

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE,  
CALIFORNIA HELD JANUARY 23, 2024**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Vargas called the City Council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.in the City Council Chambers, 4455 W. 126<sup>th</sup> Street, Hawthorne, California.

**INVOCATION**

Mayor ProTem Reyes English gave the evening's invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilman L. David Patterson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

ROLL CALL Present: Councilmembers Montiero, Patterson, Mayor-ProTem Reyes English, and Mayor Vargas.

Absent: Councilwoman Katrina Manning

**PROCLAMATIONS / CERTIFICATES / PRESENTATIONS**

1. Recognition – Louie Lopez, Professional Skater- Mayor Alex Vargas

Presentation about skate event and honoring Louie Lopez. Parks and Recs representative Dr. Brenda Williams discussed the event. Proclamation given to Mr. Lopez.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Mayor Vargas calls upon oral communications.

**Daniel Gonados**, Manager of Hawthorne Library gave updates about free vaccinations, toddler story time with parents event and February they would have a special guest Michael Cardi for Black History Month.

**Marco Trejo**, owner of Sweet Science Boxing proposing gang prevention program.

**Jova Salazar**, wanted to address a citation about an avocado tree and a car that was left by a neighbor that passed away. Referred to CM.

**Deborah Sturtevant** reminded council about the importance of Autism awareness and about Autism Walk event.

**Kyle Orlemann** talked about Vietnam Veterans program for High School seniors who could possibly win \$1000.

Resident **Simona Brown** representing Holly Park Little League, wanted to discuss Baseball season and to say there has been resistance to meeting with them. Expressed their commitment to Hawthorne children. She expressed being upset about the Dodgers partnering with the city. Mayor says he has nothing to do with that but asked that she speak with leadership. CM interjected that he requested information from Holly Park little league.

Former Hawthorne **Mayor Chris Brown** commended everyone on a great job and says crime is not the council body's fault. Encouraged people to support police initiatives.

**CITY CLERK'S CONSENT CALENDAR**

2. Approval of waiver of full readings of resolutions and ordinances on Tuesday, January 23, 2024's agenda.
3. The City Treasurer submitted a financial statement regarding warrants.

Warrants Nos 23767-24061; 484644-484832;  
195920-195934;

Warrant Totals: \$924,965.82; \$1,746,554.74;

Councilmember Reyes English motioned, Councilmember Montiero seconded

ROLL CALLAYES: Councilmembers, Patterson, Montiero, Mayor Pro-tem Reyes English, and Mayor Vargas.

NOES: None. (Manning absent)

### **ORDINANCES**

4. ORDINANCE NO. 2250: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, SETTING THE COMPENSATION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2025 AND MAKING A FINDING OF EXEMPTION IN COMPLIANCE WITH CEQA IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

Councilmember Reyes English introduced.

### **CITY MANAGER'S CONSENT CALENDAR**

5. Progress Payment #5 in the amount of \$249,460.03 due to Elecnor Belco Electric of Chino, CA for Hawthorne Blvd Mobility Improvement Project – Phase II (Project # 23-01)
6. Award of Contract for Alley Improvement Project – CDBG Funds (Project # 24-06)
7. Progress Payment #8 in the amount of \$245,610.42 due to Elecnor Belco Electric of Chino, CA for Highway Safety Improvement Project Traffic Signal Upgrade and Reconstruction 120th St Improvement Project – Prairie Ave to Felton Ave (Project # 21-06)
8. First amendment to the Professional Services Agreement By and Between the City of Hawthorne and Think & Make Design Firm for Consultant Services.

Mayor Vargas motioned, Monteiro seconded.

ROLL CALLAYES: Councilmembers Patterson, Montiero, Mayor Pro-tem Reyes English, Mayor Vargas.

NOES: None. (Manning absent)

### **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

9. Discussion Regarding Charter Provisions (L. David Patterson) asked that is be brought back after feedback from consultant.

### **ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS**

City Clerk **Dayna Williams-Hunter** thanked community, wish everyone a great new year and thank skate event personnel.

Councilman **Patterson** thanked community, staff, and police. Directive for Sweet Science. Asked for City attorney's office to work with Sweet Science. Received email from resident asking if he could receive help moving. Asked if we could develop a program helping with relocation costs. Asked for CA to explore an outside consultant regarding charter and benefits and to explore whether or not to put it on the ballot. Asked CM to create a newsletter talking about events in the community.

Councilman **Montiero**, thanked community wished all Happy New Year, thanked staff for hard work. Thanked police. Talked about National gun violence survivor week. Talked about addressing crime in the community. Hometown Pancake breakfast at Jim Thorpe Park, Golf tournament. Thanked Louie and talked about MGI gang prevention programs. Talked about birthday party at the Moose lounge. Kywana and voter registration drive in conjunction with a food giveaway. Received a letter regarding the utility

rate increase opposing a bill asking that others sign it also as part of the CPA (clean power alliance). Directive for CM Norris asking that people not litter by the EV stations.

**Councilman Patterson** goback-Thank Sweet Science /reminded community about online poll and free tax prep, landlord tenant workshops. MPT Reyes English talked about homeless count asked for volunteers. Fair Housing workshop for renters. Landlord tenant workshop, online poll for residents, thanked Montiero for food giveaway. Talked about AB205 Edison rate increase, mentioned that council sent a letter, Directive for CM to explore solar panels on homes, opposes increase. Thanked community, asked for proposals to be sent to CM. Congratulated City Clerk on new grand. Asked for CM to explore a water facility tour with residents and if the city would provide transportation. Asked for resident support for new civic center. Appointed to LAWA with CW Manning to advise the board regarding airport noise and pollutions. Appointed to LAFCO.

Mayor **Alex Vargas** talked about Hawthorne being a leader in south bay. Talked about hotels in the area. Commended staff on their hard work and encouraged others to support hotel construction. AYSO youth soccer program. Talked about high school sports and athletes that are from Hawthorne.

Mayor Vargas recessed at 7:17pm for closed session with no speaker cards and no public comments

### **CLOSED SESSION**

10. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION (Pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9(d)(1))

Name of Case: Hawthorne Airport LLC. v. City of Hawthorne, Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 22TRCV01306

11. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATION (Pursuant to Section 54956.8 of the California Government Code.)

Hawthorne Municipal Airport

Property Address: 12101 Crenshaw Blvd., Hawthorne, CA 90250

City Negotiator: Robert Kim, City Attorney

Negotiation with: Attorneys for HA LLC, Levi Stockton, President

Under Negotiation: Price and terms of 4th Amended Master Ground Lease

Returned 7:53pm Attorney Kim announced the item titles in closed session. The council and mayor unanimously voted to approve Hawthorne Airport settlement. Levi Stockton airport representative City will pay \$65,000 and will act in good faith. Master ground lease will expire 2055.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Vargas adjourned this meeting at 7:56pm.

**PASSED** and **APPROVED** on this 11th day of February 2025.

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Dayna S. Williams-Hunter  
City Clerk