

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE,
CALIFORNIA HELD SEPTEMBER 27, 2016.**

Mayor Vargas called the City Council meeting to order at 6:12 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.

Reverend Lawrence gave the evening's invocation. Commissioner Balboa led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.

Under oral communications **Chief Robert Fager** spoke on the Coffee with a Cop program and its impact on law enforcement and communities. Coffee with a Cop was developed in 2011 by the Hawthorne Police Department and is now a global program. The Department of Justice has made October 7, 2016 the National Coffee with a Cop Day. **Marco Sandoval** from St. Catherine Laboure Church announced that their Parish fiesta will take place from October 7th to October 9th at 3846 Redondo Beach Blvd, **Dr. Pamela Brown, Dr. Karma Nicolas & Ms. Grace Yang** gave the Council an update on Leuzinger High School Activities. **Kyle Orleman**, displayed orange bands representing Senate Bill 1769 and Senate Bill 901 regarding the toxic exposure act. She expressed how proud she was when you heard everything that the Council did for a family that lost a baby in a car accident. Wished a Happy New Year to everyone who celebrate Rosh Hashana. **Juanita Dousse**, announced that on October the 6 there will be a Senior Citizens Resources Fair from at St. Joseph Church. Gordon M. Mego, spoke on his wishes for the Mall site. **Darlene Love**, thanked the City and the Police Department for keeping her neighborhood quiet. Announced the passing of a neighbor's husband and the passing of Rosalinda Martinez's mom, expressed concerned about a lady living in areally damage car on 120th and Van Ness. **Leithelle Williams** urged Hawthorne citizens to get out and vote. **Yolanda Dunn** invited the community to attend a sexual assault prevention workshop on Saturday, October 15 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Hawthorne Teen Center.

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 Valentine, that the reading of the City Council minutes of the regular meeting of September 13, 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.

4.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, to waive full readings of resolutions and ordinances on September 27, 2016's agenda.

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

5.

The City Treasurer submitted a financial statement regarding warrants.

Warrants Nos.: 137859-193076 ; 452567-452802 ; 37516-37886 ; 10167-10170 ; 3743-3743

Warrant Totals: \$ 667,472.68 ; \$3,364,407.71 ; \$646,210.35 ; \$94,461.94 ; \$500.00

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, 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.

RESOLUTIONS

6.

RESOLUTION NO. 7846

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA APPROVING A NEW ARTICLE 8.1 (MERIT PAY) TO THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING TO PROVIDE A MERIT PAY POLICY FOR FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Reyes English, that Resolution 7846 be approved and adopted.

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

7.

RESOLUTION NO. 7850

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA ADOPTING A POLICY FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF DONATED MURAL ART ON CITY-OWNED PROPERTY.

Due to requested changes in the summary the City Attorney recommended to bring this Resolution at a later date.

8.

RESOLUTION NO. 7853

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA APPROVING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE AND THE HAWTHORNE EXECUTIVE GROUP ("HEG") EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2020 ("MOU") ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE ("HMC") AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU).

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, that Resolution 7853 be approved and adopted.

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

PUBLIC HEARING

9.

City Clerk Huber announced that this was the time and place for the Public Hearing Amending Title 17 (Zoning) and Adding a New Chapter 17.75 (Alcoholic Beverage Manufacturing) to Title 17 (Zoning) of the Hawthorne Municipal Code to Establish Appropriate Zoning and Development Standards for Alcoholic Beverage Manufacturers (Breweries).

Planning Department 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 ordered to close the public portion of the hearing. MOTION CARRIED.

ORDINANCE NO. 2124 (1st Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING TITLE 17 (ZONING) AND ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 17.75 (ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE MANUFACTURING) TO TITLE 17 (ZONING) OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ESTABLISH APPROPRIATE ZONING AND DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE MANUFACTURERS (BREWERIES).

Ordinance 2124 was introduced by title only by Councilmember Valentine.

ORDINANCES

17.

ORDINANCE NO. 2121 (2nd Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, REPEALING CHAPTER 15.48 (FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS) AND RE-ADOPTING A NEW CHAPTER 15.48 (FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS).

Councilmember Reyes English moved, seconded by Mayor Vargas , that Ordinance 2121 be approved and adopted.

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.

11.

Approve Agreement between City of Hawthorne and Coffman Associates for Consulting Services for Airport Planning and Environmental Services at the Hawthorne Municipal Airport and authorize the Chief of Public Works and General Services to enter into and execute it on the City's behalf.

Councilmember Valentine moved, seconded by Mayor Vargas to approve Agreement between City of Hawthorne and Coffman Associates for Consulting Services for Airport Planning and Environmental Services at the Hawthorne Municipal Airport and authorize the Chief of Public Works and General Services to enter into and execute it on the City's behalf.

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

NOES: Councilmember Michelin.

12.

Acceptance of MTA Measure R Highway Grant Funds MR312.54 Agreement between the City of Hawthorne and the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) and authorize the Chief of Public Works and General Services to execute the agreement and all future amendments on the City's behalf.

Councilmember Reyes English moved, seconded by Mayor Vargas to approve Agreement between the City of Hawthorne and the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) and authorize the Chief of Public Works and General Services to execute the agreement and all future amendments on the City's behalf.

