

**MINUTES OF THE
LAWNDALE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
Monday, October 7, 2019**

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Pullen-Miles called the meeting to order at 6:33 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

Councilmembers Absent: Councilmember Bernadette Suarez

Other Participants: City Clerk Rhonda Hofmann Gorman, City Attorney Tiffany J. Israel, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Captain Duane Allen, 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 10 audience members.

B. CEREMONIALS

Councilmember Kearney led the flag salute and Pastor Douglas Gates, House of Celebration, provided the inspiration.

C. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

Captain Allen summarized recent law enforcement activities.

D. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

- Pam London, Resident, spoke about parking pads requirements, real estate listings throughout the City, and adjourning in the memory of Christopher Wilson.

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.

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. **Memorandum of Understanding between the City and the American Federation of**

- the State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), Local 1895, Council 36 and the Citywide Pay Schedule for Fiscal Year 2019-2020**
Recommendation: that the City Council (1) adopt Resolution No. CC-1910-047, approving the 2019-2020 Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Lawndale and American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), Local 1895, Council 36; and (2) adopt Resolution No. CC-1910-048, approving the 2019-2020 Citywide Salary and Pay Schedule.
3. **Agreement for Geographic Information System (GIS) Services with Digital Map Products, Inc. (GovClarity)**
Recommendation: that the City Council approve the agreement with Digital Map Products, Inc. for GIS Services, for a three year subscription total of \$48,510.
4. **Professional Services Agreement with Michael Baker International for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Administration and Labor Compliance Services**
Recommendation: that the City Council approve the Professional Services Agreement with Michael Baker International for CDBG Administration and Labor Compliance Services, for a not-to-exceed total amount of \$32,160 for Fiscal Year 2019-20.
5. **Land Surveying Agreement with Case Land Surveying and Pavement Engineering Services Agreement with Twining Inc. for the Redondo Beach Boulevard Pavement Rehabilitation Project from Prairie Avenue to Artesia Boulevard**
Recommendation: that the City Council approve the agreements for the engineering services in the total amount of \$41,064 (Case Land Surveying total of \$24,230 and Twining, Inc. total of \$9,990), including the twenty percent (20%) contingency fee.
6. **Joining a Coalition of Public Agencies Opposing a Petition to the FCC**
Recommendation: that the City Council authorize the City of Lawndale to join the coalition of public agencies in acting in opposition to the petition filed with the FCC; joining this public agency coalition will require a one-time flat fee of \$3,500.
7. **Quarterly Investment Report for the Quarter Ended September 30, 2019**
Recommendation: that the City Council receive and file the Quarterly Investment Report for the Quarter ended September 30, 2019.
8. **Amendment to Council Policy No. 62-01 - Use of City Seal/Logo**
Recommendation: that the City Council adopt Resolution No. CC-1910-046, amending City Council Policy No. 62-01 – Use of City Seal/Logo.
9. **Accounts Payable Register**
Recommendation: that the City Council adopt Resolution No. CC-1910-045 authorizing the payment of certain claims and demands in the amount of \$850,120.57.
10. **Minutes of the Lawndale City Council Regular Meeting – September 3, 2019**
Recommendation: that that the City Council approve.

A few comments were made by the City Council regarding the items on the Consent Calendar but no item was pulled or moved to administration.

A motion by Mayor Pullen-Miles to approve the consent calendar was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Osborne and carried by a vote of 4-0, Councilmember Suarez being absent.

G. ADMINISTRATION

11. Asset Disposal at Auction and Replacement with Hybrid Vehicle to be Used by the Municipal Service Department

Recommendation: that the City Council approve Asset 469 (2007 Ford Escape) to be sold at auction and the budget adjustment to increase appropriations of \$28,000 for the purchase of a replacement Hybrid Vehicle.

Marla Pendleton, Director of Finance, reported on the proposed asset disposal and replacement vehicle.

A motion by Councilmember Reid to approve Asset 469 (2007 Ford Escape) to be sold at auction and the budget adjustment to increase appropriations of \$28,000 for the purchase of a replacement Hybrid Vehicle was seconded by Councilmember Kearney and carried by a vote of 4-0, Councilmember Suarez being absent.

12. Amending Lawndale Municipal Code Section 10.12.020, updating the Prima Facie Speed Limits by eliminating 147th Street from Inglewood to Grevilla and 147th Street from Hawthorne Boulevard to Prairie

Recommendation: that the City Council approve the first reading to introduce Ordinance No. 1165-19, that amends Lawndale Municipal Code Section 10.12.020, Prima Facie Speed Limits by excluding the following street segments: (a) 147th Street from Inglewood to Grevilla and (b) 147th Street from Hawthorne Boulevard to Prairie.

Mayor Pullen-Miles removed item 12 from the agenda.

