

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE,
CALIFORNIA HELD MAY 23, 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. 126th Street, Hawthorne, California.

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

Chris McCulloch from Stone Table Church gave the invocation. Frances Stiglich led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Vargas asked for a moment of silence to honor everyone affected by the Manchester tragedy.

Patty Barry from Project RACE (Reclassify All Children Equally), Multi-Racial advocacy that supports families through education and community awareness,

Alexandra Moreno and Shanice Reed, spoke on transition services program with Hawthorne, Leuzinger and Lawndale schools regarding work experience programs.

Bishop Hendricks along with a member of the Holly Park Homeowners Association gave a gift to the Hawthorne Police Department. Chief Fager received it on their behalf.

Mayor Vargas with concurrence of the city council took item b of the Council's Discussion/Action items at this time.

b.- Appointment of Mario Chiappe to the LAX Advisory Committee. (Vargas)

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, to approve Appointment of Mario Chiappe to the LAX Advisory Committee.

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

City Manager, Arnold Shadbeh, presented a small video in celebration of Public Works Week all around North America and gave thanks to every one of the men and women who help maintain a higher quality of life.

Mayor Vargas recessed the council meeting to cut a cake in celebration of Public Works Week.

1.

Under oral communications, **Patricia Donaldson**, announced the Golf Tournament taking place at Rio Hondo on September 15. **Marlene Garcia**, building corners, requested help from Section 8 for her client who is a long time resident of the City due to medical necessities. **Darlene love** spoke on the passing of W.D. McCoy. **Alex Monteiro** announced the k9 dinner on May 25 at 5:00 p.m. at the Memorial Center, thanked everyone who participated on the Health Fair and the 5K walk, also thanked the city and Public Works Department helping at events. Announced that on June 30th at 1pm at the Venus room in the Memorial Center the Castle will have the graduation event for preschoolers. **Frances Stiglich** needs a good emergency hospital 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 to waive full readings of resolutions and ordinances on May 23, 2017's agenda.

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

4.

The City Treasurer submitted a financial statement regarding warrants.

Warrants Nos.: 142814-143102 ; 455886-456091 ; 40474-40831 ; 10243-10251

Warrant Totals: \$ 669,573.30 ; \$566,365.41 ; \$688,131.61 ; \$36,934.85

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

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Councilmember Reyes English.

PUBLIC HEARING

5.

City Clerk Huber announced that this was the time and place for the Public Hearing and approval of Resolution No. 7990 Confirming Assessments for Weed and Waste Abatement and Authorizing the Collection Thereof.

Public Works 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 7900

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, CONFIRMING ASSESSMENTS FOR WEED AND WASTE ABATEMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE COLLECTION THEREOF.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, that Resolution No. 7900 be approved and adopted.

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

NOES: None. ABSENT: Councilmember Reyes English.

6.

GENERAL MATTERS (NON-CONSENT ITEMS)

CITY MANAGER'S CONSENT CALENDAR

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

7.

Approve to Appoint Patricia Donaldson, Owner of Active Security, to serve on the South Bay Workforce Investment Board as representative of the private business sector in Hawthorne. The appointment is for a four-year term.

8.

Approve to Appoint Jay Fowler, General Manager, Republic Services, to serve on the South Bay Workforce Investment Board as representative of the private business sector in Hawthorne. The appointment is for a four-year term.

9.

Approval of Agreement with LDM Associates, Inc., for the preparation of Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Reports (CAPER) for Program Year 2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 and Technical Assistance for IDIS.

10.

Approve Actuarial consulting services agreement with Bartel and Associates for an amount not to exceed \$19,000 and authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Valentine, to approve items 7, 8, 9 and 10 of the City Manager's consent calendar.

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

CITY ATTORNEY'S CONSENT CALENDAR

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

11.

Deny Claim of Annabelle Sanchez who claims damages for personal injuries sustained when she tripped and fell over a gap between two metal plates placed in the roadway by California Water Service Company at Gale Avenue and Broadway.

12.

Deny Claims of Mireyda Torres and Arely Hernandez who both claim damages for personal injuries sustained when a hit and run driver caused a multi-vehicle collision involving a City truck.

13.

Deny Claim of Oudy Wall alleging that the City of Hawthorne has failed to comply with the American with Disability Act with respect to City sidewalks, wheelchair ramps, height of crossing signal buttons, etc. Many of the alleged non-compliant locations are not located in the City of Hawthorne.

14.

Deny Claim of Maria Reyes alleging that the City of Hawthorne has failed to comply with the American with Disability Act with respect to City sidewalks, wheelchair ramps, height of crossing signal buttons, etc. Many of the alleged non-compliant locations are not located in the City of Hawthorne.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Michelin, to deny items 11, 12, 13 and 14 on the City Attorney's consent calendar.

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

15.

Under City Council's Discussion/Action Items:

a.- Direct City Attorney to draft ordinance regulating aggressive panhandlers at fast-food drive through restaurants. (Vargas)

Mayor Vargas requested that this action expand to all the commercial establishments.

16.

Under Elected Official Reports and Recommendations.

City Treasurer **Patterson** recognized Public Works, thanked the community for coming out, and send condolences to the family of WD. McCoy.

City Clerk Huber acknowledged Mayor Vargas and Mayor Pro Tem Awad beating him at 5k run. Thanked Sam Pena from Republic for the shredding event. Spoke on the Hawthorne Historical Society Hall of Fame Banquet, Announced the Community Dinner on Thursday, May 25, and the Hollypark Pancake Breakfast on June 17 at Olivet Lutheran Church.

Councilmember **Valentine** spoke on the Historical Society Hall of Fame Banquet as a night to remember, acknowledge the Holly Park Homeowner Association tribute to the Police Department. On a personal note stated she knew WD McCoy when she first arrive to the Association, stated that he was a good citizen who cared about his neighborhood and the city.

Councilmember **Michelin** thanked his Hawthorne family for all the condolences on the passing of his father. Glad about the presentation on Public Works Week, spoke on the passing of WD McCoy and requested the meeting be adjourned in his memory.

Councilmember **Awad** expressed condolences to Councilmember Michelin on the passing of his father, and also to the family of WD McCoy. Spoke on the LA Ale Works being well attended and congratulated Arnie for his celebration of Public Works.

Mayor **Vargas** spoke on the 5K run, Couldn't attend the HPOA event at the LA Ale Brewery. Pre adjourned the meeting in memory of WD McCoy.

17.

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). The City Attorney has been directed.

18.

Mayor Vargas adjourned the regular meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Norbert Huber
City Clerk