

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE,
CALIFORNIA HELD APRIL 25, 2017**

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, Michelin, Valentine, Mayor Vargas.
Absent: None.

Pastor Phil Cookes from South Bay Celebration Assembly of God Church gave the evening's invocation. Frances Stiglich led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilmember Valentine presented a Proclamation to Ms. Skye Amber Sweet for her Hollypark Mural Donation.

Veterans' Affairs Commissioner Neil Gafney presented a Proclamation to Mr. Allen Richards in recognition as the Veteran of the Quarter.

Mayor Vargas called Dr. Dena Maloney, El Camino College's President who presented a short video on a new program called South Bay Promise.

Councilmember Michelin read a Proclamation to Ariana Rodriguez from I Heart Hawthorne, resident led movement who put together a Community Walk that promotes connections and civil participation.

Finance Director Rickey Manbahal and Shannon McMurray started the Fireworks drawing. The participants are:

- 1.- Hawthorne American Legion Post 314
- 2.- Veteran's of Foreign Wars Post 2075
- 3.- Wounded Heroes of America
- 4.- Moneta Gardens Improvement Inc
- 5.- District 37 Little League Baseball & Softball
- 6.- Southbay Universal Child Development Center
- 7.- Hawthorne – LAX- Lennox Rotary Club
- 8.- Hawthorne Moose Lodge 1746
- 9.- Kiwanis
- 10.-Hawthorne Parks and Recreation Foundation.

Mayor Vargas recessed the City Council to sing and cut a cake for Mayor Pro Tem Awards' birthday.

1.

Under oral communications, **Gordon M. Mego** complained about Mayor Vargas comments at the previous council meeting and about Ordinance No. 2141. **Daniel Granados**, gave some news about the County Board of Supervisors regarding the libraries. **Alexandra Moreno and Shanice Reed**, spoke on transition services program with Hawthorne, Leuzinger and Lawndale schools regarding work experience programs. **Ronnie Manson**, gave good news about his friend who is being released from the hospital. **Darlene Love**, thanked Councilmember English for a great event over the weekend and announced she will be going to Palm Springs to attend the passing of a family member. **Alex Monteiro**, thanked the City Council for attending Volunteer Appreciation Day, Announced the Relay for Life at Hawthorne High School on April 29 and 30, announced that on May 13 there will be a 5K and Health Fair at Hawthorne High School, and the K9 dinner at the Memorial Center. **Leithelle Williams**, spoke on her appointment to an oversight committee, a bus shuttle for the city, the mall and eminent domain for RFK hospital. **Arnette Ford Jr**, spoke on crimes where he lives. **Frances Stiglich**, spoke on getting her AA at El Camino College when she was 62 years old. **Sam Pena** from Republic Services thanked Councilmember English for including them in the Service Providers Fair and announced that they will be hosting a compos, e-waste and shred event on May 13 at the Memorial Center. **Sofia Davenport** spoke on personal issues. **Allen Richards**, spoke on a water barrel that he keeps outside and how he reuses the water from the rain.

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, to waive full readings of resolutions and ordinances on April 25, 2017's agenda.

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

4.

The City Treasurer submitted a financial statement regarding warrants.

Warrants Nos.: 141928-142226 ; 455299-455518 ; 40108-40109 ; 10219-10228 ; 1039-1039

Warrant Totals: \$ 684,700.53 ; \$1,889,500.48 ; \$279.25 ; \$242,785.57 ; \$2,080.00

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

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

RESOLUTIONS

This item was pulled by the City Manager before the meeting.

5.

RESOLUTION NO. 7890

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, STATE OF 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.

6.

RESOLUTION NO. 7891

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, PROCLAIMING THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2017 AS "NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER".

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine that Resolution 7891 be approved and adopted.

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

7.

RESOLUTION NO. 7892

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, PROCLAIMING MAY 7, 2017 THROUGH MAY 13, 2017 AS "MUNICIPAL CLERK'S WEEK" IN HAWTHORNE.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine that Resolution 7892 be approved and adopted.

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

8.

