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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA HELD JANUARY 13, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Vargas called this meeting to order at 6:08pm.

INVOCATION

Pastor Morel Garr led the evening's invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Manning led the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Alex Monteiro

Also Present: City Manager Vontray Norris; Interim City Attorney David Caceres; City Clerk Dayna Williams-Hunter

PROCLAMATIONS/CERTIFICATES/PRESENTATIONS (None at this time)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was one written communication received by the Torrance Refinery.

Pat Donaldson, shared holiday event outcomes.

Kathy Gore, spoke regarding the Hawthorne pool use.

Alaric Simon, announced the upcoming vision screening event and related information.

Joann Vargas, shared concerns regarding the noise proofing grant.

Rev Styiver, shared information regarding the Cypher Spot's upcoming events and requested support.

Gregory Guich, shared various interests regarding council unity.

Rueben Sanchez, announced the opening of the North Hawthorne Community Association.

Resident #1, shared various concerns.

CITY CLERK'S CONSENT CALENDAR

1. 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 12/10/2025 to 12/23/2025 for a total of \$9,370,986.76 and 12/24/25 to 01/13/2026 for a total of \$1,294,210.32.

2. Approval of waiver of full readings of Resolutions and Ordinances on Tuesday, January 13, 2026's agenda. Motion to waive full readings.
3. Approval of City Council meeting minutes for the regular meetings of December 09, 2025.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Staff recommends that the Council approve the regular City Council meetings of December 09, 2025.

RESOLUTIONS

4. RESOLUTION NO. 8574, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, Authorizing Certain Designated City of Hawthorne Officers To Order The Deposit Or Withdrawal of Monies From the Local Agency Investment Fund ("LAIF").

RECOMMENDED MOTION:
Adopt Resolution No.8574.

5. RESOLUTION NO. 8575, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING CERTAIN DESIGNATED CITY OF HAWTHORNE OFFICERS TO ORDER THE DEPOSIT, INVESTMENT OR WITHDRAWAL OF MONIES FROM THE MULTI-BANK SECURITIES, INC. ("MBS") ACCOUNTS.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:
Adopt Resolution No.8575.

6. RESOLUTION NO. 8576, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING CERTAIN DESIGNATED CITY OF HAWTHORNE OFFICERS TO ORDER THE DEPOSIT OR WITHDRAWAL OF MONIES FROM THE BMO BANK N.A. ACCOUNTS.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:
Adopt Resolution No. 8576.

Councilmember Angie Reyes English moved, Mayor Vargas seconded to approve the City Clerk's Consent calendar Items 1, 2, and 4-6. Councilmember Reyes English recused herself from voting on Item 3.

AYES: Councilmembers Johnson, Manning, Reyes English and Mayor Vargas
NOES: None.

Mayor Vargas moved, Councilmember Manning seconded to approve Item 3.

AYES: Councilmember Johnson, Manning, and Mayor Vargas
ABSTAIN: Councilmember Reyes English

ORDINANCES

7. ORDINANCE NO. 2260 (2ND READING) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTERS 17.04 (DEFINITIONS), 17.38 (NONCONFORMING USES, STRUCTURES, SIGNS, AND PARCELS), 17.40 (CONDITIONAL USES--VARIANCES), 17.56 (LOADING), 17.58 (OFF-STREET PARKING), AND 17.60 (MINIMUM DRIVEWAY WIDTHS AND TURNING RADII) OF TITLE 17 (ZONING) OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO OFF-STREET VEHICULAR PARKING, AND MAKING A FINDING OF EXEMPTION IN COMPLIANCE WITH CEQA IN CONNECTION THEREWITH. Motion to adopt.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:
Staff recommends that the City Council move to adopt Ordinance No. 2260.

Councilmember Reyes English moved, Councilmember Johnson seconded to adopt Ordinance 2260.

AYES: Councilmembers Johnson, Manning, Reyes English, and Mayor Vargas
NOES: None.

