

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE,
CALIFORNIA HELD APRIL 22, 2025**

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. 126th Street, Hawthorne, California.

INVOCATION

The evening's invocation was led by Mayor Vargas

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Council Member K. Manning

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Alex Vargas; Council Member Katrina Manning; Council Member Angie Reyes English; Mayor Pro Tem Alex Monteiro; Council Member Faye Johnson

Also Present: City Manager Vontray Norris; City Attorney Robert Kim; City Clerk Dayna Williams-Hunter; City Treasurer Marie Poindexter-Hornback

PROCLAMATIONS/CERTIFICATES/PRESENTATIONS

1. City of Hawthorne Safety Action Plan (Public Works Department)
2. Hawthorne Municipal Airport / Jack Northrop Field (HHR)
3. Meet "Nate" AI Chat Bot Introduction & Wifi/Project Update (Information Technology Services)
4. American Lung Association Presentation (A. Monteiro)
5. Certificate of Recognition to the City's Community Partners (A. Reyes English)

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Ryan Richard, commends City officials and City staff for their efforts in moving the Planning Commission forward. Jose Ochoa, District Rep for Senator Laura Richardson, invited the community to the community clean up. Leli Fernandez, expressed concerns regarding establishing permitted parking throughout Hawthorne.

CITY CLERK'S CONSENT CALENDAR

6. The City Treasurer requests approval of the warrants. Motion to approve the warrants.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the warrants issued for the period of 03/26/2025 to 04/22/2025 for a total of \$4,388,095.33.

Moved by Council Member Angie Reyes English, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Alex Monteiro

AYE: Mayor Alex Vargas, Council Member Katrina Manning, Council Member Angie Reyes English, Mayor Pro Tem Alex Monteiro, Council Member Faye Johnson

7. Approval of waiver of full readings of resolutions and ordinances on Tuesday, April 22, 2025's agenda. Motion to waive full readings.

Moved by Council Member Angie Reyes English, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Alex Monteiro

AYE: Mayor Alex Vargas, Council Member Katrina Manning, Council Member Angie Reyes English, Mayor Pro Tem Alex Monteiro, Council Member Faye Johnson

8. Approval of City Council meeting minutes for the regular meetings of June 11, 2024, June 25, 2024, July 9, 2024 and July 23, 2024.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the regular City Council meeting minutes of June 11, 2024, June 25, 2024, July 9, 2024 and July 23, 2024.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Alex Monteiro, seconded by Mayor Alex Vargas

AYE: Mayor Alex Vargas, Council Member Katrina Manning, Council Member Angie Reyes English, Mayor Pro Tem Alex Monteiro

Other: Council Member Faye Johnson (ABSTAIN)

RESOLUTIONS

9. RESOLUTION NO. 8521 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA ADOPTING THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE SAFETY ACTION PLAN.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Staff recommends that the City Council approve Resolution No. 8521

Moved by Council Member Angie Reyes English, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Alex Monteiro

AYE: Mayor Alex Vargas, Council Member Katrina Manning, Council Member Angie Reyes English, Mayor Pro Tem Alex Monteiro, Council Member Faye Johnson

10. RESOLUTION NO. 8522 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, PROCLAIMING MAY 4, 2025, THROUGH MAY 10, 2025, AS MUNICIPAL CLERK'S WEEK IN HAWTHORNE.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Staff Recommends that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 8522

Moved by Mayor Alex Vargas, seconded by Council Member Katrina Manning

AYE: Mayor Alex Vargas, Council Member Katrina Manning, Council Member Angie Reyes English, Mayor Pro Tem Alex Monteiro, Council Member Faye Johnson

11. RESOLUTION NO. 8523 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR LABOR COMPLIANCE MONITORING WITH LDM ASSOCIATES, INC.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Staff recommends that the City Council Approve Resolution No. 8523 and authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute and make amendments to the Professional Services Agreement for Labor Compliance Monitoring with LDM Associates, Inc.

Moved by Council Member Angie Reyes English, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Alex Monteiro

AYE: Mayor Alex Vargas, Council Member Katrina Manning, Council Member Angie Reyes English, Mayor Pro Tem Alex Monteiro, Council Member Faye Johnson

ORDINANCES

12. ORDINANCE NO. 2256 (2ND READING). AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTION 10.44.080 (EFFECT OF PERMISSION TO LOAD OR UNLOAD) OF CHAPTER 10.44 (LOADING AND UNLOADING ZONES), OF TITLE 10 (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC) OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE, AND MAKING A FINDING THAT THIS AMENDMENT IS NOT A "PROJECT" IN COMPLIANCE WITH CEQA.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Staff recommends that City Council approve Ordinance 2256.

