

**MINUTES OF THE
LAWNDALE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
December 2, 2019**

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Pullen-Miles called the meeting to order at 6:35 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, 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 15 audience members.

B. CEREMONIALS

Councilmember Suarez led the flag salute and Pastor Mitch Maciel, Restoration Life Church, provided the inspiration.

C. PRESENTATIONS

1. Retirement and Service Recognition – Stephen N. Mandoki, City Manager

Mayor Pullen-Miles and the City Council presented the Retirement and Service Recognition Plaque, Pin, and Retirement Watch to Stephen N. Mandoki.

Each Councilmember congratulated and thanked Stephen N. Mandoki for his service.

Mr. Mandoki briefly spoke about his time as the City Manager of Lawndale and his plans for retirement.

At 6:53 p.m. Mayor Pullen-Miles recessed the meeting for a short break.

At 7:08 p.m. the meeting reconvened.

D. ITEMS FROM CITY CLERK

City Clerk Rhonda Hofmann Gorman reported on the following upcoming events: Annual Angel Tree Lighting Ceremony and the 60th Anniversary Winter Funland.

E. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

Captain Allen summarized recent law enforcement activities.

Mayor Pro Tem James Osborne inquired about how suspects are able to obtain stolen firearms, Captain Allen indicated that tracing the origin of a stolen firearm.

Mayor Pullen-Miles and Councilmember Reid commented on the noticeable increased patrols.

F. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

- Bridget Miller, Resident, thanked the City Council for passing the urgency ordinance on “no-fault” evictions, she also spoke about traffic issues on Avis and 145th, and 145th and Prairie. Ms. Miller suggested three way stop signs and crosswalks.
- Jessica Romero, Lawndale Librarian, spoke about various ongoing Library programs.
- Carrie and Jim Holland, One Legacy Ambassadors, spoke about the One Legacy mission and the “Donate to Life” float that will appear in the Rose parade.
- Eddie Lopez, Resident, spoke about traffic signage enhancement on 145th and Condon to detail that it is a one-way street.
- Pam London, Resident, spoke about a right turn only lane changed to a continuation of flow of traffic heading southbound Inglewood Avenue to Marine Avenue. Ms. London also spoke about parking vehicles on the front yard of a house.
- Johnny London, Resident, spoke about his appreciation of the waste management services the City selected. He went on to inquire about “Airbnb” and short term rental enforcement throughout the City.

G. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

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

H. CONSENT CALENDAR

2. **Consideration of Claims Against the City**
Recommendation: that the City Council reject the claim filed by Jose Barajas and instruct staff to process the appropriate correspondence to the claimant.
3. **Street Sweeping Services Contract Extension**
Recommendation: that the City Council approve the contract extension with CleanStreet for citywide street sweeping services for a two (2) month term, beginning January 1, 2020 through February 28, 2020, at the current monthly rate of \$15,830 for a total amount of \$31,660.
4. **Parcel Map No. 73938**
Recommendation: that the City Council approve the final Parcel Map 73938.

5. Accounts Payable Register

Recommendation: that the City Council adopts Resolution No. CC-1912-057, authorizing the payment of certain claims and demands in the amount of \$714,748.14.

6. Minutes of the Lawndale City Council Regular Meeting – November 18, 2019

Recommendation: that the City Council approve.

A motion by Councilmember Reid to approve the consent calendar was seconded by Councilmember Kearney and carried by a vote of 5-0.

I. ADMINISTRATION

7. Award of Professional Auditing Service Contract

Recommendation: that the City Council (a) approve the Contract Services Agreement for Professional Auditing Services with Rogers, Anderson, Malody & Scott, LLP, for a five (5) year term, for an amount not to exceed \$226,600; (b) and authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement on behalf of the City.

Finance Director Marla Pendleton reported on the proposed Professional Auditing Service Contract.

Mayor Pro Tem Osborne inquired about if the Auditing Consultant worked with other South Bay Cities. Director Pendleton that this firm has worked with the City of Hawthorn and noted that their references spoke highly of them.

A motion by Councilmember Suarez to approve the Contract Services Agreement for Professional Auditing Services with Rogers, Anderson, Malody & Scott, LLP, for a five (5) year term, for an amount not to exceed \$226,600 and authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement on behalf of the City was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Osborne and carried by a vote of 5-0.

8. Los Angeles County West Vector and Vector-Borne Disease Control District Trustee Appointment

Recommendation: that the Mayor (a) appoint a trustee to the LA County West Vector Control District, that the City Council confirm the appointment by directing staff to amend Section 1 of Resolution No. CC 1912-058 by inserting the name of the appointee and completing the expiration date; and (b) that the City Council adopt the resolution as amended.

Mayor Pullen Miles nominated and appointed James Osborne as the trustee to the LA County West Vector Control District.

A motion Mayor Pro Tem Osborne by to appoint James Osborne as a trustee to the LA County West Vector Control District for a four year term and adopt Resolution No. CC 1912-058 as amended, was seconded by Councilmember Reid and carried by a vote of 5-0.

9. Annual Reorganization of the City Council

Recommendation: that the City Council appoint one of its members to serve as Mayor Pro Tem for a term beginning on January 1, 2020 and ending on December 31, 2020.

Mayor Pro Tem Osborne nominated Councilmember Suarez to serve as the next Mayor Pro Tem.

A motion by Mayor Pro Tem Osborne to appoint Councilmember Suarez to serve as Mayor Pro Tem for a term beginning on January 1, 2020 and ending on December 31, 2020 was seconded by Councilmember Kearney and carried by a vote of 4-0, Councilmember Suarez abstained.

J. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

10. Cancellation of the December 16, 2019 City Council Meeting

Recommendation: that the City Council discuss the cancellation of the December 16, 2019 City Council Meeting and provide direction to staff.

Raylette Felton, Assistant to the City Manager/Human Resources Director, reported on the proposed cancellation of the December 16, 2019 City Council Meeting.

City Council reached a unanimous consensus to cancel the December 16, 2019 City Council Meeting.

K. ITEMS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

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

Councilmember Reid attended the Centinela Valley Union High School District Board meeting.

Councilmember Kearney attended the South Bay Council of Governments meeting and Assemblywoman Autumn Burke's Turkey giveaway.

Councilmember Suarez attended the Centinela Youth Services Board meeting and the South Bay Council of Governments meeting,

Mayor Pro Tem Osborne attended the South Bay Council of Governments meeting.

Mayor Pullen-Miles attended the Centinela Youth Services Board meeting and Assemblywoman Autumn Burke's Turkey giveaway.

The City Council wished everyone a Happy Holidays and New Year.

L. CLOSED SESSION

At 7:50 p.m. the City Council entered into closed session.

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 initiate litigation in one case against Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) relating to the I-405 Improvement Project.

At 8:05 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 item number 12 and there was no reportable action taken.

M. ADJOURNMENT

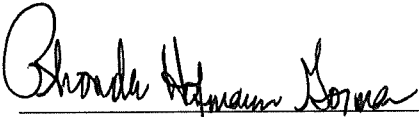
The City Council thanked Raylette Felton for filling in as Acting City Manager.

There being no further business to conduct, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.



Robert Pullen-Miles, Mayor

ATTEST:



Rhonda Hofmann Gorman, City Clerk

Approved: 1/6/2020