

**MINUTES OF THE
LAWNDALE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
October 5, 2020**

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Pullen-Miles called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall council chamber, 14717 Burin Avenue, Lawndale, California.

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Robert Pullen-Miles, Mayor Pro Tem Bernadette Suarez, Councilmember James H. Osborne, Councilmember Pat Kearney, Councilmember Daniel Reid

Other Participants: City Clerk Rhonda Hofmann Gorman, City Manager Kevin M. Chun, 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 Interim Public Works Director Kahono Oei.

B. CEREMONIALS

Councilmember Pat Kearney led the flag salute.

C. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

Captain Duane Allen summarized recent law enforcement activities.

D. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

No comments provided.

E. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

No comments provided.

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. **Amending Lawndale Municipal Code Chapter 17.50, Density Bonus Provisions for Residential Units**
Recommendation: that the City Council approve this second reading and adopt Ordinance No. 1175-20 amending Lawndale Municipal Code Chapter 17.50, density bonus requirements to comply with recent changes in State Law.

3. **Amending Lawndale Municipal Code Sections 8.24.115 and 8.24.200, Providing Authority for Recovery of Attorney's Fees and Imposition of Treble Damages in Public Nuisance Abatement Actions**
Recommendation: that the City Council approve this second reading and adopt Ordinance 1176-20, amending Lawndale Municipal Code Sections 8.24.115 and 8.24.200, Providing Authority for Recovery of Attorney's Fees and Imposition of Treble Damages in Public Nuisance Abatement Actions.
4. **Amending Existing Agreement for Installation of Telecommunication Equipment in the Right of Way**
Recommendation: that the City Council approve an amendment to the Right-of-Way use agreement with Sunesys LLC identifying Crown Castle Fiber LLC as its successor.
5. **Consideration of Claims Against the City**
Recommendation: that the City Council reject the claims filed by Papa John's International, Erika V. Mendoza, Leticia Bravo Cano and Christopher Espinoza and instruct staff to process the appropriate correspondence to the claimants.
6. **Accounts Payable Register**
Recommendation: that the City Council adopt Resolution No. CC-2010-054, authorizing the payment of certain claims and demands in the amount of \$181,240.21.
7. **Minutes of the Lawndale City Council Regular Meeting – September 21, 2020**
Recommendation: that the City Council approve.

A motion by Councilmember Kearney to approve the consent calendar was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bernadette Suarez and carried by a vote of 5-0, following City Attorney Israel's reading of the title of Ordinance Nos. 1175-20 and 1176-20.

G. PUBLIC HEARING

8. **Amending Title 17 of the Lawndale Municipal Code pertaining to the Development Standards for Accessory Dwelling Units to reflect recent changes in State Law and a Finding of Exemption from California Environmental Quality Act**
Recommendation: that the City Council (a) conduct a public hearing (b) determine that Ordinance No. 1177-20 is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines; and (c) introduce and approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 1177-20, amending Title 17 of the Lawndale Municipal Code regarding ADU amendments to reflect recent changes in State law.

Community Development Director Sean Moore reported on the proposed Amendment to Title 17 of the Lawndale Municipal Code pertaining to the Development Standards for Accessory Dwelling Units to reflect recent changes in State Law and a Finding of Exemption from California Environmental Quality Act.

Mayor Pullen-Miles opened and closed the public hearing immediately at 6:41 p.m., there being no one wishing to testify.

A motion by Councilmember Kearney to approve Ordinance No. 1177-20, amending Title 17 of the Lawndale Municipal Code regarding ADU amendments to reflect recent changes in State law, was seconded by Councilmember Reid and carried by a vote of 5-0, following City Attorney Israel's reading of the title of Ordinance Nos. 1177-20.

H. ADMINISTRATION

9. Harold E. Hofmann Community Center Facilities Use Policy

Recommendation: that the City Council adopt Resolution No. CC-2010-055 related to City Council Policy 104-20 affecting changes to the Harold E. Hofmann Community Center Facilities Use Rules and Regulations.

Community Services Director Mike Estes reported on the proposed changes to the Harold E. Hofmann Community Center Facilities Use Rules and Regulations.

Councilmember Kearney requested clarification how removing Sheriff's and hiring unarmed security service will improve the current situation with inebriated guest and expressed alcohol should not be removed and non-refundable security deposits not be applied during this difficult time on residents and the public.

Councilmember Reid inquired if staff setting up and breaking down the events equipment is to mitigate equipment damages.

Community Services Director Mike Estes responded accordingly to all comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Suarez believed beer, wine, and champagne should remain in the reservations policy with additional new rules also spoke in opposition to the Non-Refundable Deposit system and believed we can revisit the Facilities Policy at a time Los Angeles County Health orders have been lifted for social gatherings.

Councilmember Osborne concurred with the prior Councilmembers comments and added that a Sheriff's presence is important for situations which need an instant arrest.

