

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE,  
CALIFORNIA HELD NOVEMBER 12, 2024**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**INVOCATION**

Pastor Greg Greich gave the evening's invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Police Chief Gary Tomatani led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

ROLL CALL-Present: Councilmembers Alex Monteiro, L. David Patterson, Angie Reyes English, 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. Hawthorne Hero's - A. Reyes English
2. Hawthorne Business Connect 2024 Quarterly Report

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

**Pat Donaldson**, announced the Chamber of Commerce thanksgiving giveaway and Christmas mixer.

**Margaret Allen**, Hawthorne Library provided an update on the various events and programs happening and available at the library.

**Adriana** passed along information to the Council members.

**Raymond Mikel**, expressed concerns regarding the t-lines for parking and associated ticketing.

**Gordon Michael Migo**, thanked all of those involved in the election process and wished everyone a happy holiday.

**Leithelle Williams**, spoke to the public and expressed desire for more restaurant businesses.

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

3. Approval of wavier of full reading of resolutions and ordinances on Tuesday, November 12, 2024's agenda.

4. City Treasurer requests approval of the warrants.

Warrant Nos.: 30076-30382; 488136-488321; 75143-75462; 10997-10998;  
196355-196366;

Totals: \$995,662.90; \$3,687,862.19; \$956,458.08; \$3,206.06;

### **RESOLUTIONS**

5. Resolution No. 8496- A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE BALDWIN HILLS & URBAN WATERSHEDS CONSERVANCY FOR PROPOSITION 40 FUINDING THE HOLLY PARK AND JIM THORPE PARK BATHROOM REMODELING PROJECT.
6. Resolution 8497- A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF VARIOUS FINANCE DEPARTMENT RECORDS PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION NO. 7170 AND GOVERNMENT CODE § 34090.

7. Resolution 8500- ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE HAWTHORNE POLICE CIVILIAN ASSOCIATION AS AN EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION WITHIN THE CITY AND DESIGNATING THE HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR AS THE CITY'S PRINCIPAL MANAGEMENT REPRESENTATIVE.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro to approve the City Clerk's consent calendar (Items 3-7).

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

NOES: None.

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

8. Approval of Invoice for Payment to KSI for the removal and discard of existing competition and Activity Pool BEC System.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** Staff recommends that the City Council authorize payment to KSI an Aquafinity Company.

9. Construction of Speed Humps on 116<sup>th</sup> Street from Casimir Ave to Spinning Ave

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** Staff recommends that the City Council approve installation of speed humps on 116<sup>th</sup> Street from Casimir Ave to Spinning Av

- 10 City of Hawthorne's Investment Report for the quarter ended September 30, 2024

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** Staff recommends that the City Council receive, approve, and file the City of Hawthorne's Investment Report for the quarter ended September 30, 2024 of FY 24-25.

- 11 Progress Payment #2 in the amount of \$183,373.51 due to Sequel Contractors, Inc. of Santa Fe Springs, Ca for 120<sup>th</sup> St Improvements- Crenshaw Blvd to Felton Ave, Phase II (Project #21-03)

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** Staff recommends that the City Council approve this progress payment #2 to Sequel Contractors, Inc. of Santa Fe Springs, Ca.

- 12 Approval of Purchase Order for the Amount of \$77,018.98 for the purchase of two 2024 Ford Ranger XL from Southbay Ford.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** Staff recommends that the City Council authorize the Public Works Director to Proceed with the purchase order and purchase of two 2024 Ford Rangers XL for Planning Department.

- 13 Progress Payment #4 and #5 in the amount of \$929,286.20 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 #4 and #5 and approve Change Order #1 to DOJA, Inc. of Ontario, Ca.

- 14 Approval of “Spark Good” grant in the amount of \$3,000.00 funded by Walmart and an appropriation of \$3,000.00 for Hawthorne Police Department Community Affairs Programs.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** Staff recommends that the City Council approve the “Spark Good” grant, funded by Walmart, in the amount of \$3,000.00 to revenue account 100-110-51657; and

Appropriation of \$3,000.00 from revenue account 100-110-51657 to expense account 100-2101-206-0-0-44934 for the Hawthorne Police Department’s Community Affairs Program.

- 15 Approve an appropriation of \$66,495.38 from the “OT Reimbursement- Special Events- Inglewood” account, number 100-109-51956, for the purchase of Supplemental Law Enforcement Liability Insurance; and

Approval of a Purchase Order in the “Not to Exceed” Amount of \$66,495.38 for payment to Arthur J Gallagher Risk Management Services, LLC for Supplemental Law Enforcement Liability Insurance.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** Staff recommends that the City Council approve an appropriation of \$66,495.38 from the “OT Reimbursement - Special Events – Inglewood” account, number 100-109-51956, and approve a purchase order in the “Not to Exceed” Amount of \$66,495.38 payable to Arthur J Gallagher Risk Management Services, LLC for Supplemental Law Enforcement Liability Insurance.

- 16 Professional Services Agreement between the City of Hawthorne (“City”) and PetData, Inc.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** Staff recommends that the City Council approve the Professional Services Agreement with PetData, Inc. and authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement and make minor changes thereto.

- 17 Hanger 8 Ground Sublease and Purchase and Sale Agreement

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** Staff recommends that the City Council approve the Ground Sublease Agreement and the Purchase and Sale Agreement for Hangar 8 at the Hawthorne Municipal Airport.

- 18 Progress Payment #1 in the amount of \$938,879.63 due to Martinez Landscape Company, Inc of Sylmar, Ca for General Maintenance (Project #22-05)

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** Staff recommends that the City Council approve this Progress Payment #1 and Change orders 1 through 5 to Martinez Landscape Company, Inc of Sylmar, Ca.

Councilmember Angie Reyes English moved, seconded by Mayor Vargas to approve the City Manager’s consent calendar (Items 8-18). Item 16 was pulled.

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

NOES: None.

Discussion on item 16 with recommendations from Councilmember Angie Reyes English. Councilmember Angie Reyes English moved, seconded by Councilmember Alex Monteiro to approve Item 16 on the City Manager’s consent calendar.

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

### **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 145<sup>th</sup> 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 Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) certification. Councilmember Reyes English thanked Centinela School district and Sociedad Jose Marti for their presentations and expressed appreciated 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 120<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025.

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Dayna Williams-Hunter  
City Clerk