

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE,
CALIFORNIA HELD AUGUST 26, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Alex Vargas called the City Council meeting to order at 6:10pm in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 4455 W. 126th Street, Hawthorne, California.

INVOCATION

Father Cyril Gorgy from Holy Resurrection American Orthodox Coptic Church gave the evening's invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

City Manager Vontray Norris led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: 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. Metro C Line Extension Update Presentation
2. Crenshaw Blvd Signal Improvement and Intersection Project Presentation
3. Presentation from Carpenters Union
4. Annual K9 Community Fundraising Dinner Check Presentation - A. Monteiro
5. Proclamation Youth Hope was removed

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

ORAL COMMUNICATION INSTRUCTIONS

ANY PERSON DESIRING TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL AND PARKING AUTHORITY SHOULD COMPLETE A SPEAKER REQUEST CARD AND SUBMIT THE CARD TO THE CITY CLERK/SECRETARY PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL, PARKING AUTHORITY AND HOUSING AUTHORITY MEETING. AFTER OBTAINING PERMISSION TO PROCEED BY THE PRESIDING OFFICER SPEAKERS SHOULD FIRST STATE THEIR FULL NAME AND ADDRESS FOR THE RECORD. THEY THEN SHALL STATE THEIR BUSINESS FOR ALL GOVERNING BODIES BRIEFLY AND COMPLETELY AND UNLESS GRANTED FURTHER TIME BY A GOVERNING BODY SHALL LIMIT THEIR ADDRESS TO THREE MINUTES. THE THREE-MINUTE LIMIT SHALL INCLUDE GOVERNING BODY OR STAFF RESPONSES, IF ANY, TO QUERIES POSED BY SPEAKERS. HOWEVER, THE STATE OPEN MEETINGS LAW (GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54950 ET SEQ.) PROHIBITS THE CITY COUNCIL FROM PROVIDING A DETAILED RESPONSE OR ACTING UPON ANY ITEM NOT CONTAINED ON THE AGENDA POSTED 72 HOURS BEFORE A REGULAR MEETING AND 24 HOURS BEFORE A SPECIAL MEETING. ALL REMARKS SHALL BE ADDRESSED TO THE GOVERNING BODIES AS A BODY AND NOT TO ANY PARTICULAR MEMBER THEREOF. THE GOVERNING BODY MAY EITHER DISPOSE OF THE COMMUNICATION AT THE CLOSE THEREOF OR MAY REFER IT TO AN APPROPRIATE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR STUDY, INVESTIGATION, REPORT, AND/OR RECOMMENDATION. DISCUSSION, IF ANY, SHALL BE BY MEMBERS OF A GOVERNING BODY ONLY. (H.M.C. 2.06.180, RESO. NO. 6443)

Patricia Donaldson, CEO of the Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce, thanked the police department, particularly Captains Eric Lane and Chris Port, for their support during the July 4th fireworks stand, particularly in handling illegal fireworks sellers.

The Chamber is hosting a backpack giveaway event this Friday at 9:00 AM at Kornblum Elementary School, distributing 200 backpacks with supplies thanks to donations from City Clerk Williams-Hunter's contacts.

The Chamber's annual golf tournament is scheduled for September 29th, with prizes including airfare and a hotel stay in San Francisco, and additional door prizes. Multiple new Chamber members introduced their businesses: **Kris** from Soft Cafe, a family-run, woman-operated cafe offering free wi-fi and kid-friendly amenities at 12947 Hawthorne Blvd. **Patricia Leck** from Tapville, a self-pour craft beer taproom and restaurant at 12520 Crenshaw, across from SpaceX, with validated parking and a family-friendly environment.

Anonymous resident presented a petition to repeal Resolution 7742, which grants preferential permitted parking to a small number of residents on 122nd Street, citing underutilization, unfair restrictions, and lack of necessity given changes since 2015. There is ongoing community opposition to a proposed metered parking pilot program; residents submitted a change.org petition advocating against paid parking anywhere in Hawthorne. The resident proposed exploring more resident-friendly parking policies, including removing unnecessary permits or using restricted street space for parking during street sweeping days.

Carol Maston shared news of the passing of Dr. Joseph Jackson, a long-serving Senior Citizens' Commissioner, and requested the meeting be closed in his memory. Information about services is yet to be provided.

Lely Fernandez spoke on parking issues and on behalf of Gordon Mego, a long-time community advocate who is in need of financial support to repair his car. She distributed GoFundMe flyers and encouraged contributions to assist him.

Ronny Manson gave an update on his health situation.

CITY CLERK'S CONSENT CALENDAR

6. Approval of City Council meeting minutes for the regular City Council meetings of May 13, 2025, May 27, 2025, June 24th, 2025 and the special meeting of June 24, 2025.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Staff recommends that the Council approve the regular City Council meetings of May 13, 2025, May 27, 2025, June 24th, 2025 and the special meeting of June 24, 2025.

