

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE,  
CALIFORNIA HELD OCTOBER 08, 2024**

**CALL TO ORDER**

This meeting was called to order at 6:04pm.

**INVOCATION**

Pastor Greg Guich led the evening's invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The City Clerk Dayna Williams-Hunter led the pledge of allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

ROLL CALL-Present: Councilmembers Alex Monteiro, Angie Reyes English, L. David Patterson, Mayor Pro Tem Katrina Manning, and Mayor Alex Vargas.

Also Present: City Manager Von Norris, City Attorney Robert Kim, City Clerk Dayna Williams-Hunter, Deputy City Clerk Joy Post, City Treasurer Marie Poindexter-Hornback.

**PROCLAMATIONS/CERTIFICATES/PRESENTATIONS**

1. 9/11 Ceremony Ruby Cohens – (L. Patterson)
  
2. Abundant Birth Project - A. Jones (K. Manning)

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

**Arlene Romero**, Sociedad Jose Martin expressed appreciation for the City's sponsorship and contribution to the 2024 Cuban Festival. Romero also gave thanks to City Council, City officials, City leaders, and City staff.

**Pat Donaldson**, Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce had a successful golf tournament. Donaldson thanked Chief Gary Tomatani, Police Captains, and the City Manager. She also announced the Halloween Trunk or Treat, Thanksgiving and Christmas Turkey (and food) giveaway.

**Rob Williams**, gave a speech.

**Gordon Michael Migo**, gave a speech regarding the election and voting.

**Michelle Chambers**, encouraged the public to vote.

**Rueben Sanchez**, gave a speech.

**Leithelle Williams**, encouraged the public to vote.

### **CITY CLERK'S CONSENT CALENDAR**

3. Approval of waiver of full readings of resolutions and ordinances on Tuesday, October 8, 2024's agenda.

4. City Treasurer requests approval of the warrants.

Warrant Nos.: 28515-28825;    487766-487940;    74812-75140;    10989-10991;  
                          29439-29762  
                          196322-196342

Totals:            \$1,993,154.89;    \$1,876,205.93;    \$937,627.70.;    \$17,738.95;

5. Approval of City Council meeting minutes for the regular meetings of February 13, 2024, August 27, 2024 and the Successor Agency meeting minutes for the special meeting of September 24, 2024.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Patterson to approve the City Clerk's consent calendar (Items 3-5), with Councilmember Monteiro abstaining on item 5.

ROLL CALL AYES: Councilmembers Monteiro, Patterson, Reyes English, Mayor Pro Tem Manning and Mayor Vargas.

NOES: None.

### **ORDINANCES**

6. ORDINANCE NO. 2254 (1<sup>ST</sup> READING)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, ADDING AND ENACTING CHAPTER 9.62 (UNLAWFUL CONDUCT – POLITICAL OR CAMPAIGN SIGNS, BANNERS AND THE LIKE) TO TITLE 9 (PUBLIC PEACE, MORALS AND WELFARE), DIVISION V (OFFENSES AGAINST PROPERTY) OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE AND MAKING A FINDING OF EXEMPTION IN COMPLIANCE WITH CEQA IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

Council member Angie Reyes English introduced this item.

## GENERAL MATTERS

7. Progress of Economic Development Four-year Strategic Plan.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** Staff Recommends that the City Council receive and file.

## CITY MANAGER'S CONSENT CALENDAR

8. Progress Payment #10 and Final Acceptance in the amount of \$122,282.20 due to Elecnor Belco Electric of Chino, CA for Hawthorne Blvd Mobility Improvement Project – Phase II (Project # 23-01)

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** Staff recommends that the City Council approve this Progress Payment #10 and Final Acceptance and approve Change Order #3 to Elecnor Belco Electric of Chino, CA and release 5% retention amount 35 days after Final Approval.

9. Progress Payment #1 in the amount of \$264,094.06 due to Sequel Contractors, Inc. of Santa Fe Springs, CA for 120th St Improvements – Crenshaw Blvd to Felton Ave, Phase II (Project # 21-03)

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** Staff recommends that the City Council approve this Progress Payment #1 to Sequel Contractors, Inc. of Santa Fe Springs, CA.

10. Progress Payment #3 in the amount of \$279,537.50 due to DOJA, Inc. of Ontario, CA for Zela Davis Park Renovation (Project # 24-04)

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** Staff recommends that the City Council approve this Progress Payment #3 to DOJA, Inc. of Ontario, CA.

11. Progress Payment #14 and Final Acceptance in the amount of \$285,610.13 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).

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** Staff recommends that the City Council approve this Progress Payment #14 and Final Acceptance and approve Change Order #1 to Elecnor Belco Electric of Chino, CA and release 5% retention amount 35 days after Final Approval.

