

**MINUTES OF THE  
LAWNDALE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
June 3, 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 10 audience members

**B. CEREMONIALS**

Councilmember Kearney led the flag salute and Pastor George Magdalany, Hope Chapel, provided the inspiration.

**C. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT**

Captain Duane Allen summarized recent law enforcement activities. Captain Duane Allen briefly introduced newly hired Lieutenant Christopher Lio, who said a few words about his new position.

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

- Pam London, Resident, spoke about dog waste bags and about the Sheriffs Safety report.
- Gary White, Resident, spoke about large trucks going down residential streets and hitting property. He went on to speak about hit and run incidents, his damaged property and desired more enforcement of large trucks on residential streets.
- Diana Boileau, Resident, spoke about issues with obtaining building permits on a newly inherited home. Mentioned various permitting issues with the property she wanted to see resolved.
- Jessica Romero, Lawndale Librarian, spoke about various summer library programs and digitizing historical Lawndale documents.

**E. 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.

**F. CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. **Motion to read by title only and waive further reading of all ordinances listed on the agenda**  
Recommendation: that City Council approve.
2. **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and Adoption – Amendment to the Lawndale Municipal Code Section 17.84.050 relating to Fences, Hedges and Walls within Residential Zones**  
Recommendation: that City Council approves the second reading to adopt Ordinance No. 1161-19, amending the City’s height standards for fences, hedges and walls within front yard setbacks for properties on cul-du-sacs without sidewalks in residential zones.
3. **Senior Citizen Advisory Committee Appointment**  
Recommendation: that the City Council (a) approve the Mayor’s appointment by directing staff to insert the appointees’ names in Section 1 of Resolution No. CC-1906-029, and (b) that the City Council adopt the resolution as amended.
4. **Update to the Redondo Beach Boulevard Improvement Project to include the Project Readiness Certification**  
Recommendation: that the City Council approve the submission of the Project Readiness Certification to LA Metro and authorize staff to solicit proposals for the engineering design services.
5. **First Amendment to the Uniform Services Agreement**  
Recommendation: that the City Council approve the First Amendment to the Contract Services Agreement with Prudential Overall Supply, for an annual amount of \$2,348 per year and the funding is available in the Public Works Department’s operational budget.
6. **Accounts Payable Register**  
Recommendation: that the City Council adopts Resolution No. CC-1906-027 authorizing the payment of certain claims and demands in the amount of \$1,227,103.36.
7. **Minutes of the Lawndale City Council Special Meeting – May 20, 2019**  
Recommendation: that City Council approve.
8. **Minutes of the Lawndale City Council Regular Meeting – May 20, 2019**  
Recommendation: that City Council approve.

**Public Comment**

Pam London, Resident, spoke in opposition to the 2nd Reading and Adoption of the Ordinance amending the Lawndale Municipal Code Section 17.84.050 relating to Fences, Hedges and Walls within Residential Zones, listed as item 2 on the consent calendar.

**A motion by Councilmember Suarez to approve the consent calendar 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. 1161-19.**

**G. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**9. Update the Public Works Department's Fee Schedule to include Fees for Applications relating to Wireless Communication Facilities**

Recommendation: that City Council (a) receive staff presentation and conduct the public hearing; and (b) adopt Resolution No. CC-1906-26 which updates the proposed fee schedule for the Public Works Department to include fees for applications relating to Wireless Communication Facilities.

The public hearing was opened and closed immediately at 7:04 p.m., there being no one wishing to testify.

Community Development Director Sean Moore reported on the proposed Resolution No. CC-1906-26 which updates the proposed fee schedule for the Public Works Department to include fees for applications relating to Wireless Communication Facilities.

**A motion by Councilmember Reid to adopt Resolution No. CC-1906-26, which updates the proposed fee schedule for the Public Works Department to include fees for applications relating to Wireless Communication Facilities, was seconded by Councilmember Kearney and carried by a vote of 5-0.**

**H. ADMINISTRATION**

**10. Contract Services Agreement with Telecom Law Firm P.C.**

Recommendation: that City Council approve the agreement with Telecom Law Firm P.C. for a fee not-to-exceed \$24,500, for review and processing of small cell wireless facilities permit applications.

Community Development Director Sean Moore reported on the proposed agreement with Telecom Law Firm P.C. for reviewing and processing of small cell wireless facilities permit applications.

**A motion by Councilmember Kearney to approve the agreement with Telecom Law Firm P.C. for a fee not-to-exceed \$24,500, for review and processing of small cell wireless facilities permit applications, was seconded by Councilmember Suarez and carried by a vote of 5-0.**

**11. First Amendment to the Solid Waste RFP Consulting Services Contract**

Recommendation: that City Council approve the First Amendment to the Contract Services Agreement for Solid Waste RFP Consulting Services with HF&H Consultants, LLC, for the additional amount of \$11,000.

City Manager Stephen Mandoki reported on the proposed first amendment to the Contract Services Agreement for Solid Waste RFP Consulting Services with HF&H Consultants, LLC.

**A motion by Councilmember Kearney to approve the first amendment to the Contract Services Agreement for Solid Waste RFP Consulting Services with HF&H Consultants, LLC, for the additional amount of \$11,000 was seconded by Mayor Pullen-Miles and carried by a vote of 5-0.**

**12. Opposition of Assembly Bill 392 - Use of Force**

Recommendation: that City Council (a) oppose Assembly Bill 392 by passing, approving and adopting Resolution No. CC-1906-28; and (b) direct the City Clerk to convey a copy of Resolution No. CC-1906-28 to the State Legislature and California Governor Gavin Newsom.

