

**MINUTES OF THE  
LAWNDALE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
July 15, 2019**

**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.

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Robert Pullen-Miles, Mayor Pro Tem James H. Osborne, Councilmember Pat Kearney, Councilmember Bernadette Suarez

Councilmembers Absent: Councilmember Daniel Reid

Other Participants: City Clerk Rhonda Hofmann Gorman, City Attorney Tiffany J. Israel, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Captain Duane Allen, Municipal Services Director Michael Reyes, Finance Director Marla Pendleton, Community Development Director Sean Moore, Assistant City Clerk Matthew Ceballos and approximately 15 audience members.

**B. CEREMONIALS**

Mayor Pro-Tem Osborne led the flag salute and Pastor Eddie Vargas, Restoration Life Church, provided the inspiration.

**C. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT**

Captain Duane Allen summarized recent law enforcement activities.

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

- Pam London, Resident, requested illegal fireworks enforcement statistics and information from the Sheriff's Department.
- Kelly Clark, Staff Attorney for Los Angeles Waterkeeper, spoke about opposing a proposed desalination plant currently being studied by the West Basin Municipal Water District, recommended the Council to add an opposition item to a future meeting.
- Randal Abram, Resident, spoke about illegal fireworks issues throughout the City and requested illegal fireworks enforcement statistics and information from the Sheriff's Department.

**E. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL**

The City Council responded generally to the comments, but did not request placement of any issues on a future meeting agenda.

Councilmember Kearney and Suarez spoke about possibly adding a report of desalination facilities on a next meeting.

Sherriff Deputy Sandy Nitz, reported on illegal fireworks enforcement statistics and information on July 4<sup>th</sup>. A dialogue ensued between Mayor Pullen Miles and Deputy Nitz regarding the use of undercover police vehicles.

**F. CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. **Motion to read by title only and waive further reading of all ordinances listed on the agenda**  
Recommendation: that the City Council approve.
2. **Contract Service Agreement for Additional Site Assessment and Soil Investigation Underground Storage Tank (UST) Project**  
Recommendation: that the City Council approve the new Contact Service Agreement to Ninyo & Moore by expanding the scope of services for total compensation not to exceed \$6,101.
3. **Final Parcel Map No. 73938**  
Recommendation: that the City Council approve.
4. **Quarterly Investment Report for the Quarter Ended June 30, 2019**  
Recommendation: that the City Council receive and file.
5. **Annual Investment Policy**  
Recommendation: that the City Council adopt Resolution CC-1907-035, reaffirming Council Policy Number 80-04 pertaining to the City's Investment Policy, with minor revisions.
6. **Consideration of Claim for Damages**  
Recommendation: that the City Council reject the claim filed by Adison Carrillo and instruct staff to process the appropriate correspondence to the claimant.
7. **Accounts Payable Register**  
Recommendation: that the City Council adopts Resolution No. CC-1907-036, authorizing the payment of certain claims and demands in the amount of \$1,036,029.36.
8. **Minutes of the Lawndale City Council Regular Meeting – June 17, 2019**  
Recommendation: that the City Council approve.

**A motion by Councilmember Kearney to approve the consent calendar was seconded by Councilmember Suarez and carried by a vote of 4-0. Councilmember Reid absent.**

**G. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

9. **Update to the Building and Safety Fees for Development**

Recommendation: that the City Council continue the Public Hearing to the August 5, 2019 City Council meeting.

**Mayor Pullen-Miles pulled the public hearing item and announced that the item would be taken up at a future meeting.**

## **H. ADMINISTRATION**

### **10. Second Contract Amendment for Solid Waste Request for Proposal Consulting Services**

Recommendation: that the City Council (a) approve the Contract Services Agreement for Solid Waste RFP Consulting Services with HF&H Consultants, LLC, increasing the amount \$15,000 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$135,900; and (b) direct the Finance Department to make a budget adjustment to increase General Fund revenue and Public Works Administration appropriation in the amounts of \$135,900 and \$15,000, respectively.

