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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA HELD SEPTEMBER 9, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Vargas called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

INVOCATION

The evening's Invocation was given by Pastor Garr.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Deputy City Clerk Cucalon.

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

Attendees: Diana Cucalon, Deputy City Clerk

PROCLAMATIONS/CERTIFICATES/PRESENTATIONS

1. Holly Park Restroom Renovation Presentation (K. Manning)

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Under oral communications, the following individuals spoke:

Patricia Donaldson - Health condition, golf tournament, new Chamber of Commerce members Magic Mike's Detail, Design AI Futures.

Victor Vasquez - October 2022 police incident.

Norm Haney - Hawthorne Mall neutral introduction.

Hansol - ICE presence, food program.

Ruben Sanchez - ATT&T building debris, RFK building blight, Hawthorne Mall, homelessness patrol, property values.

Unidentified speaker - Street vendor support, amendment rights,

Anna Suarez - street vendors, Good Neighbors United

CITY CLERK'S CONSENT CALENDAR

2. 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 08/27/2025 to 09/09/2025 for a total of \$4,102,139.16.

3. Approval of waiver of full readings of resolutions and ordinances on Tuesday, September 9, 2025's agenda. Motion to waive full readings.

RESOLUTIONS

4. **RESOLUTION 8552** - RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE APPROVING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT FOR MEASURE A FUNDING FOR THE HAWTHORNE CIVIC CENTER PARK AND WATER TOWER

PARK DEVELOPMENT.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Staff recommends that City Council Approve Resolution No 8552.

5. **RESOLUTION NO. 8554** - 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.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Staff recommends that the City Council Approve Resolution No. 8554, authorizing the Destruction of Various Finance Department Records.

6. **RESOLUTION NO. 8555** - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA ESTABLISHING AN ON-STREET HANDICAP PARKING SPACE AT 13335 HAWTHORNE BLVD

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Staff recommends that the City Council approve Resolution 8555

7. **RESOLUTION NO. 8556** - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 15, 2025 THROUGH OCTOBER 15, 2025 AS HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH IN THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Staff Recommends that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 8556

8. **RESOLUTION NO. 8557** - RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING, APPROVING, AND RATIFYING ACCEPTANCE OF THE GRANT YEAR 2024 URBAN AREA SECURITY INITIATIVE (UASI), TOTALING \$117,640, FOR THE PURCHASE OF AUTOMATED LICENSE PLATE READER(S) (ALPRS).

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Approve Resolution No. 8557.

Moved by Mayor Alex Vargas, seconded by Council Member Angie Reyes English To approve the City Clerk's Consent Calendar (Items 2-8)

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

ORDINANCES

9. **ORDINANCE NO. 2258** (Introduction): AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTION 2.06.020 (MEETINGS) OF CHAPTER 2.06 (CITY COUNCIL) OF TITLE 2 (ADMINISTRATION, CIVIL SERVICE AND PERSONNEL) OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE AND MAKING A FINDING OF EXEMPTION IN COMPLIANCE WITH CEQA IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Introduce Ordinance No. 2258 on September 9, 2025 and Adopt Ordinance No. 2258 on September 23, 2025.

Introduced by title only by Mayor Pro Tem Monteiro.

BIDS: OPENINGS & RESULTS

(None at this time)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

(None at this time)

GENERAL MATTERS

(None at this time)

CITY MANAGER'S CONSENT CALENDAR

10. Fiscal Year 2025/26 Blanket Purchase Orders.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Staff recommends the Council approve fiscal year 2025/26 Blanket Purchase Orders (BPO's) for supplies and services in a total amount not to exceed \$3,046,062.

11. Holly Park Restroom Renovation (Project # 25-07) - Out to Bid

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the Plans and Specifications and authorize the Director of Public Works to advertise for construction bids with a return date of October 28, 2025.

12. Receive and file Housing Authority Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2024-25.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Staff recommends that the City Council receive and file the City of Hawthorne Housing Authority Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2024-25.

13. Agreement between the City of Hawthorne and the City of Hermosa Beach for the purpose of developing a co-response model under the Hawthorne Police Departments Special Weapon and Tactics team (S.W.A.T.).

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Staff recommends the City Council approve and authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement Between the City of Hawthorne and the City of Hermosa Beach for the purpose of developing a co-response model under the Hawthorne Police Departments Special Weapon and Tactics team (S.W.A.T.).

14. Progress Payment #7 in the amount of \$639,660.15 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 #6 and Change Order #4 to PCN3 Inc of Los Alamitos, CA

Moved by Mayor Alex Vargas, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Alex Monteiro to approve the City Manager's Consent Calendar (Items 10-14)

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

CITY ATTORNEY'S CONSENT CALENDAR

15. Claim for damages by Christie M. Stewart.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Staff recommends that the City Council deny the claim by Christie M. Stewart.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Alex Monteiro, seconded by Council Member Angie Reyes English to approve the City Attorney's consent calendar (Item 15)

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

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

16. Emergency Preparedness Month (A. Reyes English)

Moved by Council Member Angie Reyes English, seconded by Mayor Alex Vargas to recognize the month of September as Emergency Preparedness Month in the City of Hawthorne.

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

17. Operation Gobble & Toy Giveaway, in collaboration with the Chamber of Commerce (November & December 2025) at City Hall (A. Reyes English)

Consensus was reached to hold these events in the Betty Ainsworth Sports Center parking lot.

18. CERT Meet & Greet, Training for Community Leaders - January 2026 (A. Reyes English)

Confirmation was made that the event would begin to be publicized to the community.

19. Holiday City Hall Closure in December/January (A. Reyes English & A. Monteiro)

Council concurred to close from December 22, 2025 to January 2, 2026 with employees using their own time for all days deemed not holidays.

ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

Council Member **Johnson** provided comments on the State of the City event, Holly Park restroom grant, destruction of files procedures, Crenshaw Blvd. signal improvement and intersection project, Hermosa Beach MOU, K9 Unit fundraiser, Hawthorne Mall injunction, Merch On Line, and a possible farmer's market.

Council Member **Manning** provided comments on the façade program, Carpenters Pasadena book exchange, Hawthorne 24 Hour Fitness block party, Ramona Back to School Night, Kornblum Elementary School backpack giveaway, the State of the City event and the Black Legislative Caucus in DC.

Council Member **Reyes English** provided comments on the Halloween Spectacular Carnival, Hawthorne Mall press release, 311 App service requests, Republic Services complaints, Senior Resource Fair, 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony, Holly Park renovation project, Crenshaw Village Grand Opening, Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament, Good Neighbors United, Food Giveaway, homeless population, handicap parking, tree trimming on Hawthorne Blvd. and the LAFCO conference in San Diego.

Council Member **Monteiro** provided comments on the Crenshaw Village grand opening, façade improvements, Hawthorne Mall injunction, Igbo Day Festival, Cabo Verde Prime Minister schedule, Fair Housing Foundation workshop, Hawthorne Teen Center 17- year Anniversary, Hawthorne Presidents Council Community Barbeque dinner, and Chief Tomatani's retirement.

Mayor **Vargas** provided comments on requirements for businesses, St. Joseph Fiesta event, North Hawthorne group picnic, NALEO event, ebike concerns, State of the City, Hawthorne Mall situation, Touch a Truck event, and Ramona and Eucalyptus Park refurbishes. Gave directive for leaf blower/noise guidelines and to put the 311 App as a discussion/action item on the next agenda.

CLOSED SESSION
(None at this time)

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Vargas adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

Passed and approved this 14th day of October 2025.

Dayna Williams-Hunter
City Clerk