

**MINUTES OF THE
LAWNDALE CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 15, 2016**

- A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL** – Mayor Pullen-Miles called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. in the City Hall conference room, 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 Participants: Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Lieutenant John Hocking, Municipal Services Director Deborah Holland, and three audience members

- B. CEREMONIALS** – Mayor Pro Tem Kearney led the flag salute.

- C. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA AND COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL**

- Pam London inquired about the city manager's absence from the meeting. Mayor Pullen-Miles informed her that the city manager was excused from the meeting.
- Randall Abram suggested that monthly incident reports be included in the consent calendar on the council meeting agenda. Councilmember Osborne noted that information is available on the website. Municipal Services Director Holland noted that statistics are available on a daily basis on the Sheriff's Department website.
- Sandy expressed appreciation for improvements in her neighborhood since the Sheriff's Department increased patrols.

- D. ADMINISTRATION**

Discussion Between City Officials and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Officials Regarding Matters of Mutual Concern

The City Council, Lieutenant Hocking and the municipal services director discussed the following:

- Other police agencies' activities in the city
- Residents' concerns about a recent hostage situation
- The possibility of organizing a neighborhood watch group
- Graffiti, especially near the high schools
- Tire burns from spinouts in intersections during the night
- Efforts with homeless people and the impact of homelessness on crime rates
- Status of specific recent cases
- Residents' concerns about responses to service calls from the South Los Angeles Station as opposed to the Lawndale Service Center
- School safety at the beginning of the school year, possibility of citing juveniles for traffic safety violations
- Fireworks enforcement
- Coffee with a cop
- Phone calls to and drop-ins at the service center since the change in hours
- Signage on the service center including the El Camino and Wiseburn areas

- The need to prioritize service calls with crimes against person and property being highest priority
- Focus on crime prevention during the council meeting public safety reports

Public comment: Pam London suggested that deputies cite bicyclists who violate traffic laws. Councilmember Kearney also suggested that the deputies confiscate the bicycle.

E. ITEMS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS – none

F. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, the mayor adjourned the meeting at 12:58 p.m.

Robert Pullen-Miles, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rhonda Hofmann Gorman, City Clerk

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Approved: 10/3/2016