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

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

7. 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 following periods:
07/09/2025 to 08/12/2025 for a total of \$9,272,782.68
08/13/2025 to 08/26/2025 for a total of \$7,984,950.53.

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

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

8. Approval of waiver of full readings of Resolutions and Ordinances on Tuesday, August 26, 2025's agenda. Motion to waive full readings.

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

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

RESOLUTIONS

9. **RESOLUTION NO. 8548** - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION, ACCEPTANCE OF ALLOCATION OF FUNDS, AND EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA) FOR AN AIRPORT INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT (AIG) FOR THE RESURFACE RUNWAY 7-25 AND RESURFACE TAXIWAYS AND TRENCH DRAIN EXTENSION PROJECT (3-06-0101-024-2025) AND AUTHORIZING AND RATIFYING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS' EXECUTION OF GRANT DOCUMENTS.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Staff recommends that the City Council approve Resolution No. 8548 and authorize the Director of Public Works' execution of the FAA AIG Resurface Runway 7-25 and Resurface Taxiways and Trench Drain Extension grant documents and any future amendments to the grant.

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

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

10. **RESOLUTION NO. 8549** - RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 54221(b) AND 54221(f)(1)(F) THAT REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY LOCATED IMMEDIATELY SOUTH OF 14115 CORDARY AVENUE IN THE CITY IS NOT NECESSARY FOR THE CITY'S USE AND IS EXEMPT SURPLUS LAND, MAKING A FINDING THAT SUCH DECLARATION IS EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT, AND TAKING RELATED ACTIONS.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Staff recommends that the City Council approve Resolution No. 8549 declaring the property located immediately south of 14115 Cordary Avenue (Assessor Parcel Number 4051-030-902) "exempt surplus" under the Surplus Land Act.

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

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

11. **RESOLUTION NO. 8550** - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING AN ENVIRONMENTALLY PREFERABLE PURCHASING POLICY (EPPP) FOR THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Staff recommends that the City Council approve Resolution No. 8550.

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

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

12. **RESOLUTION NO. 8551** - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA APPROVING A CONSULTANT AGREEMENT FOR ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN WITH GENERAL TECHNOLOGIES AND SOLUTIONS.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Staff recommends that the City Council approve Resolution No. 8551

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

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

13. **RESOLUTION NO. 8553** - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE DIGITIZATION AND DESTRUCTION OF CERTAIN CITY CLERK RECORDS PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE § 34090 AND RESOLUTION NO. 7170

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Staff Recommends City Council approve Resolution 8553

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

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

ORDINANCES
(None at this time)

BIDS: OPENINGS & RESULTS

14. Bid Opening for Eucalyptus Park and Ramona Park Improvement Project (Project # 24-07)

Four Bids - All bond accompanied

Martinez Landscape Co., Inc. of Sylmar - \$2,658,173.00

DOJA, Inc. of Ontario - \$3,683,810.00
S&H Construction, Inc. of Fremont - \$2,868,600.00
Klassic Engineering & Construction of Tustin - 4,731,185.00

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Refer bids to staff for study and recommendation.

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

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS
(None at this time)

GENERAL MATTERS

15. First Amendment to the consultant agreement between Charge, LLC and the City of Hawthorne for Electric Vehicle Charging Station Design and Installation Services.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the amendment and authorize the Director of Public Works to enter into the first amendment with Charge, LLC.

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

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

CITY MANAGER'S CONSENT CALENDAR

16. Letter of Agreement by and between the City of Hawthorne and Space Exploration Technologies Corp. (SpaceX) to seek a traffic study to determine the feasibility of installing Crosswalk Improvements on Jack Northrop Ave

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the agreement with Space Exploration Technologies Corp. (SpaceX) and authorize the City Manager or his designee to enter into and execute the agreement.

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

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

17. Second Amendment to the Consultant Agreement for survey services ("Second Amendment") between the City of Hawthorne ("City") and DRC Engineering, Inc. ("Consultant").

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Staff recommends that the City Council approve this Second Amendment and authorize the Director of Public Works to execute the Second Amendment to the consultant agreement.

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

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

18. Second Amendment to the Consultant Agreement for Construction Administration and Construction Observation services ("Second Amendment") between the City of Hawthorne ("City") and C&S Engineering ("Consultant")

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

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

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

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

English

19. Agreement between the City of Hawthorne and RSG Inc. in the amount of \$29,870.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Staff recommends that the City Council approve and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement with RSG Inc. to prepare a Long-Term Fiscal Model/Financial Plan and approve a blanket purchase order, not to exceed \$29,870.

