

**MINUTES OF THE
LAWDALE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 2, 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, Councilmember James H. Osborne, Councilmember Pat Kearney, Councilmember Bernadette Suarez
- Councilmembers Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Daniel Reid
- 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, Public Works Director/City Engineer Frank Senteno, and approximately 14 audience members
- B. CEREMONIALS** – Councilmember Osborne led the flag salute and Pastor Douglas Gates provided the inspiration.
- C. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT** – Captain Tardy described two recent incidents that required law enforcement response. Mayor Pullen-Miles was reminded that the outcome of one of the incidents underlines the importance of practicing "when you see something, say something".
- D. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**
- Gary White – construction contractor safety practices, apparent increase in speeding on Condon Avenue, graffiti on "men at work" signs
 - Pam London – suggestion to fill animal control officer vacancy with a code enforcement officer and council review of minutes of the last meeting regarding recreational vehicle parking
 - Johnny London – enforcement of new parkway policy
- E. 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.
- F. CONSENT CALENDAR**
- Update of Staff Positions Subject to Financial Interest Disclosure Requirements Due to Possible Conflicts of Interest.** (Recommendation: that the City Council adopt Resolution No. CC-1710-048 adding the senior planner to the designated positions listed in the city's conflict of interest code.)
- Accounts Payable Register.** (Recommendation: that the City Council adopts Resolution No. CC-1710-047, authorizing the payment of certain claims and demands in the amount of \$205,932.77.)
- Minutes of the Lawndale City Council Regular Meeting – September 18, 2017.**
(Recommendation: that council approves.)
- A motion by Councilmember Osborne to approve the consent calendar was seconded by Councilmember Kearney and carried by a vote of 4-0.** (Councilmember Reid was absent.)

G. ADMINISTRATION

Honoring Lawndale Residents for Exemplary Service to the City (continued from September 18, 2017). City Manager Mandoki summarized the direction council gave at the last meeting and the proposed revisions to the Wall of Distinction policy, and relayed the committee's report that their nominations were based on existing policy. He confirmed, in response to Councilmember Kearney's question, that commissioners and committee members were still eligible to be honored on the wall.

Councilmember Osborne moved to (a) approve Resolution No. CC-1710-049 and the proposed clarifications to Council Policy No. 101-16 and (b) direct staff to have the Wall of Distinction Nominations Committee review the 2017 nominee applications in light of any clarifying changes made to Council Policy No. 101-16. Mayor Pullen-Miles seconded the motion which carried by a vote of 4-0. (Councilmember Reid was absent.)

Use of Upcoming Gas Tax and Vehicle Fee Increases to Repair City Alleys. Public Works Director/City Engineer Senteno reported that the gas tax and vehicle registration fee increases instituted by Senate Bill 1, the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Act, would result in revenues to be apportioned to cities to rehabilitate and maintain streets. To receive the funds, the city must approve a project list by resolution, must meet certain annual road maintenance spending requirements, and must contribute to the maintenance efforts from the general fund.

Acknowledging that a repeal effort exists, Councilmember Osborne inquired about a contingency plan should that effort succeed. The public works director suggested that Measure M, the county voter approved sales tax increase to fund transportation improvements, would also be helpful.

Councilmember Kearney received confirmation that this year's nearly \$70,000 general fund appropriation should remain a constant in coming years. The city manager noted that, by budgeting for that expenditure, the city would receive nearly a half million dollars for street repairs.

Councilmember Osborne moved to (A) adopt Resolution No. CC-1710-050; 1) approving the project list (alley on the easterly side of Hawthorne Blvd from 163rd to 166th and from 167th to 168th Streets) to be funded using Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Act (RMRA) funds; 2) amending the FY 17-18 capital improvement program project list to include the pavement reconstruction of the alley on the easterly side of Hawthorne Blvd. from 163rd to 166th and from 167th to 168th Streets; and 3) appropriate RMRA funding in the amount of \$189,256 for the pavement reconstruction of the alley easterly side of Hawthorne Blvd. from 163rd to 166th and from 167th to 168 Streets, and (B) appropriate an amount not to exceed \$69,634.33 from general fund reserves for the purposes of maintaining a minimum established maintenance of effort of street repairs in accordance with the Streets and Highways Code Section 2036/RMRA fund guidelines. Councilmember Suarez seconded the motion which carried by a vote of 4-0. (Councilmember Reid was absent.)

H. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT – The city manager encouraged public participation in the Halloween Haunt event and announced a free flu shot program at the community center.

I. ITEMS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

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

The councilmembers all attended and enjoyed the blues and jazz festival. Councilmember Kearney attended a liability trust fund claims board meeting with the city manager, and the Leuzinger versus Hawthorne mayor's cup football game with the city clerk. Councilmember Osborne announced a coming coffee with a cop event at the library, shared a brochure from the Take Back Our Community Coalition which aims to address the negative effects of legislation intended to address prison overcrowding. Mayor Pullen-Miles attended meetings of the sanitation district and the South Bay Cities Council of Governments, thanked Councilmember Kearney for representing the city at the mayor's cup, and encouraged public participation in the Veteran's Day Field of Honor flag display on Veteran's Day and a West Basin Water District water harvest festival.

J. CLOSED SESSION

Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation – The City Council was scheduled to conduct 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. The closed session was not held.

Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation - The City Council was scheduled to conduct a closed session, pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(4), because the City was considering whether to initiate litigation in one case. The closed session was not held.

K. ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business to conduct, the mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:12 p.m. in memory of former Lawndale Councilmember Marvin Kennedy.

Robert Pullen-Miles, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rhonda Hofmann Gorman, City Clerk

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Approved: 10/16/17