

**MINUTES OF THE
LAWDALE CITY COUNCIL AND OTHER BODIES REGULAR MEETING
June 17, 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 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 20 audience members.

B. CEREMONIALS

Councilmember Suarez led the flag salute and Pastor Bob Dobranski, The Way to God Church, provided the inspiration.

C. PRESENTATIONS

- 2019 Rotary Club Firefighter and Deputy of the Year Awards**
Presented to Firefighter Alex Rodriguez and Deputy Paul Saldana

Dr. Betsy Hamilton, Rotary Club and Lawndale School District Superintendent, presented the Deputy of the Year Award to Deputy Paul Saldana and Firefighter Year Award to Firefighter Alex Rodriguez.

- Recognition of Service to the City of Lawndale**
Presented to Captain John P. Burcher and Commander April Tardy

Mayor Pullen-Miles and the City Council presented the recognition of service awards to Captain John P. Burcher and Commander April Tardy.

Commander Tardy and Captain Burcher spoke about their time serving the Lawndale community.

D. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

Captain Duane Allen summarized recent law enforcement activities.

Mayor Pro Tem Osborne asked a technical question regarding a certain crime charged as a felony, Captain Allen clarified.

E. ITEMS FROM CITY CLERK

City Clerk Rhonda Hofmann Gorman spoke about the City Council meetings being live streamed and archived on YouTube.

F. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

- Charles Rundle, Resident, inquired about the results of the left turn light study on Manhattan Beach Boulevard and Hawthorne Boulevard as well as the progress of the vacant lot at the same location. He went on to discuss road conditions throughout the City and the need for repair.
- Randal Abram, Resident, thanked City staff for live streaming City Council meetings on YouTube, he then spoke about illegal firework issues throughout the City and recommended different approaches in the handling of illegal fireworks use and undercover police vehicles.
- Pam London, Resident, spoke about weed abatement and other aesthetic issues involving homes throughout the City. She then went on to speak about illegal fireworks signs and fireworks sales 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

- 3. Landscaping Maintenance Services Agreement**
Recommendation: that the City Council approve the Contract Services Agreement with South Bay Landscape Services, for an annual amount of \$225,000 for the term beginning July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022.
- 4. First Amendment to the Citywide Tree Trimming Services Agreement**
Recommendation: that the City Council approve the First Amendment to the Tree Trimming Services Agreement with South Bay Landscape Services, for an annual amount of \$166,490 for the term of the Agreement from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022.
- 5. Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Appropriation Limit**
Recommendation: that the City Council adopt Resolution No. CC-1906-034 approving the Appropriation Limit for fiscal year 2019-2020.
- 6. Letter of Support for Assembly Bill 1694 Expanding the Territory of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) to include the Dominguez Channel Watershed and Santa Catalina Island**
Recommendation: that the City Council authorize staff to submit a letter of support for Assembly Bill 1694.
- 7. South Bay Center for Dispute Resolution Agreement 2019-2022**

Recommendation: that the City Council approve the Agreement with the South Bay Center for Dispute Resolution with a contract sum of \$41,382.00 and a 5% contingency for a total not to exceed \$43,451.10.

8. Memorandum of Understanding to Accept Local Return Funds for Participation in the National Transit Database Reporting Program for FY 2015-16

Recommendation: that the City Council (a) approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority to accept \$35,029.00 of Proposition A local return funds; and (b) authorize the Mayor and City Manager to execute the MOU on behalf of the City.

9. County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department Law Enforcement Services Agreement and Service Level Authorization

Recommendation: that the City Council (a) approve the Municipal Law Enforcement Services Agreement for 5 years with the County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department and authorize the Mayor to execute it on behalf of the City and (b) authorize the City Manager to execute the Service Level Authorization on behalf of the City.

10. Animal Control Services

Recommendation: that the City Council (a) approve the City-County Municipal Services Agreement with the County of Los Angeles Department of Animal Care and Control; and (b) authorize the Mayor to execute it on behalf of the City; and (c) authorize the City Manager to execute the Service Level Request on Behalf of the City.

