

**MINUTES OF THE
LAWNDALE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 6, 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. The meeting was held concurrently with a meetings of the Lawndale Cable Usage Corporation, Lawndale Housing Authority and the successor agency to the Lawndale Redevelopment Agency.

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Robert Pullen-Miles, Mayor Pro Tem Pat Kearney, Councilmember Daniel Reid, Councilmember Bernadette Suarez
Councilmembers Absent: Councilmember James H. Osborne
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, Community Development Director Sean Moore, and approximately 25 audience members

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

- C. **PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT** – Lieutenant Hocking summarized recent law enforcement activities and announced the upcoming Special Olympics torch run and increased patrol checks at Hopper Park.

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

- Don Gould, Lawndale Library –upcoming library events
- Earl Wood, Jillian Stefano and Linda Unruh – problem visitors at Hopper Park, park staffing, impact on value of nearby properties
- Pam London – audience responses to her comments at council meetings and her intent in commenting, appointments to the City Council, Upland weed abatement policy
- Gary White – support for sale of fireworks and enforcement of illegal fireworks
- Randall Abram – code enforcement, property maintenance, councilmember responses to public comments, illegal fireworks enforcement, suggestion to use "robocalls" to inform residents about fireworks laws
- Marco Sandoval – potential opportunities with the LA Rams and super bowl coming to the area, recent "20/20" television episode, fireworks sales
- Steve Koonz – staffing in the parks, skateboarding on the City Hall steps
- Marge Heinemann – Sheriff's Department and code enforcement services, support for fireworks sales, speeding on 162nd Street

- E. **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 Reid invited the residents concerned about Hopper Park to speak with him about creating a neighborhood watch group. Mayor Pro Tem Kearney suggested that staff review security videos to cite skateboarders at City Hall. Mayor Pullen-Miles suggested establishing a volunteer park patrol and had no objection to "robocalls" and traffic calming measures on 162nd Street.

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

Citywide Concrete Repairs Project. (Recommendation: that the City Council award a construction contract in the amount of \$398,122.20 to Kalban, Inc. for the citywide concrete repairs project and approve a 15 percent contingency of \$59,718.30 to avoid project delays and facilitate timely project completion.)

Tree Trimming and Removal – Parkways, Medians, Railroad Right-of-Way, Parks and City Facilities. (Recommendation: that the City Council award a three-year contract for citywide tree trimming services to South Bay Landscaping, Inc. in the amount of \$478,470.)

Landscaping Services – Parks, Railroad Right-of-Way, Medians and City Facilities. (Recommendation: that the City Council approve the First Amendment to Contract Services Agreement for Landscape Maintenance Services with South Bay Landscape Services for an annual amount of \$207,000 for the term of the contract through June 30, 2019.

Accounts Payable Register. (Recommendation: that the City Council adopts Resolution No. CC-1606-028, authorizing the payment of certain claims and demands in the amount of \$657,669.99.)

Minutes of the Lawndale City Council Meetings – May 9 and May 16, 2016.
(Recommendation: that council approves.)

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

G. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Adoption of the Los Angeles County 2016 Building and Safety Division Building Code Fee Schedule. Finance Director Louie reported that building and safety services are provided by Los Angeles County. Fees charged to the city were established in the county's building, electrical, mechanical, and plumbing codes which took effect July 1, 2015. On the other hand, the fees the city charges to users of these services were established by a 2004 City Council resolution resulting in a net loss of approximately \$175,000 annually. With the county scheduled to raise fees again next month, it was recommended that council review the proposed revised fee schedules and approve an increase to more fully recover the city's costs.

The public hearing was opened and closed immediately, there being no one wishing to testify.

Mayor Pro Tem Kearney's motion to adopt Resolution No. CC-1606-031 was seconded by Councilmember Reid and carried 4-0. (Councilmember Osborne was absent.)

H. ADMINISTRATION

Advisory Body Appointments. After Assistant City Clerk Giamario's presentation, the following Planning Commission applicants introduced themselves: Rhonda Hofmann Gorman, John Martinez, Sirley Cuevas and Randall Abram. Beautification Committee applicants Douglas Keyser and Marco Sandoval also introduced themselves.

