

**MINUTES OF THE
LAWNDALE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
January 6, 2020**

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 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 approximately 17 audience members.

B. CEREMONIALS

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

C. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

Captain Allen summarized recent law enforcement activities.

D. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

- Lenore Bemis, Resident, spoke about the Angel Tree event involving the Santa's Sleigh and the ice skating rink and invited everyone to attend the next Lawndale Historical Society meeting hosting a genealogy workshop.
- Judy Oldziewski, Beautification Committee Member, provided a Holiday Decorating Contest update and thanked all the residents for decorating. She then went on to speak about the award ceremony for the Holiday Decorating Contest and properly prepared trees put out for recycling.
- Paul Jordan, Resident, spoke about visual impairments in the turning median on 145th to 149th Street, 153rd Street, and 156th Street.
- Pam London, Resident, congratulated Kevin M. Chun on becoming City Manager of Lawndale and spoke about desired administrative changes and unwanted administrative changes.
- Eddie Lopez, Resident, requested an update and additional information on one-way street sign enhancements for 145th Street and Condon Avenue, he desired more indication and signage to inform vehicle traffic that it was a one-way street.

- Gary Adams, Resident, spoke about the waste hauling rate increases on his recent bill.
- Randal Abrams, Resident, spoke about the documentation and notification that was sent out to the public regarding the waste hauling rate increase.

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.

Councilmember Jim Osborne requested a representative from the Public Works Department attend the next City Council meeting to address street and Public Works issues.

City Manager Kevin M. Chun briefly spoke about joining the City and working with staff.

Mayor Pullen-Miles requested a representative from the Public Works Department or the Waste Hauler consultant attend the next City Council meeting to address the hauling billing issues.

A brief dialogue ensued between the City Council and staff regarding the waste hauler contract and clarification on the billing.

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. First Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding between the City and the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), Council 36, Local 1895 and Amendment to the Citywide Pay Schedule for Fiscal Year 2019-2020

Recommendation: that the City Council (a) adopt Resolution No. CC-2001-002, approving the First Amendment to the 2019-2020 Memorandum of Understanding between the City and the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), Council 36, Local 1895; and (b) adopt Resolution No. CC-2001-003, approving the amendment to the 2019-2020 City-wide Salary and Pay Schedule.

3. 2019 Building Electrical, Mechanical, Plumbing, Residential, Green Building Standards, and Existing Building Code Updates – Ordinance 1st Reading

Recommendation: that the City Council (a) acknowledge that the project is categorically exempt pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines; and (b) adopt Ordinance No. 1167-20 updating the City of Lawndale Building Codes.

4. **Beautification Committee Appointment**
Recommendation: that the City Council (a) approve the Mayor's appointment by directing staff to insert the appointee's name in Section 1 of Resolution No. CC-2001-005, and (b) adopt the Resolution as amended.
5. **Accounts Payable Register**
Recommendation: that the City Council adopts Resolution No. CC-2001-001, authorizing the payment of certain claims and demands in the amount of \$1,490,383.77.
6. **Minutes of the Lawndale City Council Regular Meeting – December 2, 2019**
Recommendation: that the City Council approve.

REDEVELOPMENT SUCCESSOR AGENCY

7. **Minutes of the Successor Agency Meeting – June 17, 2019**
Recommendation: that the Board approves.
8. **Recognized Payment Obligation Schedule (ROPS) 20-21 and the Administrative Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**
Recommendation: that the Successor Agency approve and direct staff to submit to the Los Angeles County Consolidated Oversight Board and California Department of Finance the ROPS 20-21 and Administrative Budget FY 2020-21, and authorize staff to make any changes needed.

A motion by Councilmember Kearney 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. 1167-20.

G. PUBLIC HEARINGS

9. **Business License and Permit Fee Update**
Recommendation: that the City Council (a) conduct a Public Hearing to receive testimony regarding Business License and Permit Fee increases and (b) adopt Resolution No. CC-2001-004.

Director of Finance Marla Pendleton reported on the proposed Business License and Permit Fee update.

Councilmember Osborne inquired about the basis of the 3% increases, Director Pendleton responded that the number is an industry average from credit vendors and that these increases would be periodically revisited for accuracy.

Mayor Pro Tem Suarez addressed a typo on the updated business license fee schedule, Director Pendleton acknowledged the typo and stated that it would be corrected.

Mayor Pullen-Miles opened the Public Hearing at 7:16 p.m.

Public Testimony

Pam London, Resident, spoke about the necessity of increased and updated fees, also requested a crackdown on businesses that did not have a license.

Mayor Pullen-Miles closed the Public Hearing at 7:17 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Suarez inquired about the timeline of receiving the actual costs, Director Pendleton responded the figures were generated by the vendor and would be analyzed and monitored by the Finance Department.

