

**MINUTES OF THE
LAWNDALE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
May 6, 2019**

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Pullen-Miles called the meeting to order at 6:33 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 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 13 audience members.

B. CEREMONIALS

Councilmember Suarez led the flag salute and Pastor Douglas Gates, House of Celebration Church, provided the inspiration.

City Manager Stephen Mandoki introduced the new Sherriff Captain, Duane Allen.

C. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

Captain Duane Allen briefly introduced himself and summarized recent law enforcement activities.

Mayor Pro Tem Osborne briefly spoke about mitigating homeless issues, City Council welcomed the new captain.

D. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

- Jessica Romero, Lawndale Library Manager, spoke about various library programs, such as the battle robotics program, yoga for teens, adult 101, and a senior tech club.
- Pam London, Resident, spoke about a waiver of underground wiring and fence permitting per property owner, spoke about considering amending a code to change fence height restrictions.

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. **Environmental Charter High School MOU Renewal for the use of Hopper Park as its emergency evacuation site**
Recommendation: that the City Council approve the proposed renewal of the Environmental Charter High School MOU and accept the updated dates.
3. **Accounts Payable Register**
Recommendation: that the City Council adopts Resolution No. CC-1905-024, authorizing the payment of certain claims and demands in the amount of \$760,862.85.
4. **Minutes of the Lawndale City Council Regular Meeting – April 15, 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.

G. ADMINISTRATION

5. **Cable Commission Dissolution**
Recommendation: that the City Council approve the first reading to introduce Ordinance No. 1160-19, amending Chapter 2.40 of the Municipal Code effectively dissolving the Lawndale Cable Commission.

Assistant City Clerk Matthew Ceballos reported on the proposed Ordinance No. 1160-19, amending Chapter 2.40 of the Municipal Code effectively dissolving the Lawndale Cable Commission.

A lengthy discussion ensued between the City Council and staff regarding the attendance of the commission, duties of the commission, funding, and potential replacement or transformation of the commission.

Lenore Bemis, Cable Commissioner, spoke about the possibility of dissolving the Cable Commission.

A motion by Councilmember Kearney to approve the first reading to introduce Ordinance No. 1160-19, amending Chapter 2.40 of the Municipal Code effectively dissolving the Lawndale Cable Commission.

The discussion continued between the City Council and staff regarding the options and direction to staff involving the future of the Cable Commission.

Councilmember Kearney withdrew his motion to approve staff's recommendation.

City Council came to a consensus to direct staff to come back to Council with new ideas or options, and a possible replacement to the Cable Commission. No action was taken on the Ordinance as proposed.

6. Budget Adjustment for the Quarter ended March 31, 2019

Recommendation: that the City Council approve and direct the Finance Department to make budget adjustments as detailed in the staff report and summarized below:

1. Increase General Fund Revenue - \$ 710,000
2. Increase Appropriations - Finance Department - \$55,000
3. Increase Appropriations - Public Works - \$17,000
4. Increase Revenue and Designate Use - \$1,400,000
5. Budget Housing Set-Aside Transfers - \$221,886
6. Budget Transfer of TABS Funds for Street Projects - \$174,087

Finance Director Marla Pendleton, reported on the proposed budget adjustments.

City Manager Stephen Mandoki briefly spoke about reserves, returns from the State, and future investments strategies.

Councilmember Kearney inquired about the HVAC repair line item, City Manager Mandoki and Finance Director Pendleton responded with the additional repairs that needed to take place.

A motion by Councilmember Reid to approve and direct the Finance Department to make budget adjustments as detailed in the staff report was seconded by Councilmember Kearney and carried by a vote of 5-0.

H. ITEMS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

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

Councilmember Reid attended the California Contract City's meeting, City Easter event, the Youth Day Parade, and Spring Extravaganza event,

Councilmember Kearney attended the City Easter event and the Youth Day Parade.

Councilmember Suarez attended the Youth in Government day, Youth Day Parade, South Bay Cities Council of Governments Directors meeting, Southern California Association of Governments Annual Conference, Parents and Kids Helping Kids program, and the Water Replenishment District annual festival.

Mayor Pro Tem Osborne attended the Southern California Association of Governments Annual Conference, California Contract City's meeting, Youth Day Parade, and the Youth in Government day.

Mayor Pullen-Miles attended the Youth in Government, Youth Day Parade, Spring Extravaganza event, City Easter event, Expression Art Program, and a Lawndale Elementary School District field trip to USC.

Mayor Pullen-Miles announced that City Manager Stephen Mandoki will retire from the City of Lawndale.

Each Councilmember briefly spoke about their interactions and experience with City Manager Mandoki and also congratulated him.

City Manager Mandoki briefly spoke about his time in Lawndale.

I. CLOSED SESSION

At 7:45 p.m. the City Council entered into closed session.

8. 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 two cases.

9. 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.

At 9:08 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. On item number 8, the City Council unanimously voted to authorize the initiation of litigation against the owners of two properties, one being at 4703 W. 164th Street, Lawndale, CA 902601 and the other at 14421 Kingsdale Avenue, Lawndale, CA 902601. On item number 9, the City Council was updated on this item and there was no reportable action taken.

J. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 9:09 p.m.


Robert Pullen-Miles, Mayor

ATTEST:


Rhonda Hofmann Gorman, City Clerk

Approved: 5/20/19