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

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

20. Agreement between the City of Hawthorne and Rael & Letson in the amount of \$27,500.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Staff recommends that the City Council approve and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement with Rael & Letson to provide actuarial consulting services and approve a blanket purchase order, not to exceed \$27,500.

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

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

21. City of Hawthorne's Investment Report for the quarter ended June 30, 2025.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Staff recommends that the City Council receive, approve and file the City of Hawthorne's Investment Report for the quarter ended June 30, 2025 of FY 24-25.

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

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

22. Recurring Software and Services Agreement with MRI Real Estate Software LLC (MRI) for Housing Data Services.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

1. Approve the Recurring Software and Services Agreement with MRI for the period of five years from 08/01/2025 to 07/31/2030 to provide professional services necessary to store and update housing data.

2. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute, amend, and keep a record of documents necessary to administer the Fiscal Year 2025-2030 Professional Services Agreement with MRI.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Alex Monteiro, seconded by Council Member Katrina Manning

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

23. Progress Payment #6 in the amount of \$530,226.67 due to PCN3 Inc of Los Alamitos, CA for the City of Hawthorne New Senior Center (Project #24-03).

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Staff recommends that the City Council approve this Progress Payment #6 to PCN3 Inc of Los Alamitos, CA

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

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

24. Award of Contract for Eucalyptus Park and Ramona Park Improvement (Project # 24-07)

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Staff recommends that the City Council award contract to lowest responsible and responsive bidder, Martinez Landscape Co., Inc. of Sylmar, CA pending approval of HUD Section 108 Loan Guarantee funds.

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

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

25. Approval of an Agreement Between the Hawthorne Police Department and the Hawthorne School District for the provision of a "School Resource Officer" (SRO).

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Staff recommends the City Council approve and authorize the Chief of Police to execute the Agreement between the Hawthorne Police Department and the Hawthorne School District for the provision of a "School Resource Officer" (SRO).

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

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

26. Approval of an Agreement Between the Hawthorne Police Department and the Centinela Valley Union High School District for the provision of a "School Resource Officer" (SRO).

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Staff recommends the City Council approve and authorize the Chief of Police to execute the Agreement between the Hawthorne Police Department and the Centinela Valley Union High School District for the provision of a "School Resource Officer" (SRO).

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

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

27. Side Letter of Agreement between the City of Hawthorne and Hawthorne Police Management Supervisory Group (HPMSG) -- Retention Pay Amendment

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

That the City Council approve the Side Letter of Agreement between the City of Hawthorne and the Hawthorne Police Management Supervisory Group (HPMSG) amending Section 9.11 of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) regarding retention pay to include reserve time in the calculation of eligibility, effective March 27, 2025 and authorize the City Manager to execute the side letter agreement.

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

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

28. Progress Payment #3 in the amount of \$2,616,046.93 is due to Martinez Landscape Co., Inc of Sylmar, CA for the City of Hawthorne New City Yard (Project #24-02).

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Staff recommends that the City Council approve this Progress Payment #3 and Change Order #1 to Martinez Landscape Co. Inc. of Sylmar, CA.

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

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

29. Third amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding between the South Bay Cities Council Of Governments and The City of Hawthorne regarding the use of allocated County Local Solutions Grant Funds To Implement the City's Los Angeles Centers for

Alcohol And Drug Abuse (LACADA) Project

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the Third Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) to extend the term and associated reporting deadlines for the LACADA Project through June 30, 2027, and authorize the City Manager to execute the amendment.

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

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

30. Progress Payment #9 & #10 in the amount of \$1,920,699.58 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 #9 and #10 and all recommend Change Orders to Klassic Engineering & Construction Inc of Orange, CA.

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

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

31. FEMA Project De-Obligations -- COVID-19 Pandemic Response

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Staff recommends that the City Council acknowledges and concurs with the FEMA de-obligation of \$11,246.89 (Project 142762 -- COVID-19 Pandemic 2 / PW 176) and \$17,208.77 (Project 138069 -- COVID-19 Pandemic 1 / PW 140), based on the final reconciliation of actual eligible costs versus expedited estimates.

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

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

32. Final Acceptance of the first contract term and award of the street tree trimming contract extension to Northstar Landcare of Downey, CA for Street Tree Trimming (City Project 22-07).

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Staff recommends that City Council approve the final acceptance of the first street tree trimming contract term and exercise the option pursuant to section 6.1 of the contract agreement to ratify and authorize the first extension from December 2025 through December 2026, the second contract extension from December 2026 to December 2027, and the third extension from December 2027 through December 2028 with a 4% CPI increase to Northstar Landcare of Downey, CA.

