

**MINUTES OF THE  
LAWDALE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
OCTOBER 3, 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 meeting of 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 City Clerk Pamela Giamario, Municipal Services Director Deborah Holland, and approximately 20 audience members
- B. CEREMONIALS** – Councilmember Osborne led the flag salute and Doris Hofmann provided the inspiration.
- C. PRESENTATIONS**
1. **Don Gould, Retiring Lawndale Library Manager** – The City Council presented a plaque to Mr. Gould, thanking him for his service and dedication.
- D. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT** –Lieutenant Hocking introduced South Los Angeles Station Captain April Tardy, new Lawndale detective Garland Miller, and Leuzinger High School resource deputy Johnny Bernal. He summarized recent law enforcement activities and warned of various scams to which Lawndale residents had become victims.
- E. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**
- Lyda Truick, acting community library manager – upcoming events
  - Pam London – illegal work in parkways, inquiry about dog licenses issued this year, suggestion to increase fees, inquiry whether people must have a business license to leave advertising on doors, cars, etc.
  - Randall Abram – requests to place the monthly Sheriff's Department report on the agenda and increase law enforcement staffing
  - Steve Koonz – call for service about a homeless person, trash dumping in the public right-of-way
  - Marco Sandoval – recent music festival, sharps containers, upcoming church fiesta
  - Gary McDonald – request for controls on sex offender clinics, code enforcement
  - Johnny London – inquiry about the cost of the eliminated motor officer position, request to increase officers
  - Marge Heinemann – a phone scam, service by the Municipal Services Department
- F. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL** – The City Council responded generally to the comments, received information from staff about the law enforcement budget, laws related to panhandling, restrictions on the distribution of handbills, revenues from tickets/citations, and sex offender

clinics, but did not refer any matters to staff or request placement of any issues on a future meeting agenda. Mayor Pullen-Miles suggested that the city should look into administrative citations.

**G. CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

**CityView Automated Permitting and Case Tracking System.** (Recommendation: that the City Council approve the "Software License and Support Agreement" with N. Harris Computer Corporation.)

**Geographic Information System Services.** (Recommendation: that the City Council approve the agreement with Digital Map Products, Inc.)

**Accounts Payable Register.** (Recommendation: that the City Council adopts Resolution No. CC-1610-059, authorizing the payment of certain claims and demands in the amount of \$479,682.55.)

**Minutes of the Lawndale City Council Meetings – September 15 and 19, 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.**

**H. ADMINISTRATION**

**Advisory Body Appointments.** Assistant City Clerk Giamario reported that the Youth Advisory Committee's term of office expired on September 30. There were nine applicants for the seven available positions.

Mayor Pullen-Miles appointed Katie Barrios, Kobe Cuevas, Sarah Gomez, Kaleb Hafner, Amy Madrigal, Melanie Morales and Emily Vargas to serve on the committee.

**Mayor Pro Tem Kearney moved to approve the appointments by directing staff to insert the appointees' names in Section 1 of Resolution No. CC-1610-061, and to adopt the resolution as amended. Councilmember Reid seconded the motion which carried by a vote of 5-0.**

**Resolution Opposing Proposition 57, The Public Safety and Rehabilitation Act.** Municipal Services Director Holland described the three main components of the act: a) nonviolent offenders would be considered for parole sooner; b) the state would be able to credit inmates for certain behaviors; and c) prosecutors could no longer charge juveniles as adults without a hearing in juvenile court. Possible consequences included inmates being released from prison sooner, increased costs for local law enforcement, and further increases in crime rates. Councilmember Osborne, who requested that the matter be placed on the agenda, and Mayor Pullen-Miles expressed their opinions of the proposition and received additional information about the proposition.

**Councilmember Osborne's motion to adopt Resolution No. CC-1610-060 was seconded by Councilmember Suarez and carried unanimously.**

Councilmember Osborne reported that all member cities in the South Bay Cities Council of Governments unanimously opposed the initiative.

**Revision of Municipal Code Requirements for Filling Vacancies in the Offices of Mayor, City Councilmember and City Clerk.** The assistant city clerk reported that the city's provisions for filling vacancies in elected offices were inconsistent with the state law which was revised in 2015. Of the two options allowed by the state law, she recommended that council adopt an option that preserved the council's right to either call for a special election or make an appointment to fill the vacancy and that specified an appointee's term depending on the timing of the vacancy.

**Mayor Pullen-Miles's motion to introduce and approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 1123-16 was seconded by Councilmember Osborne and carried by a vote of 5-0 following City Attorney Israel's reading of the ordinance title.**

**I. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT** – City Manager Mandoki reported that flags were still available for sale at City Hall for the Field of Honor.

**J. ITEMS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS**

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

All councilmembers attended the Jazz and Blues Festival. Councilmember Osborne suggested that the event be rescheduled to a different time of year to would avoid the summer heat. Mayor Pro Tem Kearney, Mayor Pullen-Miles and Councilmember Osborne attended the South Bay Cities Council of Governments' Green Building Challenge awards ceremony where the Corner Burger restaurant was recognized. Mayor Pullen-Miles attended the Leuzinger/Hawthorne mayor's cup game and a sanitation district meeting at which the West Basin Water District's desalination project and the Metropolitan Water District's recycling project were discussed. Mayor Pro Tem Kearney requested that council set the date for its participation on Santa's Sleigh.

**K. ADJOURNMENT** – There being no further business to conduct, the mayor adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

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Robert Pullen-Miles, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Rhonda Hofmann Gorman, City Clerk

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Approved:     October 17, 2016