

**MINUTES OF THE
LAWDALE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 18, 2016**

- A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL** – Mayor Pullen-Miles called the meeting to order at 6:30 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 Daniel Reid
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/City Engineer Frank Senteno, and approximately 35 audience members

- B. CEREMONIALS** – Zoey Casas led the flag salute. The audience shared a moment of silence to remember Mayor Pro Tem Larry Rudolph. Pastor Chris Beamer provided the inspiration.

C. PRESENTATIONS

- 1. Southern California Edison – Circuit Reliability** – Local Public Affairs Regional Manager Connie Turner and District Manager Paul Hennessy reported on the company's reliability data, both system wide and locally. The data suggested some improvements in the frequency and length of outages in Lawndale from 2014 to 2015 and showed that the most frequent cause of outages was equipment failure. They also provided information about SCE's capital improvement plan. Councilmember Osborne noted that the company or its contractors have been known to cut off the top of palm trees and was assured that SCE would remove such trees.

- D. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT** – Captain Sciacca summarized recent law enforcement activities. Councilmember Kearney reported a certain communication by a member of the public and received clarification from the captain regarding that person's remarks about crime rates and where the public can access the data on the internet.

- E. ITEMS FROM CITY CLERK** – none

F. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

- Don Gould – condolences to the Rudolphs from library staff, upcoming events and classes
- Pam London – condolences to the Rudolphs and suggestion to post information on the city website; permits for parkway construction/improvements and suggestion that unpermitted work be required to be removed
- Chris Beamer – city leadership
- Steve Koonz – trash on sidewalks, illegal left turns from Burin to Rosecrans Avenues
- Johnny London – support of required, free permits to discharge fireworks
- Sandra Suarez – election results and candidate campaigns

G. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL – The City Council responded generally to the comments, but did not request placement of any issues on a future meeting agenda. Mayor Pullen-Miles suggested that the Traffic Committee look at the signage at Rosecrans and Burin and perhaps consider a flashing light.

H. CONSENT CALENDAR

2. **Parks, Recreation and Social Services Commission 4th of July Fireworks Sales.** (Recommendation: that the City Council receive and file the report and forgo the opportunity to name a property that the commission can use until more information is brought back to the council for review in May.)
3. **Citywide Repair and Reconstruction of Sidewalks, Curbs, Gutters, Access Ramps and Other Concrete Improvements, Primarily Hawthorne and Manhattan Beach Boulevards and Marine Avenue.** (Recommendation: that the City Council approve the project scope of work and authorize staff to advertise the project to solicit bids.)
4. **Claim for Damage to Vehicle.** (Recommendation: that the City Council reject the claim, filed on behalf of Melissa Toledo, from Mercury Insurance.)
5. **Accounts Payable Register.** (Recommendation: that the City Council adopts Resolution No. CC-1604-021, authorizing the payment of certain claims and demands in the amount of \$291,360.70.)
6. **Minutes of the Lawndale City Council Regular Meeting – April 4, 2016.** (Recommendation: that council approves.)

Referring to agenda item 2, Councilmember Kearney received clarification regarding the fireworks sales permitting process.

A motion by Councilmember Reid to approve the consent calendar was seconded by Councilmember Kearney and carried by a vote of 4-0.

I. ADMINISTRATION

7. **Total Loss of City Vehicle Covered by Insurance.** Finance Director Ken Louie reported an accident involving a city vehicle where the other driver was at fault. The city received \$25,982 from the other driver's insurance company to replace the 2008 Ford Escape.

Councilmember Osborne moved to appropriate \$25,982 to the Municipal Services Department capital account using the insurance proceeds. Councilmember Reid seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

J. ITEMS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

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

Councilmember Osborne thanked the voters that participated in the city's election and announced the coming of the Youth Day Parade. Councilmember Reid also thanked the voters, announced that there was a video of military honors given to Mayor Pro Tem Rudolph on his Facebook page, and announced the coming Memorial Day breakfast. Councilmember Kearney discussed Mayor Pro Tem Rudolph's funeral and provided additional information about the communication he discussed in the comments from council portion of the meeting. Mayor Pullen-Miles attended a

meeting pertaining to the future of the Los Angeles Air Force Base and the 5K run for child abuse awareness, and reminded the community about the open streets bike ride before the Youth Day Parade.

9. **Naming of City Park on Larch Avenue** –Councilmember Kearney suggested that it would be fitting to name the park after Mayor Pro Tem Rudolph.

Councilmember Kearney's motion to name the new park on Larch Avenue after Mayor Pro Tem Larry Rudolph was second by Councilmember Osborne and carried unanimously.

- K. **ADJOURNMENT** – There being no further business to conduct, the mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

Robert Pullen-Miles, Mayor

ATTEST:

Bernadette Suarez, City Clerk

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

Approved: May 2, 2016
Date