

**MINUTES OF THE
LAWDALE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 6, 2016**

- A. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL** – Mayor Pullen-Miles called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. in the City Hall council chamber, 14717 Burin Avenue, Lawndale, California. The meeting was held concurrently with a meetings of the Lawndale Public Financing Authority and the successor agency to the Lawndale Redevelopment Agency.
- Councilmembers Present: Mayor Robert Pullen-Miles, Mayor Pro Tem Pat Kearney, Councilmember James H. Osborne, Councilmember Daniel Reid, Councilmember Bernadette Suarez
- Other Participants: City Clerk Rhonda Hofmann Gorman, City Manager Stephen N. Mandoki, City Attorney Tiffany J. Israel, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Lieutenant John Hocking, Assistant to the City Manager Director Raylette Felton, Assistant City Clerk Pamela Giamario, Associate Engineer Miguel Alvarez, and approximately 40 audience members
- B. **CEREMONIALS** – Lawndale Cub Scout Pack 290 led the flag salute and Pastor Douglas Gates provided the inspiration. Cubmaster Peter Burke expressed appreciation to the council for its donation to the pack.
- C. **PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT** –Lieutenant Hocking summarized recent law enforcement activities. Councilmembers Osborne and Reid received additional information about a juvenile who had been arrested twice in less than two weeks.
- D. **ITEMS FROM CITY CLERK** – none
- E. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**
- Owner of StopBye Café – invitation to try the restaurant
 - Fred Siegel – noisy exhaust fan at a business next door to his house
 - Lydia Pacheco – poor Lawndale Beat service
 - Don Gould – library news, retirement announcement
 - Pam London – continuing fireworks, apparent increase in crime, property maintenance and code enforcement
 - Steve Koonz – disposition of the community center annex modular building, homeless people at the Chevron station, overflowing trash cans on Hawthorne Boulevard, business owners cleaning sidewalks
 - Randall Abram – fireworks, property maintenance, code enforcement
 - Assistant Scoutmaster Howard Mellin – appreciation for council allowing the pack to participate in the meeting, the scouting program's activities
 - Johnny London – the number of deputies assigned to the city from 2009 to present, comments made about a person with a record, possible change in state laws pertaining to granny units, property maintenance and code enforcement
 - Sandra Suarez – high school district bond ballot measure
 - Lynn Vaughn – high school district bond ballot measure, annual Adobe Fiesta
 - Gary McDonald – code enforcement impact on distressed properties

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. Council received an update on the Hawthorne Boulevard trash can situation from Sam Pena, Republic Services' municipal relationship manager. Councilmember Osborne received confirmation that De Oro Lane would be reopened in about a week and asked staff to investigate the complaint about Lawndale Beat service and Mr. Siegel's problem. Councilmember Reid suggested that Mr. Siegel contact code enforcement staff, that staff contact PATH about the homeless people, and requested that Lieutenant Hocking report on fireworks calls at the next meeting.

G. CONSENT CALENDAR

Annual Accounting of Park Development Fees. (Recommendation: that the City Council receive and file the report.)

Teen Center Project, Extra Design Services. (Recommendation: that the City Council approve the contract services agreement with Nichols Consulting Engineers beginning September 6, 2016 through September 6, 2017 in the amount not to exceed \$40,330.)

Biennial Review of the City's Conflict of Interest Code. (Recommendation: that the City Council adopt Resolution No. CC-1609-056, approving revisions to the city's conflict of interest code to reflect recent staffing changes in the Community Development, Community Services, Municipal Services and Public Works Departments.)

Disposal of Surplus Property. (Recommendation: that council approve the disposition of the 2002 Ford CNG F150 truck.)

Accounts Payable Register. (Recommendation: that the City Council adopts Resolution No. CC-1609-055, authorizing the payment of certain claims and demands in the amount of \$1,306,386.71.)

Minutes of the Lawndale City Council Regular Meeting – August 15, 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 5-0.

