

**MINUTES OF THE
LAWDALE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
MAY 1, 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 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 Captain April Tardy, Community Development Director Sean Moore, Public Works Director Frank Senteno, and approximately 12 audience members
- B. CEREMONIALS** – Councilmember Osborne led the flag salute and Pastor Bob Dobranski provided the inspiration.
- C. PRESENTATIONS**
- Outstanding Older American, Libor Kubes** – The City Council presented a city tile plaque to Mr. Kubes, commending him for 15 years of volunteer service assisting seniors and commodities program participants.
- D. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT** – Captain Tardy summarized recent law enforcement activities and shared tips on how to protect against burglary.
- E. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**
- Doris Hofmann – Youth Day Parade
 - Jose Parra – Youth Day Parade, library activities, classes and services
 - Johnny Castro – Youth Day Parade attendance and awards
 - Gene Starr – shooting near his 154th Street property and effect on his tenants
 - Marge Heinemann – phone scam
- F. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL** – The City Council responded generally to the comments, but did not request placement of any issues on a future meeting agenda. Council suggested that Mr. Castro contact the Community Services Department about the parade and encouraged Mr. Starr to work with the Sheriff's Department.
- G. CONSENT CALENDAR**
- Motion to read by title only and waive further reading of all ordinances listed on the agenda.** (Recommendation: that council approves.)
- Regulating New Medical and Dental Offices.** (Recommendation: that the City Council adopt Ordinance No. 1137-17, amending the Hawthorne Boulevard Specific Plan and Lawndale Municipal Code to limit new medical and dental establishments to second or higher floors in the general commercial and neighborhood commercial zones, requiring a special use permit, and changing parking requirements.).

Regulations to Address Proposition 64, Adult Use of Marijuana Act. (Recommendation: that the City Council adopt Ordinance No. 1138-17 adopting city marijuana regulations to address Proposition 64.)

Sheriff's Department Service Center – Storm Damage Repairs. (Recommendation: As it is uncertain whether more emergency work is needed, staff recommends that the City Council approve Resolution No. CC-1705-021, declaring emergency conditions remain and approving the work necessary to make repairs to the Lawndale Sheriff's Department Service Center without notice for bids pursuant to California Public Contract Code sections 1102, 20168 and 22050.)

City Hall Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning System Engineering Services. (Recommendation: that the City Council approve a professional services agreement with P2S Engineering for a not-to-exceed maximum amount of \$22,885 to complete the engineering design services for the City Hall HVAC upgrades.)

Street Improvements on 145th Street from Kingsdale Avenue to Hawthorne Boulevard. (Recommendation: that the City Council approve a professional services agreement with George G. Boghossian & Associates, Inc. for a not-to-exceed maximum amount of \$4,800 to prepare plans, specifications and estimates for the updated project limits on 145th Street.)

Obsolete Records. (Recommendation: that the City Council adopt Resolution No. CC-1705-020, approving the requests from the city manager, assistant city clerk, and human resources director for authorization to destroy the records listed in the exhibit of the resolution.)

Employment and Job Training Partnership Appointment. (Recommendation: that the City Council accept the Lawndale Chamber of Commerce's nomination and appoint Ruthi Davis to the South Bay Workforce Development Board private industry council as the city's economic and community development representative.)

Accounts Payable Register. (Recommendation: that the City Council adopts Resolution No. CC-1705-019, authorizing the payment of certain claims and demands in the amount of \$1,265,395.74.)

A motion by Councilmember Suarez to approve the consent calendar was seconded by Councilmember Kearney and carried by a vote of 5-0 following City Attorney Israel's reading of the titles of Ordinance Nos. 1137-17 and 1138-17.

H. ADMINISTRATION

Hawthorne Boulevard Bicycle Lanes Update. Public Works Director Senteno reported that two of three proposals to design the class II bicycle lanes along the boulevard came with costs over \$150,000. The budget consisted of a combination of Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) grant funds and matching city funds totaling \$233,544. The construction of the bike lanes would require complete removal, cape sealing and restriping of the boulevard between Rosecrans Avenue and Manhattan Beach Boulevard. With an estimated construction cost of more than \$500,000, staff now considered the project not to be feasible. In addition, staff was concerned about safety due to the volume and speed of traffic on the boulevard.

