

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE,
CALIFORNIA HELD MAY 28, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Vargas called the City Council meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 4455 W. 126th Street, Hawthorne, California.

INVOCATION

Pastor Jefferson gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pat Donaldson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

ROLL CALL-Present: Councilmember Monteiro, Mayor Pro Tem Manning, Mayor Vargas.

Absent: Patterson, Reyes English

Also Present: Chief Tomatani, City Attorney Kim, City Clerk Hunter, and City Treasurer Poindexter-Hornback.

PROCLAMATIONS/CERTIFICATES/PRESENTATIONS

1. Fireworks Drawing pursuant to procedure delineated in Hawthorne Municipal Code (HMC”) Sections 8.34.085 (B)
2. Presentation: Business Improvement District by Andrew Jared (Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley)
3. Richstone Family Center 50th Anniversary
4. Boys and Girls Club Presentation - Diana Medel, Director of Strategic Partnerships

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

City Clerk read a letter from Melody Wattman about the Volunteer Appreciation Day.

Jovah Salazar concerns with citations given to her.

Pat Donaldson thanked the City Council for visiting her at the hospital. Announced Golf Tournament, and bingo. Thanked Chief Tomatani and Hawthorne Police Department.

Ellis Ariza seeking information on how to sell food from his home.

Dexter O Connell presented FYI Voucher's special type of Housing for formal foster youth and current.

Luciano Aguilar announced a program he created for high school students to train donated K-9 dogs for Veteran's.

Moe Awadallah reminder of the Hawthorne Police and Fire lunch-in recognition.

CITY CLERK'S CONSENT CALENDAR

5. Approval of waiver of full readings of resolutions and ordinances on Tuesday, May 28, 2024's agenda.

6. City Treasurer requests approval of the warrants.

Warrant Nos.:	26528-26836; 196073-196083;	486151-486289;	73433-73433;	10959-10959;
Totals:	\$843,337.86	\$2,918,218.93	\$356.37	\$4,062.52

RESOLUTIONS

7. RESOLUTION NO. 8464

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 JUNE 11TH, 2024 AT 6:00 P.M. FOR SUCH PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS.

8. RESOLUTION NO. 8466

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO LEVY STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024- 2025 AND SETTING TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2024 AT 6:00 P.M. AS THE TIME AND DATE OF A PUBLIC HEARING. MOTION TO ADOPT.

9. RESOLUTION NO. 8467

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

CALIFORNIA, NOTICING INTENT TO WITHDRAW FROM INDEPENDENT
CITIES RISK MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (ICRMA)

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro to approve City Clerk's consent calendar (items 5-9)

ROLL CALL AYES: Mayor Pro Tem Manning, Mayor Vargas

NO: None

ABSENT: Patterson, Reyes English

PUBLIC HEARINGS (FIRST READING AND ADOPTIONS)

10. Public Hearing - Establishing Fees for Various Departments (Pursuant to Government Code Section 66018)

City Attorney Declaration publication filed. No written communications were received. Call for oral comments. Motion to close hearing. Motion to approve Resolution No. 8465

RESOLUTION NO. 8465

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING FEES FOR VARIOUS CITY DEPARTMENTS.
Motion to adopt.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro for (item 10)

ROLL CALL AYES: Councilmember Monteiro, Mayor Pro Tem Manning, and Mayor Vargas

NO: None

ABSENT: Patterson, Reyes English

ORDINANCES

11. ORDINANCE NO. 2252 (Second Reading): AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTION 2.30.140 (SALARIES OF THE CITY CLERK AND CITY TREASURER) OF CHAPTER 2.30 (CIVIL SERVICE GENERAL PROVISIONS AND REGULATIONS) OF TITLE 2 (ADMINISTRATION, CIVIL SERVICE AND PERSONNEL) OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE AND MAKING A FINDING OF EXEMPTION IN COMPLIANCE WITH CEQA IN CONNECTION

THEREWITH.

