

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE,
CALIFORNIA HELD OCTOBER 22, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Alex Vargas called the City Council meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 4455 W. 126th Street, Hawthorne, California.

INVOCATION

Patricia Donaldson gave the evening's invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

City Treasurer Marie Poindexter-Hornback 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, City Treasurer Marie Poindexter-Hornback.

PROCLAMATIONS/CERTIFICATES/PRESENTATIONS

1. THTR TRUK- Presentation - A. Reyes English
2. Domestic Violence Awareness Month – A. Reyes English
3. Good Neighbor Award Presentation
4. CVUHSD Investing in Excellence: District Developments and Vision

5. Recognizing Sociedad Jose Marti Cuban Festival and Mario Cartaya- Award-winning architect and author of “Journey Back in to the Vault”

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Daniel Granados, Hawthorne Library provided an update on the various events and programs happening and available at the library.

Pat Donaldson, announced Trunk of Treat as well as announced and introduced owner of Artist Tree, Phillip. **Phillip** provided general information regarding Artist Tree.

Cheryl Riekenberg, expressed concerns regarding the debris and appearance of the Planet Fitness parking lot.

Luciano Aguilar, expressed thanks to Chief Tomatani and police department,

James Raddick, inquired about the status of the charter city program

Gordon Michael Mego, gave a speech on climate change and its alleged effects.

Rob Williams, encourages the public to go out and vote.

Ronnie Manson, provided the public with a health update and expressed enjoyment of the senior fair and community dinner he attended.

Richard Harrison, asked for an update on the status of an urgent care coming to the City as well as shared his ideas on improvements within Hawthorne.

Eve Long, expressed concerns regarding crime, homelessness, and personal experiences.

Rueben Sanchez, congratulated City Manager Von Norris on the success of the Senior Fair. Sanchez also shared ideas regarding the homeless.

Leithelle Williams, requests the City logo to be in blue writing, shared thoughts regarding bringing restaurants to the City.

CITY CLERK'S CONSENT CALENDAR

6. Approval of waiver of full readings of resolutions and ordinances on Tuesday, October 22, 2024's agenda.

7. City Treasurer requests approval of the warrants.

Warrant Nos.: 29763-30075; 487941-488135; 75141-75142; 10992-10996;
196343-196354;

Totals: \$950,367.33; \$2,888,225.86; \$607.65; \$32,461.60;

8. Approval of City Council meeting minutes for the regular meeting of September 24, 2024 and the Successor Agency meeting minutes for the special meeting of September 10, 2024.

RESOLUTIONS

9. Resolution No. 8493- A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA ACCEPTING A SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL GRANT (SS4A) FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATIONS'S FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$200,000 TO COMPLETE A COMPREHENSIVE SAFETY ACTION PLAN AND AUTHORIZING AND RATIFYING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS'S EXECUTION OF GRANT DOCUMENTS.
- 10 Resolution 8494- A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, URGING THE GOVERNOR TO DECLARE A STATE OF EMERGENCY OVER THE SOARING INSURANCE PREMIUM RATES AND ABANDONMENT OF HOMEOWNERS INSURANCE COVERAGE BY THE INSURANCE COMPANIES AND THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER AND THE LEGISLATURES TO BRING A SOLUTION TO ASSIST THE HOMEOWNERS.
- 11 Resolution 8495- A RESOLUTIONS OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 2024 AS "DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH".

Councilmember Reyes English moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro to approve the City Clerk's consent calendar (Items 6-11).

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

NOES: None.

BIDS: OPENINGS & RESULTS

12 Bid Opening for Project #24-03: Hawthorne Senior Center

• Six bids received, all accompanied by Bidders Bond, the prices are as follows:

Keystone Builders Inc. of Anaheim, Ca in the amount of \$15,899,000.00

Newman Midland Corp. of Long Beach, Ca in the amount of \$18,477,496.00

Arc Construction Inc. of Glendale, Ca in the amount of \$19,200,00.00

New Dynasty Construction Co. of Tustin, Ca in the amount of \$15,218,506.00

Woodcliff Corporation of Los Angeles, Ca in the amount of \$15,652,000.00

PNC3, Inc. of Los Alamitos, Ca in the amount of \$14,445,000.00

Mayor Vargas motioned, seconded by Councilmember Reyes English to refer bids to staff for study and recommendation.

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

NOES: None.

PUBLIC HEARING (FIRST READING AND ADOPTIONS)

13 Public Hearing to gather public comments on community needs and priorities for incorporation into 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan and 2025-2026 Action Plan.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

The staff recommend that the City Council:

1. Conduct the public hearing to receive comments from members of the public concerning housing and community development needs, program performances, and strategies for affirmatively furthering fair housing.
2. Close the public hearing.

Mayor Vargas opened the public hearing and called for public comments.

No members of the public provided public comments.

Mayor Vargas closed the public hearing.

ORDINANCES

- 14** ORDINANCE NO. 2254 (2nd 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. Motion to Adopt

Councilmember Reyes English motioned, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro to adopt Ordinance 2254.

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

NOES: None.