11. First Amendment to the Agreement for Sales, Use and Transactions Tax Audit Services between City and Hinderliter, de Llamas (HdL) and Associates

Recommendation: that the City Council (a) approve the First Amendment to Agreement for Sales, Use and Transactions Tax Services; and (b) authorize the City Manager to execute the Amendment on behalf of the City.

12. Accounts Payable Register

Recommendation: that the City Council adopt Resolution No. CC-1906-032, authorizing the payment of certain claims and demands in the amount of \$805,634.39.

13. Minutes of the Lawndale City Council Regular Meeting – June 3, 2019

Recommendation: that the City Council approve.

14. Federally Funded Employment and Job Training – South Bay Workforce Development Board Activities Summary

Recommendation: that the City Council receive and file the report.

REDEVELOPMENT SUCCESSOR AGENCY

15. Minutes of the Successor Agency Meeting – December 17, 2018

Recommendation: that the Board approves.

LAWNDALE HOUSING AUTHORITY

16. Minutes of the Housing Authority Regular Meeting – June 4, 2018

Recommendation: that the Commissioners approve.

LAWNDALE CABLE USAGE CORPORATION

17. Minutes of the Cable Usage Corporation Board of Directors Meeting – June 4, 2018

Recommendation: that the Directors approve.

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

I. ADMINISTRATION

18. FY 18/19 Annual Street Improvement Project - Authorization to Bid

Recommendation: that the City Council (a) adopt the plans and specifications, approve the project scope of work, and authorize staff to advertise the project for bids; (b) authorize staff to allocate an amount of \$69,634 from General Fund (100-310-700.269- Hawthorne Blvd. Recondition 163rd St. to 168th St) to the Road Maintenance and Rehab Alleys FY 17/18 project; (c) authorize staff to allocate an amount of \$71,650 from General Fund (100-310-700.271-RM&R-Alleys) to the Road Maintenance and Rehab Alleys FY 17/18 project; (d) authorize staff to allocate an amount of \$60,000 from General Fund (100-310-700.267- Jane Adams Parking Lot Improvement) to the Road maintenance and Rehab Various Streets FY 18/19 project; (e) approve a twenty percent (20%) contingency of \$117,418 for Grevillea Avenue Improvement project and Road Maintenance & Rehab-Alleys FY 17/18 to avoid project delays and facilitate timely project completion; and (f) approve a twenty percent (20%) contingency of \$116,000 for Road Maintenance & Rehab Various Streets FY18/19 to avoid project delays and facilitate timely project completion.

City Manager Stephen Mandoki reported on the proposed FY 18/19 Annual Street Improvement Project.

Councilmember Kearney inquired about the Jane Adams parking lot improvement obligation of repair and suggested splitting costs with the school district.

A dialogue ensued between City Council and staff regarding the parking lot improvement and other areas that needed repair.

A motion by Councilmember Reid to adopt the plans and specifications, approve the project scope of work, and authorize staff to advertise the project for bids, authorize staff to allocate an amount of \$69,634 from General Fund (100-310-700.269 Hawthorne Blvd. Recondition 163rd St. to 168th St) to the Road Maintenance and Rehab Alleys FY 17/18 project, authorize staff to allocate an amount of \$71,650 from General Fund (100-310-700.271-RM&R-Alleys) to the Road Maintenance and Rehab Alleys FY 17/18 project, authorize staff to allocate an amount of \$60,000 from General Fund (100-310-700.267- Jane Adams Parking Lot Improvement) to the Road maintenance and Rehab Various Streets FY 18/19 project, approve a twenty percent (20%) contingency of \$117,418 for Grevillea Avenue Improvement project and Road Maintenance & Rehab-Alleys FY 17/18 to avoid project delays and facilitate timely

project completion, and approve a twenty percent (20%) contingency of \$116,000 for Road Maintenance & Rehab Various Streets FY18/19 to avoid project delays and facilitate timely project completion, was seconded by Councilmember Kearney and carried by a vote of 5-0.

