

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE,
CALIFORNIA HELD FEBRUARY 28, 2017.**

Mayor Vargas called the City Council, Parking Authority, and Housing Authority meetings to order jointly and concurrently at 6:11 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 4455 W. 126th Street, Hawthorne, California.

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

Pastor Phil Cookes from South Bay Celebration Church gave the evening's invocation. Allen Richards led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.

Under oral communications **Dan Rivera**, spoke on reducing homelessness, increase city growth, and reduce crime in Hawthorne. **Allen Richards**, spoke in opposition of Ordinance No. 2136. Questioned why only 2 councilmembers showed up to the Pancake Breakfast. **Gordon Mego**, spoke on election issues. **Amie Shepard**, wanted to clarified to the council that the general public are not confused nor misinformed, understands that is the law and that it will change the election cycle but she is upset that council is trying to add one more year to their term in office. **Ronnie Manson**, spoke on the low turn-out at election times. **Resident**, supports the city council adding one more year to their term. **Thierry Lubenec**, recommended the city council to look into different cities regarding this election issue so they can be informed and make a better decision before approving it. Thanked everyone who attended the Historical Kiwanis Pancake breakfast. Announced the passing of Lori Brown. **Alex Monteiro**, Announced that a Celebration of Life for Lori Brown will be on March 18 at the Hawthorne Moose Lodge, stated that the Hawthorne Presidents Council nomination forms turn in deadline is on April 3. The Hawthorne 5k and the Heath Fair will take place on May 13. Announced That on March 15 the Lyons Club will honor the Citizen of the Year at the Hawthorne Moose Lodge and the recipient of the award is the City Manager, Arnold Shadbehr. Spoke on the election issues across California. **Frances Stiglich**, opposes the one year extension in the election, disapproves dress code and stated that she sent President's Trump wife some pizza.

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, that the reading of the City Council minutes of the special meeting of February 14, 2017 and the regular meeting of February 14, 2017 be waived and that they be approved and adopted.

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

4.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Reyes English, to waive full readings of resolutions and ordinances on February 28, 2017's agenda.

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

5.

The City Treasurer submitted a financial statement regarding warrants.

Warrants Nos.: 141036-141332 ; 454675-454877 ; 39371-39738 ; 10206-10210

Warrant Totals: \$ 649,074.11 ; \$1,910,396.75 ; \$679,418.53 ; \$43,943.14

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by 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. ABSENT: Councilmember Valentine.

6.

City Clerk Huber announced that sealed bids were publicly received opened and declared sealed bids for Tree-trimming Contract (Project #16-04).

Public Works Department submitted declaration of publication, which was ordered filed. Bidder's bonds were required.

THERE WERE 2 BIDS RECEIVED. (ALL WERE ACCOMPANIED BY BIDDER'S BOND)

THE PRICES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

GREAT SCOTT TREE SERVICE	\$172,000.00
WEST COAST ARBORISTS, INC	\$197,450.00

Councilmember Reyes English moved seconded by Mayor Vargas to refer these bids for study and recommendation.

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

RESOLUTIONS

7.

RESOLUTION NO. 7876

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE AND VERIZON FOR THE PLACEMENT OF A TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY AT JIM THORPE PARK AND APPROVING CATEGORICAL EXEMPTIONS UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA).

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Reyes English that Resolution 7876 be approved and adopted.

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

8.

RESOLUTION NO. 7880

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A BILLBOARD MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH BECKER BOARDS SMALL, LLC FOR SERVICES RELATED TO MANAGEMENT OF THE BILLBOARD LOCATED ON CRENSHAW BLVD.

Councilmember Awad moved, seconded by Councilmember Reyes English, to continue Resolution 7880 until the next council meeting.

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

ORDINANCES

9.

ORDINANCE NO. 2136 (2nd Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING A NEW ELECTION CYCLE FOR THE CITY.

Councilmember Reyes English moved, seconded by Councilmember Awad, that Ordinance No. 2136 **be continued** indefinitely.

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

NOES: None. ABSENT: Councilmember Valentine.

10.

ORDINANCE NO. 2137 (2nd Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTION 2.06.140 (ORDER OF BUSINESS) OF CHAPTER 2.06 (CITY COUNCIL) OF TITLE 2 (ADMINISTRATION, CIVIL SERVICE AND PERSONNEL) OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADD A NEW GENERAL MATTERS (NON-CONSENT) SECTION ON THE AGENDA.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Awad, that Ordinance No. 2137 be approved and adopted.

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

NOES: None. ABSENT: Councilmember Valentine.

11.

ORDINANCE NO. 2139 (1st Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, REAUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC, EDUCATIONAL OR GOVERNMENTAL ACCESS (“PEG”) FEE.

Ordinance 2139 was introduced by title only by Mayor Vargas.

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

12.

Approve Midyear Budget report for FY 2016-17 and consideration staff recommendations

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, Michelin, Mayor Vargas.

NOES: None. ABSENT: Councilmember Valentine.

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

13.

Approve Settlement of Lawsuit of Monique Shore against the City of Hawthorne for shoulder injury allegedly resulting from in-custody incident after DUI arrest.

14.

Approve proposed settlement of trip and fall lawsuit entitled Rabia Bouchane v. City of Hawthorne, et al., (Case No. BC599632) in the amount of \$15,000. Alleged injury is fractured ankle.

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

NOES: None. ABSENT: Councilmember Valentine.

18.

There were no discussion/action items at this time.

19.

Under Elected Official Reports and Recommendations.

City Treasurer **Patterson** stated that he finds ridiculous that all the elected officials are discussing stipends in the amount of \$1500 for two elected officials that is all given to the community. Thanked everybody for coming to the meeting and voice their opinions on the election issue and hopefully whatever the outcome of this topic is he hopes that the voter turnout increases.

City Clerk **Huber** thanked the City Manager for attending the Historical Society meeting, thanked the VFW for allowing to hold the Pancake Breakfast event. Spoke on a cartoon on Comedy Channel (South Park) where Hawthorne and the SpaceX rocket on Hawthorne Boulevard are shown.

Councilmember **Michelin** congratulated the people of Hawthorne for stopping a bad Ordinance regarding the extension of terms for councilmembers to make it in compliance with statewide elections. Looks forward to the city attorney bringing more options on the one year election term extension. Attended the Pancake Breakfast, and looks forward for the new museum.

Councilmember **Reyes English** thanked George Episcopal Church for giving her more information about the collection of clothes and socks. Service Providers Fair will be on Saturday April 22 at the Hawthorne Memorial Park. Spoke on the City's Wells Fargo Accounts and that the possibility of looking elsewhere for banking services. She also explained why sometimes is hard to attend different events in the city. She spoke on everyone sitting on the dais have been elected by the people and that's why she would like the City Treasurer and the City Clerk to receive all the benefits that the council gets.

Councilmember **Awad** thanked the public for coming out to the meeting and thanked staff for sending the agenda to him. Announced that Haidar Community Newspaper is out.

Mayor **Vargas** spoke on all the projects that are coming to the city. Stated that he attended a council meeting in a different city and it was completely unprofessional. Announced the grand opening of 99 cents store on March 1. Thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

13.

Mayor Vargas adjourned the regular meeting at 7:31 p.m.

Norbert Huber
City Clerk