

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE,
CALIFORNIA HELD MARCH 19, 2024.**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Vargas called the City Council meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 4455 W. 126th Street, Hawthorne, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

City Clerk Dayna Williams-Hunter led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Manning, Monteiro, Patterson, and Mayor Vargas.
Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Reyes English.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Vargas called for oral communications. No public comments were received.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. City Attorney Robert Kim recommended filming at Hawthorne Plaza instead be discussed after closed session due to litigation. Councilmember Monteiro agreed. Mayor Vargas called to move Item No. 01 until after the Closed Session.

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Vargas called for oral comments. No public comments were received.

Mayor Vargas recessed into Closed Session at 6:35 p.m.

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

Name of Cases: People of the State of California (City of Hawthorne) v. M&A Gabae
LASC No. 21TRCV00869

M&A Gabae v. City of Hawthorne
LASC No. 22STCP03914

Mayor Vargas called the City Council meeting back to order at 7:06 p.m. following recess with all Councilmembers present except for Mayor Pro Tem Reyes English.

City Attorney Kim reported the City Council met on Item No. 02 and no reportable action was taken. He added the Council would now discuss Item No. 01.

Councilmember Monteiro moved, seconded by Councilmember Manning, to reverse previous directive and deny permission for filming at Hawthorne Plaza.

ROLL CALL AYES: Councilmembers Manning, Monteiro, Patterson, Mayor Vargas.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Councilmember Reyes English.

Councilmember Monteiro reported on City of Beverly Hills Mayor Julian Gold. He requested the City issue a recognition for Mayor Gold as his work benefitted Hawthorne through his leadership with the California Contract Cities Association and the Clean Power Alliance. All Councilmembers agreed.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Vargas adjourned the Special Meeting at 7:09 p.m.

CERTIFICATION

Passed and approved on the ___ day of _____ 2025.

Dayna S. Williams-Hunter
City Clerk