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**F. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

- Lisa Aguilar, Hawthorne Business Owner, spoke about her support for Mr. Padilla and recommended that Felix Padilla be given the opportunity to buy the City owned property on Hawthorne and Manhattan Beach Boulevard.
- Felix Padilla, Resident, wanted an equal opportunity to buy property and develop a project on Hawthorne and Manhattan Beach Boulevard. He continued to speak about the process and development of a project.
- Robert Jonas, Torrance Resident and Business Owner, spoke about the property and encouraged the City Council to give Mr. Padilla an opportunity to purchase the property.
- Gary White, Resident, spoke about the issue of large trucks going down narrow streets, the various accidents that take place, and the construction debris in the street. He also invited everyone to join him at the upcoming fishing expo in Long Beach.
- Jay Gould, Resident, spoke about 172nd street parking issues and various parking issues throughout the City.

**G. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL**

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

**H. CONSENT CALENDAR**

2. **Motion to read by title only and waive further reading of all ordinances listed on the agenda**  
Recommendation: that City Council approve.
3. **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and Adoption - Updating Posting Locations of Ordinances, Resolutions and Notices**  
Recommendation: that City Council adopt Ordinance No. 1152-19, updating the City's official posting locations for ordinances, resolutions and notices.
4. **Consideration of Claim for Damages**  
Recommendation: that City Council reject the claim filed by Rosa Estrada and instruct staff to process the appropriate correspondence to the claimant.
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Recommendation: that City Council reject the claim filed by Law Offices of Raymond Ghermezian, on behalf of Bernardo Lara, and instruct staff to process the appropriate correspondence to the claimant.
6. **2019 Fireworks Permits**  
Recommendation: that City Council award conditional permits to the following organizations: Rotary Club of Lawndale, Lawndale Chamber of Commerce, Christian Heritage Church, Wesleyan Church of Lawndale, Lawndale Youth Football & Cheerleading and Lawndale Little League.
7. **Funding Agreement with the South Coast Air Quality Management District**

Recommendation: that City Council approve the Funding Agreement between the City and South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) in the amount of \$175,000.

8. **Accounts Payable Register**

Recommendation: that the City Council adopts Resolution No. CC-1902-04, authorizing the payment of certain claims and demands in the amount of \$1,266,894.61.

9. **Minutes of the Lawndale City Council Regular Meeting – January 7, 2019**

Recommendation: that 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 following City Attorney Israel's reading of the title of Ordinance No. 1152-19.**

**I. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

10. **Extension of Interim Urgency Ordinance Prohibiting the Operation of Motorized Scooter Programs within the City Limits and Declaring a Moratorium for a Period of Ten (10) Months and Fifteen (15) Days**

Recommendation: that the City Council (a) conduct a public hearing; (b) determine that Urgency Ordinance No. 1155-19 is exempt from California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"); and (c) adopt, by four-fifths (4/5) vote of the City Council, Interim Urgency Ordinance No. 1155-19, extending the 45-day Interim Urgency Ordinance No. 1153-19 by 10 months and 15 days.

Community Development Director Sean Moore reported on the proposed extension of Interim Urgency Ordinance Prohibiting the Operation of Motorized Scooter Programs within the City Limits and Declaring a Moratorium for a Period of Ten (10) Months and Fifteen (15) Days.

The public hearing was opened and closed immediately at 7:19 p.m., there being no one wishing to testify.

Mayor Pullen-Miles noted that he was starting to see scooters within the City limits.

**A motion by Mayor Pro Tem Osborne to approve Interim Urgency Ordinance No. 1155-19, extending the 45-day Interim Urgency Ordinance No. 1153-19 by 10 months and 15 days 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. 1155-19.**

**J. ADMINISTRATION**

11. **Purchase and Sale Agreement for City-Owned property located at the Southwest corner of Hawthorne and Manhattan Beach Boulevards to 3600 Torrance Management**

Recommendation: that the City Council enter into a Purchase and Sale Agreement with 3600 Torrance Management for the Property located at Hawthorne and Manhattan Beach

Boulevard and authorize the City Manager to make any necessary changes or adjustments during the escrow process to ensure the property is sold.

Community Development Director Sean Moore reported on the proposed purchase and sale agreement for city-owned property located at the southwest corner of Hawthorne and Manhattan Beach Boulevards to 3600 Torrance Management.

A dialogue ensued between Council and staff regarding the good faith deposit and bid process.

#### Public Comment

Mr. Padilla explained that he put money down in his previous experience with the City and never got it back. He went on to repeat that he wanted the opportunity to buy the property and develop it.

A dialogue ensued between Council and staff regarding the proposed developer, the business he conducts in the City, the funds used by the City to process previous bid applications, and the bidding outreach process.

**A motion by Mayor Pro Tem Osborne to approve the Council enter into a Purchase and Sale Agreement with 3600 Torrance Management for the Property located at Hawthorne and Manhattan Beach Boulevard and authorize the City Manager to make any necessary changes or adjustments during the escrow process to ensure the property is sold was seconded by Councilmember Suarez and carried by a vote of 5-0.**

#### **12. Updating the Permitting Process for Taxicab Companies**

Recommendation: that the City Council introduce and approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 1156-19, updating the permitting of Taxicab Companies in the City of Lawndale.