Mayor Pullen-Miles appointed Pedro Cordova, John Martinez, Uffe Moller, Sirley Cuevas, and Scott Smith to the Planning Commission, and Charmaine Doty, Karen Escamilla, Judy Oldziewski, Olga Sierra Gonzalez, Douglas Keyser, Mario Martinez and Marco Sandoval to the Beautification Committee.

Mayor Pro Tem Kearney moved to approve the appointments by directing staff to insert the appointees' names in Sections 1 and 2 of Resolution No. CC-1606-030, and adopt the resolution as amended. Councilmember Reid seconded the motion which carried by a vote of 4-0. (Councilmember Osborne was absent.)

City Hall Heating/Ventilation/Air Conditioning System Design. Public Works Director Senteno recommended that the city hire a mechanical engineering company to assess the condition of the system and prepare plans and specifications for component replacements, and discussed his funding plan for the project. Mayor Pro Tem Kearney received clarification regarding the work needed on the air balance system and Mayor Pullen-Miles expressed concern whether the city would be able to obtain replacement parts through the life of the system, which had been a problem with the current system.

Councilmember Suarez moved to (a) approve a professional services agreement with P2S Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$45,600, (b) appropriate \$50,000 from various savings within the FY 2015-16 public works O&M budget accounts to fund engineering, (c) approve a contingency amount of \$4,400 for unforeseen conditions encountered during design, and (d) appropriate \$15,500 from general fund reserves and \$284,500 from FY 2015-16 budget savings to fund construction. Mayor Pro Tem Kearney seconded the motion which carried on a vote of 4-0 (Councilmember Osborne was absent).

Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-17. City Manager Mandoki summarized council's decisions at the May 9 budget workshop, announced that the proposed budget was balanced with an anticipated surplus of \$50,000, and recommended that council approve expenditure of those funds for part-time staffing at Hopper Park. Finance Director Louie noted that the \$100,000 anticipated cost of a new Hawthorne Boulevard marquee sign would be paid from general fund reserves. Council and staff discussed park staffing with Mayor Pro Tem Kearney suggesting that senior recreation leaders be assigned to the parks and Mayor Pullen-Miles requesting that staff revisit staffing during holidays. He noted that Rudolph Park was closed before dark on Memorial Day, reducing the amount of time families could picnic at the park.

Public comments: Daniel Woods received clarification regarding bank fees. Steve Koonz inquired about building permit fees. Gary White suggested that the city consider cutting staff instead of raising fees. Linda Unruh thanked council for adding staff at Hopper Park. She and Jillian Stefano suggested that the city survey nearby residents to assess the effectiveness of the program. Marco Sandoval suggested the addition of a speed trailer purchase to the budget.

A motion by Councilmember Reid to add \$50K to the budget to staff Hopper Park and to adopt Resolution No. CC-1606-029 was seconded by Councilmember Suarez and carried by a vote of 4-0. (Councilmember Osborne was absent.)

I. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Possible Cancellation or Rescheduling of the July 5, 2016 City Council Meeting.

Following the city manager's presentation, council agreed to cancel the July 5 meeting.

The city manager introduced Sean Moore, the new Community Development Director.

J. ITEMS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

Resolution Supporting Los Angeles County's Efforts to Amend State Law and Pursue Funding to Address Homelessness

– Mayor Pullen-Miles introduced the item. The city manager reported that the county had requested support from cities for state legislation to allow

the county to tax personal income over \$1 million at one-half percent to fund programs to combat homelessness.

Mayor Pullen-Miles' motion to adopt Resolution CC-1606-032 was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kearney and carried by a vote of 4-0. (Councilmember Osborne was absent.)

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

All members of the City Council attended the city's Memorial Day event. Mayor Pro Tem Kearney also attended a bicycle rodeo at Lucille Smith Elementary School, planned to participate in the Special Olympics torch run, and attended the grand opening of Larry Rudolph Park. Mayor Pullen-Miles also attended the park opening and commented on the 21-gun salute at Hawthorne's Memorial Day event, suggesting that such be added to Lawndale's event. Councilmember Reid encouraged participation in the next day's statewide primary election.

- K. ADJOURNMENT** – There being no further business to conduct, the mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:24 p.m. in memory of resident Adolph Moran.

Robert Pullen-Miles, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pamela L. Giamario, Assistant City Clerk

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Approved: _____

Date