

**MINUTES OF THE
LAWNDALE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 7, 2016**

- A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL** – Mayor Pullen-Miles called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. in the community center main event room, 14700 Burin Avenue, Lawndale, California. The meeting was held concurrently with a meeting of the successor agency to the Lawndale Redevelopment Agency.

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

Councilmembers Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Larry Rudolph

Other Attendees: City Clerk Bernadette Suarez, City Manager Stephen N. Mandoki, City Attorney Tiffany J. Israel, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Captain Steven Sciacca, Assistant City Clerk Pamela Giamario, Finance Director Kenneth Louie, Public Works Director Frank Senteno, Community Development Manager Perry Banner, Community Services Manager Mike Estes, and approximately 13 audience members

- B. CEREMONIALS** – Councilmember Osborne led the flag salute and Pastor Eddie Vargas provided the inspiration.

- C. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT** – Captain Sciacca summarized recent law enforcement incidents and warned residents about recent telephone tax scams.

- D. ITEMS FROM CITY CLERK** – City Clerk Suarez reported that sample ballot pamphlets were scheduled to be mailed to voters the next day.

E. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

- Erik Orre – suggestion to add a 5K running event to the Youth Day Parade and Community Bike Ride, upcoming basketball league finals
- Don Gould, Lawndale Library – library programs and events
- Charmel Vega –raising awareness for child abuse prevention 5K walk/run and festival
- Steve Koonz – flower shop trailers parked for a week in a two-hour parking zone, service as a city poll worker
- Marco Sandoval – availability of computers at the community center, Youth Day Parade, City Hall building maintenance, 5K run during the parade, voting in the city election

- 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. The members approved of the idea of adding a 5K run to the parade event and referred the flower shop trailer issue to staff.

G. CONSENT CALENDAR

Flooding at City Hall. (Recommendation: that the City Council adopt Resolution No. CC-1603-012 declaring an emergency condition and approving the work necessary to make

repairs to City Hall without notice for bids pursuant to California Public Contract Code sections 1102, 20168 and 22050.)

Grevillea Avenue and Avis Avenue Street Improvements. (Recommendation: that the City Council accept the Grevillea Avenue and Avis Avenue Street Improvement Project done by Kalban, Inc. as complete and authorize the public works director to file the Notice of Completion to the Los Angeles County Recorder's Office.)

Used Beverage Container Grant Application. (Recommendation: that the City Council adopt Resolution No. CC-1603-010 authorizing submittal of application for payment programs and related authorizations.)

Councilmember Absence. (Recommendation: that the City Council excuse Mayor Pro Tem Rudolph's absence from the February 1, 16 and 25, 2016 meetings.)

Claim for Compensation for Property Encroachment. (Recommendation: that the City Council reject the claim from Victoria Locke.)

Accounts Payable Register. (Recommendation: that the City Council adopts Resolution No. CC-1603-009, authorizing the payment of certain claims and demands in the amount of \$649,121.19.)

A motion by Councilmember Osborne to approve the consent calendar was seconded by Councilmember Reid and carried by a vote of 4-0. (Mayor Pro Tem Rudolph was absent.)

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

9. **Allowing Flat Roofs in Residential Construction.** Community Development Manager Banner again presented the rationale for amending the municipal code to allow flat roofs on new residential development. He reported that the Planning Commission also considered allowing flat roofs only in the higher density R-3 and R-4 zones.

During the public hearing, Marco Sandoval, Pam London and Randall Abram supported the revision.

The City Council briefly discussed the proposal.

Councilmember Osborne moved to read by title only, waive further reading, and introduce Ordinance No. 1121-16, eliminating the requirement for a sloped roof design for new habitable structures within the city's residential zones.

Councilmember Kearney seconded the motion which carried unanimously following the reading of the ordinance title. (Mayor Pro Tem Rudolph was absent.)

I. ADMINISTRATION

10. **General Fund Midyear Budget Adjustments.** Finance Director Louie reported the following adjustments:

- Revenues – 8.8% increase in sales tax, largely from gas stations, 5.3% increase in property tax compared with last year, 7% increase in transient occupancy tax, \$112,000 increase in fines, resulting in an overall increase of \$280,522
- Expenditures -- \$99,000 savings in salaries/benefits, increase in payment to reduce pension liability, increase in personnel expenses charged to the general fund due to

the start of public works projects intended to be grant funded in the second half of the year, small decrease in debt service payment for the development of Hopper Park, resulting in an overall decrease of \$4,010.

At Councilmember Osborne's request, the city manager explained the need to repair heating/air conditioning systems at City Hall, the community center and the municipal services building and reported that staff was examining the use of salary savings to pay the unexpected expenses. In response to Mayor Pullen-Miles' inquiry, the finance director agreed to distribute any information that comes to the city related to potential revenue increases with the coming of the Los Angeles Rams Inglewood.

A motion by Councilmember Kearney to receive and file the mid-year report was seconded by Councilmember Reid and carried by unanimous vote. (Mayor Pro Tem Rudolph was absent.)

A motion by Councilmember Reid, seconded by Councilmember Kearney, to increase estimated revenue by \$280,522 in the general fund and decrease general fund expenditure appropriations by \$4,010 also carried unanimously. (Mayor Pro Tem Rudolph was absent.)

11. Southern California Association of Governments Annual Conference and General Assembly.

Subsequent to his statement of interest in attending the conference, the city council agreed to appoint Councilmember Osborne as the city's delegate to the SCAG 2016 general assembly to be held on May 6, 2016.

Councilmember Kearney moved to transfer \$825 from the general fund reserves to council's travel/meetings account to cover Councilmember Osborne's expenses. Councilmember Reid seconded the motion which carried by a 4-0 vote. (Mayor Pro Tem Rudolph was absent.)

J. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT – City Manager Mandoki provided an update on the repairs to City Hall necessitated by flooding of the building when a pipe broke on February 18. He reported on funding by Metro to promote the community bike ride and agreed that the 5K run should be considered for future years.

K. ITEMS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

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

Councilmember Osborne attended the South Bay Cities Council of Governments general assembly which focused on technology and announced that cleanup week was approaching. Councilmembers Reid and Kearney attended a Cub Scout blue and gold meeting.

L. CLOSED SESSION

- 14. 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 was considering whether to initiate litigation in two cases. City Attorney Israel reported that council was updated and no action was taken on one case and, in the other case, council unanimously authorized initiation of litigation against the owner of the property at 4341 W 161st Street.

- M. ADJOURNMENT** – There being no further business to conduct, the mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

Robert Pullen-Miles, Mayor

ATTEST:

Bernadette Suarez, City Clerk

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

Approved: March 21, 2016
Date