Tiffany Israel, City Attorney, reported on the proposed first reading of Ordinance No. 1156-19, updating the permitting of Taxicab Companies in the City of Lawndale.

**A motion by Councilmember Suarez to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 1156-19, updating the permitting of Taxicab Companies in the City of Lawndale was seconded by Councilmember Kearney and carried by a vote of 5-0 following City Attorney Israel's reading of the title of Ordinance No. 1156-19.**

#### **13. Request for Proposals and Draft Agreement for Integrated Solid Waste Management Collection Services**

Recommendation: that the City Council approve the draft Request for Proposal and Agreement for Integrated Solid Waste Management Services and authorize staff to advertise and receive proposals.

Debbie Morris, HF&H Representative, provided a presentation with slides distributed to City Council and the audience, on the proposed draft Request for Proposal and Agreement for Integrated Solid Waste Management Services.

A dialogue ensued between Council and staff regarding the street debris pickups and bulky item pickups.

Councilmember Kearney announced that he had taken a campaign contribution from Republic Services and stated that although this had no bearing on his decision making he would abstain if the Council wanted him to.

A dialogue ensued between Council and staff regarding the holiday pickup schedule and its outreach.

Mayor Pro Tem Osborne stated that he had no issue with Councilmember Kearney voting on this item.

**A motion by Mayor Pro Tem Osborne to approve the draft Request for Proposal and Agreement for Integrated Solid Waste Management Services and authorize staff to advertise and receive proposals was seconded by Councilmember Reid and carried by a vote of 5-0.**

**14. Prohibition of Street Cut on Newly Paved Streets**

Recommendation: that the City Council introduce and approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 1154-19, establishing the street cut moratorium on any newly paved street within the City limits.

City Manager Steve Mandoki reported on the proposed first reading of Ordinance No. 1154-19, establishing the street cut moratorium on any newly paved street within the City limits.

Mayor Pro Tem Osborne suggested an amendment to the recommendation to increase the moratorium to 3 or 5 years, the Council came to a consensus.

**A motion by Mayor Pro Tem Osborne to approve the Ordinance No. 1154-19, establishing the street cut moratorium on any newly paved street within the City limits, amending the length of the moratorium to "3 or 5 years" was seconded by Councilmember Kearney and carried by a vote of 5-0 following City Attorney Israel's reading of the title of Ordinance No. 1154-19.**

**15. Annual Street Improvements Change Order No. 1 for FY 16/17**

Recommendation: that the City Council approve the Contract Change Order No. 1 (Extra Work) in the amount of \$30,000.

City Manager Steve Mandoki reported on the proposed Contract Change Order No. 1 (Extra Work) in the amount of \$30,000.

**A motion by Councilmember Kearney to approve the Contract Change Order No. 1 (Extra Work) in the amount of \$30,000 was seconded by Councilmember Suarez and carried by a vote of 5-0.**

**K. ITEMS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS**

**16. Councilmember Report of Attendance at Meetings and/or Events**

Councilmember Reid attended the following: South Bay 25 Club volunteer appreciation, Beautification Committee Holiday Decorating Contest Awards, 2019 Homeless Count, and the South Bay Legislative meet and greet by the League of California Cities.

Councilmember Kearney attended the following: South Bay 25 Club volunteer appreciation, Beautification Committee Holiday Decorating Contest Awards, 2019 Homeless Count, and the South Bay Legislative meet and greet by the League of California Cities.

Councilmember Suarez attended the following: 2019 Homeless Count and the South Bay Legislative meet and greet by the League of California Cities.

Mayor Pro Tem Osborne attended the South Bay Legislative meet and greet by the League of California Cities.

The Council spoke about the various issues they saw with the meeting facilitation and agenda, during the South Bay Legislative meet and greet by the League of California Cities.

Mayor Pullen-Miles attended the South Bay Legislative meet and greet by the League of California Cities, City Selection Committee meeting, and the West Basin Municipal Water District meeting.

L. **CLOSED SESSION**

At 8:04 p.m. the City Council entered into closed session.

17. **Conference with Labor Negotiator** - The City Council will conduct a closed session, pursuant to Government Code section 54957.6, with the city manager and city attorney, the City's negotiators, regarding labor negotiations with unrepresented employees, the central management team.
18. **Public Employee Performance Evaluation** - The City Council will hold a closed session, pursuant to Government Code section 54957(b), to conduct an employee evaluation concerning the City Manager.


At 8:41 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 items listed on the Closed Session agenda. The City Council was updated on these items and there was no reportable action taken.**

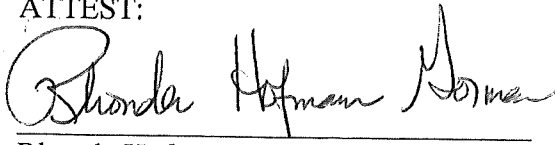
M. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Pullen-Miles announced the meeting would be adjourned in honor of Phyllis Hatcher who passed away. Mayor Pullen-Miles read a brief statement regarding the passing of Phyllis Hatcher.

There being no further business to conduct, the mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:44 p.m.

  
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Robert Pullen-Miles, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Rhonda Hofmann Gorman, City Clerk

Approved: 2/19/2019