H. ADMINISTRATION

Advisory Body Appointment. Assistant City Clerk Giamario reported that an application was received for appointment to fill the one remaining vacancy on the Cable Commission.

Mayor Pullen-Miles appointed Juqua Nicole Williams to serve on the commission.

Councilmember Osborne's motion to approve the appointment by adopting Resolution No. CC-1609-057 was seconded by Councilmember Reid and carried unanimously.

Use of City Property for a Farmer's Market – continued from August 15, 2016. Assistant to the City Manager Felton summarized the status of the license agreement. The chamber's executive director, Dyan Davis requested approval of an agreement that would extend the farmer's market license until June 30, 2017. The City Council and Ms. Davis discussed the market's sales, the impact of the location on its growth potential, difficulties retaining produce vendors, the market's schedule, the estimated \$10,00 annual cost to the city to support the

market, the chamber's contribution to market setup and break down, and the wording of the agreement's termination clause.

Public comments:

Johnny London – the city's cost and the community's benefit

Lynn Vaughn – use of EBT (California Electronic Benefit Transfer Project) cards

Pam London – city-provided advertising

Steve Koonz – city-provided advertising, community benefit

Sandra Suarez – need for more produce vendors

Randall Abram – the city's cost and the community's benefit

Councilmember Kearney moved to approve the agreement to extend the market license and then to reevaluate it. Councilmember Reid seconded the motion which carried by a vote of 4-0-1 (Councilmember Suarez abstained).

Storm Drain Repair and Replacement of City Hall Smoke Detectors. Associate Engineer Alvarez reported that sinkholes near the intersection of 169th and 170th Streets were the result of a corroded storm drain pipe that must be replaced. Also in need of replacement were the 50 smoke detectors in City Hall which were 15 years old and had reached their useful service life. With an estimated pipe replacement cost of approximately \$65,000 and an estimated smoke detector replacement cost of approximately \$8,800, he requested an appropriation that would include a contingency.

Councilmember Suarez moved to (a) authorize the preparation of plans and authorize staff to bid the repairs to the storm drain lateral pipe at 169th and 170th Streets, and (b) appropriate a total of \$84,870, to include a 15 percent contingency, from general fund reserves for 1) the repair of the storm drain lateral pipe at 169th and 170th Streets and 2) the procurement and installation of new smoke alarm detectors at City Hall. Mayor Pro Tem Kearney seconded the motion which carried by a vote of 5-0.

League of California Cities Annual Conference. The assistant city clerk recommended that if the city wished to participate at the League's annual business meeting, council must formally designate its voting delegate and may also designate alternates. As well, council might wish to provide direction to its delegate regarding the resolution scheduled to be proposed to the membership. Council designated Mayor Pullen-Miles as the delegate and Councilmember Osborne as the alternate.

I. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT – City Manager Mandoki provided an update on the Veteran's Day Field of Honor display.

J. ITEMS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

Councilmember Report of Attendance at Meetings and/or Events. The councilmembers attended an eagle scout ceremony. Councilmember Suarez, Councilmember Osborne and Mayor Pullen-Miles also attended a South Bay Cities Council of Governments meeting. Mayor Pullen-Miles, Mayor Pro Tem Kearney and Councilmember Osborne discussed their conversations with Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti about the Metro ballot measure. Councilmember Osborne suggested that council send a letter to Mayor Garcetti to thank him for raising the issue of undergrounding the Green Line extension to mitigate its impact on Lawndale. Councilmembers Suarez and Reid attended a California Contract Cities Association barbecue. Four councilmembers attended the opening of El Camino College's Murdoch Stadium. Councilmember

Osborne accepted an invitation from Congressman Buscaino to visit Battleship America during Fleet Week. Mayor Pullen-Miles attended the American Federation of Labor's annual Labor Day barbecue.

- K. ADJOURNMENT** – There being no further business to conduct, the mayor adjourned the meeting at 9:18 p.m.

Robert Pullen-Miles, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rhonda Hofmann Gorman, City Clerk

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Approved: 9/19/16