RESOLUTION NO. 7894

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO LEVY WEED ABATEMENT ASSESSMENTS AND SETTING A HEARING DATE ON MAY 23, 2017 AT 6:00 P.M. FOR SUCH PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine that Resolution 7894 be approved and adopted.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

9.

Public Hearing and approval of Resolution No. 7881 and Ordinance No. 2140 pertaining to Zone Amendment 2017ZA01 – Water Efficient Landscape.

Planning Department Declaration publication filed. No written communications were received.

Mayor Vargas called for public comments.

Under oral comments, no one expressed a desire to be heard.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 7881

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA ADOPTING A CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT AND APPROVING THE WATER EFFICIENT LANDSCAPE GUIDELINES, WHICH IMPLEMENT CHAPTER 17.89, WATER EFFICIENT LANDSCAPES OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE.

Councilmember Reyes English moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, that Resolution 7894 be approved and adopted.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2140 (2nd Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT AND APPROVING ZONE AMENDMENT 2017ZA01 AMENDING TITLE 17 OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADD CHAPTER 17.89, WATER EFFICIENT LANDSCAPES, WHICH INCORPORATE THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA'S WATER EFFICIENT LANDSCAPE AND IRRIGATION STATEMENTS.

Councilmember Reyes English moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, that Ordinance 2140 be approved and adopted.

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

10.

Public Hearing and approval of Ordinance No. 2141 pertaining to Zone Amendment 2016ZA13 – Mixed Use Overlay Amendments

Planning Department Declaration publication filed. No written communications were received.

Mayor Vargas called for public comments.

Under oral comments, no one expressed a desire to be heard.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2141 (2nd Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 17.87 (MIXED USE OVERLAY ZONE) OF TITLE 17 (ZONING CODE) TO CORRECT AND CLARIFY WORDING RELATED TO THE SUPERIMPOSED NATURE OF THE MIXED USE (“MU”) OVERLAY ZONE, TO UPDATE PERMITTED USES, TO MODIFY DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS RELATED TO OPEN SPACE, TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR LIVE-WORK UNITS, TO CHANGE REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF STORAGE FROM PLANNING COMMISSION TO DEPARTMENT, TO ALLOW MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT ON SITES LESS THAN THREE ACRES IN SIZE BY CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT WITH REQUIREMENTS AND LIMITATIONS, TO REQUIRE DESIGN PRINCIPLES BE ADHERED TO, AND RECOMMENDING THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE A DETERMINATION THAT THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS ARE WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT CERTIFIED FOR THE MIXED USE OVERLAY ZONE (STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NO. 2009061099) ON MAY 24, 2011 AND MAKING FINDINGS IN SUPPORT THEREOF.

Councilmember Valentine moved, seconded by Mayor Vargas, that Ordinance 2141 be approved and adopted.

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

NOES: None.

ORDINANCES

11.

ORDINANCE NO. 2142 (1st Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 17.35 (ON-PREMISE SIGNS) AND CHAPTER 17.88 (FREEWAY OVERLAY ZONE) OF TITLE 17 OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADD PROVISIONS FOR FREESTANDING BILLBOARD SIGNS IN REGIONAL SHOPPING CENTERS AND TO CLARIFY HEIGHT LIMITS FOR BILLBOARD SIGNS, AND APPROVING A DETERMINATION THAT THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS ARE WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION PREPARED FOR THE FREEWAY OVERLAY ZONE AND CERTIFIED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2016, AND MAKING FINDINGS IN SUPPORT THEREOF.

Ordinance 2142 was introduced by title only by Councilmember Reyes English.

12.

ORDINANCE NO. 2143 (1st Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION PURSUANT TO THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT AND APPROVING CHANGE OF ZONE 2016CZ05 CHANGING THE ZONING DESIGNATION OF 14115 CORDARY AVENUE (APN 4051-030-016) FROM THE MAXIMUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (R-4) ZONE TO THE GENERAL COMMERCIAL – MIXED USE OVERLAY [C-3 (MU)] AND MAKING FINDINGS IN SUPPORT THEREOF.

Ordinance 2143 was introduced by title only by Mayor Vargas.

13.

