DRAFT

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA HELD JULY 14, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Vargas called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm

INVOCATION

Pastor John Jefferson led the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Patricia Donaldson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmember Manning; Councilmember Monteiro; Councilmember Reyes English; Mayor Pro Tem Johnson; Mayor Vargas

Absent: None.

Present: City Manager Norris; City Attorney Caceres; City Clerk Wiliams - Hunter

PROCLAMATIONS/CERTIFICATES/PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation regarding County of Los Angeles Fire Department Services Update- Conducted by Fire Chief, Anthony C. Marrone.

2. Presentation regarding Paid Parking Pilot Program Updates conducted by DJ Torado.

3. Presentation regarding Department Drone Program Presentation – Sergeant Vu

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Regina Gillespie - Provided comments regarding her interest on serving as a volunteer member on the Youth Commission or Parks and Recreation commission. She also spoke in regards to her qualifications.

Samantha Klein - Community Library Manager at Weisburn library. Invited everyone to Weisburn Library 60th anniversary celebration on August 12th. The summer discovery program is still going strong and will continue until August 9th.

Sean and Jen - Provided comments on the Farmer's Market and its continued growth and success.

Renee Levby - Provided comments on the trash that is being disposed of on Birch Avenue between Imperial and 116th street. It has doubled.

Malik Kaba - Owner of Shinyro Dental Care in the City of Hawthorne. Moved from Westlake Village. Provided comments regarding parking concerns on his business.

Ed Lopez - President and committee ambassador for the South Bay social network. He is a business owner in the South Bay. South Bay social network is a nonprofit composed of local businesses, small business, and other nonprofit organizations. Provided comments regarding a proposal of hosting Hispanic Heritage events.

Pat Donaldson - President of the Chamber of Commerce. The only way that the Chamber of Commerce could support anything would be with permission and voting of our board and with the city's permission. Provided comments of upcoming events.

Unidentified Speaker - Provided comments regarding parking situation on Grilla.

Katherine Alexandra Sadeo - provided comments on her interest in participating in local government and thanks Councilmember Reyes English for her encouragement.

David - HOA in Moneta Gardens, requested an update on the trash problem, and asked for questions about fire inspections.

Richard Harrison - Provided public comment regarding concerns on protocols and commissions. Also requested a potential Town Hall be conducted to provide the public with comments.

Robert Williams - Provided public comments regarding safety issues on a road.

Unidentified Speaker - Provided public comments concerns regarding paid parking.

Bridget - Provided public comments concerns regarding the paid parking and enforcement issues.

CITY CLERK'S CONSENT CALENDAR

4. The Finance Director 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 06/24/2026 to 07/14/2026 for a total of $16,955,195.08

5. Approval of waiver of full readings of resolutions and ordinances on Tuesday, April 28, 2026's agenda. Motion to waive full readings.

6. Approval of waiver of full readings of resolutions and ordinances on Tuesday, July 14, 2026's agenda. Motion to waive full readings.

RESOLUTION

7. RESOLUTION NO. 8619- 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 adopt Resolution No. 8619, authorizing the Destruction of Various Finance Department Records.

8. RESOLUTION NO. 8620 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR CLIMATE BOND GRANT FUNDS FOR URBAN GREENING PROGRAM FOR THE WATER TOWER PARK DEVELOPMENT.

   RECOMMENDED MOTION:
   Staff recommends that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 8620

10. RESOLUTION NO. 8622 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, IN SUPPORT OF THE STUDY FINDINGS FROM THE STUDY FUNDED BY THE REGIONAL EARLY ACTION PLANNING (REAP) 2.0 GRANT, SPONSORED BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (HCD) AND ADMINISTERED THROUGH THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (SCAG) AND AWARDED TO THE SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (SBCCOG).

    RECOMMENDED MOTION:

    Staff recommends that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 8622

11. RESOLUTION NO. 8623 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING, APPROVING AND RATIFYING THE SUBMITTAL OF THE FY 2026-2027 CANNABIS TAX FUND GRANT PROGRAM (CTFPG) LAW ENFORCEMENT GRANT, AWARD NUMBER 30918.