BIDS: OPENINGS & RESULTS (None at this time)

PUBLIC HEARINGS (None at this time)

GENERAL MATTERS

8. Clean Hawthorne Initiative Update -- Public Works Department

CITY MANAGER'S CONSENT CALENDAR

9. Progress Payment #3 in the amount of \$222,614.92 due to Chapman Coast Roof Co., Inc. of Fullerton, CA for Hawthorne Police Department Roof Replacement Project (Project #25-09).

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Staff recommends that the City Council approve this Progress Payment #3 for Chapman Coast Roof Co. Inc. of Fullerton, CA.

10. Award of Contract for Alley Improvement Project (Project # 25-08).

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Staff recommends that the City Council award contract to lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Martinez Landscape Co., Inc. of Sylmar, CA.

11. Approval of a parcel map to be recorded with the Los Angeles County Recorder's Office.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Staff recommends the approval of a Parcel Map No. 85067 for the addresses located at 4455 West 126th St and 12547 Hawthorne Blvd to be recorded with the Los Angeles County Recorder's Office.

12. Approval and City Manager (or his designee) authorization to execute a Master Equity Lease Agreement between the City of Hawthorne Police Department and Enterprise Holdings, Inc.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Staff Recommends that the City Council approve and authorize the City Manager (or his designee) to execute a Master Equity Lease Agreement and a purchase order in an amount not to exceed the amount of \$180,004.16 to Enterprise Holdings, Inc. for the lease of administrative vehicles for the City's Police Department, using RTIC contract services account no. 100-2102-229-0-0-40514.

Mayor Vargas moved, seconded by Councilmember Manning to approve the City Manager's consent calendar Items 9-12.

AYES: Councilmembers Johnson, Manning, Reyes English, and Mayor Vargas

NOES: None

CITY ATTORNEY'S CONSENT CALENDAR

(None at this time)

DISCUSSION ITEMS

13. Discussion Action Item: Adding Additional Organizations to Resolution 8435, Exhibit A - K. Manning
14. Community Events Overview and Chamber of Commerce Coordination

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Receive and file the Community Events Overview and provide staff direction, as needed, regarding City-sponsored events, Chamber of Commerce--led events, partnership events, and related stipend use.

ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS

COUNCIL DIRECTIVES/ ACTION ITEMS

Councilmember Manning gave directive to issue the press release regarding Hawthorne Airport again and share the information across all social media platforms.

Councilmember Manning moved, seconded by Mayor Vargas to approve this directive.

AYES: Councilmembers Johnson, Manning, Reyes English, and Mayor Vargas

NOES: None

ABSENT: Mayor Pro Tem Monteiro

Councilmember Manning gave a directive to invite Metro to do a presentation about the upcoming closures that will impact

Hawthorne residents.

Councilmember Manning moved, seconded by Councilmember Johnson to approve this directive.

AYES: Councilmembers Johnson, Manning, Reyes English, and Mayor Vargas

NOES: None

ABSENT: Mayor Pro Tem Monteiro

Councilmember Johnson gave a directive to update the workspace on the dias including the calendars and timers.

Councilmember Johnson moved, seconded by Councilmember Manning to approve this directive.

AYES: Councilmembers Johnson, Manning, Reyes English, and Mayor Vargas

NOES: None

ABSENT: Mayor Pro Tem Monteiro

Councilmember Reyes English gave a directive to include the verification of the City of Hawthorne as the sole beneficiary on all documents during the forensic audit.

Councilmember Reyes English moved, seconded by Councilmember Johnson to approve this directive.

AYES: Councilmembers Johnson, Manning, Reyes English, and Mayor Vargas

NOES: None

ABSENT: Mayor Pro Tem Monteiro

CLOSED SESSION

(None at this time)

ADJOURNMENT

The evening's meeting was adjourned at 8:14pm.

CERTIFICATION

Passed and approved this 10th day of February 2025.

Dayna Williams-Hunter
City Clerk