

**MINUTES OF THE  
LAWNDALE CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING  
MAY 9, 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, 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, Assistant City Clerk Pamela Giamario, Finance Director Kenneth Louie, Public Works Director/City Engineer Frank Senteno, Assistant to the City Manager Raylette Felton, Community Services Manager Mike Estes, Municipal Services Manager Deborah Holland, Cable Television Supervisor Tom Strickfaden, and approximately five audience members

- B. CEREMONIALS** – Councilmember Osborne led the flag salute.
- C. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA** – none
- D. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL** – none
- E. CLOSED SESSION**

**Conference with Labor Negotiator** - The City Council conducted a closed session, pursuant to Government Code section 54957.6, with the city manager, the city attorney and the City's negotiators, regarding labor negotiations with a) Local 1895, Council 36, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, representing the City's mid-management and classified employees, and b) unrepresented employees, the central management team. The city manager reported that there was no reportable action.

- F. ADMINISTRATION**

**2016-2017 Budget Study Session.** City Manager Mandoki reported that the proposed budget would essentially maintain the status quo from past years. However, Sheriff's Department costs were anticipated to be significantly higher than the current year. The increase could be partially offset by eliminating one law enforcement technician at the service center and increasing revenues by adjusting building and safety fees. With Rudolph Park coming on line, there would also be additional staffing needs that might require reducing the number of employees stationed in the parks.

Finance Director Louie reported that the proposed budget was operationally balanced in spite of an increase of \$309,000 in Sheriff's Department costs, expenditures needed to implement storm water pollution mandates, the planned building and maintenance of a new teen center, and maintenance of Rudolph Park. The city remained fiscally sound with 133% of the general fund budget in reserves, including approximately \$7 million in cash, and was cited by the California Policy Center as being in the 95th percentile of healthiest cities.

City staff presented each department's budget individually. Highlights of the conversation included:

- Delete the \$480 budgeted for postage for holiday sidewalk sale mailers in the Community Services Department budget
- Ensure staffing of at least one employee at all parks from 10 am to dusk, using community center personnel if needed
- Internal promotions in the Public Works Department maintenance crew, reclassification of one maintenance worker to construction inspector, replacement of the engineering technician position with an assistant engineer, and inclusion of the purchase of a concrete grinder, lease of a compressed natural gas fueling station, installation of a marquee for Hawthorne Boulevard and replacement of the City Hall HVAC system
- A change in the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) budget that was approved earlier in the year, substituting creation of a pocket park with installation of an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant door

**G. ITEMS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS** – none

**H. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to conduct, the mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

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Robert Pullen-Miles, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Pamela L. Giamario, Assistant City Clerk

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Date