    RECOMMENDED MOTION:

    Staff recommends that the City Manager or his designee execute the agreement between the California Highway Patrol and the City of Hawthorne to utilize the funds allocated by the Cannabis Tax Fund Program (CTFGP).

12. RESOLUTION 8624 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE SIDE LETTER OF AGREEMENT AMENDING ARTICLE 4, SECTION 4.1 (CLASSIFICATIONS) OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE HAWTHORNE EXECUTIVE GROUP AND THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE.

    RECOMMENDED MOTION:

    That the City Council approve the Side Letter of Agreement between the City of Hawthorne and the Hawthorne Executive Group (HEG), amending Section 4.1 of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) regarding classifications and salary ranges, and authorize the City Manager to execute the side letter agreement. That the City Council also approve the Resolution adopting this Side Letter.

13. RESOLUTION 8625 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR, AND ACCEPTANCE OF, GRANT FUNDS UNDER THE COMMUNITY RESILIENCE CENTER GRANT, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF ALL RELATED DOCUMENTS.

    RECOMMENDED MOTION:

    Adopt Resolution 8625.

    Mayor Vargas motioned. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion to approve the consent calendar with the exception of Item #9.

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

ORDINANCES

14 ORDINANCE NO. 2265 (SECOND READING) - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTERS 17.04 AND 17.21 RELATED TO ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS, AND MAKING FINDING OF EXEMPTION IN COMPLIANCE WITH CEQA IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Adopt Ordinance No. 2265.

Mayor Vargas motioned to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 2265. Councilmember Montero seconded the motion.

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

15. ORDINANCE NO. 2266 (FIRST READING) - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA ADDING AND ENACTING CHAPTER 10.78 (ELECTRIC BICYCLE REGULATIONS) TO TITLE 10 (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC) OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE, AND MAKING A FINDING OF EXEMPTION IN COMPLIANCE WITH CEQA IN CONNECTION THEREWIITH.

Mayor Vargas motioned to introduce Ordinance No. 2266.

RESOLUTION

9. RESOLUTION NO. 8621 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING AND UPDATING THE ADMINISTRATIVE CITATION SCHEDULE (“SCHEDULE”) FOR VIOLATIONS RELATING TO CHAPTER 10.78 (ELECTRIC BICYCLE REGULATIONS) OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE, AND MAKING A FINDING OF EXEMPTION IN COMPLIANCE WITH CEQA IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 8621

Mayor Vargas moved. Councilmember Montero seconded.

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

ABSENT: None

ORDINANCES {CONT.}

16. ORDINANCE NO. 2267 (FIRST READING) - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2261 AND CHAPTER 10.36 (STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING) OF TITLE 10 (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC) OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE TO MODIFY DESIGNATED PAID PARKING ZONES, ESTABLISH EMPLOYEE PARKING PERMITS, AUTHORIZE SPECIAL EVENT PARKING MANAGEMENT AND PROCEDURES, AUTHORIZE AND REGULATE A RESIDENTIAL DRIVEWAY PARKING PERMIT PROGRAM, AND AUTHORIZE THE ESTABLISHMENT AND AMENDMENT OF PARKING FEES, PARKING PERMIT FEES, SPECIAL EVENT PARKING RATES, AND PARKING CITATION PENALTIES BY RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

    RECOMMENDED MOTION:

    Staff recommends that the City Council Introduce Ordinance 2267 on July 14, 2026, and adopt Ordinance 2267 on September 8, 2026.

    Mayor Vargas motioned to introduce Ordinance No. 2267

17. ORDINANCE NO. 2268 (FIRST READING) - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE AMENDING THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE BY REPEALING CHAPTER 10.38 (PREFERENTIAL STREET PARKING) AND ADDING CHAPTER 10.39 ESTABLISHING A RESIDENTIAL PARKING PERMIT PROGRAM.

    RECOMMENDED MOTION:

    Staff recommends that the City Council Introduce Ordinance 2268 on July 14, 2026, and adopt Ordinance 2268 on September 8, 2026.

