

**MINUTES OF THE  
LAWDALE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
March 4, 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 Manager Stephen N. Mandoki, City Attorney Tiffany J. Israel, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Lieutenant Dan Holguin, Community Services Director Mike Estes, Assistant to the City Manager/Human Resources Director Raylette Felton, Municipal Services Director Michael Reyes, Community Development Director Sean Moore, Assistant City Clerk Matthew Ceballos and approximately 10 audience members

**B. CEREMONIALS**

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

**C. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT**

Lieutenant Dan Holguin summarized recent law enforcement activities.

Mayor Pro Tem Osborne inquired about the stopping of cars with tinted windows by the Sherriff Department, Lieutenant Holguin responded appropriately.

**D. ITEMS FROM CITY CLERK**

City Clerk Rhonda Hofmann Gorman reported on the following: the March 9<sup>th</sup> to March 17<sup>th</sup> spring Citywide Clean-Up and the upcoming time change.

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

- Michael Kim, Resident, spoke about a code enforcement issue involving a hedge on his property. He continued to speak about the metro right-of-way being used by the homeless and how the hedge acted as a buffer.
- Ed Abboud, Resident, also spoke about the code enforcement issue involving the hedge on Mr. Kim's property.
- Nassima Daroui, Resident, also spoke about code enforcement issue involving a hedge on her and Mr. Kim's property.

- Johnny London, Resident, inquired about enforcing tint shops and their services; suggested penalties for providing that service.

**F. 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.

**G. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**1. Los Angeles County General Services Agreement**

Recommendation: that the City Council approve the General Services Agreement with the County of Los Angeles for the period of July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2024.

**2. Accounts Payable Register**

Recommendation: that the City Council adopts Resolution No. CC-1903-009, authorizing the payment of certain claims and demands in the amount of \$802,083.20.

**3. Minutes of the Lawndale City Council Regular Meeting – February 19, 2019**

Recommendation: that City Council approve.

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

**H. ADMINISTRATION**

**4. Amendments to the Citywide Salary/Pay Schedule and to the Salary & Benefits for Central Management Employees**

Recommendation: that the City Council (a) adopt Resolution No. CC-1903-010, approving the amendment to the Schedule of Salary and Benefits for the Central Management Employees; (b) allocate \$11,454 from General Fund Salaries Line Item-100.501.100 for this adjustment; and (c) adopt Resolution No CC-1903-011, approving the amendment to the 2018-2019 Citywide Salary and Pay Schedule.

City Manager Stephen Mandoki reported on proposed Resolution No. CC-1903-010, approving the amendment to the Schedule of Salary and Benefits for the Central Management Employees and Resolution No CC-1903-011, approving the amendment to the 2018-2019 Citywide Salary and Pay Schedule.

**A motion by Councilmember Kearney to adopt Resolution No. CC-1903-010, approving the amendment to the Schedule of Salary and Benefits for the Central Management Employees, allocate \$11,454 from General Fund Salaries Line Item-100.501.100 for this adjustment, and adopt Resolution No CC-1903-011, approving the amendment to the 2018-2019 Citywide Salary and Pay Schedule was seconded by Mayor Pullen-Miles and carried by a vote of 5-0.**

**5. Urban Development Assistance Grant (UDAG) Funding for Proposition 68 Grant Application**

~~Recommendation: that the City Council (a) approve the allocation of \$8,000 in Urban Development Assistance Grant funding to be paid to California Consulting for the completion of a grant application for the renovation of Dan McKenzie Community Garden and inclusion of a playground/tot lot area and an adjacent picnic/passive recreation space; and (b) authorizes the City Manager to execute an agreement between the City of Lawndale and California Consulting for said grant writing services.~~

Mayor Pullen-Miles withdrew item number 5 based on staff's recommendation, and the item would not be brought back for future approval.

**6. Award Contract for Traffic Signal Inventories**

Recommendation: that the City Council (a) award the contract service agreement to KOA, with the lowest responsible fee amount of \$18,500, and a ten (10%) percent contingency of \$3,700 and (b) appropriate \$22,200 of Measure M funds for this project.

City Manager Stephen Mandoki reported on proposed contract service agreement with KOA.

A brief dialogue ensued between staff and Council regarding the scope of work and the signals throughout the City.

**A motion by Councilmember Reid to approve award the contract service agreement to KOA, with the lowest responsible fee amount of \$18,500, and a ten (10%) percent contingency of \$3,700 and appropriate \$22,200 of Measure M funds for this project was seconded by Councilmember Osborne and carried by a vote of 5-0.**

**7. Approval of Plans & Specifications and Award of Construction Contract for the Inglewood Avenue Street Improvement Project**

Recommendation: that the City Council (a) adopt the plans, specifications and working details for Phase 3 of the Inglewood Avenue Street Improvement Project; (b) award a construction contract in the amount of \$1,598,315 to Excel Paving Company for the Inglewood Avenue Street Improvement Project; and (c) approve a fifteen (15%) contingency of \$240,000 to avoid project delays to facilitate timely project completion.

City Manager Stephen Mandoki reported on the proposed construction contract for the Inglewood Avenue Street Improvement Project (Phase 3).

A brief dialogue ensued between staff and Council regarding other road improvement projects.

**A motion by Mayor Pro Tem Osborne to adopt the plans, specifications and working details for Phase 3 of the Inglewood Avenue Street Improvement Project, award a construction contract in the amount of \$1,598,315 to Excel Paving Company for the Inglewood Avenue Street Improvement Project, and approve a fifteen (15%) contingency of \$240,000 to avoid project delays to facilitate timely project completion was seconded by Councilmember Kearney and carried by a vote of 5-0.**

**I. ITEMS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS**

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

Councilmember Daniel Reid attended the California Contract Cities meeting, Porsche Center ride-along, and Charmaine Doty's "Wall of Distinction" plaque unveiling.

Councilmember Pat Kearney attended the Sherriff's Liability Trust Fund sub-committee meeting and Charmaine Doty's "Wall of Distinction" plaque unveiling.

Councilmember Bernadette Suarez attended the General Assembly for the South Bay Cities Council of Governments and Charmaine Doty's "Wall of Distinction" plaque unveiling.

Mayor Pro Tem James Osborne attended Charmaine Doty's "Wall of Distinction" plaque unveiling and the General Assembly for the South Bay Cities Council of Governments.

Mayor Robert Pullen-Miles attended the General Assembly for the South Bay Cities Council of Governments, Charmaine Doty's "Wall of Distinction" plaque unveiling, and the Los Angeles County sanitation district monthly meeting.

**J. CLOSED SESSION**

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

**9. 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.

At 7:30 pm the City Council entered back into open session.

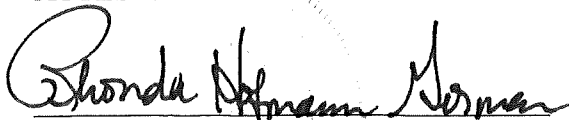
**City Attorney Tiffany Israel reported the City Council met in Closed Session to discuss the items listed on the Closed Session agenda. The City Council unanimously voted to authorize the initiation of receivership proceedings against the owners of 14316 Kingsdale Avenue, Lawndale, CA 90260.**

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to conduct, the mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

  
Robert Pullen-Miles, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Rhonda Hofmann Gorman, City Clerk

Approved: 3/25/19