CITY MANAGER’S CONSENT CALENDAR

- 15** Progress Payment #3 in the amount of \$459,420.00 due to Pardess Air Inc of Los Angeles, Ca for Hawthorne Memorial Center HVAC System Upgrade (Project #23-08)

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Staff recommends that the City Council approve this Progress Payment #3 to Pardess Air Inc, of Los Angeles, Ca

- 16** Agreement between the City of Hawthorne and the City of Inglewood for Supplemental Law Enforcement (Medical Director) Services.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Staff recommends that the City Council approve and ratify this City Manager’s execution of the Agreement between the City of Hawthorne and the City of Inglewood for supplemental law enforcement (Medical Director) Services.

- 17** Hawthorne Public Housing Agency Implementation of Small Area Fair Market Rent (SAFMR) Payment Standards

RECOMMENDED MOTION: The staff recommend that the City Council:

1. Approve the implementation of the SAFMR for the Hawthorne Housing Authority.
2. Approve the language amended in the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Administrative Plan to reflect Hold Harmless Policies.
3. Authorize the City Manager or designee to report compliance to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) before January 1, 2025.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro to approve the City Manager's consent calendar (Items 15-17).

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

NOES: None.

CITY ATTORNEY'S CONSENT CALENDAR

18. Claim for property damage and bodily injury by Maria Del Rosario Cendon

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Staff recommends that the City Council deny the claim by Maria Del Rosario Cendon.

19. Claim for property damage and bodily injury by Emmanuel Ezumah.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Staff recommends that the City Council deny the claim by Emmanuel Ezumah.

20. Funding Request for Administration Receivership Account in the Amount of \$100,000 for the Current Fiscal Year.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Staff recommends that the City Council approve the additional funding in the amount of \$100,000 to Administration Receivership account (Receivership Account No. 100-1501-000-40744), encumber for the same and approve the change in the blanker purchase orders for Civica Law Group to reflect the increase.

Councilmember Reyes English moved, seconded by Mayor Vargas to approve the City Attorney's consent calendar (Items 18-20).

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

NOES: None.

DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

21. Inglewood Transit Connector – A. Monteiro

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro to proceed with a yes vote for October 24, 2024 night in supporting the City of Inglewood for a loan from the South Bay Council of Governments.

22. Baldwin Hills & Urban Watersheds Conservancy Proposition 40 Grant – K. Manning

Mayor Pro Tem Manning gave direction to the City Manager to apply for the grant in order to remodel park bathrooms. The grant would cover 75% and the City would pay 25%. Council concurred.

ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS / RECOMMENDATIONS

City Treasurer **Marie Poindexter-Hornback** thanked the public for coming out and participating, congratulated nominees for the Good Neighbor Award, sent kudos to Kywana and the Community Services Department for the production and success of the Senior Resource Fair. Three CDs matured and were reinvested.

Deputy City Clerk **Joy Post**, congratulated the Good Neighbor Award nominees as well as the proclamation recipients Sociedad Jose Marti Cuban Festival and Mario Cartaya.

Councilmember **Alex Monteiro** congratulated the Good Neighbor Award nominees, thanked all the staff involved with the success of the Senior Resource Fair including City Manager Von Norris, Community Development Department, and the Senior Service Commission. Monteiro also thanked all of the participants of the Hawthorne Presidents Council Community dinner. Councilmember Monteiro also thanked the Sociedad Jose Marti Cuban Club and encourages the public to vote.

Councilmember **L. David Patterson** thanked the community for their involvement in council meetings and events, thanks City staff for their continued dedication and hard work, and the Hawthorne Police Department. Patterson expressed excitement of attendance from staff at the League of California's Annual conference and learning experience. Councilmember Patterson also congratulated the Good Neighbor Award nominees and encouraged the public to vote.

Recommendations:

- Speed Study on 145th St between Doty and Kornblum
- Residents of Bodger park inquiry for guest permits or parking accommodation

Councilmember **Angie Reyes English** gave kudos to the Senior commissioners for the Senior Resources fair, congratulated the awardees of the Good Neighbor Award. Councilmember Reyes English also congratulated City Clerk, Dayna Williams-Hunter on her Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) certification. Councilmember Reyes English thanked Centinela School district and Sociedad Jose Marti for their presentations and expressed appreciation for the Hawthorne Library coming out and providing the public with updates on events. Councilmember Reyes English also provided the public with information regarding the upcoming events throughout the City.

Recommendations:

- Birch Ave routine clean up, graffiti removal, and fence repair
- Update on the status of Urgent Care
- Coordinate and collaborate with the owners of businesses near Planet Fitness to address the debris, appearance, and concerns in the community

Mayor Pro Tem **Katrina Manning** thanked the public for their attendance, congratulations to all of the Good Neighbor awardees, thanked all of the presenters that spoke during the evening's presentations. Manning inquired about the incompleteness of Van Ness between 120th St. and El Segundo Blvd, City Manager Von Norris provided clarification and progression the construction status of Van Ness. She expressed the desire to address the parking lot near the Planet Fitness. Mayor Pro Tem Manning also provided an update on inquiries of bringing an urgent care to the City of Hawthorne and urged the public to vote.

Mayor **Alex Vargas** gave kudos to City Clerk, Dayna Williams-Hunter on completing her CMC certification. Vargas spoke regarding the density per acre allowed in high density locations. Mayor Vargas also encouraged the public to vote.

Recommendations:

- Requests Discussion/ Actions Item for Gas Blowers and any laws pertaining

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Vargas adjourned the regular City Council meeting at 9:11 p.m.

CERTIFICATION

Passed and approved this 27th day of May 2025 .

Dayna Williams-Hunter
City Clerk