    Mayor Pro Tem Reyes English motioned to introduce Ordinance No. 2268

18. ORDINANCE NO.2269 (FIRST READING) - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE ESTABLISHING AN EMPLOYER PARKING PERMIT PROGRAM.

    RECOMMENDED MOTION:

    Staff recommends that the City Council Introduce Ordinance 2269 on July 14, 2026, and adopt Ordinance 2269 on September 8, 2026.

    Mayor Vargas motioned to introduce Ordinance No. 2269

BIDS: OPENINGS & RESULTS
(None at this time)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

19. Public Hearing to Consider Establishment of Additional Long-Term Affordability Covenant on City-Owned Rental Properties Rehabilitated with HOME Investment Partnerships Program Funds.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

The staff advises that the City Council:

1. Conduct a public hearing to receive comments regarding the proposed establishment of a 55-year affordability covenant on the three City-owned, residential rental properties rehabilitated with federal HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) program funds.

2. Following the public hearing, determine whether the establishment of a separate 55-year affordability covenant on the properties, in addition to the 15-year affordability period required under the HOME program, should be an objective of the City for these properties.

3. If the City Council elects to proceed, direct staff to prepare a 55-year affordability covenant for the properties, in a form approved by the City Attorney, and authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute and cause the covenant to be recorded against the properties and to take all actions necessary to implement it.

Kimberly Pipkins, Director of Housing provided a presentation.

Public Hearing:

1. Richard Harrison

Mayor Vargas motioned to close the Public Hearing. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion.

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

Councilmember Monteiro motioned to accept the recommendation of our housing director to the covenant of the 15 and plus to restart the clock for 55 years. Mayor Pro Tem Johnson seconded the motion.

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

GENERAL MATTERS
(None at this time)

CITY MANAGER'S CONSENT CALENDAR

20. Approval to Purchase Two (2) Ford F-350 Stake Bed Dump Body Trucks.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Staff recommends that City Council approve the purchase of two (2) Ford F-350 Stake Bed Dump Body Trucks and Authorize the City Manager to obtain more quotes meeting the approved specifications and award the purchase to the lowest responsible and responsible bidder.

21. Approval of a Change Purchase Order to J. Lee Engineering, Inc on the amount of $250,000 for a total not-to-exceed amount of $380,000 annually.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the Change Purchase Order to J. Lee Engineering, Inc. on the amount of $250,000 for a total of Not-To-Exceed Amount of $380,000 annually.

22. Approval to receive a donation in the amount of $2,000.00 for the Hawthorne "Good Neighbor Games" provided by Kinecta Federal Credit Union.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Staff recommends that the City Council approves the donation from Kinecta FCU in the amount of $2,000.00 to donation account 990-23033 for the Hawthorne Police Department's Community Affairs Programs (Good Neighbor Games).

23. Approval of a Partnership Agreement with the Los Angeles County Library for the Story Time with a Cop Program.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

That the City Council approve the Partnership Agreement between the City of Hawthorne and the Los Angeles County Library for the Story Time with a Cop Program; and authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement and any related non-substantive documents necessary to implement the program.

24. Approval of Payment of Outstanding City of Gardena Paratransit Invoices.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

That the City Council approve payment of outstanding invoices from the City of Gardena in the amount of $100,976.65 for para-transit services.

25. Progress Payment #2 in the amount of $589,380.00 due to Martinez Landscape Co., Inc. of Sylmar, CA for Eucalyptus Park and Ramona Park Improvement Project (Project #24-07).

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Staff recommends that the City Council approve this Progress Payment #2 Martinez Landscape Co., Inc. of Sylmar, CA.

26. Progress Payment #3 in the amount of $56,710.00 due to Martinez Landscape Co., Inc. for the Alley Improvement Project (Project #25-08).

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Staff recommends that the City Council approve this Progress Payment #3 for Martinez Landscape Co., Inc.

27. Progress Payment #6 in the amount of $21,439.59 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 #6 and project change order #3 to Jermax Construction Inc. of San Fernando, CA.

28. Progress Payment #3 in the amount of $542,442.78 due to Martinez Landscape CO., Inc of Sylmar, CA for General Maintenance (Project #22-05).

