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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA HELD MAY 13, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION

Pastor Murrell Garr from Calvary Baptist Church gave the evening's invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Manuel and Herminia Balboa.

ROLL CALL

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

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

PROCLAMATIONS/CERTIFICATES/PRESENTATIONS

1. Fireworks Drawing pursuant to procedure delineated in Hawthorne Municipal Code ("HMC") Section 8.34.085 (B).

RECOMMENDED MOTION:
None.

2. Presentation of the Good Neighbor Award

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Deborah Sterling *Love Beyond Autism*, thanked everyone for coming out and walked in support of Autism, including City Manager Von Norris, Deputy Community Services Manager Kywana Bowie, and City staff.

Lely Fernandez *North Hawthorne Community Association*, commended City Clerk Dayna Williams-Hunter for excellent notary services offered by the City. Fernandez also expressed parking concerns.

Rueben Sanchez *North Hawthorne Community Association*, thanked Akbar Farohki, DJ Toroda, and City Manager Von Norris for putting up "keep clear" signs. Sanchez also expressed concerns regarding preferential parking.

Ronnie, announced the Denny's restaurant fire over the mother's day weekend and provided a health status.

Brian Markarian, *Superintendent of Hawthorne School District*, expressed sentiments of gratitude with regard to the Zela Davis Park reopening. He also announced the Take Part Art Festival at Leuzinger High school at 10am.

CITY CLERK'S CONSENT CALENDAR

3. Approval of waiver of full readings of resolutions and ordinances on Tuesday, May 13, 2025's agenda. Motion to waive full readings.
4. Approval of the City Council meeting minutes for the regular meetings of October 08, 2024 and December 10, 2024

RECOMMENDED MOTION:
Staff recommends that the City Council approve the regular City Council meeting minutes of October 08, 2024 and December 10, 2024.

5. 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 04/23/2025 to 05/13/2025 in the total of \$6,728,054.37.

RESOLUTIONS

6. RESOLUTION NO. 8524 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO LEVY WEED ABATEMENT ASSESSMENTS AND SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING DATE ON JUNE 10TH, 2025 AT 6:00 P.M. FOR SUCH PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Staff recommends that the City Council approve Resolution No. 8524 and set a Public Hearing date for June 10, 2025 at 6:00 P.M.

7. RESOLUTION NO. 8526 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO LEVY STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 AND SETTING TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2025 AT 6:00 P.M. AS THE TIME AND DATE OF A PUBLIC HEARING.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Staff Recommends that the City Council approve this Resolution No. 8526

8. RESOLUTION NO. 8527 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CA, ADOPTING A LIST OF PROJECTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 FUNDED BY SB1: THE ROAD REPAIR AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2017.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt this resolution No. 8527.

9. RESOLUTION NO. 8528 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, RECOGNIZING MAY 10 AS DÍA DE LAS MADRES IN THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Staff Recommends that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 8528

10. RESOLUTION NO. 8529 - RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, ENCOURAGING OWNERS OF MULTI-UNIT RESIDENTIAL HOUSING COMPLEXES TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF SMOKED TOBACCO PRODUCTS IN RESIDENTIAL UNITS

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Staff Recommends that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 8529

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Reyes English to approve the City Clerk's consent calendar (Items 3, 5-7, 9 and 10).

Councilmember Reyes English pulled Item 8 for discussion, and Item 4 was held for a separate vote.

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

NOES: None.

There was a discussion on Item 8.

Councilmember Reyes English moved, seconded by Mayor Vargas to approve Item 8.

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

NOES: None.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Monterio to approve Item 4

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

NOES: None.

BIDS: OPENINGS & RESULTS

11. Bid opening for Resurfacing of the Runway 7-25 and Resurfacing of Taxiways and Trench Drain Extension for Hawthorne Municipal Airport Project (Project # 25-06)

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

N/A

There was one bid received by American Road Maintenance which was incomplete.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

12. RESOLUTION NO. 8525: MAKING A DETERMINATION OF PUBLIC NECESSITY, HEALTH, SAFETY OR WELFARE REQUIRING THE FORMATION OF THE UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT ON DOTY AVENUE, FROM EL SEGUNDO BLVD TO 126TH STREET.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Staff Recommends that the City Council Adopt Resolution No. 8525 after the Public Hearing.

No written communications were received.

Mayor Vargas opened up oral communications for this item. No members of the public expressed the desire to speak on this item. Mayor Vargas declared oral communications closed on this item.

City Clerk Dayna Williams-Hunter read the item into the record.

Mayor Vargas moved, Mayor Pro Tem Monteiro seconded to approve Item 12.
Councilmember Reyes English recused herself from the vote of Item 12 due to proximity.

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

13. Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget Workshop/Department Work Plans Presentation for fiscal year 2025-2026.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Staff recommends that the City Council receive and file the Budget Workshop/Department Work plans presentation for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

No written communications were received.

City departments presented various accomplishments and achievements.

Mayor Pro Tem Monterio moved, seconded by Councilmember Katrina Manning to approve the budget (Item 13)
There was no vote necessary.

No members of the public expressed the desire to speak of this item 13.

14. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 17.76 (SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES), AND ADDING SECTION 17.76.030 (OPERATIONAL STANDARDS), OF CHAPTER 17.76 (SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES), OF TITLE 17 (ZONING) OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE, AND MAKING A FINDING OF EXEMPTION IN COMPLIANCE WITH CEQA IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

1. Open public hearing
2. Take public testimony
3. Close public hearing
4. Introduce Ord. No. 2257

No written communication were received.
No members of the public expressed the desire to speak on this item.

Councilmember Angie Reyes English introduced Ordinance No. 2257

GENERAL MATTERS

15. Attendance at the 2025 National CERT Conference "Building Community Resilience, One Brick At A Time" from August 4 to August 9, 2025.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Receive and File.

CITY MANAGER'S CONSENT CALENDAR

16. Economic Development Advisory Services Agreement with Kosmont Companies.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:
Approve the agreement.

17. City of Hawthorne's Investment Report for the quarter ending March 31, 2025.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Staff recommends that the City Council receive, approve and file the City of Hawthorne's Investment Report for the quarter ended March 31, 2025 of FY 24-25.

18. Approval of Election cost payment to Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder for FY 24-25.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Staff recommends that the City Council approve Election cost payment to Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder for FY 2024-25 and encumber funds in the amount of \$135,941.56

19. Third Amendment to the Consultant Agreement for Design Services ("Third Amendment") between the City of Hawthorne ("City") and Office Untitled ("Consultant").

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Staff recommends that the City Council approve this Third Amendment and authorize the City Manager to execute the third amendment to the consultant agreement.

20. Progress Payment in the amount of \$433,694.32 due to DOJA, Inc. of Ontario, CA for Zela Davis Park Renovation (Park 24-04).

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Staff recommends that the City Council approve this Progress Payment #10 and change order #8 to DOJA, Inc of Ontario, CA.

21. Approval of a blanket purchase order in the amount of \$34,000.00 to Roy's Flooring for the refurbishment of the Betty Ainsworth Gym Floor.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Staff recommends that the City Council authorize the request of a blanket purchase order in the amount of \$34,000.00 to Roy's Flooring for the refurbishment of the gym floors at the Betty Ainsworth Sports Center.

22. Fiscal Year 2024/25 Blanket Purchase Order

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Staff recommends the City Council approve & appropriate the fiscal year 2024/25 Blanket Purchase Order (BPO) for 2 outreach case managers for intensive cases and administrative overhead services in a total amount not to exceed \$110,000.00.

Councilmember Reyes English moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Monteiro to approve Items 16,17, and 19-22. Item 18 was pulled by Councilmember Reyes English.

ROLL CALL AYES: Councilmembers Johnson, Manning, Reyes English, Mayor Pro Tem Monteiro and Mayor Vargas.
NOES: None.

Councilmember Reyes English moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Monteiro to approve Item 18.

ROLL CALL AYES: Councilmembers Johnson, Manning, Reyes English, Mayor Pro Tem Monteiro and Mayor Vargas.
NOES: None

CITY ATTORNEY'S CONSENT CALENDAR

23. Claim for bodily injuries by Samantha Perez, Esmeralda Perez, and Erick Guzman.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Staff recommends that the City Council deny the claims by Samantha Perez, Esmeralda Perez, and Erick Guzman.

24. Claim for bodily injury by Silvia Lima.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Staff recommends that the City Council deny the claim by Silvia Lima.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Angie Reyes English to approve Items 23 and 24.

ROLL CALL AYES: Councilmembers Johnson, Manning, Reyes English, Mayor Pro Tem Monteiro and Mayor Vargas.
NOES: None

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

25. Dream Center - F. Johnson

Informational, no discussion

ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

City Clerk **Dayna Williams-Hunter** thanked the Hawthorne heroes, Hawthorne Police Department, and Public Works Department. She provided an update on the digitization project.

Councilmember **Faye Johnson** thanked Unified Financial Credit Union and Del Cid Coffee for participating in the evening's meet and greet. She thanked Felice Lopez, Finance Director, and the staff for the budget presentation. She thanked Mike Toledo of Wounded Heroes for all of his contributions to the community.

- Requesting the City Clerk to inform the community when there are commission positions vacancies and how to apply

Councilmember **Katrina Manning**, thanked Felice Lopez, Finance Director, for the budget presentation. She acknowledged the Beyond Autism Walk and thanked all who showed up for the event. Councilmember Manning expressed sentiments regarding the ribbon cutting of Zela Davis Park.

Councilmember **Angie Reyes English** announced various upcoming events and resources available throughout the city. She thanked Unified Financial Credit Union and Del Cid Coffee for participating in the evening's meet and greet. She also announced La County's implementation of a program to forgive medical debt for residents launched in December 2024.

Mayor Pro Tem **Alex Monteiro** thanked those who participated in the completion of the budget. He also thanked the honored Hawthorne heroes for saving the people from the house that was on fire. Mayor Pro Tem Monteiro also thanked Public Works for their work and participation in the Autism Awareness walk. He expressed how proud he was of the renovation of Zela Davis park. He also announced various upcoming events in the city.

Mayor **Alex Vargas** expressed support for the City Clerks digitization project. He encouraged the public to utilize the Hawthorne Aquatic Center as it is open. Mayor Vargas also expressed concerns regarding pool rentals, overtime, and employee burnout.

- Request for overtime study & staffing study

ADJOURNMENT

This meeting was adjourned at 10:11pm.

CERTIFICATION

Passed and approved this 26th day of August 2025.

Dayna Williams-Hunter
City Clerk