

**MINUTES OF THE
LAWNDALE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
November 4, 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, Councilmember Pat Kearney, Councilmember Daniel Reid, Councilmember Bernadette Suarez

Councilmembers Absent: Mayor Pro Tem James H. Osborne

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 12 audience members.

B. CEREMONIALS

Councilmember Reid led the flag salute and Doris Hofmann provided the inspiration.

C. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

Captain Allen summarized recent law enforcement activities.

D. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

- Bridget Miller, Resident, spoke about rent control and wrongful evictions throughout the City, specifically about her personal experiences with an eviction. Requested an urgency ordinance to protect renters from “no fault” evictions.
- Chuck Rundle, Resident, inquired about the status of the light on Manhattan Beach Boulevard and a traffic camera study on Prairie Avenue and Marine Avenue.
- Jessica Romero, Library Manager, spoke and highlighted various Library programs.
- Doris Hofmann, Resident, commented on the success of the Lawndale Halloween Haunt Event and the upcoming Field of Honor.

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.

City Attorney Tiffany Israel provided background information on the new rental laws detailed in Assembly Bill (AB) 1482.

Mayor Pullen-Miles expressed the desire to explore the legal possibility of a moratorium on “no-fault” evictions and requested more information on the timing of AB 1482.

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Accounts Payable Register

Recommendation: that the City Council adopts Resolution No. CC-1911-050 authorizing the payment of certain claims and demands in the amount of \$261,047.01.

2. Minutes of the Lawndale City Council Regular Meeting – October 21, 2019

Recommendation: that the City Council approve.

LAWNDALE HOUSING AUTHORITY

3. Minutes of the Lawndale Housing Authority Regular Meeting – August 5, 2019

Recommendation: that the Commissioners approve.

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

G. ADMINISTRATION

4. Presentation and Discussion of the Proposed Desalination Plant and Final Environmental Impact Report

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: in opposition, in support, or take no action regarding the proposed Desalination Plant.

E.J. Caldwell, West Basin Municipal Water District Manager of Water Policy and Resource Development, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Proposed Desalination Plant and Final Environmental Impact Report.

Kelly Clark, Staff Attorney for L.A. Waterkeeper, provided an oral report opposing the Proposed Desalination Plant and Final Environmental Impact Report.

A lengthy question and answer discourse ensued between City Council, West Basin Municipal Water District staff and L.A. Waterkeeper staff regarding the energy intensive nature of a proposed desalination plant, permitted potable sources, desalination plant as an alternative, other possible water sources, CEQA requirements, cost analysis, economic justice component, reliability of a desalination plant, letters of support, environmental issues, brine discharge, allowable thresholds, sea life impacts, the San Andreas Fault line, and droughts

Public Comment

Randal Abram, Resident, inquired as to what environmental groups have changed their opinions of the EIR from draft to final.

A dialogue ensued between Council regarding studies, the need for reliable water sources, desalination unknowns, cost estimates and analysis, marine life impact, storm water and alternative water sources.

City Council came to a general consensus to take no action until a cost analysis of the proposed desalination plant is provided for review.

5. Budget Update for the Quarter Ended September 30, 2019

Recommendation: that the City Council (a) receive and file the Quarterly Investment Report for the quarter ended September 30, 2019; and (b) approve all recommend adjustments as detailed in the staff report.

Finance Director Marla Pendleton reported on the proposed Budget Update for the Quarter Ended September 30, 2019.

A motion by Councilmember Reid to receive and file the Quarterly Investment Report for the quarter ended September 30, 2019 and approve all recommend adjustments as detailed in the staff report was seconded by Councilmember Kearney and carried by a vote of 4-0, Mayor Pro Tem Osborne was absent.

6. Authorize Application For and Receipt of Senate Bill 2 (SB 2) Planning Grants Program Funds

Recommendation: that the City Council (a) determine that the consideration of Resolution No. 1911-051 is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to Section 15378 of the CEQA Guidelines; and (b) adopt Resolution No. 1911-051 authorizing staff to submit an application for grant funding from the SB 2 Planning Grants Program.

Community Development Director Sean Moore reported on the proposed Application For and Receipt of Senate Bill 2 (SB 2) Planning Grants Program Funds.

A motion by Councilmember Suarez to determine that the consideration of Resolution No. 1911-051 is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to Section 15378 of the CEQA Guidelines and adopt Resolution No. 1911-051 authorizing staff to submit an application for grant funding from the SB 2 Planning Grants Program was seconded by Councilmember Kearney and carried by a vote of 4-0, Mayor Pro Tem Osborne was absent.

7. Residential Development Standards and Design Guidelines

Recommendation: that the City Council (a) determine that the consideration of Resolution No. 1911-052 is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines; and (b) adopt Resolution No. 1911-052 approving the Residential Development Standards and Design Guidelines.

Community Development Director Sean Moore reported on the proposed Residential Development Standards and Design Guidelines

A motion by Councilmember Kearney to determine that the consideration of Resolution No. 1911-052 is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines and adopt Resolution No. 1911-052 approving the Residential Development Standards and Design Guidelines was seconded by Councilmember Reid and carried by a vote of 4-0, Mayor Pro Tem Osborne was absent.

H. ITEMS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

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

Councilmember Reid attended the California Contract Cities meeting and the Lawndale Halloween Haunt Event.

Councilmember Kearney attended the Boring Company tunnel tour, the grand opening of the Urth Caffé, and the Lawndale Halloween Haunt Event.

Councilmember Suarez attended the Lawndale Halloween Haunt Event and was guest speaker at Environmental Charter High School. Councilmember Suarez stated that she would like to explore a budget for social media ads and greater outreach.

Mayor Pullen-Miles attended the Lawndale Halloween Haunt Event, the California Contract Cities meeting, the Boring Company tunnel tour

I. CLOSED SESSION

At 8:22 p.m. the City Council entered into closed session.

9. Public Employee Appointment

The City Council will conduct a closed session, pursuant to Government Code section 54957(b), to consider an appointment to the position of City Manager.

10. 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.

LAWNDALE HOUSING AUTHORITY

11. Conference with Real Property Negotiator

The Authority will conduct a closed session, pursuant to Government Code section 54956.8, to enable the commissioners to consider negotiations and to give direction to its negotiators regarding that certain real property, 4019 W. 169th Street, APN 4074-016-015. The Authority's real property negotiators, its executive director and housing


director, will seek direction from the commissioners regarding the price and terms for this property.

At 9:20 p.m. the City Council entered back into open session.

City Attorney Tiffany Israel reported the City Council/Lawndale Housing Authority met in Closed Session to discuss the three item listed on the Closed Session agenda. On item number 10, the City Council unanimously voted, Mayor Pro Tem Osborne being absent, to authorize the initiation of litigation against the owners of 14923 Larch Avenue, Lawndale, CA 90260. The City Council was updated on items number 9 and 11, there was no reportable action taken.

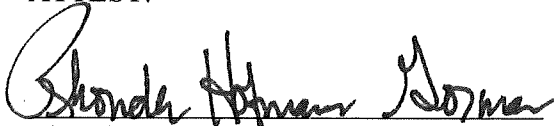
J. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, the mayor adjourned the meeting at 9:20 p.m.



Robert Pullen-Miles, Mayor

ATTEST:



Rhonda Hofmann Gorman, City Clerk

Approved: 11/18/2019