

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE,
CALIFORNIA HELD AUGUST 27, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Manning called the City Council meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 4455 W. 126th Street, Hawthorne, California.

INVOCATION

Pastor Greg Guich gave the evening's invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

City Clerk Hunter-Williams led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

ROLL CALL-Present: Councilmembers Alex Monteiro, David Patterson, Angie Reyes English, Mayor Pro Tem Manning.

Absent: Mayor Vargas absent at roll call. Arrived later in the meeting.

Also Present: City Manager Vontray Norris, City Attorney Robert Kim, City Clerk Dayna Williams-Hunter, City Treasurer Marie Poindexter-Hornback.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Chamber President **Patricia Donaldson** announced the upcoming golf tournament at Rio Hondo on September 30th and a backpack giveaway on Thursday at Kornblum Elementary. Introduced new Chamber members Bernice Connelly and Ryan Martin. **Pat Williams** provided comments on Shakespeare in the Park and the state of local parks. **Gordon Mego** provided comments on housing development, the Hawthorne Mall and RFK Hospital. One email was received from Jesus Diabono, available for inspection in the Clerk's office. Kiwanis Club President **Moe Awadallah** provided comments regarding political signs and banners.

CITY CLERK'S CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of waiver of full readings of resolutions and ordinances on Tuesday, August 27, 2024 agenda.
2. City Treasurer requests approval of the warrants.

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| Warrant Nos.: 28200 – 28825; | 487188 – 487204; | 10976 – 10978; |
| 196189 – 196268; | 487211 – 487433; | |

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| Totals: | \$1,120,729.77; | \$4,484,150.52; | \$56,767.60; |
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RESOLUTIONS

3. RESOLUTION NO. 8484 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING A CODE OF CONDUCT FOR ALL CITY SPONSORED EVENTS.
4. RESOLUTION NO. 8482 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, RESCINDING RESOLUTION NUMBERS 8175, 8207, 8216, 8266 AND PROCLAIMING THE TERMINATION OF THE LOCAL EMERGENCY DUE TO COVID-19 UNDER GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 8630(D).

Councilmember Reyes English moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro to approve the City Clerk's consent calendar (Items 3 - 4).

ROLL CALL AYES: Councilmembers Monteiro, Patterson, Reyes English, Mayor Pro Tem Manning

NOES: None.
ABSENT: Mayor Vargas.

PUBLIC HEARINGS (FIRST READING AND ADOPTIONS)

5. City Clerk Williams-Hunter announced this was the time and place for a Public Hearing on the Draft Substantial Amendment to the 2024-2025 Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) Programs

RECOMMENDED MOTION: The staff advises that the City Council:

1. Conduct a public hearing and receive comments on the draft substantial amendment to the 2024-2025 Action Plan for the use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) funds.
2. Adopt the amended 2024-2025 Action Plan and authorize the City Manager, or designee, to submit the plan to the United State Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).
3. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to negotiate, execute, and amend contracts with subrecipients or professional service providers as necessary to implement the CDBG and HOME projects identified in the 2024-2025 Action Plan.
4. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute, amend, and submit to HUD all plans and documents necessary to administer the 2024-2025 CDBG and HOME programs.

Mayor Pro Tem Manning opened the public hearing and called for public comments.

No members of the public provided public comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Manning closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Reyes English moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro to approve the recommended motion.

ROLL CALL AYES: Councilmembers Monteiro, Patterson, Reyes English, Mayor Pro Tem Manning.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Mayor Vargas

6. City Clerk Williams-Hunter announced this was the time and place for the Public Hearing and Adoption of Resolution No. 8481, authorizing the Issuance of the Lease Revenue Bonds, Series 2024.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Conduct a Public Hearing and Approve Resolution No. 8481 (i) Authorizing Issuance of the Lease Revenue Bonds, Series 2024 (the “2024 Bonds”); (ii) Approving related documents, including the Preliminary Official Statement; and (iii) Directing Related Actions to Finance Public Improvements to the City Hall and Civic Center Park, the new Public Works Yard, the Senior Center, the Police Facility, and the City Aquatics Center (the “Public Improvements”).

Mayor Pro Tem Manning opened the public hearing and called for public comments.

No members of the public provided public comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Manning closed the public hearing.

RESOLUTION NO. 8481

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE
APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF THE HAWTHORNE PUBLIC FINANCING
AUTHORITY LEASE REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2024, AND MAKING A FINDING
OF SIGNIFICANT PUBLIC BENEFIT IN CONNECTION THEREWITH,
AUTHORIZING THE CITY’S EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF RELATED
DOCUMENTS AND TAKING RELATED ACTIONS.

Councilmember Monteiro moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Manning to approve Resolution No. 8481,

ROLL CALL AYES: Councilmembers Monteiro, Patterson, Reyes English, Mayor Pro Tem Manning.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Mayor Vargas

ORDINANCES

7. ORDINANCE NO. 2253 (2nd Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE,
CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTERS 17.04, 17.32, AND 17.34 TO UPDATE THE
DEFINITIONS OF AUTOMOBILE REPAIR AND THE ZONES WITHIN WHICH
THEY ARE PERMITTED.

Councilmember Monteiro moved, seconded by Councilmember Patterson, that Ordinance 2253 be approved and adopted.

ROLL CALL AYES: Councilmembers Monteiro, Patterson, Reyes English, Mayor Pro Tem Manning.

NOES: None.
ABSENT: Mayor Vargas

CITY MANAGER'S CONSENT CALENDAR

8. Construction of Speed Humps on Eucalyptus Ave from 118th St to 120th St

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Staff recommends that the City Council approve the installation of speed humps on Eucalyptus Ave from 118th St to 120th St.