Community Services Director Mike Estes clarified Sheriffs will be present for the reservations which include alcohol in the event.

Mayor Robert Pullen-Miles spoke about maintaining the beer, wine, and champagne option for the reservation events and spoke in support of placing Sheriff's deputies for hard alcohol events only. The Mayor went on to express his concern about the 25% non-refundable deposit.

City Manager Kevin M. Chun expressed gratitude for all the comments and explained that staff will take into consideration all of their comments and the item would be brought back at a later meeting.

City Council reached a general consensus to make no changes and revisit the Harold E. Hofmann Community Center Facilities Use Rules and Regulations at a later date.

10. Declaring an Emergency Condition and Approving Repairs without Notice for Bids for the Harold E. Hofmann Community Center

Recommendation: that the City Council (a) adopt Resolution No. CC-2010-056 declaring an emergency condition and approving the work necessary to make repairs to the Harold E. Hoffman Community Center without notice for bids pursuant to California public contract code sections 1102, 20168, and 22050 (b) authorize the Director of Finance to use and transfer the actual cost for the insurance deductible and uncovered cost, not to exceed \$69,161, from the Urban Development Action Grants (UDAG) Fund, Fund 215, to Measure A Fund 281, in the event LACRPOSD denies the request to use Measure A-Maintenance and Servicing funding for the Community Center repairs (c) authorize the City Manager to execute contracts and other documents necessary to complete this work.

Community Services Director Mike Estes reported on the proposed Emergency Condition and Approving Repairs without Notice for Bids for the Harold E. Hofmann Community Center.

Councilmember Reid inquired if the cost and damage of the Harold E. Hofmann Community Center was comparable to the flood that occurred inside City Hall years ago.

Community Services Director Mike Estes responded the flooding was mostly in the meeting rooms of the Harold E. Hofmann Community Center and believes the cost could be around \$100,000.

City Manager Kevin M. Chun explained that the \$69,000 is the funding available through grants and \$10,000 is towards the insurance deductible.

Councilmember Kearney inquired if Community Services Department staff will have to be relocated.

City Manager Kevin M. Chun responded it will not be necessary to remove any staff because there are no health concern and the work would be done with no impact to staff. Community Services Director Mike Estes added staff are currently taking alternate routes accessing the building.

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11. CARES Act Funding Allocation Revision

Recommendation: that the City Council approve the Business Revitalization Subcommittee's recommendation to maintain the City's CARES Act funding allocations as approved by the City Council on September 8, 2020.

City Manager Kevin M. Chun reported on CARES Act Funding Allocation Revision.

Mayor Pro Tem Suarez inquired if the City applies CARES act funding to “Project Roomkey” expenses and the City absorbs additional cost after, would Los Angeles County be responsible for that cost. City Attorney Tiffany J. Israel responded the City will only be able to accept funding for liabilities one time.

Mayor Pullen-Miles commented that he would like to continue supporting the small businesses in Lawndale with funding grant opportunities to prevent them from closing or other hardship.

A motion by Councilmember Kearney to approve the Business Revitalization Subcommittee’s recommendation to maintain the City’s CARES Act funding allocations as approved by the City Council on September 8, 2020, was seconded by Councilmember Reid and carried by a vote of 5-0.

I. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Kevin Chun reported the Government Finance Officers Association awarded the City a Certificate of Achievement for excellence and comprehensive annual financial reporting of the fiscal year that ended on June 30th, 2019. The City Manager went on expressing his gratitude for the professional work done by Finance Director Marla Pendleton and the Finance Department, spoke how it shows good responsibility and transparency from the City and would like to achieve this on an annual basis.

Councilmember Kearney and Mayor Robert Pullen-Miles requested to place the award on a future agenda and present it to Finance Director Marla Pendleton and the Finance Department

City Manager Kevin Chun responded that the City will present it as soon as the framed certificate arrives.

City Manager Kevin Chun announced the City has partnered with UCLA and will host a Blood Drive on October 6, 2020, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., directly outside of City Hall.

J. ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCILMEMBERS

12. Mayor/City Councilmembers Report of Attendance at Meetings and/or Events

Councilmember Osborne had nothing to report.

Councilmember Reid had nothing to report.

Councilmember Kearney had nothing to report.

Mayor Pro Tem Suarez had nothing to report.

Mayor Pullen-Miles attended the L.A. County Sanitation District Board of Directors meeting and South Bay Association of Realtors Mayors panel where COVID-19 related issues in neighboring Cities were discussed.

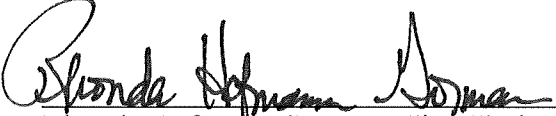
K. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:36 p.m.



Robert Pullen-Miles, Mayor

ATTEST:



Rhonda Hofmann Gorman, City Clerk

Approved: 10/19/2020