

**MINUTES OF THE
LAWNDALE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 20, 2017**

- A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL** – Mayor Pullen-Miles called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. in the City Hall council chamber, 14717 Burin Avenue, Lawndale, California.

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Robert Pullen-Miles, Mayor Pro Tem Pat Kearney, Councilmember James H. Osborne, Councilmember Daniel Reid, 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 Captain April Tardy, Lieutenant John Hocking, Lieutenant John Burcher, Assistant to the City Manager Raylette Felton, Assistant City Clerk Pamela Giamario, Finance Director Ken Louie, Community Development Director Sean Moore, and approximately 30 audience members

- B. CEREMONIALS** – Mark Twain Elementary School student Ivey Casas led the flag salute and Pastor George Magdalany provided the inspiration.

C. PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Pullen-Miles introduced Mark Twain Elementary School student council members Daniel Madrigal, Diego De Luna, Emilia Sochur, Georgia Ruta, Ivey Casas and Natalya Lozano. They each received a certificate of attendance.

Los Angeles Sheriff's Department Lieutenant John Hocking. The City Council presented a city tile plaque to Lieutenant Hocking and congratulated him on his promotion to captain of the Avalon Station on Catalina Island. Fire Station 21 Battalion Chief Brian Askari presented a certificate of appreciation to the lieutenant.

The council meeting recessed to a reception in honor of Captain-to-be John Hocking.

- D. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT** – Captain Tardy introduced the new Lawndale service area lieutenant, John Burcher. Lieutenant Hocking summarized recent law enforcement activities.

E. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

- Lyda Truick – status of Lawndale Library vacancies (library manager and children's librarian), upcoming Lawndale Library events and classes, county-wide friends of the library book sale.
- Randall Abram – fireworks booth signage, sales proceeds and permittee accounting of expenditures
- Charmaine Doty – Lawndale Cleanup Week, Youth Day Parade
- Pam London – congratulations to Captain Hocking, fireworks, rental property inspection program
- Gary White – support for fireworks sales

- F. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL** – The City Council responded generally to the comments, but did not refer any matters to staff or request placement of any issues on a future meeting agenda. Councilmember Reid received information regarding audits of fireworks sales.

G. CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion to read by title only and waive further reading of all ordinances listed on the agenda. (Recommendation: that council approves.)

Reauthorization of Cable Television Company Franchise Fees to Support Public, Educational and Government Programming. (Recommendation: that the City Council reauthorize PEG fees by adopting Ordinance No. 1134-17.)

Accounts Payable Register. (Recommendation: that the City Council adopts Resolution No. CC-1703-013, authorizing the payment of certain claims and demands in the amount of \$300,444.54.)

Minutes of the Lawndale City Council Regular Meeting – March 6, 2017.
(Recommendation: that council approves.)

A motion by Councilmember Suarez to approve the consent calendar was seconded by Councilmember Reid and carried by a vote of 5-0 following City Attorney Israel's reading of the title of Ordinance No. 1134-17.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Outdoor Storage of Merchandise and Materials in Commercial Zoning Districts.

Community Development Director Moore presented an ordinance that would streamline regulations of outdoor storage of building materials and equipment in the commercial-manufacturing and light manufacturing zones. The revised regulations would also enhance implementation by allowing outdoor storage uses on a case-by-case basis.

The following persons provided testimony during the public hearing:

- Pam London suggested that regulations for residential outdoor storage also be strengthened.
- Gary White agreed with previous speaker, suggesting that current regulations and enforcement have negative impacts on property values.

In response to Councilmember Osborne's question, the community development director clarified outdoor storage regulations for residential properties and agreed to revisit the issue with the planning commission.

Councilmember Osborne moved to (a) find that the action is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines, and (b) introduce Ordinance No. 1136-17 amending the zoning code of the city pertaining to the proposed outdoor storage regulations. Mayor Pro Tem Kearney seconded the motion which carried by a vote of 5-0 after City Attorney Israel's reading of the ordinance title.

I. ADMINISTRATION

Replacement of the Video Production Van. Assistant to the City Manager Felton reported that the van was no longer operational and was not compatible with new technology.

Mayor Pro Tem Kearney received clarification from the city manager and the assistant city manager that, though funding had been appropriated for various video office improvements, council must also approve the purchasing contracts. Finance Director Louie reassured Councilmember Osborne that the general fund would be fully replenished with PEG fees over

time. City Attorney Israel further explained that staff would present an interagency loan agreement that would include an interest rate to offset any further loss to the general fund resulting from withdrawing the funds.

Councilmember Reid moved to (a) approve the purchase of four complete camera systems from Ikegami, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$226,516; (b) approve the agreement with Gerling and Associates to furnish, fabricate, build, install, train and deliver a new turnkey video production van in the amount not to exceed \$342,373; (c) authorize the appropriation of funds from the general fund to cover the additional costs to complete the project; and (d) authorize the designation of future PEG fees over the next three years to replenish the general fund.

Pam London questioned whether the investment would enable the city to put council meetings online and requested that that be done.

Councilmember Osborne seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Changing the Date of City Elections and Approving a One-Time Extension of the Terms of City Elected Officials. Assistant City Clerk Giamario reported that the enactment of Senate Bill 415 in September 2016 required the city to devise a plan for consolidating its general elections with a statewide election because of historically poor voter turnout. She recommended that the city make the change in 2018 by adopting the ordinance presented.

Councilmember Osborne received clarification regarding the potential cost savings that the city could realize by having consolidated elections. The City Council expressed support for changing the election date beginning in 2018 and hope that the city would both save money and experience an increase in voter turnout.

Mayor Pullen-Miles's motion to change the date of the city's general elections from April to November of even-numbered years beginning in 2018 by introducing and approving the first reading of Ordinance No. 1135-17 was seconded by Councilmember Osborne and carried unanimously following the city attorney's reading of the ordinance title.

J. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Cancellation of the April 3, 2017 City Council Meeting. City Manager Mandoki recommended that council cancel the upcoming meeting due to a lack of business to present.

A motion by Councilmember Reid to cancel the April 3, 2017 meeting was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kearney and carried by a vote of 5-0.

The city manager encouraged public participation at the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt and complimented Lieutenant Hocking on his service to the community.

K. ITEMS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

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

Councilmember Suarez attended a Centinela Youth Services meeting.

Councilmember Osborne attended a county vector control meeting and encouraged participation in the library book sale and Cleanup Week.

Councilmember Reid attended a California Contract Cities Association at which a quorum was not achieved, encouraged participation in Cleanup Week, and extended happy Easter wishes.

Mayor Pro Tem Kearney wished all a happy Easter and hoped to see good participation on Cleanup Day.

Mayor Pullen-Miles attended a sanitation district meeting at which a public hearing for a waste fee increase was announced; the district would send notices to all property owners. The California Contract Cities Association board failed to achieve a quorum, but had a good lunch. With Assemblywoman Burke, he attended a Smith Elementary School coding demonstration sponsored by Google. He recently spoke with Jan Vogel (South Bay Workforce Development Board) concerning possible partnering on the teen center project. He met with the president of El Camino College to discuss the College Promise Program that assists first-year students by reducing the gap between the total cost for college and financial aid the student receives.

- L. **ADJOURNMENT** – There being no further business to conduct, the mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

Robert Pullen-Miles, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rhonda Hofmann Gorman, City Clerk

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Approved: 4/17/17