19. Lawndale Beat Fixed-Route Transportation Agreement

Recommendation: that the City Council approve a three year Contract Agreement between the City of Lawndale and MV Transportation, Inc. for Lawndale Beat Fixed-route Transportation Services in the amount of \$491,175.00 annually for a total contract amount of \$1,473,513.00 for three years.

City Manager Stephen Mandoki reported on the proposed Lawndale Beat Fixed-Route Transportation Agreement.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Brett Baum, Transportation Concepts, inquired about the proposal requirements, the scoring criteria of the proposal, and cost assessments made by staff.

Mike Estes, Community Development Director, responded to the questions and explained why the agreement was awarded to MV Transportation, Inc., although they didn't not exactly match the proposal criteria.

A motion by Mayor Pro Tem Osborne to approve a three year Contract Agreement between the City of Lawndale and MV Transportation, Inc. for Lawndale Beat Fixed-route Transportation Services in the amount of \$491,175.00 annually for a total contract amount of \$1,473,513.00 for three years, was seconded by Councilmember Kearney and carried by a vote of 5-0.

CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT SUCCESSOR AGENCY/LAWNDALE HOUSING AUTHORITY/ LAWNDALE CABLE USAGE CORPORATION

20. Annual Municipal Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-20

Recommendation: that the City Council adopt Resolution No. CC-1906-033 which adopts the Citywide Budget for FY 2019-20.

City Manager Stephen Mandoki reported on the proposed Annual Municipal Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-20. He went on to note the minor changes: the removal of the drone purchase; removal of the "Christmas with a Cop" event; and reduction of Block Grant funding.

A motion by Councilmember Kearney to adopt Resolution No. CC-1906-033 which adopts the Citywide Budget for FY 2019-20 was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Osborne and carried by a vote of 5-0.

J. ITEMS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

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

Councilmember Reid attended the Solid Waste Subcommittee meeting and the Health, Safety and Pet Fair event.

Councilmember Kearney attended the Solid Waste Subcommittee, the Health, Safety and Pet Fair event, and the Sherriff's Liability Trust Fund Oversight Committee meeting

Councilmember Suarez attended the Health, Safety and Pet Fair event, the League of California Cities L.A. division meeting, and the Technology and Social Media Subcommittee.

Mayor Pro Tem Osborne attended the Health, Safety and Pet Fair event.

Mayor Pullen-Miles attended the Health, Safety and Pet Fair event, the League of California Cities L.A. division meeting, and the Technology and Social Media Subcommittee.

K. CLOSED SESSION

At 7:34 p.m. the City Council entered into closed session.

22. 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.

23. 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 (1) case.

24. 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 and compensation provided to the City Attorney.

LAWNDALE HOUSING AUTHORITY

25. Conference with Real Property Negotiator

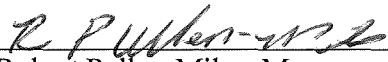
The Authority will conduct a closed session, pursuant to Government Code section 54956.8, to enable the commissioners to consider negotiations and to give direction to its negotiators regarding that certain real property, 4019 W. 169th Street, APN 4074-016-015. The Authority's real property negotiators, its executive director and housing director, will seek direction from the commissioners regarding the price and terms for this property.

At 8:23 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 four items listed on the Closed Session agenda. The City Council was updated on the item numbers 22, 24 and 25 and there was no reportable action taken. On item number 23, the City Council unanimously voted to authorize the initiation of litigation against the owners of 14410 and 14412 Mansel Avenue, Lawndale, CA 90260.

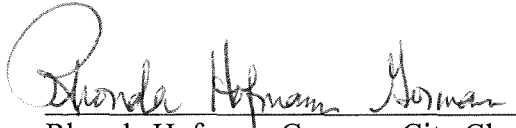
L. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, the mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m.



Robert Pullen-Miles, Mayor

ATTEST:



Rhonda Hofmann Gorman, City Clerk

Approved: 7/15/2019