

**MINUTES OF THE
LAWNDALE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
January 16, 2018**

- A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL** – Mayor Pullen-Miles called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. in the City Hall council chamber, 14717 Burin Avenue, Lawndale, California. The City Council met concurrently with the governing board of the successor agency of the Lawndale Redevelopment Agency.

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Robert Pullen-Miles, Mayor Pro Tem Daniel Reid, Councilmember James H. Osborne, Councilmember Pat Kearney, Councilmember Bernadette Suarez

Other Participants: City Clerk Rhonda Hofmann Gorman, City Manager Stephen N. Mandoki, City Attorney Tiffany J. Israel, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Lieutenant John Burcher, Community Services Director Mike Estes, Assistant to the City Manager/Human Resources Director Raylette Felton, Finance Director Kenneth Louie, Community Development Director Sean Moore and approximately 10 audience members

- B. CEREMONIALS** – Councilmember Kearney led the flag salute and Pastor Vargas from Restoration Life Church provided the inspiration.

- C. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT** – Lieutenant Burcher summarized recent law enforcement activities and spoke about the danger of texting and driving.

D. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

- Mr. Kevin Harbour, Director of Business Development with Los Angeles County Business Federation (BizFed) gave an overview of what the membership entitles and how the City will benefit if it becomes a member
- Megan with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority thanked the City for offering the Community Center as the space to have the homeless count last year and having the space again this year. She also wanted to make the announcement that the homeless count will take place on Wednesday, January 24, 2018, and they are still looking for volunteers
- Gary Addams stated that he has a reason to believe that Isis and Al-Qaeda are operating in and/or about the City's Harold E. Hofmann Community Center. He believes there are criminal activities going on at the facility, which have been brought to the attention both verbally and in writing to Mike Estes, Director of the Community Center, and Stephen Mandoki, City Manager and no proper action has been taken. He has also asked questions concerning the funding and administration of the Senior Congregate Meal Program, which they have refused to answer. It is his understanding that there may be hundreds of dollars collected in cash each week at the lunch program and these are not properly accounted for or audited. He is requesting an independent investigation into these matters. He also questioned the amount of money being paid under the Consent Calendar, item F3.
- Lawndale Library Manager Jose Parra – library activities and events
- Pam London stated that she has asked Council to address motor homes on private property. She understands that they are no longer allowed to park on City streets beyond the two-hour limit without a permit. She also read part of the municipal code that reads, the parking space must be utilized for operable passenger vehicles only and may not be used for the storage/parking of inoperable vehicles or trailers, boats, and recreational vehicles; therefore,

she is asking Council to make sure that residents are not parking RV vehicles in their front set back and to have them move to the back yard or a storage facility. Code Enforcement would say that they have hundreds of open cases but doesn't understand how some of these cases go on and on for years. When a property sells, there is a property report requirement, if there are violations, a code case is opened and the seller must present the findings to the buyer, if the sale is to move forward, the buyer must sign acknowledging the violation. She feels that City doesn't follow up to make sure that the buyer addresses the violations so that the code case could be closed. There seems to be a pick and choose with certain situations and this should stop immediately. Wanted also to remind Council that the rental property inspection program would address many of the City's ills and gives code enforcement a great hand up in correcting the blight

E. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL – The City Council responded generally to the comments, but did not request placement of any issues on a future meeting agenda.

Councilmember Osborne asked the City Manager if he wanted to add a comment since his name was mentioned by one of the speakers. City Manager Mandoki stated that he did not want to make any comments since it involved a matter that occurred at the Community Center with an exchange between Mr. Addams and some participants and a letter Mr. Adams received that he does not like. He also mentioned that he does not know of any Isis or Al-Qaeda operating at the Civic Center.

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

Disposal of Surplus Property. (Recommendation: that Council approve the disposition of the Ford cargo van VN#1FNE24W66HA67682.)

Claim Against the City. (Recommendation: that the City Council reject the claims filed by Bijan Brown, Caren Schuett, David Nutt and Karen Garrett, and instruct staff to process the appropriate correspondence to the claimants.)

Accounts Payable Register. (Recommendation: that the City Council adopts Resolution No. CC-1801-001, authorizing the payment of certain claims and demands in the amount of \$1,436,291.17.)

Minutes of the Lawndale City Council Regular Meeting – December 4, 2017.
(Recommendation: that council approves.)

A motion by Councilmember Kearney to approve the consent calendar was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Reid and carried by a vote of 5-0

G. ITEMS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

Councilmember Report of Attendance at Meetings and/or Events – see below

Councilmember Kearney stated that he did not have any attendance to meetings to report but he had a comment regarding El Segundo raising the sales tax, he feels the City can do something similar and be able to collect the taxes from the City and not the County. Councilmember Osborne confirmed that the City of El Segundo is doing this to protect the City and their tax dollars in case the County wants to do another tax increase.

Councilmember Suarez with Councilmember Osborne and Mayor Pullen-Miles attended the exclusive first look of the Donate Life Rose Parade Float and this year's theme was The Gift of Time. She also attended the Centinela Youth Services meeting.

Councilmember Osborne attended the exclusive first look of the Donate Life Rose Parade Float as Councilmember Suarez mentioned.

Mayor Pro Tem Reid did not attend any meetings but wanted to wish everybody a Happy New Year.

Mayor Pullen-Miles also attended the exclusive first look of the Donate Life Rose Parade Float. He also attended Los Angeles Air Force Base's Martin Luther King, Jr. annual event and also participated in the City of Gardena's Martin Luther King, Jr. parade. He also mentioned about the new tax bill signed by President Trump. One of the things that might be beneficial to the cities included in this new bill is something referred to as Opportunity Zones.

H. CLOSED SESSION

Conference with Labor Negotiator - The City Council conducted a closed session, pursuant to Government Code section 54957.6, with the City Manager, the City Attorney and the City's negotiators, regarding labor negotiations with a) Local 1895, Council 36, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, representing the City's mid-management and classified employees, and b) unrepresented employees, the central management team and the city manager.

Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation - The City Council conducted a closed session, pursuant to Government Code sections 54956.9(d)(2) and (d)(3), because there is a significant exposure to litigation in one case related to the BKK Class I Landfill.

Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation - The City Council conducted a closed session, pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(4), because the City is considering whether to initiate litigation in one case against the City of Redondo Beach relating to the proposed expansion of the South Bay Galleria Mall. The City Attorney reported that council was updated and took no reportable action.

I. ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business to conduct, the Mayor adjourned the meeting in memory of Lou Cordero, Wayne Martin, and Sally Riddle at 7:49 p.m.

Robert Pullen-Miles, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rhonda Hofmann Gorman, City Clerk

Approved: 2/5/18