

**MINUTES OF THE
LAWNDALE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 16, 2016**

- 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 Pat Kearney, Councilmember Daniel Reid

Councilmembers Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Larry Rudolph, Councilmember James H. Osborne

Other Attendees: City Clerk Bernadette Suarez, City Manager Stephen N. Mandoki, City Attorney Tiffany J. Israel, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Lieutenant John Hocking, Finance Director Kenneth Louie, Public Works Director Frank Senteno, and approximately 30 audience members

- B. **CEREMONIALS** – Councilmember Reid led the flag salute and Pastor Larry Becker provided the inspiration.

C. **PRESENTATIONS**

1. **Beautification Committee, Outgoing Member Paul Aasness** – Mayor Pullen-Miles announced that because Mr. Aasness unexpectedly passed away after the agenda item was scheduled, the presentation would be made to his family. The City Council presented a city tile plaque to honor Mr. Aasness' 27 years of service on the Beautification Committee.
2. **Tax Relief and Income Support for Low Income Working Families** – Alfred Konuwa, representing Jerome Horton, Chairman of the California State Board of Equalization, accepted the proclamation declaring February and March as Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) education and outreach months and discussed the importance of ensuring that tax payers take advantage of the state and federal earned income tax credit.

- D. **PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT** – Lieutenant Hocking discussed three recent arrests and the department's efforts to address homelessness.

- E. **ITEMS FROM CITY CLERK** – none

F. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

- Doris Hofmann – appreciation for Sheriff's and Public Works Departments' efforts to address the homeless problem, suggestion to remind residents, via the *Lawndalian*, that posting signs on utility poles is illegal, but to allow leeway for missing animals posters

- Don Gould, Lawndale Library – thanks to the Sheriff's Department for its response to an incident in the library, announcements regarding upcoming events and information for homeless people available at the library
- Pam London – the city's practice of temporarily allowing missing animal posters to stay up, zero tolerance and enforcement of illegal fireworks
- Randall Abram – surplus monies accumulated by the city from fireworks sales, control of illegal fireworks and suggestions to improve enforcement and increase the budget allocation
- Marge Heinemann – Paul Aasness' contributions, approval of council discussion of Parks, Recreation and Social Services Commission's (PRSSC) use of fireworks proceeds, gunshots in her neighborhood

G. **COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL** – The City Council responded generally to the comments. Councilmember Reid supported a *Lawndalian* article about signs on utility poles. Mayor Pullen-Miles conceptually agreed with Mr. Abram's suggestion to initiate robocalls to residents about illegal fireworks.

H. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

Update of Property Maintenance Regulations to Protect Public Health, Safety and Welfare. (Recommendation: that the City Council adopt Ordinance No. 1120-16.)

Consulting Services for Organic Waste Recycling, Abandoned Waste and Residential Bulky Item Disposal. (Recommendation: that the City Council: a) approve the Third Amendment to Contract Services Agreement for AB 939 Compliance Services with HF&H Consultants, LLC, for the additional amount of \$98,669 for the remaining term of this contract and b) appropriate AB 939 funds in the amount of \$16,052 to be added to FY 15-16 budget for the additional expenses through June 30, 2016.)

April 23 Community Bike Ride (Recommendation: that the City Council approve the agreement between the city and From Lot to Spot in the amount of \$21,300.00 to facilitate the public outreach and community engagement plan for the 2016 Lawndale Community Bike Ride and Open Streets Event.)

Left Turn Traffic Signal Improvements at Hawthorne & Manhattan Beach Blvds and Traffic Signal Battery Backup Systems on Hawthorne Blvd and Inglewood Ave.

(Recommendation: that the City Council approve the project and request for South Bay Measure R Highway Program funds via execution of Resolution No. CC-1602-008.)

Claim for Damage to Vehicle. (Recommendation: that the City Council reject the claim from Lucia Iniguez.)

Accounts Payable Register. (Recommendation: that the City Council adopts Resolution No. CC-1602-007, authorizing the payment of certain claims and demands in the amount of \$642,158.76.)

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(Recommendation: that council approves.)

Mayor Pullen-Miles announced that the item pertaining to fireworks permits was removed from the consent calendar for separate consideration.

A motion by Councilmember Reid to approve the consent calendar was seconded by Councilmember Kearney and carried by a vote of 3-0 following the reading of the title of Ordinance No. 1120-16. (Mayor Pro Rudolph and Councilmember Osborne were absent.)

Award of Permits to Non-Profit Organizations to Sell 4th of July Fireworks. Finance Director Louie informed council that staff found it necessary to change its recommendation to approve a permit for Lawndale Youth Football/Cheer because of a late finding that the group was not in good standing with the California Franchise Tax Board. Ricky Jackson, president of the association, discussed the difficulties with the tax board and requested that the council allow additional time for the organization to complete its reinstatement process.

After a brief discussion, Councilmember Reid moved to approve permits for the Christian Heritage Church, Lawndale Chamber of Commerce, Neighborhood Parent Forum/Girl Scouts, Lawndale Little League, Rotary Club of Lawndale, and the Wesleyan Church of Lawndale, and to approve a conditional permit for Lawndale Youth Football/Cheer contingent upon its reinstatement by the California Franchise Tax Board within 30 days and the Finance Department's confirmation that its paperwork is in order. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kearney and carried by a vote of 3-0. (Mayor Pro Tem Rudolph and Councilmember Osborne were absent.)

- I. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT** – City Manager Mandoki announced that, (a) with the financial support of PRSSC, pet way stations were installed at Hogan and Hopper Parks, and (b) that resources for homeless people would soon become available with the signing of a contract between the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) and People Assisting the Homeless (PATH). In response to Councilmember Kearney's inquiry, he reported that the recent county count of homeless people was not yet available, but that he would share the results once the tally was completed.

J. ITEMS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

- 12. Councilmember Report of Attendance at Meetings and/or Events** – see below

Councilmembers Reid and Kearney reported their attendance at a meeting with the Lawndale Elementary School District. Mayor Pullen-Miles attended an LA County park needs assessment meeting which could put participating cities in a superior position to receive grant funding should the state's voters approve a bond measure. He also testified at an LA County Board of Supervisors meeting regarding a homelessness initiative which would provide \$100 million to improve homeless services and move people from the streets and into homes.

- K. ADJOURNMENT** – There being no further business to conduct, the mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:26 p.m. in memory of longtime resident and Beautification Committee member Paul Aasness.

Robert Pullen-Miles, Mayor

ATTEST:

Bernadette Suarez, City Clerk

Prepared by: Pamela L. Giamario, Asst. City Clerk

Approved: March 21, 2016
Date