12. Award of Contract for City of Hawthorne New City Yard (Project #24-02).

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** Staff Recommends that the City Council award the contract to Martinez Landscape Co., Inc. of Sylmar, Ca and authorize the City Manager or their designee to execute the agreement and negotiate any change orders after contract is awarded.

13. Agreement between the City of Hawthorne and Comcate for the setup and annual licensing of code enforcement software.  
**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** Staff Recommends that the City Council approve an agreement with Comcate for code enforcement software.
14. Approve Blanket Purchase Order for South Bay Regional Public Communication Authority.  
**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** Staff recommends that the City Council approve the Blanket Purchase Order in the amount of \$510,783.05 for the current fiscal year.
15. Progress Payment #7 in the amount of \$918,822.25 due to Klassic Engineering & Construction, Inc of Orange, CA for Hawthorne Housing Rehabilitation of City Owned Properties 2023 (Project #23-09)  
**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** Staff recommends that the City Council approve this Progress Payment #7 to Klassic Engineering & Construction Inc of Orange, CA.
16. Non-Disturbance and Attornment Agreements (2) Related to the Assignment and Sublease of Hangar 8 and Hangar 13 at the Hawthorne Municipal Airport.  
**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** Staff Recommends that the City Council Approve the Non-Disturbance and Attornment Agreements for Hangar 8 and Hangar 13.
17. Agreement/Contract. Between the City of Hawthorne and Destiny Software Inc. for the purpose of replacing agenda creation software. \_  
**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** Staff Recommends that the City Council approve a contract

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro to approve the City Manager's consent calendar (Items 8-17).

ROLL CALL AYES: Councilmembers Monteiro, Patterson, Reyes English, Mayor Pro Tem Manning and Mayor Vargas.

NOES: None.

### **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

18. Urging the State of California for an Emergency Measure to Stabilize the Homeowner's Insurance Market. (Manning)

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

City Treasurer **Marie Poindexter-Hornback**, Thank the public for coming out and participating in the process.

Deputy City Clerk **Joy Post**, announced the City Clerks office attended the Los Angeles County Clerk Registrar Recorder Recorder's Annual City Clerk Summit, announced notary services available in the City Clerk's office by appointment, and announced the City Clerk **Dayna Williams-Hunter's** upcoming completion of CMC training.

Councilmember **L. David Patterson**, thanked the public for coming out and being a part of the process, thanked the staff and police department.

Recommendations:

- A budget and email distribution list for the City's social media platforms and events.
- Prairie and 111<sup>th</sup>, Stop Sign request on unsafe curb

Councilmember **Alex Monteiro**, reminded the public of the Hawthorne President Council's 42<sup>nd</sup> annual community dinner held on October 17<sup>th</sup> and the Senior Resource Fair October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10am-1pm at the memorial center. Councilmember Monteiro also thanked the public for coming out and encourages the public to vote.

Councilmember **Angie Reyes English**, announced various resources available and upcoming events throughout the City.

Mayor Pro Tem **Katrina Manning**, shared her excitement for the senior center, gave kudos to the Hawthorne Police Dept.

Mayor **Alex Vargas**, wished Gordon Michael Migo a Happy Birthday and announced various resources available and upcoming events throughout the City.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

19. **CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS.** The City Council will meet in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 regarding the acquisition of certain property interests, consisting of the leasehold interest of Bank of America National Association, a national banking association in the City- owned real property located at 12547 Hawthorne Boulevard, Hawthorne, California (APN 4041-015-016). The negotiators for the City are Vontray Norris, City Manager, and Robert Kim, City Attorney. The negotiating parties are the City of Hawthorne and the lessee Bank of America, National Association. Under negotiations are price and terms of the acquisition of these property interests in connection with the City Hall Expansion and Civic Center Park.

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

Name of Case: Rafael Salgado v. City of Hawthorne, et al. LASC Case No. 21STCV41556

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

Name of Case: People of State of California by and through the City of Hawthorne v. M&A Gabae, et al.

LASC Case No. 21TRCV00869

Name of Case: M&A Gabaee v. City of Hawthorne

LASC Case No. 22STCP03914

- 22. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION**  
(Pursuant to subdivision (d)(2) of Section 54956.9 of the California Government Code)

City Attorney Robert Kim reported out on items 19-22

Item 19, report was provided to Council and direction was given to staff, no action to report out.

Item 20, report was provided to Council , no action was taken.

Item 21, report was provided to Council , no action to report out.

Item 22, report was provided to Council , no action was taken.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

This meeting was adjourned at 9:17pm.

### **CERTIFICATION**

Passed and approved this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025.

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Dayna Williams-Hunter

City Clerk