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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA HELD FEBRUARY 10, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION

Pastor Ruben Sanders led the evening's invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Interim Police Chief Eric Lane.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Council Member Katrina Manning

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

PROCLAMATIONS/CERTIFICATES/PRESENTATIONS

1. Francisco Sanchez 25 Years of Service -- A. Monteiro
2. Restaurant Week Recap: "Hawthorne Eats" -- Administrative Services

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Pat Donaldson announced upcoming Chamber of Commerce Events.

Valerie, shared concerns regarding Hawthorne PD, ICE, and the brown act.

Rev, provided an update regarding the Cypher Spot.

Richard Harrison, expressed various concerns.

Rueben Sanchez, expressed concerns regarding the recent events in the community.

CITY CLERK'S CONSENT CALENDAR

3. The Finance Department, on the City Treasurer's behalf, 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 01/28/2026 to 02/10/2026 for a total of \$2,981,900.61.

4. Approval of City Council meeting minutes for the regular City Council meetings of January 13, 2026 and January 27, 2026.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Staff recommends that the Council approve the regular City Council meetings of January 13, 2026 and January 27, 2026.

5. Approval of waiver of full readings of resolutions and ordinances on Tuesday, February 10, 2026's agenda. Motion to waive full readings.

RESOLUTIONS

6. RESOLUTION NO. 8579 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE 2020-21 DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 66006(B).

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Adopt Resolution No. 8579.

7. RESOLUTION NO. 8580 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE 2021-22 DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 66006(B).

RECOMMENDED MOTION:
Adopt Resolution No. 8580.

8. RESOLUTION NO. 8581 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE 2022-23 DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 66006(B).

RECOMMENDED MOTION:
Adopt Resolution No. 8581.

9. RESOLUTION NO. 8586 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA ESTABLISHING AN ON-STREET HANDICAP PARKING SPACE AT 4858 W 115TH ST.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:
Staff recommends that the City Council approve Resolution 8586.

Mayor Vargas moved, Mayor Pro Tem Monteiro seconded to approve Item 9 on the City Clerk's Consent Calendar.

AYES: Councilmembers Johnson, Reyes English, Mayor Pro Tem Monteiro, and Mayor Vargas

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Councilmember Manning

10. RESOLUTION NO. 8587 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA APPOINTING ERIC LANE AS THE POLICE CHIEF, APPROVING AN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT, AND ADOPTING THE SALARY SCHEDULE FOR THE POSITION OF POLICE CHIEF

RECOMMENDED MOTION:
Staff recommends that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 8587, appointing Eric Lane as the Police Chief, approving an employment Agreement, and adopting the salary schedule for the position of Police Chief.

City Attorney David Caceres provided a brief oral report.

Mayor Pro Tem Monteiro moved, Councilmember Reyes English seconded to approve Item 10 on the City Clerk's Consent Calendar.

AYES: Councilmembers Johnson, Reyes English, Mayor Pro Tem Monteiro, and Mayor Vargas

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Councilmember Manning

11. RESOLUTION NO. 8588 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA AMENDING THE CITY'S SALARY SCHEDULE TO INCLUDE THE SALARY OF THE CITY MANAGER AND POLICE MEDICAL SERVICES DIRECTOR.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:
Staff recommends that this City Council adopt Resolution 8588 amending the City's salary schedule to include the salaries of the City Manager and Police Medical Services Director.

Councilmember Reyes English moved, Mayor Vargas seconded to approve the City Clerk's Consent Calendar Items 3-8 and 11. Councilmember Reyes English pulled item 9 for discussion, and Item 10 was voted on separately.

AYES: Councilmembers Johnson, Reyes English, Mayor Pro Tem Monteiro, and Mayor Vargas

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Councilmember Manning

ORDINANCES
(None at this time)

BIDS: OPENINGS & RESULTS
(None at this time)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

(None at this time)

GENERAL MATTERS

(None at this time)

CITY MANAGER'S CONSENT CALENDAR

12. City of Hawthorne's Investment Report for the quarter ended December 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 December 31, 2025 of FY 25-26.

13. Moneta Gardens Mobility Improvement Project (City Project #22-08) - 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 March 24th, 2026.

14. Progress Payment #1 in the amount of \$201,922.50 due to Jermax Construction Inc. of San Fernando, CA for Holly Park Restroom Renovation (Project #25-07).

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Staff recommends that the City Council approve this Progress Payment #1 for Jermax Construction Inc. of San Fernando, CA.

15. Progress Payment #11 is in the amount of \$657,728.27 is 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 #11 to PCN3 Inc of Los Alamitos, CA

16. Progress Payment #12 and Final Acceptance in the amount of \$117,845.84 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 #12 and Final Acceptance and all recommend Change Orders #360 through #384 to Klassic Engineering & Construction Inc of Orange, CA and release 5% retention amount 35 days after final payment has been approved.

Mayor Vargas moved, Mayor Pro Tem Monteiro seconded to approve Item 12-16 on the City Manager's Consent Calendar.

AYES: Councilmembers Johnson, Reyes English, Mayor Pro Tem Monteiro, and Mayor Vargas

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Councilmember Manning

CITY ATTORNEY'S CONSENT CALENDAR

(None at this time)

DISCUSSION ITEMS

17. Hawthorne Municipal Airport News & Developments -- F. Johnson

Councilmember Johnson pulled Item 17.

18. Options Regarding the City Council's Methods of Self-Enforcement and Censure -- F. Johnson

Councilmember Johnson moved, Mayor Vargas seconded to declare that the behavior discussed above that took place on January 13th and 27th is unacceptable and needs to stop, moving for all councilmembers will abide by the City's code of conduct and municipal code, any deviation moving forward will be discussed with the City Attorney to determine the council's options to enforce City codes of conduct and Municipal codes

*AYES: Councilmembers Johnson and Mayor Vargas
NOES: Councilmember Reyes English
ABSTAIN: Mayor Pro Tem Monteiro
ABSENT: Councilmember Manning*

ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS

COUNCIL DIRECTIVES

Mayor Pro Tem Monteiro gave the directive to invite the restaurant participants of Hawthorne Restaurant week to present them with a certificate of appreciation.

Mayor Pro Tem Monteiro moved, Councilmember Johnson seconded to approve this directive.

*AYES: Councilmembers Johnson, Reyes English, Mayor Pro Tem Monteiro, and Mayor Vargas
NOES: None.
ABSENT: Councilmember Manning*

Mayor Pro Tem Monteiro gave the directive for a proclamation for Former Commander Roger Mercy.

Mayor Pro Tem Monteiro moved, Councilmember Johnson seconded to approve this directive.

*AYES: Councilmembers Johnson, Reyes English, Mayor Pro Tem Monteiro, and Mayor Vargas
NOES: None.
ABSENT: Councilmember Manning*

Councilmember Johnson gave the directive to make the Veteran of the year parking space a Veteran Parking space.

Councilmember Johnson moved, Mayor Pro Tem seconded to approve this directive.

*AYES: Councilmembers Johnson, Reyes English, Mayor Pro Tem Monteiro, and Mayor Vargas
NOES: None.
ABSENT: Councilmember Manning*

CLOSED SESSION
(None at this time)

ADJOURNMENT

The evening's meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.

CERTIFICATION

Passed and approved this 24th day of February 2025.

Dayna Williams-Hunter
City Clerk