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

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

CITY ATTORNEY'S CONSENT CALENDAR

All items on the City Attorney's consent calendar were unanimously approved. (Items 33,34,35,36)
Moved -Mayor Vargas, Seconded - Mayor Pro Tem Montiero

33. Claim for monetary damages by the Independent Cities Risk Management Authority ("ICRMA").

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Staff recommends that the City Council deny the claim by ICRMA.

34. Claim for bodily injury by Luisa Magante.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Staff recommends that the City Council deny the claim by Luisa Magante.

35. Additional Funding Request for Administration Receivership Account in the Amount of \$30,000 for the Past Fiscal Year 2024/2025.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Staff Recommends that the City Council Approve the Additional Funding in the Amount of \$30,000 to Administration Receivership Account (Receivership Account No. 100-1501-000-40744) for fiscal year 2024/2025, Encumber for the Same and Approve the Increase of Blanket Purchase Order for Civica Law Group to Reflect the Increase.

36. Claim for bodily injury by Shaunta Whiting.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Staff recommends that the City Council deny the claim by Shaunta Whiting.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

37. Consider Council Meetings Going Dark for the month of August (A. Reyes English)

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

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

NAY: Council Member Katrina Manning

38. In commemoration of the City of Hawthorne being recognized for its energy efficiency, decals are to be placed on all city facilities for the recognition. (A. Reyes English)
39. Enforcement of Hawthorne Municipal Code section 10.60.010 regarding the Prohibition of riding bicycles and e bikes on sidewalks. (A. Vargas)

ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

City Clerk Williams-Hunter

- Reminded residents to sign up online to receive city council agendas via email and highlighted the city website as a resource for press releases and information.
- Encouraged residents to check the website or call the Clerk's office for public records requests, as many answers are already available online.
- Announced the upcoming redistricting vote in November and clarified the city will not bear its cost.

Councilwoman Katrina Manning

- Reported attendance at several community events, including National Night Out (coordinated with police, recognized by Congresswoman Waters), and shared a Port of Long Beach tour experience.
- Addressed resident concerns about parking on 122nd Street; noted a parking assessment in progress to address these issues for business, commercial, and residential areas.
- Hosted and partnered in local backpack/book giveaways, stressing the importance of reading for children.
- Addressed illegal dumping, noted ongoing installation of signage, and efforts to track/reduce repeat dumping locations; encouraged reporting via city app.
- Announced a court-issued permanent injunction against the local mall, requiring immediate safety/security measures and ordering development or demolition by August 31, 2026.
- Noted the passing of Geneva Frutrel (longtime resident); requested the meeting be closed in her honor.

Councilwoman Angie Reyes English

- Announced Senior Center Luau Dance (August 29) and Crenshaw Village ribbon-cutting (September 9); recognized Soft Cafe and Tapville grand openings.
- Requested regular updates on new business openings and called for a moratorium and inspection of car washes and massage parlors due to overrepresentation.
- Highlighted Chamber golf tournament (September 29) and city appreciation for events like Movies in the Pool and National Night Out.
- Noted increase in coyote sightings in neighborhoods; proposed coyote/wildlife resource signage.

- Expressed congratulations to City Clerk Dayna Williams-Hunter as "Democrat of the Year" and acknowledged birthdays for Dayna and herself.

Mayor Pro Tem Alex Montiero

- Expressed appreciation to attendees and presenters, highlighting pride in city staff and recent city advancements.
- Suggested planning activities for upcoming Hispanic Heritage Month.
- Extended condolences for Dr. Joe Jackson, longtime resident and Senior Commissioner.
- Shared details about Clean Power Alliance and CalPINE grant and scholarship opportunities for clean energy and local students.
- Inquired about city plans for a 9/11 Remembrance Event.

Mayor Alex Vargas

- Provided context and background regarding the local mall, its problematic history, and city efforts to ensure development or demolition, commending legal counsel and city staff for progress made.
- Listed and promoted upcoming city events, including State of the City Address (August 28), North Hawthorne picnic (August 30), Halloween contest (October 25), Touch-a-Truck event (October 11), and free preschool availability.
- Recognized staff successes with community events and noted Movies in the Pool event (400 attendees).
- Addressed resident frustrations about the mall and explained the court injunction's significance.
- Requested improved transparency and communication about legal/development matters and ongoing business regulation efforts.
- Noted recent regional mayoral meeting with the Consul General of Mexico, emphasizing information-sharing among cities regarding immigration and services.
- Closed the meeting by honoring Geneva Fruhtrel and Dr. Joe Jackson with a moment of silence.

CLOSED SESSION
(None at this time)

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Vargas adjourned the meeting in the memory of Geneva Frutrel and Dr. Joseph Jackson at 9:51 pm.

Passed and approved this 9th day of September 2025.

Dayna Williams-Hunter
City Clerk