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Staff recommends that the City Council approve this Progress Payment #3 to Martinez Landscape CO., Inc of Sylmar, CA.

29. Progress Payment #16 is in the amount of $451,951.39 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 #16 and all change orders associated with this progress payment to PCN3 Inc of Los Alamitos, CA.

30. Approval of Apace equipment payment to International Electronic Enterprises, Inc. (iEEi) for FY 26-27.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Staff recommends that the City Council approve payment to International Electronic Enterprises, Inc.(iEEi) and encumber funds in the amount of $101,662.86.

Mayor Vargas motioned to approve all items. Councilmember Manning seconded the motion.

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

CITY ATTORNEY'S CONSENT CALENDAR
(None at this time)

DISCUSSION ITEMS
(None at this time)

ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS

City Clerk William Hunter thanked Bridget her intern for coming to the City Council meeting and her help. She worked for the City Clerk's department for the paper project. Would also like to thank the HPPD from the drone presentation. Wants to congratulate her son, soon to be Officer Hunter. She would also like to congratulate the Hawthorne recruits. Love and condolences to Sam Scully whose son passed away last week at the age of 29. Life is fragile, lets take care of each other and take care of ourselves. Have a great summer.

Councilmember Manning said thank you and have a nice time while we are on our break.

Councilmember Monteiro hopes everyone had a good 4th of July. Thank you to all the presenters from the LA County fire department, parking presentation, and our police department. Also, for the drone program. As of July 1st, he is the Vice Chair of the South Bay Cog. He wants to mention that the farmers market participation is going up. National Night out will be on August 4th. On Saturday there will be a Connect Day event, it is a spa event, for unhoused individuals. He provided vector control for pest control to prevent added diseases. Also wash your vegetables to prevent disease spread. Congratulations on all the improvement projects.

Councilmember Reyes English recognized her daughter and grandchildren who are in the audience. They traveled from New Orleans. It was a great meeting. She appreciated everyone's feedback and concerns. Some decisions are difficult to make but are done so with much thought.

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson wanted to provide information regarding apartment complexes and parking. This is where the city's hands are tied. Our state officials have made it difficult to enforce landlords provide parking. We are unable to force developers to provide parking. It is because of who we voted for. City Council tries to make themselves available as much as possible. Councilmembers all have other jobs outside of their council positions. Please reach out to us to make an appointment to meet with members of the city council. Have a great summer off. See you guys in September.

Mayor Vargas commented on the break. Mayor Vargas commented on FIFA and the world cup. Mayor Vargas commented on the Hawthorne parking situation and the history behind it. In regards to parks and recreation events, council has no control over these events. Mayor commented that on upcoming events including Movies in the pool on July 17th and August 14th @6pm., Movies in the Park on July 31st and August 28th at 5pm. We have the Certified Farmers Market on Sundays from 9am-2pm. Hawthorne Historical Society has their Hall of Fame induction ceremony on August 22nd at 2pm. Wise Libraries 60th anniversary celebration on August 12th from 4 to 7pm.

COUNCIL DIRECTIVES

Councilmember Manning motioned that City Manager look into traffic that resident mentioned on 132nd Street. Mayor Vargas seconded the motion.

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

Councilmember Manning motioned that the city reach out to Republic Waste and ask them to look into increasing the coverage and cleaning in the 132nd Street region.

Councilmember Monteiro motioned that the city provides a proclamation to provide a speech for African Heritage group. Mayor Vargas seconded the motion.

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

Councilmember Monteiro motioned to provide a proclamation for the Hawthorne Historical Society. Councilmember Andy Reyes English seconded the motion.

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

Councilmember Reyes English motioned to include a ballot measure for the upcoming November election to ban all fireworks, and instead have the city host a larger event. Mayor Pro Tem Johnson seconded the motion.

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

Mayor Vargas motioned that a proclamation be signed for the Wisburn Library 60th anniversary celebration. Councilmember Monteiro seconded the motion.

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

CLOSED SESSION
(None at this time)

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Vargas adjourned the meeting at 9:14pm.

CERTIFICATION

Passed and approved this 27th day of October 2026.

_____
Dayna Williams-Hunter
City Clerk