9. City of Hawthorne's Investment Report for the quarter ended June 30, 2024.

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, 2024 of FY 23-24.

10. Progress Payment #13 in the amount of \$71,174.00 due to Elecnor Belco Electric of Chino, CA for Highway Safety Improvement Project Traffic Signal Upgrade and Reconstruction 120th St Improvement Project – Prairie Ave to Felton Ave (Project # 21-06)

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Staff recommends that the City Council approve this Progress Payment #13 to Elecnor Belco Electric of Chino, CA

11. Progress Payment #03 in the amount of \$218,210.92 due to Best Contracting Services, Inc of Gardena, CA for Betty Ainsworth Gymnasium Roof Replacement (Project #23-03)

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Staff Recommends that the City Council approve this Progress Payment #03 to Best Contracting Services Inc of Gardena, CA

12. Progress Payment #6 in the amount of \$1,102,849.21 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 #6 to Klassic Engineering & Construction Inc of Orange, CA.

13. Agreement between the City of Hawthorne and Ninyo & Moore for evaluation of airport pavement strength for the Hawthorne Municipal Airport (HHR) in Hawthorne, CA.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Staff recommends that the City Council approve an agreement with Ninyo & Moor and authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to enter into and execute the agreement.

14. A Side Letter Agreement between the City of Hawthorne and the Hawthorne Municipal Employees Association Part-Time (HMEA-PT), amending the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Staff Recommends that the City Council approve the amendment. Councilmember Patterson moved, seconded by Councilmember Monteiro to approve the City Manager's consent calendar (Items 8 - 14).

ROLL CALL AYES: Councilmembers Monteiro, Patterson, Reyes English, Mayor Pro Tem Manning.

NOES: None.
ABSENT: Mayor Vargas

CITY ATTORNEY'S CONSENT CALENDAR

15. Claim for physical assault and property damage by Vincent Rand Littlejohn.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Staff recommends that the City Council deny the claim of Vincent Rand Littlejohn.

Councilmember Reyes English moved, seconded by Councilmember Patterson to approve the City Attorney's consent calendar (Item 15).

ROLL CALL AYES: Councilmembers Manning, Monteiro, Patterson, Reyes English, Mayor Vargas.
NOES: None.

PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY

16. Mayor Vargas recessed the City Council meeting and opened the Public Financing Authority meeting with all members present.

RESOLUTION NO. 12 OF THE HAWTHORNE PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY
AUTHORIZING THE SALE, ISSUANCE AND DELIVERY OF LEASE REVENUE BONDS,
SERIES 2024, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN INDENTURE AND
OTHER DOCUMENTS AND TAKING RELATED ACTION.

Agency Member Monteiro moved, seconded by Agency Member Reyes English, that Authority Resolution No.12 be approved and adopted.

ROLL CALL-AYES: Authority Members Manning, Monteiro, Patterson, Reyes English, Chairman Vargas
NOES: None.

Mayor Vargas adjourned the Public Financing Authority meeting and called back to order the City Council meeting with all members present

ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

City Treasurer **Poindexter-Hornback** did not provide any comments.

City Clerk **Williams Hunter** offered her condolences to the Balboa Family. Reported on attending the State of the City and Shakespeare in the Park. Announced that if anyone would like to inspect documents, to come to the Clerk's office.

Councilmember **Patterson** reported on attending the State of the City, **Shakespeare in the Park** Gave a directive to reissue the Request for Proposal regarding the Cordary property. Gave a directive for the next Council meeting to address the rules and legalities of posting campaigning banners on businesses and the appointment process for our Commissions.

Councilmember **Monteiro** acknowledged and commended the State of the City committee members for a job well done. Reported on attending the State of the City, the first grand opening of a cannabis store in the City, Shakespeare in the Park and the Lions Club Vision Screening and Glasses Giveaway. Thanked the Public Works staff for the speed humps on Eucalyptus from 120th to 118th. Requested that tonight's meeting be adjourned in memory of Mrs. Balboa's mother.

Councilmember **Reyes English** offered her condolences to the Balboa Family. Provided comments on the City cannabis process and campaign signage issues, Thanked new businesses Ziggi's and Ms. Bernice. Reported on attending Shakespeare in the Park, the Maxine Waters Town Hall meeting on U.S. Mail delivery. Announced the upcoming CERT training on October 26th, November 2nd and November 9th, the car show on Friday, the Senior Center groundbreaking on September 24th, and the Dodgers Dreamfield groundbreaking on September 10th.

Councilmember **Manning** expressed her condolences to the Balboa Family. Reported on attending Shakespeare in the Park. Provided comments on the 120th and Van Ness book exchange. Announced her absence for the next Council meeting due to attending the Black Legislative Caucus in Washington, D.C.

Mayor **Vargas** congratulated the North Hawthorne Community Association for their picnic event. Thanked Staff for helping to organize the State of the City. Provided comments on the economic success of the City. Offered condolences to Mrs. Balboa and family on the passing of her mother.

CLOSED SESSION

17. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1))

Name of Case: Kenneth Washington, Kimberly Hagen, Marley Washington v. City of Hawthorne, et al.

LASC Case No. 22STCV13645

No public comments were received for Closed Session.

The City Council recessed into Closed Session with all Councilmembers at 7:09 p.m.

Mayor Vargas called the City Council meeting back to order at 7:33pm with all members present except for Councilmembers Patterson and Manning.

City Attorney Kim reported that he had been directed on this matter.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor adjourned the regular meeting at 7:33 p.m.

CERTIFICATION

Passed and approved this 8th day of October 2024.

Dayna Williams-Hunter

10/10/2023

City Clerk