

**MINUTES OF THE
LAWNDALE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, September 3, 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 Daniel Reid, Councilmember Bernadette Suarez

Other Participants: City Clerk Rhonda Hofmann Gorman, Interim City Manager Stephen N. Mandoki, City Attorney Tiffany J. Israel, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Lieutenant Christopher Lio, Community Services Director Mike Estes, Assistant to the City Manager/Human Resources Director Raylette Felton, 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

Councilmember Kearney led the flag salute and Pastor Max Youll, Restoration Life Church, provided the inspiration.

C. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Lieutenant Lio summarized recent law enforcement activities.

D. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

No public comment provide.

E. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

No comments from City Council.

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. **Amending the Lawndale Municipal Code Chapter 3.12, Updating the Process of Payment for Routine Claims and Demands – 2nd Reading and Adoption**

Recommendation: that the City Council approve the second reading and adopt Ordinance No. 1163-19, amending Chapter 3.12 of the Municipal Code updating the process of payment for routine claims and demands (warrants or checks drawn).

3. **South Bay Fiber Network (SBFN) - Letter of Commitment**
Recommendation: that the City Council approve and authorize the City Manager to sign the letter of commitment for minimum service level of a transport line to and from City Hall and Public Works, for a total cost of \$900 a month.
4. **Tentative Agreement between the City and the American Federation of the State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), Council 36, Local 1895**
Recommendation: that the City Council adopt Resolution No. CC-1909-004, approving the Tentative Agreement between the City of Lawndale and the American Federation of the State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), Council 36, Local 1895.
5. **Agreement with the Los Angeles Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (spcaLA) for Animal Sheltering Services**
Recommendation: that the City Council approve the agreement with the spcaLA for animal sheltering services at a base cost of \$76,000, for a one year term starting September 1, 2019 and ending August 31, 2020, plus \$50.00 per day for each animal held, at the City's request, in excess of the city's mandatory holding period.
6. **South Bay Workforce Investment Board Appointment – Business/Private Sector Representative**
Recommendation: that the City Council appoint Ms. Jarmene DeArmas to the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) to fill the current vacancy thereby allowing the SBWIB to then ratify the City Council's appointment.
7. **Park Development Fee Disclosure Report for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2019**
Recommendation: that the City Council (a) receive and file the report and (b) direct staff to report back to City Council no later than the first meeting in January 2020 (as required by GC 66006(b)1), to identify a park improvement project(s), funding requirements, and project timing.
8. **Accounts Payable Register**
Recommendation: that the City Council adopt Resolution No. CC-1909-043, authorizing the payment of certain claims and demands in the amount of \$81,021.47.
9. **Minutes of the Lawndale City Council Regular Meeting – August 19, 2019**
Recommendation: that the City Council approve.

LAWNDALE PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY

10. **Annual Report of Redevelopment Bond Payments for Fiscal Year 2018-2019**
Recommendation: that the Directors receive and file the report.
11. **Minutes of the Public Financing Authority Annual Meeting – September 17, 2018**
Recommendation: that the Directors approve.

A motion by Councilmember Kearney to approve the consent calendar was seconded by Councilmember Reid and carried by a vote of 5-0 following City Attorney Israel's reading of the title of Ordinance No. 1163-19.

G. ADMINISTRATION

12. Presentation and Discussion of the Proposed Desalination Plant Being Evaluated by the West Basin Municipal Water District

Recommendation: that the City Council (a) receive the presentation from representatives of both the LA Waterkeeper and West Basin Municipal Water District and (b) provide further direction to staff regarding the City's position, be it neutral, in opposition, or in support, for the proposed Desalination Plant.

Stephen N. Mandoki, Interim City Manager, reported on the proposed Discussion of the Proposed Desalination Plant Being Evaluated by the West Basin Municipal Water District.

Bruce Reznik, Executive Director of Los Angeles Waterkeeper, provided a PowerPoint presentation in opposition of the proposed Desalination Plant.

Patrick Shields, General Manager of West Basin Municipal Water District, provided an oral presentation in support of the proposed Desalination Plant.

A question and answer session ensued between the Council, West Basin Municipal Water District and Los Angeles Waterkeeper.

The City Council inquired about the discharge of salt taken out during the process, increasing water recycling programs, the environmental justice aspect of the Draft Environmental Impact Report, positions environmental groups have taken this project, proposed plants technology and record of the desalination plants in Carlsbad and Catalina, the release of the Final Environmental Impact Report, and next steps.

There was a general consensus from City Council to bring back item until Final Environmental Impact Report is released for inspection and review.

13. Discussion of the City's Residential Property Report Program – Chapter 8.80 of Lawndale Municipal Code

Recommendation: that the City Council discuss the Residential Property Report Program and provide direction to staff accordingly.

Stephen N. Mandoki, Interim City Manager, introduced the item to potentially modify the City's Residential Property Report Program.

Councilmember Reid reported on the item and his recommendation to alter the current ordinance to make the Residential Property Report Program optional.

Public Comment

Pam London, resident, spoke in opposition of altering the current ordinance and in favor of continuing the inspection and residential property report program.

Randall Abram, resident, spoke in opposition of altering the current ordinance and in favor of continuing the inspection and residential property report program.

Councilmember Suarez spoke about the need to make it optional based on the undue burden on a property buyer and seller. Councilmember Reid also stated that the City should not get in the middle of a real estate transaction.

Mayor Pullen-Miles inquired as to the other surrounding Cities practices and how future code enforcement violations would be brought into compliance.

A lengthy dialogue ensued between the City Council and staff regarding the inspections, the home buying processes, health and safety violations, and code enforcement policy.

A motion by Councilmember Reid to modify the current Residential Property Report Program to make it optional was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Osborne and carried by a vote of 4-1. Mayor Pullen-Miles - No

H. ITEMS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

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

Councilmember Reid, nothing to report. Spoke briefly about the Conception boating accident.

Councilmember Kearney, nothing to report. Spoke briefly about the upcoming Lawndale Blues Festival on September 14th.

Councilmember Suarez attended the South Bay Cities Board of Directors Meeting.

Mayor Pro-Tem Osborne, nothing to report.

Mayor Pullen-Miles attended the ILWU Labor Day rally, South Bay Chamber of Commerce Regional mixer, City of Gardena Jazz Festival, the Water Replenishment Districts Conservation and Educational Center grand opening, and the L.A. County Sanitation District regular meeting.

I. CLOSED SESSION

At 7:41 p.m. the City Council entered into closed session.

15. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation

The City Council will conduct a closed session, pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(4), because the City is considering whether to initiate litigation in one (1) case.

At 7:45 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. On item number 15, the City Council unanimously voted to authorize the initiation of litigation against the owners of 4738 w 153rd Place, Lawndale, CA 90260.

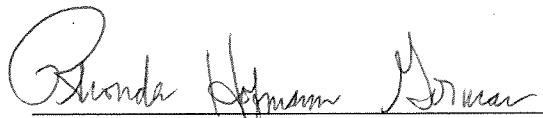
J. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m.



Robert Pullen-Miles, Mayor

ATTEST:



Rhonda Hofmann Gorman, City Clerk

Approved: 10/7/2019