

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE,  
CALIFORNIA HELD JANUARY 24, 2017.**

Mayor Vargas called the City Council, Parking Authority, and Housing Authority meetings to order jointly and concurrently at 6:08 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 4455 W. 126<sup>th</sup> Street, Hawthorne, California.

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

Rev. George Magdalany from Hope Chapel gave the evening's invocation. Mayor Pro Tem Awad led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.

Under oral communications, **Ronny Manson**, thanked the City Council on behalf of his church for all the socks and poncho donations. **Alex Monteiro**, announced that on February 8 at 6:00p.m., the Lyons Club will held their Annual Student Speaker Contest. He also announced that on March 15 at 6:00p.m., the Lyons Club will honor someone very special as the "Citizen of the Year". **Norb Huber** spoke on preferential parking problems in Hawthorne.

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 January 10, 2017 be waived and that they be approved and adopted.

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

4.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, to waive full readings of resolutions and ordinances on January 24, 2017's agenda.

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

5.

The City Treasurer submitted a financial statement regarding warrants.

Warrants Nos.: 193135-193140 ; 454224-454436 ; 10194-10200.

Warrant Totals: \$ 718,873.27 ; \$1,664,319.96 ; \$80,395.71

Mayor Vargas 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.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

6.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 7877**

A RESOLUTION OF THE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE,  
CALIFORNIA, RATIFYING AND AUTHORIZING THE EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT OF  
MATERIALS AND LABOR WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, that Resolution 7877 be approved and adopted.

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

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

7.

Approve the Purchase of a (3) automobiles and (1) police-configured motorcycle for Police Department use for a combined payment totaling \$116,504.83.

8.

Approve the Plans & Specifications for the Tree Trimming Contract Project (#16-04) and authorize the Director of Public Works to advertise this three-year project for bids with a return date of February 28, 2017.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, to approve items 7 and 8 of the City Manager's consent calendar.

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

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

9.

Approve Payment to Claimant Allstate Insurance Company in the amount of \$5,927.90 that was paid out to the insured as a result of a traffic collision between a police vehicle and the insured.

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

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

10.

There were no discussion/action items at this time.

11.

### **Under Elected Official Reports and Recommendations.**

City Treasurer **Patterson** thanked the community for coming out, wished everyone a Happy New Year.

City Clerk **Huber**, looks forward to the hyper-loop competition on Sunday, spoke on the Pancake Breakfast on February 25 at the VFW. From 7-11 a.m. The Historical Society will have their second meeting of the year on Tuesday February 21 in the community room at the Hawthorne Library at 6:30 p.m., stated that they are still looking for a site for the museum and spoke on findings solutions to the parking problems in the city,

Councilmember **Valentine** stated that they will be discussing the parking issues soon, Announced that the Business Expo 2017 will be held at the Hawthorne Memorial Center on March 22 from 3 to 7 p.m. Spoke about the Councilmembers City Tour and what it entails. Requested that staff put on a exhibit for Black History Month coming up in February to honor the Civil Rights movement and others who contributed to the history of the African-Americans in this country.

Councilmember **Michelin** requested the City Manager to keep looking into sites for the Hawthorne Historical Society. Spoke about receiving complaints from businesses regarding Municipal Auditing Services, a company that the City hired to collect taxes. Wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Councilmember **Reyes English** asked for some type of flyer that states some information about the donation of clothes to churches. Spoke on the participation of the communities on the MLK parade. Spoke on the preferential parking problems the city faces. Spoke on flooding problems that she's seen on the news and requested to keep an eye on this issue so it doesn't happen to Hawthorne. Mention activities

that are coming up in the future like Black History Month, the 9<sup>th</sup> Service Providers Fair in conjunction with Earth Day.

Councilmember **Awad** thanked everyone for attending the council meeting, and spoke on the Council District Tour planned with staff and Channel 22.

Mayor **Vargas** would like staff to put information about all the events happening in the city at the window on the entrance of city hall. He stated that he also received calls from businesses complaining about Municipal Auditing Services and explained that various cities have this kind of services and assure everybody that this city is business friendly. He spoke on problems regarding parking and stated that many developments in the city are multi-units high density housing causing this parking issue and stated that the city council will look into ways to remedy this problem.

12.

Mayor Vargas called for oral comments. No one indicated a desire to be heard.

Mayor Vargas recessed the City Council meeting to conduct a **Closed Session**: Conference with Legal Counsel. Anticipated Litigation. Significant Exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: (One Potential Case)

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 Legal Counsel. Anticipated Litigation. Significant Exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: (One Potential Case). It was announced that the City Attorney has been directed.

13.

Mayor Vargas adjourned the regular meeting at 7:32 p.m.

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Norbert Huber  
City Clerk