He offered the following options: a) to de-obligate the grant funds which would not result in a Metro penalty, or b) change the project scope and select an alternative route of equivalent length which would require Metro approval. In reviewing the South Bay bicycle master plan and the Lawndale Elementary School District safe routes to school draft report, staff identified Freeman

Avenue as a potential alternative. He asked for direction from council and authorization for preparation of a feasibility study for the alternate route.

Councilmember Kearney suggested using the Hawthorne Boulevard center median, noting that there were nine intersections, two being major intersections. Director Senteno suggested that there might be engineering challenges due to conflicts at intersections and that might require phase-only traffic signals, and there might be insufficient right of way to develop a bike path. Some locations might require a redesign of parking. Councilmember Kearney suggested using the walking paths which are underused and that only a bike lane might be needed at intersections because there are existing stop signs on both sides. He suggested considering that option first, before checking the feasibility of bike lanes on Freeman Avenue.

In response to Councilmember Suarez's question, Director Senteno said that the grant would expire in mid-2018. Councilmember Suarez did not object to Freeman Avenue as an alternative, suggesting that some riders might want to avoid the heavy traffic on the boulevard. She was concerned, however, about safety on Freeman Avenue after sunset, given lighting conditions.

Councilmember Osborne recalled previous concerns about bike lanes on the boulevard and did not want them to impact traffic. He suggested that using the medians would be problematic at intersections and it might be costly to determine the configuration of the bike path with the combination of landscaping and parking. He received confirmation that the Freeman Avenue proposal was partly based on the existence of traffic signals. Ideally, he said, the city would eventually connect the bike path with other routes, creating an interior rectangle within the perimeter of city. Director Senteno agreed and added the goal to connect schools and reduce traffic congestion at schools.

Councilmember Reid referred to the map attached to the staff report that depicted proposed bike facilities and supported creating a closed loop within the city. He favored using the boulevard center median, but acknowledged there would be challenges and a study would be needed. He opposed de-funding the project.

Mayor Pullen-Miles also favored investigating the feasibility of using the median, suggesting that a busy corridor is a proper route for people commuting to/from work and patronizing businesses. But he noted that the bike lanes in the city of Hawthorne were not well used and installing them had resulted in about a ten minute increase in his commute to/from work in Inglewood. Putting the bike lanes in the median would not interrupt traffic flow as much. And he, too, did not want the funding to go back to Metro and acknowledged the need to provide for bike riders.

The council continued discussing the two options – the boulevard center median and Freeman Avenue. During the discussion, Director Senteno indicated that the median bike lane might be a class IV, separated bike lane, and that the feasibility study would investigate costs and all problem areas for each route.

The consensus of the council was to direct staff to prepare and report to council the estimated cost of feasibility studies to construct bike lanes in the Hawthorne Boulevard center median and on Freeman Avenue from 147th Street to 166th Street.

Councilmember Osborne stated for the record that he did not support the Hawthorne Boulevard concept, objecting to the extra cost in money and staff time.

Councilmember Kearney objected to the Freeman Avenue alternative because it would not reach the goal of building a bike lane through the entire city and would instead begin at 147th Street and end at 166th Street.

I. **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT** – City Manager Mandoki announced that the Parks, Recreation, and Social Services Commission had identified the former 99¢ Store as the site for its fireworks booth.

J. **ITEMS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS**

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

All councilmembers participated in the Youth Day Parade. Councilmember Kearney attended a community partners event by the high school district. Councilmember Osborne attended the Relay for Life cancer charity event and a California Contract Cities Association (CCCA) meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Reid also attended the CCCA meeting, met with 153rd Place residents who might join a neighborhood watch group, and extended wishes for a happy Cinco de Mayo and Mother's Day. Mayor Pullen-Miles attended Hawthorne's annual Earth Day event and a sanitation district meeting.

K. **CLOSED SESSION**

Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation – The City Council conducted a closed session, pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(1), to confer with legal counsel regarding litigation to which the City was a party. The title of such litigation was as follows: The City of Lawndale vs. Casey Cook; Case Number 5SY03674; Los Angeles County Superior Court. City Attorney Israel reported that council updated and took no reportable action.

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 was a significant exposure to litigation in two cases. The city attorney reported that council was updated and took no reportable action.

L. **ADJOURNMENT** – There being no further business to conduct, the mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:56 p.m. in memory of Municipal Services Officer Jeffrey Van Liew's father, Edward Van Liew.

Robert Pullen-Miles, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rhonda Hofmann Gorman, City Clerk

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Approved: 5/15/17