

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

- A. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL** – Mayor Pullen-Miles called the meeting to order at 6:32 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 Clerk Rhonda Hofmann Gorman, City Manager Stephen N. Mandoki, Assistant City Attorney Michael C. Huston, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Lieutenant Eric Strong, Assistant City Clerk Pamela Giamario, Community Services Director Mike Estes, and approximately 25 audience members
- B. **CEREMONIALS** – Councilmember Suarez led the flag salute and Pastor Chris Beamer provided the inspiration.
- C. **PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT** – Lieutenant Eric Strong, acting captain of the South Los Angeles Sheriff's Station, summarized recent law enforcement activities.
- D. **ITEMS FROM CITY CLERK** – none
- E. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**
- Ignatius –bullet found in the back of neighbor's truck on July 5
 - Pam London – lack of compliance with the city's fireworks booth signage requirements; recommendations to alert landlords if tenants violate fireworks laws, increase law enforcement throughout the month, make the code more user friendly to the Sheriff's Department
 - Randall Abram – increasing incidence of fireworks related injuries, recommendations to increase law enforcement, develop administrative citation program, consider apps that allow residents to report illegal fireworks discharge, notify landlords about tenant criminal actions
 - Marco Sandoval – fireworks enforcement, appreciation for his committee appointment, appreciation for senior program and community center activities
 - Steve Koonz – appreciation for Hawthorne Boulevard sidewalk improvements and fireworks enforcement
 - Johnny Castro – increase in fireworks use from last year, appreciation for committee appointment and appointment as a councilmember's standby officer
 - Don Gould, Lawndale Library – thanks to law enforcement support at the library, upcoming programs
 - Marge Heinemann – thanks to Sheriff's Department for fireworks enforcement, problems with loud parties
- F. **COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL** – The City Council responded generally to the comments, referred Ignatius and Mrs. Heinemann to the Sheriff's Department regarding their concerns, but did not request placement of any issues on a future meeting agenda. Individual councilmembers suggested that staff look into the apps that enable the public to report illegal activity to law enforcement, starting fireworks enforcement earlier, administrative citations for illegal fireworks,

and a "shot spotter" system that triangulates sound to track the location of shooters; and that staff look into enforcement of the required fireworks booth signage.

G. CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion to read by title only and waive further reading of all ordinances listed on the agenda. (Recommendation: that council approves.)

Regulations for Massage Businesses Allowed by State Expansion of Massage Therapy Law in the Interest of Public Health and Safety. (Recommendation: that the City Council adopt Ordinance No. 1122-16.)

Three Percent Employee Salary/Wage Increase for 2016-17 and Change in Public Works Employee Position. (Recommendation: that the City Council 1) approve Resolution No. CC-1607-042, adopting the third amendment to the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees memorandum of understanding, updating the salary schedule for July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017, and reflecting the title change of the construction inspector to public works inspector; and 2) approve Resolution No. CC-1607-043 to amend and update the existing job description for the position of construction inspector to public works inspector.)

2014-17 Employee Salary and Wage Schedule Required by CalPERS. (Recommendation: that the City Council approve and adopt Resolution No. CC-1607-044, establishing a City of Lawndale city-wide salary/pay schedule for all approved positions.)

Temporary Planning Services. (Recommendation: that the City Council approve the "First Amendment to Contract Services Agreement for Interim Planning Services" with Evan Brooks Associates.)

Annual Delegation of Investment Authority to the City Treasurer. (Recommendation: that the City Council reapprove Council Policy No. 80-04, "Investment Policy".)

Accounts Payable Register. (Recommendation: that the City Council adopts Resolution No. CC-1607-041, authorizing the payment of certain claims and demands in the amount of \$1,420,462.04.)

Grant Application for a New Compressed Natural Gas Facility. (Recommendation: that the City Council approve the submission of an application for a new fueling station to the South Coast Air Quality Management District.)

Application to CalRecycle to Receive Payment for the Used Oil Recycling Program. (Recommendation: that the City Council approve Resolution No. CC-1607-045.)

Minutes of the Lawndale City Council Regular Meeting – June 6, 2016. (Recommendation: that council approves.)

A motion by Councilmember Suarez to approve the consent calendar was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kearney and carried by a vote of 5-0 following Assistant City Attorney Huston's reading of the title of Ordinance No. 1122-16.

H. ADMINISTRATION

Advisory Body Appointments. Assistant City Clerk Giamario reported that there were 11 applicants for the five open positions on the Parks, Recreation and Social Services Commission.

Mayor Pullen-Miles appointed Karina Estrada, Erica Harbison, Ray E. Rapp, Shirley Rudolph and Madonna Sitka to the commission.

Councilmember Reid moved to approve the appointments by directing staff to insert the appointees' names in Section 1 of Resolution No. CC-1607-046, and to adopt the resolution as amended. Mayor Pro Tem Kearney seconded the motion which carried by a vote of 4-0-1. (Councilmember Osborne abstained.)

Wall of Distinction Nominees – Robert Cerny, Andrew Christian Meyer, Axel Niska and August Reiss. Community Services Director Estes summarized the Wall of Distinction program and steps taken by staff and the nominations review committee since council created the program in March. He provided information about the accomplishments of the three individuals nominated. Councilmember Osborne received clarification about the length of time required after death before a person could be nominated.

Councilmember Osborne's motion to affirm the induction of Robert Cerny, Andrew Christian Meyer and Axel Niska to the Wall of Distinction was seconded by Councilmember Reid and carried unanimously.

I. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT – none

J. ITEMS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

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

Councilmember Suarez attended a South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) meeting and breakfast briefing and a Centinela Youth Services meeting. Councilmember Osborne also attended the SBCCOG meeting and a county vector control meeting. Councilmember Reid reported the interest of some residents in assisting neighbors with yard beautification. Mayor Pullen-Miles attended the Centinela Youth Services and SBCCOG meetings, and announced Assemblywoman Burke's upcoming back to school health and wellness fair.

K. CLOSED SESSION

14. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation - The City Council was scheduled to conduct a closed session, pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(4), because the City was considering whether to initiate litigation in one case. The closed session was not held.

L. ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business to conduct, the mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:41 p.m. in memory of Emilia Brenes (mother of city employee Maria Guerra), Jim Bapties (longtime Lawndale resident and active community member), Loren Ahrens (former Lennox sheriff's station dispatcher and victim in the recent Dallas police officer shootings), and Thomas Landacre (Leuzinger alumnus).

Robert Pullen-Miles, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rhonda Hofmann Gorman, City Clerk

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

Approved: 8/1/16