

**MINUTES OF THE
LAWNDALE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
MAY 16, 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, Councilmember Bernadette Suarez

Other Attendees: 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, and approximately 60 audience members

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

Appointment to the City Council – introduced by Assistant City Clerk Giamario.

Councilmember Osborne moved to appoint Bernadette Suarez to serve as a member of the City Council for Councilmember Rudolph's unexpired term by adopting Resolution No. CC-1605-027. Councilmember Reid seconded the motion which carried by a vote of 4-0.

Ms. Suarez was sworn into office by Councilmember Osborne and received a certificate of appointment from the assistant city clerk. She took her seat on the dais following a brief recess.

- C. PRESENTATIONS**

Outstanding Older American – Sandy Tofflemire. The City Council presented a city tile plaque to this year's honoree.

- D. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT** – Lieutenant Hocking congratulated Councilmember Suarez and summarized recent law enforcement activities.

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

- Unidentified female – congratulations on the appointment
- Marco Sandoval – suggestion that the city post a larger photo of former Mayor Hofmann at the community center and host a Lawndale night at a Los Angeles Dodgers baseball game, compliments for Larry Rudolph Park and the recent planting day, the city's financial health
- Don Gould, Lawndale Library Manager – library activities
- Rodolfo Sanchez – appreciation for Sheriff's Department response to high school student fighting incidents, congratulations to Ms. Suarez
- Unidentified female – congratulations to her cousin Bernadette
- Diane Zambrano – congratulate council's wisdom in making its appointment, invitation to a Centinela Valley Historical Society event
- Randall Abram – district based representation on city councils, illegal fireworks

- Pam London – her interactions with council and staff, the appointment process to fill the vacancy on council, recent episode on television show "20/20" that featured Lawndale
- Marge Heinemann – the "20/20" episode, thanks for quick code enforcement responses to service calls
- Steve Koonz – audience behavior at the last council meeting, responsiveness of the city, and the value of public input
- Melani Bell – the councilmember appointment, the "20/20" episode, reactions to earlier public comments, praise for the city's support of the residents
- Gordon Michael Neal – Hawthorne resident with compliments on improvements in Lawndale, congratulations to Councilmember Suarez

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. Councilmember Osborne agreed that there should be a larger portrait of Mayor Hofmann in the community center.

G. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Funding for Bicycle Lanes on Hawthorne Boulevard from Rosecrans Avenue to Manhattan Beach Boulevard. (Recommendation: that the City Council approve the funding agreement between the city and the LA County Metropolitan Transportation Authority in the amount of \$233,544.)

Temporary Planning Assistance. (Recommendation: that the city council approve the Contract Services Agreement for Interim Planning Services with Evan Brooks Associates.)

Sidewalk, Driveway, Curb and Gutter Repairs on Larch Avenue, Eastwood Avenue and 156th Street. (Recommendation: that the City Council accept the Larch Avenue parkway improvements done by Kalban, Inc. as complete, authorize the public works director to file the notice of completion with the LA County Recorder's Office, and to approve the additional work performed by Kalban via change order in the amount of \$6,094 for a total project cost of \$36,717.)

Accounts Payable Register. (Recommendation: that the City Council adopts Resolution No. CC-1605-024, authorizing the payment of certain claims and demands in the amount of \$145,707.14.)

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(Recommendation: that council approves.)

Councilmember Osborne received confirmation from Public Works Director Senteno that the installation of bicycle lanes on Hawthorne Boulevard would not involve any lane closures. Mayor Pullen-Miles received confirmation that the bike lane would connect with Hawthorne's bike lane.

A motion by Councilmember Osborne to approve the consent calendar was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kearney and carried by a vote of 5-0.

H. **ADMINISTRATION**

City Representatives to Intergovernmental Agency Boards. Following the assistant city clerk's introduction, the members each stated their preferences for being designated as a delegate or alternate representative as follows (delegates listed first):

California Contract Cities Association – Daniel Reid, Robert Pullen-Miles
California Joint Powers Insurance Authority – Robert Pullen-Miles, Pat Kearney
Centinela Youth Services – Bernadette Suarez, Pat Kearney
County Sanitation District No 5 of LA Angeles County – Robert Pullen-Miles, Pat Kearney
League of California Cities, LA County Chapter – Robert Pullen-Miles, Bernadette Suarez
South Bay Cities Council of Governments – James H. Osborne, Robert Pullen-Miles, Bernadette Suarez

Mayor Pullen-Miles concurred and made appointments accordingly.

Councilmember Suarez moved to confirm the mayor's appointments by directing staff to amend Section 1 of the resolution by filling in the names of the mayor's appointees, and to adopt Resolution No. CC-1605-025 as amended. Councilmember Reid seconded the motion which carried by a vote of 5-0.

Vacancy in the Office of City Clerk – Options. Assistant City Clerk Giamario guided the discussion, during which the City Council decided the following:

- Council would fill the vacancy by appointment.
- The city would solicit applications for appointment.
- To inform the public, staff would post notices on the website and the cable television bulletin board, and make applications available on city facility public counters and on the website.
- The applications would include a list of the applicant's personal references.
- Applications would not be accepted by fax machine or email.
- The deadline to apply would be June 14.
- The appointment would be placed on the June 20 meeting agenda.
- Applicants would be required to attend the June 20 council meeting to be interviewed.
- Staff would prepare a list of interview questions.
- Staff would prepare a resolution to formally make the appointment and present it at the June 20 meeting so that the appointee could be immediately sworn into office.

I. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT – City Manager Mandoki encouraged the public to submit nominations for the Wall of Distinction and to apply for appointment to council advisory bodies.

J. ITEMS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

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

Councilmember Suarez attended the planting day at Rudolph Park, complimented the park and suggested that there be more waste cans.

Councilmember Osborne attended the SCAG (Southern California Association of Governments) conference and a COG (South Bay Cities Council of Governments) Homeless Services Committee meeting, finding both to be very informative.

Councilmember Reid attended the planting day and a California Contract Cities Association conference which included good conversations about Proposition 47.

Mayor Pro Tem Kearney attended the planting day and a Centinela Youth Services board meeting, encouraged the public to attend the dedication of Rudolph Park, and wished all a happy Memorial Day.

Mayor Pullen-Miles attended the planting day and discussed the community's participation in the development of Rudolph Park. He attended the contract cities conference which included a) ethics training, b) a Metro (LA County Metropolitan Transportation Authority) and Caltrans transportation planning symposium where Caltrans representatives discussed their greater involvement in dealing with homeless encampments, and c) the Los Angeles County Sheriff's keynote address which included information about Proposition 47.

- K. ADJOURNMENT** – There being no further business to conduct, the mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Robert Pullen-Miles, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pamela L. Giamario, Assistant City Clerk

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Approved: _____

Date