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

NOES: Councilmember Michelin.

13.

Approve the Award of contract for construction of a Digital Billboard on Crenshaw Blvd. (Project #15-07) to the lowest and responsible bidder Sunset Signs, Inc. of Lodi, Ca.

Mayor Vargas moved seconded by Councilmember Valentine to Approve the Award of contract for construction of a Digital Billboard on Crenshaw Blvd. (Project #15-07) to the lowest and responsible bidder Sunset Signs, Inc. of Lodi, Ca.

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

14.

Approve the Purchase updated safety / ballistic “entry” vests for the Police Department’s Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team in the amount of \$88,112.77.

15.

Approve the Acquisition of a portable, self-contained camera system for deployment in areas experiencing spikes in crime rates, and during large public events, in order to enhance security for the related cost of \$75,267.94.

16.

Approve the Purchase of a Lenco ‘MedCat’ armored-ambulanc rescue vehicle, designed and fabricated for the protection, rescue and medical treatment of citizens and first-responders during situations of extreme harm; maintained and deployed by our Police Department’s Tactical Medicine Team. The related cost is \$339,182.66

Mayor Vargas moved seconded by Councilmember Reyes English to approve item 14-15 and 16 of the City Manager’s consent calendar.

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

17.

Approve the Program Guidelines for the implementation of the HOME funded First Time Homebuyer Program.

Mr. Rudy Munoz from LDM & Associates gave an brief presentation on the pre-approval, final approval and the implementation of this program.

Mayor Vargas moved seconded by Councilmember Reyes English to approve item 17 of the City Manager’s consent calendar.

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

18.

CITY COUNCIL’S DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

a.- Consider designating the Hawthorne Business Expo 2017 as City-sponsored event. Also, add the Business Expo March 22, 2017 event as Item No. 45 to the eligibility list of approved events for which councilmembers can contribute to. (Valentine)

After some discussion, Mayor Vargas with concurrence of the City Council approved that the Hawthorne Business Expo 2017 be item number 45 on the eligibility list of approved events for which councilmembers can contribute to.

19.

Elected Official Reports and Recommendations.

a.- List of nominees to be appointed by the Mayor and approved by the Council for the Public funds Advisory Committee:

HMEA nominees: 1- Chris Burrus, 2- Debbie Chontos

Mayor Vargas moved seconded by Haidar Awad to appoint on behalf of the HMEA Chris Burrus and Debbie Chontos to the Public funds Advisory Committee

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

NOES: Councilmember Michelin.

HPOA nominee: 1- Bradley Jackson 2- Kirk Moiseve

Mayor Vargas moved seconded by Haidar Awad to appoint on behalf of HPOA Bradley Jackson and Kirk Moiseve to the Public funds Advisory Committee

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

HPMSG nominee: 1- Scott Swain, 2- Gary Tomatani

Mayor Vargas moved seconded by Haidar Awad to appoint on behalf of HPOA Bradley Jackson and Kirk Moiseve to the Public funds Advisory Committee

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

HEG nominee: 1- Robert Kim, 2- Ray Shun

Mayor Vargas moved seconded by Haidar Awad to appoint on behalf of HEG Robert Kim and Ray Shun to the Public funds Advisory Committee

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

Chairperson: Councilmember Awad

Mayor Vargas moved seconded by Haidar Awad to appoint himself (Haidar Awad) as Chairman to the Public funds Advisory Committee

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

City Treasurer **Patterson** thanked the community for coming out and voice their opinion, enjoy the Pet Extravaganza, commented on the RFP proposal regarding Finance and spoke on the installation of Solar Panels at the School District and how much savings that is.

City Clerk **Huber** announced that the Historical society is moving and requested volunteers.

Councilmember Valentine thanked Chief Fager for making Coffee with the Cop a recognized program. Thanked the Planning Department for bringing the Brewery Ordinance, attended a meeting at the Air Force Base where they spoke about Public Safety issues, shooting training and Housing issues for their military personnel. Announced the 4th Job Fair being held by the Board of Education at the Memorial Center on Thursday, September 29 at 10 a.m., and also announced she attended the St. Joseph's Fiesta.

Councilmember **Awad** thanked the Council and staff for attending the Council meeting and voicing their opinion.

Councilmember **Reyes English** attended the St. Joseph Fiesta, congratulated the Mayor on his birthday, thank the Wiseburn School District for the PTA fundraiser drive. Announced a ribbon cutting at the Lawndale High School, received a thank you letter from Del Aire Baptist Church for helping feed 30 families in need, congratulated Luciano Aguilar for a successful the Pet Extravaganza event. Invited the Council on October 2 at 1:00 p.m. to Euri fashion event honoring herself. Provided the City Clerk office with applications to serve in the Grand Jury in case someone is interested.

Mayor **Vargas** thanked staff, Police Department, Chief Fager for being at the Council meeting. Spoke on his three point plan.

Closed Session. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation, Significant Exposure to litigation pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9 (b) **One potential case.**

21.

Mayor Vargas adjourned the regular meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Norbert Huber
City Clerk