Moved by Council Member Angie Reyes English, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Alex Monteiro

AYE: Mayor Alex Vargas, Council Member Katrina Manning, Council Member Angie Reyes English, Mayor Pro Tem Alex Monteiro, Council Member Faye Johnson

PUBLIC HEARINGS

13. Public Hearing to Consider Adoption of the Draft Citizen Participation Plan (CPP), 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan, and 2025-2026 Annual Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) Programs.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

The staff advises that the City Council:

1. Conduct a public hearing to receive comments regarding the draft Citizen Participation Plan (CPP), 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan, and 2025-2026 Annual Action Plan.
2. Consider and adopt the Citizen Participation Plan (CPP), 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan, and 2025-2026 Annual Action Plan and authorize the City Manager, or designee, to submit the adopted plans to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
3. Provide direction to City staff regarding the methodology for adjusting CDBG and HOME budgets in the event that the City's actual 2025-2026 allocation amounts from HUD differ from current estimates.
4. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute all necessary grant agreements, certifications, and related documents required by HUD for the administration of the CDBG and HOME programs for the 2025-2026 program year.
5. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute contracts with subrecipients, contractors, and professional service providers necessary to implement the CDBG and HOME-funded activities identified in the 2025-2026 Annual Action Plan.
6. Authorize the appropriation of the 2025-2026 CDBG and HOME program funds, consistent with the approved Annual Action Plan.

Moved by Mayor Alex Vargas, seconded by Council Member Angie Reyes English Accept the Presentation

AYE: Mayor Alex Vargas, Council Member Katrina Manning, Council Member Angie Reyes English, Mayor Pro Tem Alex Monteiro, Council Member Faye Johnson

Moved by Mayor Alex Vargas, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Alex Monteiro Accept the plan

AYE: Mayor Alex Vargas, Council Member Katrina Manning, Council Member Angie Reyes English, Mayor Pro Tem Alex Monteiro, Council Member Faye Johnson

CITY MANAGER'S CONSENT CALENDAR

14. Construction of Speed Humps on 118th Pl from Felton Ave to Inglewood Ave

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the installation of speed humps on 118th Pl from Felton Ave to Inglewood Ave

Moved by Mayor Alex Vargas, seconded by Council Member Angie Reyes English

AYE: Mayor Alex Vargas, Council Member Katrina Manning, Council Member Angie Reyes English, Mayor Pro Tem Alex Monteiro, Council Member Faye Johnson

15. Progress Payment #5 and Final Acceptance in the amount of \$783,575.03 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 #5 and Final Acceptance and approve Change Order #2 to Sequel Contractors, Inc. of Santa Fe Springs, CA and release 5% retention amount 35 days after Final Approval.

Moved by Mayor Alex Vargas, seconded by Council Member Angie Reyes English

AYE: Mayor Alex Vargas, Council Member Katrina Manning, Council Member Angie Reyes English, Mayor Pro Tem Alex Monteiro, Council Member Faye Johnson

16. Donation of Police Department Vehicle Unit #613 to the El Camino Police Department.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Authorize the Public Works Department to donate unit #613 to the El Camino College Police Department.

Moved by Mayor Alex Vargas, seconded by Council Member Angie Reyes English

AYE: Mayor Alex Vargas, Council Member Katrina Manning, Council Member Angie Reyes English, Mayor Pro Tem Alex Monteiro, Council Member Faye Johnson

17. Progress Payment #1 in the amount of \$879,526.61 due to Martinez Landscape Co., Inc of Sylmar, CA for City of Hawthorne New City Yard (Project #24-02).

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Staff recommends that the City Council approve this Progress Payment #1 to Martinez Landscape Co. Inc of Sylmar, CA.

Moved by Mayor Alex Vargas, seconded by Council Member Angie Reyes English

AYE: Mayor Alex Vargas, Council Member Katrina Manning, Council Member Angie Reyes English, Mayor Pro Tem Alex Monteiro, Council Member Faye Johnson

18. Progress Payment #9 in the amount of \$318,957.51 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 #9 and change order #7 to DOJA, Inc of Ontario, CA.

Moved by Mayor Alex Vargas, seconded by Council Member Angie Reyes English

AYE: Mayor Alex Vargas, Council Member Katrina Manning, Council Member Angie Reyes English, Mayor Pro Tem Alex Monteiro, Council Member Faye Johnson

19. Progress Payment #3 in the amount of \$428,495.72 due to Martinez Landscape Company, Inc. of Sylmar, CA for General Maintenance (Project # 22-05).

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Staff recommends that City Council approve this Progress Payment #3 and change order 7 due to Martinez Landscape Company, Inc. of Sylmar, CA.