GENERAL MATTERS (NON-CONSENT ITEMS)

RESOLUTION NO. 7895

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE HAWTHORNE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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AND THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE FOR USE OF THE FORMER DANCE ROOM BUILDING AT JIM THORPE PARK TO BE USED AS A HISTORICAL MUSEUM FOR THE ORGANIZATION AND DISPLAY OF CITY MEMORABILIA.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, that Resolution 7895 be approved and adopted.

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

CITY MANAGER'S CONSENT CALENDAR

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

14.

Approve Progress Payment #1 due to Zumar Industries of Tacoma, Washington. The amount of \$12,105.89 will be paid for with approved and allocated Gas Tax funds

15.

Approve Progress Payment #6 due to MSL Electric, Inc. for Project #15-05 Intersection Widening and Traffic Signal Construction Project. The amount of \$140,512.60 will be paid for with Measure R Grant funds.

16.

Approve Tenth Amendment to the Franchise Agreement for Residential, Commercial and Roll-off Refuse Collection and Disposal Service between the City of Hawthorne and Allied Waste Services concerning Rate Adjustment and authorize City Manager to approve and execute all future annual rate adjustments as specified in Franchise Agreement dated August 14, 2012, subject to consent of City Attorney.

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

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

17.

No items Under City Council's Discussion/Action Items

18.

Under Elected Official Reports and Recommendations.

City Treasurer **Patterson** thanked the community for coming out and let their voices be heard. Had a great time at the Service Providers Fair and Congratulated Mayor Pro Tem on his birthday.

City Clerk **Huber** announced the Hazardous Household Round Up and E-waste Recycling event at the Betty Ainsworth Center. From 9-2p.m. Relay for Life on May 29. National Day of Prayer on May 4 The next meeting of the Historical Society will be on May 10 at the Police Department. Turf Replacement event on May 11, the Hall of Fame Banquet will be at the Ayres Hotel on May 19th. Also announced that he won the Parks and Recreation Foundation Golf Tournament Trophy. Thanked the City and the City Manager for their leadership and now they have a nice place to display all the artefacts to show the history of Hawthorne. Thanked Parks and Recreation Director Mark Hardison on his retirement.

Councilmember **Michelin** happy that the Museum is moving forward, attended the sexual assault seminar and thanked Chief Fager and officers for their input on the seminar, spoke on reports about cars break-ins at the Ramona track. Attended I heart Hawthorne walk and explain why didn't attend the last city council meeting. Wished a Happy birthday to Lynn Voughn and requested to adjourned meeting of memory of Dr. Nash.

Councilmember **Valentine** gave recognition to the Police Department on the support given to the Whittier PD in connection with death while on duty seminar and attending and participating in the resolve to Rise symposium. Spoke on Job Internships thru the SBWIB- One Stop Program. Congratulated Councilmember English for a great Service Providers Fair. Spoke on the Volunteer Appreciation Day and recognizing 210 volunteers who work in different organizations with being compensated. Thanked Alex Monteiro for the Relay for Life and for bringing the Prairie Vista Middle School choir to the event.

Councilmember **Reyes English** spoke on her Service Providers Fair and thanked everyone who participated and attended. Spoke on Caltrans 1st Earth Day on 120th and Crenshaw Blvd. Thanked to Alex Monteiro, Darlene Love, the group of I heart Hawthorne for making her a part of it, also thanked Yolanda Dunn for the Sexual assault symposium, Happy about the energy amongst Councilmembers.

Councilmember **Awad** thanked everyone for the birthday wishes and thanked the public for attending the Council meeting. Congratulated Councilmember English on a beautiful and fun Service Providers Fair.

Mayor **Vargas** spoke on the parking problems at 120th and Crenshaw. Congratulated Alex Monteiro, Darlene Love, Dick Huhn for all their efforts in putting events together. Attended the Volunteer Appreciation Day and thanked everyone who takes the time to volunteer in different events. Congratulated Councilwoman English on her event, I Heart Hawthorne, Attended the NALEO Emergency Preparedness Institute at El Paso, Texas. Spoke on attending several cities holding council meetings and he is happy to report that the Hawthorne meetings are much more civil and professional than the ones he has visited.

19.

Mayor Vargas adjourned the regular meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Norbert Huber
City Clerk