13. Award Contract for Fiscal Year 18/19 Annual Street Improvement Project Grevillea Avenue CDBG Project NO.601966-18 and SB1 Fiscal Year 18/19

Recommendation: that the City Council (a) award a construction contract in the amount of \$849,999 to Kalban Inc.; and (b) approve a twenty percent (20%) contingency in the amount of \$170,000.

Raylette Felton, Assistant to the City Manager/Human Resources Director, reported on the proposed Contract for Fiscal Year 18/19 Annual Street Improvement Project Grevillea Avenue CDBG Project NO.601966-18 and SB1 Fiscal Year 18/19.

Councilmember Kearney spoke about change orders from Kalban Inc. on a prior project, noted that he want more control over the identified project expenditures.

A motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Osborne to award a construction contract in the amount of \$849,999 to Kalban Inc. and approve a twenty percent (20%) contingency in the amount of \$170,000 was seconded by Councilmember Kearney and carried by a vote of 4-0, Councilmember Suarez being absent.

14. Amending Lawndale Municipal Code Chapter 8.80, Residential Property Report Requirements in the City of Lawndale

Recommendation: that the City Council (a) determine that Ordinance No. 1164-19 is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines; and (b) approve the first reading to introduce Ordinance No. 1164-19, amending Chapter 8.80 of the Municipal Code, modifying the Residential Property Report requirements from mandatory to voluntary.

Sean Moore, Community Development Director, reported on the proposed amendment to Lawndale Municipal Code Chapter 8.80, Residential Property Report Requirements in the City of Lawndale.

A lengthy dialogue ensued between the City Council regarding the illegal conversions, what a voluntary program would entail, and potential amendments to the proposed ordinance.

Public Comment

Pam London, Resident, spoke in opposition to the Municipal Code amendment, the need for a residential property report, code violations and parking issues throughout the City.

Randall Abram, Resident, spoke in opposition to the Municipal Code amendment, the need for a residential property report, parking issues throughout the City, inspections, and enforcement of the City code.

A dialogue ensued between the City Council and staff regarding a potential rewording of the proposed amendment, ensuring a Garage inspection be mandatory and not voluntary.

Councilmember Kearney suggested an amendment be made to include a mandatory inspection of garages during the Residential Property Report process. The Council came to a consensus to amend the proposed ordinance to include the mandatory inspection of garages.

A motion by Councilmember Kearney to approve revised Ordinance No. 1164-19, updating the amendment to Chapter 8.80 of the Municipal Code, to make residential property report inspections for the observable areas of a home voluntary while retaining the mandatory requirement for a garage inspection prior to sale, was seconded by Councilmember Reid and carried by a vote of 4-0, Councilmember Suarez being absent, following City Attorney Israel's reading of the title of revised Ordinance No. 1164-19.

H. ITEMS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

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

Councilmember Reid attended the California Contract Cities meeting, the Lawndale Blues Festival, and participated in the City "Clean Up" Day.

Councilmember Kearney attended the Lawndale Blues Festival, Sheriff's Liability Trust Fund Oversight Committee meeting, participated in the City "Clean Up" Day, Chris Wilson's viewing, and provided dates and routes for Santa's Sleigh event. Councilmember Kearney requested to add

an item to a future meeting agenda with the recommendation to change of title of the Lawndale Blues Festival to a Music Festival.

Mayor Pro-Tem Osborne attended the California Contract Cities meeting, the Lawndale Blues Festival, and the Southern California Association of Governments meeting.

Mayor Pullen-Miles attended the L.A. County Sanitation District Meeting, the West Basin Municipal Water District re-grand opening of its visitor's center, the California Contract Cities meeting, the Lawndale Blues Festival, and the funeral service for Christopher Wilson.

I. CLOSED SESSION

At 7:19 p.m. the City Council entered into closed session.

16. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation

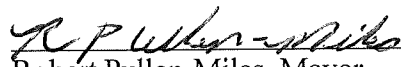
The City Council will conduct a closed session, pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(4), because the City is considering whether to initiate litigation in one (1) case.

At 7:27 p.m. the City Council entered back into open session.

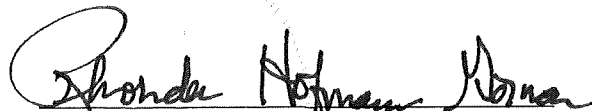
City Attorney Tiffany Israel reported the City Council met in Closed Session to discuss the one item listed on the Closed Session agenda. On item number 16, the City Council unanimously voted, Councilmember Suarez being absent, to authorize the initiation of litigation against the owners of 15430 Freeman Avenue, Lawndale, CA 90260.

J. ADJOURNMENT - IN MEMORIAM OF CHRISTOPHER WILSON

There being no further business to conduct, the Mayor adjourned the meeting in memory of Christopher Wilson at 7:32 p.m.


Robert Pullen-Miles, Mayor

ATTEST:


Rhonda Hofmann Gorman, City Clerk

Approved: 10/21/2019