20. Progress Payment #3 in the amount of \$444,227.87 due to PCN3 Inc of Los Alamitos, CA for City of Hawthorne New Senior Center (Project #24-03)

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Staff recommends that the City Council approve this Progress Payment #3 to PCN3 Air Inc of Los Alamitos, CA

Moved by Mayor Alex Vargas, seconded by Council Member Angie Reyes English

AYE: Mayor Alex Vargas, Council Member Katrina Manning, Council Member Angie Reyes English, Mayor Pro Tem Alex Monteiro, Council Member Faye Johnson

21. Progress Payment #8 in the amount of \$1,390,009.52 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 #8 and all recommend Change Orders to Klassic Engineering & Construction Inc of Orange, CA.

Moved by Mayor Alex Vargas, seconded by Council Member Angie Reyes English

AYE: Mayor Alex Vargas, Council Member Katrina Manning, Council Member Angie Reyes English, Mayor Pro Tem Alex Monteiro, Council Member Faye Johnson

CITY ATTORNEY'S CONSENT CALENDAR

22. Claim for bodily injury by Bryan Garrison.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Staff recommends that the City Council deny the claim by Bryan Garrison.

Moved by Mayor Alex Vargas, seconded by Council Member Angie Reyes English

AYE: Mayor Alex Vargas, Council Member Katrina Manning, Council Member Angie Reyes English, Mayor Pro Tem Alex Monteiro, Council Member Faye Johnson

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

23. Letter of Support: AB 650 (Papan) Planning and Zoning: Housing Element: Regional Housing Needs Allocation (Monteiro)

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Alex Monteiro, seconded by Mayor Alex Vargas

AYE: Mayor Alex Vargas, Council Member Katrina Manning, Council Member Angie Reyes English, Mayor Pro Tem Alex Monteiro, Council Member Faye Johnson

24. Oppose AB 647 (Gonzalez, M.) Housing Development Approvals: Residential Units (A. Monteiro)

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Alex Monteiro, seconded by Mayor Alex Vargas

AYE: Mayor Alex Vargas, Council Member Angie Reyes English, Mayor Pro Tem Alex Monteiro, Council Member Faye Johnson

Other: Council Member Katrina Manning (ABSTAIN)

25. Appointments (3) of Hawthorne Business Sector Seats on the South Bay Workforce Investment Board for 2025-2029.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Staff Recommends the City Council Vote and Appoint Three Representatives for Hawthorne Business Sector Seats with SBWIB.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Alex Monteiro, seconded by Mayor Alex Vargas

AYE: Mayor Alex Vargas, Council Member Katrina Manning, Council Member Angie Reyes English, Mayor Pro Tem Alex Monteiro, Council Member Faye Johnson

ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

F. Johnson - Thanked Continental Gourmet Market and Mom's Donuts for the reception prior to the council meeting. Offered prayers to residents dealing with illnesses. Asked about preferential parking. The City Attorney recommended a traffic study as a first step.

K. Manning - Reminded the community about the Business Expo and Job Fair. Directed City Manager about pest control. Says she has seen bugs and wanted to ask that we call pest control. Asked if we could make May 10th Latina Mother's Day. Announced Mother's Day Brunch May 10th.

Reyes English - Invited the community to the ribbon-cutting ceremony at Zela Davis Park. Praised the staff for their hard work. Hoops Classics Jr sparks. Thanked staff for 311 APP. Praised Earth day festivities. Praised the police for the special needs program. Talked about the 2025 Autism walk. Thanked Parks/Recs for the Art Festival. Encouraged the community regarding immigration arrests.

MPT Montiero-

Thanked all presenters-Talked about Golf Outing. Suggested closed session for billboards. Announced the passing of his Aunt.

The City Attorney announced AB1234 Mandatory training. May 23, 2025, 2-4 PM. Will leave information with the city clerk's office.

Mayor Vargas - spoke about his trip to Europe. Invited elected to attend the NALEO- National association of Latino Elected officials. Donated \$250 from his allotment. Donated \$400 to North Hawthorne Homeowner association. \$200 to K. Manning event. Suggested we forgo giving monies to non-profits for events. Wants to further discuss how events are funded. Says businesses are overtaxed. Discussed permit parking and said we tried before, and it didn't work out as intended.

City Manager Norris reminded council of a parking assessment taking place and will have updates as they proceed. They say they will be able to offer some solutions but advised the council this issue will take some time and creativity.

Mayor continued offered condolences for The Pope and the Aunt of Mayor Pro Tem Montiero.

ADJOURNMENT

This meeting was adjourned at 9:09pm

Passed and approved this 24th day of June, 2025.

Dayna Williams-Hunter
City Clerk