

**MINUTES OF THE
LAWNDALE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
November 18, 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, 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 22 audience members.

B. CEREMONIALS

Councilmember Kearney led the flag salute and Pastor Eddie Vargas, Restoration Life Church, provided the inspiration.

C. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

Captain Allen summarized recent law enforcement activities.

D. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

- Gary White, Resident, congratulated the Lawndale High School Football team and spoke about a paper version of the Lawndale Music Festival survey.

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. **Senior Citizen Advisory Committee Appointments**

Recommendation: that (a) the City Council approve the Mayor's appointments by directing staff to insert the appointees' names in Section 1 of Resolution No. CC-1911-054, and (b) that the City Council adopt the resolution as amended.

3. Beautification Committee Appointment

Recommendation: that (a) the City Council approve the Mayor's appointment by directing staff to insert the appointee's name in Section 1 of Resolution No. CC-1911-056, and (b) that the City Council adopt the resolution as amended.

4. Federally Funded Employment and Job Training – South Bay Workforce Investment Board Activities Summary

Recommendation: that the City Council receive and file the report.

5. Accounts Payable Register

Recommendation: that the City Council adopts Resolution No. CC-1911-053, authorizing the payment of certain claims and demands in the amount of \$638,912.44.

6. Minutes of the Lawndale City Council Regular Meeting – November 4, 2019

Recommendation: that the City Council approve.

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

G. PUBLIC HEARINGS

7. Residential and Commercial Solid Waste Collection Service Rates

Recommendation: that (a) the City Council conduct a public hearing, (b) consider the testimony of any interested parties, and (c) adopt Resolution No. CC-1911-055, approving the residential and commercial/multifamily solid waste disposal and recycling rates effective January 1, 2020.

Mayor Pullen-Miles opened the Public Hearing at 6:50 p.m.

Debbie Morris, HF&H Consultants, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed Residential and Commercial Solid Waste Collection Service Rates.

Mayor Pullen-Miles inquired if the City had received any written protest against the proposed rates, Assistant City Clerk Matthew Ceballos responded indicating that three written protests were received.

The public hearing was opened and closed immediately, there being no one wishing to testify.

A dialogue ensued between the consultant and Council regarding clarification of the billing and the upcoming organics recycling program.

A motion by Councilmember Kearney to adopt Resolution No. CC-1911-055, approving the residential and commercial/multifamily solid waste disposal and recycling rates effective January 1, 2020 was seconded by Councilmember Suarez and carried by a vote of 4-0, Councilmember Reid being absent.

H. ADMINISTRATION

8. Appointment of City Manager - Kevin M. Chun

Recommendation: that (a) the City Council approve the proposed City Manager Employee Agreement between the City of Lawndale and Kevin M. Chun; and (b) appoint Kevin M. Chun as the City Manager effective December 10, 2019.

Assistant to the City Manager/Human Resources Director Raylette Felton reported on the proposed appointment of Kevin M. Chun to City Manager.

Kevin M. Chun briefly introducing himself and thanked the Council for the opportunity. He went on to briefly outline the objectives he has and thanked his family for their support.

A motion by Mayor Pro Tem Osborne to approve proposed City Manager Employee Agreement between the City of Lawndale and Kevin M. Chun and appoint Kevin M. Chun as the City Manager effective December 10, 2019 was seconded by Councilmember Kearney and carried by a vote of 4-0, Councilmember Reid being absent.

I. ITEMS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

9. Urgency Ordinance prohibiting no-fault evictions for residential properties through December 31, 2019 - requested by Mayor Pullen-Miles.

Recommendation: that (a) the City Council discuss this item and receive public comment, if any, on the matter; (b) find that this action is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines; and (c) approve Urgency Ordinance No. 1166-19 temporarily prohibiting no-fault evictions for residential real properties within the City through December 31, 2019.

City Attorney Tiffany Israel reported on the proposed Urgency Ordinance prohibiting no-fault evictions for residential properties through December 31, 2019.

Public Comment

Bridget Miller, Resident, spoke in favor of approving the ordinance and detailed their personal experience of receiving a no-fault eviction notice.

Veanda Williams, Resident, spoke in favor of approving the ordinance and detailed their personal experience of receiving a no-fault eviction notice.

Johnny London, Resident, spoke in favor of approving the ordinance.

Jana Kimble, Resident, spoke in favor of approving the ordinance and detailed their personal experience of receiving a no-fault eviction notice.

Mayor Pro Tem Osborne spoke about the consequences and impacts of AB 1482, he went on to provided background on the legislation.

Councilmember Kearney spoke about rent increases throughout the region and their impacts.

Mayor Pullen-Miles spoke about the City protecting residents and the best interest of the City.

A motion by Mayor Pullen-Miles to approve Urgency Ordinance No. 1166-19 temporarily prohibiting no-fault evictions for residential real properties within the City through December 31, 2019 was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Osborne and carried by a vote of 4-0, Councilmember Reid being absent, following City Attorney Israel's reading of the title of Ordinance No. 1166-19.

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

Councilmember Kearney attended the ALADS dinner, the ribbon cutting ceremony at Target, the Field of Honor, the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Lawndale High School field, Sheriff's Liability Trust Fund Oversight Committee meeting, and the Mark Twain Elementary School national PTA award ceremony.

Councilmember Suarez attended the ribbon cutting ceremonies at Target.

Mayor Pro Tem Osborn attended the Field of Honor.

Mayor Pullen-Miles attended the ribbon cutting ceremonies at Target, Sanitation District board meeting, the ALADS dinner, and the Mark Twain Elementary School national PTA award ceremony.

J. CLOSED SESSION

At 7:40 p.m. the City Council entered into closed session.

11. 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.

12. 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 participate with an amicus brief in the City of Gardena v. Regional Water Quality Control Board – Los Angeles Region, et al., CA 4th District Court of Appeal Division 3 - Case No. G058540.

At 7:53 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 two items listed on the Closed Session agenda. The City Council was updated on item number 11 and there was no reportable action taken. On item number 12, the City Council unanimously voted, Councilmember Reid being absent, to participate with an amicus brief, to an amount not to exceed \$3,000, in the City of Gardena v. Regional Water Quality Control Board – Los Angeles Region, et al., CA 4th District Court of Appeal Division 3 - Case No. G058540.

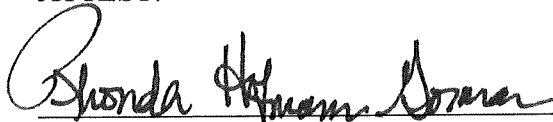
K. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, the mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:53 p.m.



Robert Pullen-Miles, Mayor

ATTEST:



Rhonda Hofmann Gorman, City Clerk

Approved: 12/2/2019