

**MINUTES OF THE  
LAWDALE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
OCTOBER 17, 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. 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 Captain April Tardy and Lieutenant John Hocking, Public Works Director/City Engineer Frank Senteno, Finance Director Ken Louie, and approximately 35 audience members

- B. CEREMONIALS** – Councilmember Reid led the flag salute and Doris Hofmann provided the inspiration.

**C. PRESENTATIONS**

1. **WestCal Academy** – State Coordinator Christopher Castillo described the academy's activities in helping students to find internships. He, State Ambassador Joseph Lopez, and CFO Gary Aven presented a pin to Councilmember Reid in thanks for his consenting to be interviewed by students.
2. **United Nations Day** – The City Council presented a proclamation to President Tifara Monroe and members of the Tau Beta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

- D. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT** – Captain Tardy summarized recent law enforcement activities.

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

- Lyda Truick, acting community library manager – upcoming events and programs
- Manuel Orduenes – enforcement of noise disturbances from a neighborhood church and the community center
- Michael Radke – submitted flyers and described drug treatment and prevention programs offered by Behavioral Health Services, Inc.
- Peggy Taggart – concerns about safety issues and maintenance related to homeless people living in the alley behind her home; inquiry about city plans to relocate homeless people
- Pam London – rental property inspection program, failure of owners of rental properties to obtain a business license
- Marco Sandoval – website posting of information about Behavior Health Services, city support of church fiesta, Coffee with a Cop, sharps containers, Beautification Committee home beautification tour, response to public comment at the last meeting
- Doris Hofmann – concerns about parking at a proposed project on 153rd Street, Coffee with a Cop, upcoming West Basin Water District water festival

- Charmaine Doty – parking concerns about project on 153rd Street, afternoon movies for seniors
- Johnny London – rental property inspection program, illegal parkway construction

F. **COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL** – The City Council responded generally to the comments, but did not refer any matters to staff or request placement of any issues on a future meeting agenda. City Manager Mandoki agreed to obtain additional information regarding rental property owner compliance with the business license requirement and to explore the possibility of screening movies for seniors. Councilmember Suarez supported posting information about the drug treatment programs on the website. Mayor Pullen-Miles suggested amending noticing requirements in the municipal code.

G. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

**Filling Vacancies in the Offices of Mayor, City Councilmember and City Clerk.**  
(Recommendation: that the City Council adopt Ordinance No. 1123-16, amending Lawndale Municipal Code Sections 2.04.110 and 2.16.045 pertaining to filling vacancies in elected offices.)

**Larry R. Rudolph Park Sign Re-Fabrication.** (Recommendation: that the City Council a) approve the transfer of funds from the part-time salaries account to the special expenses account in the FY 2016-17 Community Services Department budget, b) approve the cost estimate provided by Iron Work Industries for modification of the existing Rudolph Park identifying signs, and c) authorize the city manager to execute a purchase order to Iron Work Industries authorizing the work.)

**Accounts Payable Register.** (Recommendation: that the City Council adopts Resolution No. CC-1610-062, authorizing the payment of certain claims and demands in the amount of \$177,234.09.)

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(Recommendation: that council approves.)

Mayor Pro Tem Kearney moved to approve the consent calendar but withdrew his motion to allow for public comments.

Public comment:

- Randall Abram opposed the re-fabrication of the Larry R. Rudolph Park sign, suggesting there were several better uses for the funds and that the renaming of the park violated council policy, and submitted a copy of his speech and photographs of Lawndale parks.
- Pam London opposed the re-fabrication of the sign and supported spending the dollars in other ways.

Council and staff discussed the proposed transfer of funds allocated in the budget for the teen center and the suggestion that council policy had been violated.

**A motion by Mayor Pro Tem Kearney to approve the consent calendar was seconded by Councilmember Osborne and carried by a vote of 5-0 following the reading of the title of Ordinance No. 1123-16.**

**H. ADMINISTRATION**

**9. Update on the Inglewood Avenue Widening Project.** Public Works Director Senteno reported that since the last update, the staff revised the scope of the project to salvage the project, meet the original intent of the project, and safeguard the grant funding after the city failed to acquire right-of-way and aerial easements. In the revised plan, the original three phases of the project would be constructed as a single project. He provided details about the three phases: I) Manhattan Beach Boulevard to the 405 freeway, II) the Marine/Inglewood Avenue intersection, and III) Rosecrans Boulevard to Marine Avenue. He also described activities that must be coordinated with the Centinela Valley Union High School District and Southern California Edison and discussed the funding. The project schedule was anticipated to be:

- May 2017 – complete design
- November 2016 – begin right-of-way acquisition
- February 2017 – complete right-of-way certification
- October 2017 – begin construction
- February 2018 – complete construction

**I. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT** – none

**J. ITEMS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS**

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

Councilmember Reid met with the South Bay 25 Club regarding the Santa Sleigh event.

Councilmember Osborne and Mayor Pullen-Miles discussed various sessions they attended at the League of California Cities annual conference.

Mayor Pro Tem Kearney attended a Southern California Edison briefing breakfast with the city manager, and a South Bay Workforce Development Board awards ceremony with the mayor. He expressed appreciation for the Coffee with a Cop event and encouraged public participation in the Halloween Haunt and the Wall of Distinction ceremony.

Mayor Pullen-Miles discussed Coffee with a Cop and the workforce board awards.

**K. ADJOURNMENT** – There being no further business to conduct, the mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:19 p.m. in memory of longtime Lawndale resident Max Walters.

ATTEST:

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Robert Pullen-Miles, Mayor

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Rhonda Hofmann Gorman, City Clerk

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Approved: November 7, 2016