Finance Director Marla Pendleton reported on the proposed Second Contract Amendment for Solid Waste Request for Proposal Consulting Services.

**A motion by Councilmember Suarez to approve the Contract Services Agreement for Solid Waste RFP Consulting Services with HF&H Consultants, LLC, increasing the amount \$15,000 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$135,900, and direct the Finance Department to make a budget adjustment to increase General Fund revenue and Public Works Administration appropriation in the amounts of \$135,900 and \$15,000, respectively was seconded by Councilmember Kearney and carried by a vote of 4-0. Councilmember Reid absent.**

### **11. Cable Commission Dissolution and Creation of the Media and Technology Advisory Committee**

Recommendation: that the City Council (a) approve the first reading to introduce Ordinance No.1162-19, amending Chapter 2.40 of the Municipal Code dissolving the Lawndale Cable Commission; and (b) adopt Resolution No. CC-1907-037, removing references to the Cable Commission and creating the Media and Technology Advisory Committee.

Assistant City Clerk Matthew Ceballos reported on the proposed Cable Commission Dissolution and Creation of the Media and Technology Advisory Committee

**A motion by Mayor Pullen-Miles to approve the first reading to introduce Ordinance No.1162-19, amending Chapter 2.40 of the Municipal Code dissolving the Lawndale Cable Commission; and (b) adopt Resolution No. CC-1907-037, removing references to the Cable Commission and creating the Media and Technology Advisory Committee was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Osborne and carried by a vote of 4-0 following City Attorney Israel's reading of the title of Ordinance No. 1162-19. Councilmember Reid absent.**

### **12. League of California Cities Annual Conference**

Recommendation: that the City Council select a delegate and an alternate to represent the city at the League of California Cities Annual Conference.

Assistant City Clerk Matthew Ceballos reported on the proposed League of California Cities Annual Conference delegate selection.

**City Council reach a unanimous consensus to designate Councilmember Kearney as the voting delegate and have Mayor Pullen-Miles and Mayor Pro Tem Osborne as the alternates.**

**I. ITEMS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS**

**13. Mayor/Councilmember Report of Attendance at Meetings and/or Events**

Councilmember Kearney attended Assemblywoman Autumn Burke's Business Expo, Sherriff's Liability Trust Fund Oversight Committee meeting, and the Solid Waste Subcommittee.

Councilmember Suarez had nothing to report.

Mayor Pro Tem Osborne had nothing to report.

Mayor Pullen-Miles attended the Sanitation District meeting, the Metro City Selection meeting, and Congresswoman Maxine Waters' Housing Forum.

**J. CLOSED SESSION**

**Mayor Pullen-Miles pulled item number 15, Conference with Labor Negotiator, from closed session.**

At 7:00 p.m. the City Council entered into closed session.

**14. Public Employee Performance Evaluation and Compensation**

The City Council will hold a closed session pursuant to Government Code Sections 54957 and 54957.6(a), to conduct an employee performance evaluation and review compensation provided to the City Attorney.

**15. Conference with Labor Negotiator**

The City Council will conduct a closed session, pursuant to Government Code section 54957.6, with the city manager, the city attorney and the City's negotiators, regarding labor negotiations with Local 1895, Council 36, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, representing the City's mid-management and classified employees.

At 7:08 p.m. the City Council entered back into open session.

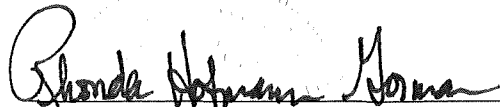
**City Attorney Tiffany Israel reported the City Council met in Closed Session to discuss the one item listed on the Closed Session agenda. The City Council was updated on the item number 14 and there was no reportable action taken.**

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to conduct, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

  
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Robert Pullen-Miles, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Rhonda Hofmann Gorman, City Clerk

Approved: 8/5/2019