

**MINUTES OF THE
LAWNDALE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
MAY 2, 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, Mayor Pro Tem Pat Kearney, Councilmember James H. Osborne, 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 Lieutenant John Hocking, Assistant City Clerk Pamela Giamario, Finance Director Kenneth Louie, Public Works Director/City Engineer Frank Senteno, Assistant to the City Manager Raylette Felton, and approximately 35 audience members

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

C. PRESENTATIONS

Rotary Club Deputy and Firefighter of the Year Awards – Firefighter Andrew Gardner received the award for Firefighter of the Year and Deputy Gabriela Vidrio received the Deputy of the Year award. A Rotary Club representative presented certificates from Congresswoman Maxine Waters, Assembly Member Autumn Burke, and State Senator Isadore Hall. The City Council presented city tile plaques to the winners.

Annual Cleanup Contest First Place Winner – Community Affairs Director Sam Pena, Republic Services, Inc. announced three winners of the Bucks for Bulk contest that was held during the annual cleanup week. The winners were Gary Chavez (1st place), Robert Smith (2nd place) and Joe Madrid (3rd place).

City Manager introduced new Assistant to the City Manager/Human Resources Director Raylette Felton who was welcomed by the City Council.

- D. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT** – Lieutenant Hocking discussed telephone scams.

- E. ITEMS FROM CITY CLERK** – City Clerk Suarez described the beautiful memorial service for Councilmember Rudolph.

F. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

- Pam London – liability concerns regarding illegal work in parkways
- Randall Abram – support of free fireworks discharge permits
- Don Gould – Lawndale library activities
- Steve Koonz – large item trash left in the public right-of-way; previous comment regarding renters' lack of vested interest in the city; handicap parking and parked trailers at a local business

- Gary McDonald – lack of video of the space shuttle flyover; corruption in Lawndale; successful Youth Day Parade; low voter turnout, suggestion to put a banner on Hawthorne Boulevard, candidate debates, corruption of the election process
- Unidentified female – conduct of the election; gratitude for sheriff's and fire departments

G. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL – The City Council expressed appreciation for the comments.

H. CONSENT CALENDAR

Status of City Investments. (Recommendation: that the City Council receive and file the quarterly investment report for the quarter ended March 31, 2016.)

Accounts Payable Register. (Recommendation: that the City Council adopts Resolution No. CC-1605-023, authorizing the payment of certain claims and demands in the amount of \$636,276.72.)

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(Recommendation: that council approves.)

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

Pollutant Discharges into the Dominguez Channel – Administration of Monitoring

Program. Ed Suher of CASC Engineering and Consulting provided the status of the Dominguez Channel enhanced watershed management and coordinated integrated monitoring programs, providing details about the types of pollutants entering the channel, control measures required by the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit, and the city's monitoring costs. Public Works Director Senteno recommended that council approve an agreement with the council of governments to administer the monitoring program on behalf of the Dominguez Channel agencies.

Council questioned the staff's plan to pay for the program from Urban Development Action Grant funds during the coming two years and received confirmation that Lawndale storm drains have only one outlet into the Dominguez Channel.

Councilmember Reid moved to a) approve the Memorandum of Agreement with the South Bay Cities Council of Governments, and b) appropriate \$28,500 from general fund reserves to the Public Works Department administration professional services account. Councilmember Osborne seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Vacancy on the City Council – Options. Assistant City Clerk Giamario reported that the City Council had three options: a) to appoint someone, b) to leave the office vacant and call for a special election, or c) to appoint someone and call for a special election. After Mayor Pullen-Miles received clarification on the potential cost of a special election, the council unanimously agreed to make an appointment to fill the vacancy.

Mayor Pro Tem Kearney suggested that council take applications, make an appointment at the next council meeting, and swear in the appointee the same night. Councilmember Osborne

suggested appointing City Clerk Bernadette Suarez because she was voted into office by the people and had served admirably.

Public comment: Pam London, Wallace Reed and Gary McDonald urged council to call a special election. Rhonda Hofmann Gorman supported an appointment.

Councilmember Osborne's motion to appoint Bernadette Suarez was seconded by Councilmember Reid. Councilmember Osborne clarified that the person appointed would fill Councilmember Rudolph's unexpired term.

Council continued to discuss the option of using an application process. Doris Hofmann suggested that council confirm whether Ms. Suarez would take the job. Mayor Pullen-Miles explained that the appointment would not become official until the next meeting when council adopted a resolution. City Clerk Suarez graciously accepted the nomination.

The motion carried 4-0.

J. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT – City Manager Mandoki announced that the city was accepting applications for the Wall of Distinction. Mayor Pro Tem Kearney received confirmation that a discussion about a vacancy in the office of the city clerk would have to be placed on the agenda.

K. ITEMS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

Councilmember Report of Attendance at Meetings and/or Events – none

The councilmembers discussed their attendance at Mayor Pro Tem Rudolph's memorial service and participation in the Youth Day Parade. Mayor Pro Tem Kearney encouraged the public to participate in the planting day at Rudolph Park. Mayor Pullen-Miles encouraged residents to apply for appointment to city boards and commissions. Mayor Pro Tem Kearney requested an agenda item for the May 16 meeting to discuss filling the vacancy in the office of city clerk.

L. ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business to conduct, the mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

Robert Pullen-Miles, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pamela L. Giamario, Assistant City Clerk

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Approved: _____

Date