was directed.

19.

Mayor Vargas adjourned the regular meeting at 9:39 p.m.

Norbert Huber
City Clerk