Councilmember Monteiro moved, seconded by Mayor Vargas for (item 11)

ROLL CALL AYES: Councilmember Monteiro, Mayor Pro Tem Manning, and Mayor Vargas

NO: None

ABSENT: Patterson, Reyes English

CITY MANAGER'S CONSENT CALENDAR

12. Approval of the use of proposed military equipment by the Hawthorne Police Department pursuant to Assembly Bill 481.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Staff recommends that the City Council approve the use of proposed military equipment for safeguarding the public's welfare, safety, civil rights and civil liberties.

13. Approval of Agreement between the Hawthorne Police Department and the Hawthorne School District for the provision of a "School Resource Officer" (SRO)

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Staff recommends the City Council approve and authorize the Chief of Police to execute the Agreement between Hawthorne Police Department and the Hawthorne School District for the provision of a "School Resource Officer" (SRO).

14. The Transfer of \$301,424.82 in Unclaimed Money Pursuant to Government Code Section 50050.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Staff recommends that the City Council approve the adoption of \$301,424.82 in unclaimed currency, to be deposited into the City's general fund, and approve an appropriation of this adopted currency to the Police Department's Machinery & Equipment budget in the amount of \$56,287.00, Contract Services budget in the amount of \$67,600.00, and the Operating Supplies budget in the amount of \$177,537.38.

15. Agreements with 1. Russ Bassett (Repurpose/Retrofit the Police Department's new Real Time Information Center [RTIC]); 2. Nastec (Provide a Drone Operator/Observer for the Drone as First Responder [DFR] program); and 3. Lotus Telecommunications, LLC (Create a New Local Server Room for the RTIC).

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Staff recommends that the City Council Approve the Agreements with Russ Bassett, Nastec, and Lotus Telecommunications, LLC and their

respective Purchase Orders, Authorize the Chief of Police to Execute the Agreements and Any Documents Related Thereto with the Funds Appropriated from Account No's. 100-2102-229-0-0-41541, 100-2102-229-0-0-40514, and 100-2102-229-0-0-47404, respectively.

16. Approval of a Blanket Purchase Order (BPO) in the amount of \$28,700.00 to repair the Betty Ainsworth Sports Center exterior doors.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Staff recommends that the City Council approves a Blanket Purchase Order for J & J Locksmith in the amount of \$28,700.00.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro to approve the City Manager's Consent Calendar (items 12-16)

ROLL CALL AYES: Councilmember Monteiro, Mayor Pro Tem Manning, and Mayor Vargas

NO: None

ABSENT: Patterson, Reyes English

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

17. Discuss and Amend Various Proposed Budgeted Items from the Budget Workshop (K. Manning)
18. Providing Status of the City Attorney's Department (K. Manning)
19. Review of City Policies/Ordinances that will assist Small Business (A.Monteiro)

ELECETED OFFICIALS REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

City Treasurer **Marie Poindexter Hornback**, GIOA did not certify investment policy will revise and provide to Finance Director, Felice Lopez. As well as donating popsicles to Eucalyptus Elementary and looking forward to future projects.

City Clerk **Dayna Williams Hunter**, attended the international Conference of Municipal Clerks and provided remarks. Also encouraged the public to vote.

Councilmember **Alex Monteiro**, thanked the Memorial Day park event participants and the community who attended the evening's council meeting. Thanked the Carpenters Local 323 for coming.

Recommendations:

- Kimberly Mack, Housing look into applying vouchers for youth coming out of foster care.

Mayor Pro Tem **Katrina Manning**, excited about the partnership with the Boys & Girls Club and the Carpenters Local 323. Thanked Safe place for youth for coming out and providing information regarding housing vouchers for youth. Mayor Pro Tem Manning expressed excitement regarding honoring the youth who have learned to train dogs with Luciano Aguilar K-9 training program.

Recommendations:

- Bring the “big” library back as a discussion action item
- Research and bring the Urgent care back as a discussion action item

Mayor **Alex Vargas**, thanked the Carpenters Local 323 for the libraries. Attended various City events including the K-Dinner, Memorial Day Event in the park. Mayor Vargas expressed excitement about concerts in the park, called Community Services Manager Kywana Bowie up to provide information. Also encouraged the public to speak during oral communications and announced various upcoming events and resources available throughout the City.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Vargas adjourned the regular City Council meeting at 8:00 p.m.

CERTIFICATION

Passed and approved this 8th day of April 2025.

Dayna Williams-Hunter
Secretary