City Attorney Tiffany Israel reported on Resolution No. CC-1906-28, which opposes Assembly Bill 392.

A dialogue between the City Council ensued regarding AB 392 and their opposition to the bill.

Councilmember Suarez recommended this issue be addressed at the next Sherriff's Liability Trust Fund oversight committee meeting, to explore potential impact if it passes.

**A motion by Mayor Pro Tem Osborne to adopt Resolution No. CC-1906-28, which opposes Assembly Bill 392, and direct the City Clerk to convey a copy of Resolution No. CC-1906-28 to the State Legislature and California Governor Gavin Newsom, was seconded by Councilmember Kearney and carried by a vote of 5-0.**

**13. Fourth Amendment to the Contract with the City Manager and Amendment to the Salary & Benefits Resolution for Central Management Employees**

Recommendation: that City Council (a) approve the Fourth Amendment to the City Manager Employment Agreement; and (b) adopt Resolution No. CC-1906-031, approving the Second Amendment to the Citywide Salary and Pay Schedule.

City Attorney Tiffany Israel reported on the proposed Fourth Amendment to the City Manager Employment Agreement and the Resolution No. CC-1906-031, which is the Second Amendment to the Citywide Salary and Pay Schedule.

**A motion by Mayor Pro Tem Osborne to approve the Fourth Amendment to the City Manager Employment Agreement and adopt Resolution No. CC-1906-031, approving the Second Amendment to the Citywide Salary and Pay Schedule, was seconded by Councilmember Kearney and carried by a vote of 5-0**

**14. 180-Day Wait Period Exception for CalPERS Retired Annuitant/Interim City Manager Appointment and Interim City Manager Agreement**

Recommendation: that City Council (a) adopt Resolution No. 1906-030, approving an exception to the 180-day waiting period for the position of Interim City Manager; and (b) approve the Interim City Manager Employment Agreement between the City and Stephen Mandoki.

City Attorney Tiffany Israel reported on the proposed Resolution No. 1906-030, approving an exception to the 180-day waiting period for the position of Interim City Manager and the Interim City Manager Employment Agreement.

A dialogue between the City Council and staff ensued regarding part time designation and the CalPERs “critical need” designation.

**A motion by Councilmember Suarez to adopt Resolution No. 1906-030, approving an exception to the 180-day waiting period for the position of Interim City Manager and approve the Interim City Manager Employment Agreement between the City and Stephen Mandoki, was seconded by Councilmember Reid and carried by a vote of 5-0.**

**15. 2019-2020 Budget Workshop**

Recommendation: that the City Council receive the budget presentation, review the proposed budget, and direct staff as appropriate.

City Manager Stephen Mandoki briefly overviewed the budget for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

Finance Director Marla Pendleton provided an in-depth PowerPoint presentation on the 2019-2020 Budget.

A lengthy dialogue ensued between the City Council and staff regarding the reserve policy.

Director Pendleton continued the PowerPoint presentation.

A lengthy dialogue ensued between the City Council and staff regarding the crossing guard cost increases, event sponsorship, future sales tax revenue, business licensing software, City Attorney Rate increases, Citywide events, and the purchase of a drone.

City Manager Mandoki added closing remarks about the budget.

A dialogue ensued between the City Council and staff regarding City vehicles.

**City Council reached a consensus to bring back the proposed budget as approved, pending any minor changes.**

**I. ITEMS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS**

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

Councilmember Reid attended the Memorial Day ceremony and “Take Part” Festival at Leuzinger High School.

Councilmember Kearney attended the “Fit for Gold” event, “Take Part” Festival at Leuzinger High School, Lawndale elementary school classified employee event, and the Memorial Day ceremony. Councilmember Kearney went on to recognize the members of the military whom served in every theatre and battlefield during World War II.

Councilmember Suarez attended the Memorial Day ceremony, "Take Part" Festival at Leuzinger High School, and the Centinela Youth Services Board of Directors meeting

Mayor Pro Tem Osborne had nothing to report.

Mayor Pullen-Miles attended the Memorial Day ceremony, City of Hawthorne Memorial Day event, and the "Fit for Gold" event.

**J. CLOSED SESSION**

At 8:36 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, 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.

**18. Public Employee Performance Evaluation and Compensation**

The City Council will hold a closed session with the City's personnel officer, the City Manager, pursuant to Government Code Sections 54957 and 54957.6(a), to conduct an employee performance evaluation of the City Attorney and to discuss the salary, compensation and fringe benefits provided to the City Attorney.

**19. 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 three (3) cases.

At 9:27 p.m. the City Council entered back into open session.

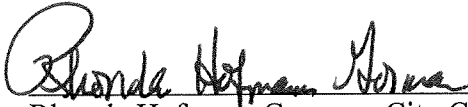
**City Attorney Tiffany Israel reported the City Council met in Closed Session to discuss the three items listed on the Closed Session agenda. The City Council was updated on the item number 17 and item number 18 and there was no reportable action taken. On item number 19, the City Council unanimously voted to authorize the initiation of litigation against the owners of three properties, the first being at 4533 W. 160th Street, Lawndale, CA 90260, the second at 4136 W. 169<sup>th</sup> Street, Lawndale, CA 90260, and the third at 4541-4543 W. 161<sup>st</sup> Street, Lawndale, CA 90260.**

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to conduct, the mayor adjourned the meeting at 9:28 p.m.

  
Robert Pullen-Miles, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Rhonda Hofmann Gorman, City Clerk

Approved: 6/17/2019