A motion by Councilmember Reid to adopt Resolution No. CC-2001-004, updating the Business License and Permit Fees, was seconded by Councilmember Kearney and carried by a vote of 5-0.

10. Selection of Projects for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (46th Program Year) of the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

Recommendation: that the City Council (a) conduct a Public Hearing to receive testimony regarding the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG); (b) adopt the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget for the CDBG Program; (c) adopt Resolution No. CC-2001-006, approving the City's participation in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 CDBG Program.

Sean Moore, Director of Community Development, reported on the proposed Resolution No. CC-2001-006, approving the City's selection and participation in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 CDBG Program.

Mayor Pullen-Miles opened the Public Hearing at 7:21

The public hearing was opened and closed immediately, there being no one wishing to testify.

A motion by Councilmember Osborne to adopt the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget for the CDBG Program, and adopt Resolution No. CC-2001-006, approving the City's participation in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 CDBG Program was seconded by Mayor Pullen-Miles and carried by a vote of 5-0.

11. Urgency Ordinance regarding Amendments to the City's Regulation of Accessory Dwelling Units

Recommendation: that the City Council (a) conduct a Public Hearing to receive testimony regarding the City's Regulation of Accessory Dwelling Units; (b) find and determine that Urgency Ordinance No. 1168-20 is categorically exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) for the CEQA Guidelines; and (c) approve Urgency Ordinance No. 1168-20, requesting to amend the current ADU regulations to be consistent with new State law and allowing the City to continue enforcing ADU laws, until an updated Ordinance has been adopted, effective immediately.

Sean Moore, Community Development Director, reported on the proposed Urgency Ordinance No. 1168-20, requesting to amend the current ADU regulations to be consistent with new State law and allowing the City to continue enforcing ADU laws, until an updated Ordinance has been adopted, effective immediately.

A lengthy dialogue ensued between City Council and staff regarding levels of parking on streets and their rating, R2 zoning impacts, the validity of the urgency ordinance, and the time constraints of the new legislation.

Mayor Pullen-Miles opened the Public Hearing at 7:31 p.m.

Public Testimony

Eve Summers, Resident, spoke about the benefit that Accessory Dwelling Units can provide for homeless individuals. She went on to speak about the bathroom and food prep component of the proposed urgency ordinance and desired clarification.

Staff provided clarification on bathroom and food prep component of the proposed urgency ordinance.

Pam London, Resident, spoke about Accessory Dwelling Units not being a help to the homeless population and the ADU legislation being forced on the City of Lawndale.

Gary Adams, Resident, spoke about Accessory Dwelling Units doing nothing for the homeless in Lawndale and will negatively affect parking in the City.

Mayor Pullen-Miles closed the Public Hearing at 7:38 p.m.

Councilmember Osborne briefly spoke about the State usurping local control and forced density.

A motion by Councilmember Osborne to find and determine that Urgency Ordinance No. 1168-20 is categorically exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) for the CEQA Guidelines, and approve Urgency Ordinance No. 1168-20, requesting to amend the current ADU regulations to be consistent with new State law and allowing the City to continue enforcing ADU laws, until an updated Ordinance has been adopted, effective immediately, was seconded by Councilmember Kearney and carried by a vote of 5-0, following City Attorney Israel's reading of the title of Ordinance No. 1168-20.

H. ADMINISTRATION

12. Unarmed Security Services for Various City Locations

Recommendation: that the City Council approve a Contract Services Agreement for Unarmed Security Services for Harold E. Hofmann Community Center, City Hall Courtyard, Veteran's Memorial Wall and surrounding parking lots, between the City of Lawndale and Alpha and Omega Group Security Services, Inc. for a two-year term beginning January 13, 2020 and continuing through January 12, 2022 for an amount not to exceed \$51,386.00.

Director of Community Services Mike Estes reported on the proposed Agreement for Unarmed Security Services for Various City Locations.

A dialogue ensued between City Council and staff regarding increased issues at the Community Center and City Hall courtyard, security officer responsibilities, timeline of the security services, and the functionality of security cameras around City Hall.

A motion by Councilmember Reid to approve a Contract Services Agreement for Unarmed Security Services for Harold E. Hofmann Community Center, City Hall Courtyard, Veteran's Memorial Wall and surrounding parking lots, between the City of Lawndale and Alpha and Omega Group Security Services, Inc. for a two-year term beginning January 13, 2020 and continuing through January 12, 2022 for an amount not to exceed \$51,386.00 was seconded by Councilmember Kearney and carried by a vote of 5-0.

I. ITEMS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

13. Survey Results Regarding Potential Additional Music Event, continued from the October 21, 2019 City Council Meeting

Recommendation: that the City Council (a) discuss the survey results and provide staff direction as it pertains to a potential second music event; and (b) discuss funding options for a potential second music event.

Director of Community Services Mike Estes reported on the Survey Results regarding Potential Additional Music Event.

A dialogue ensued between City Council regarding the survey results, a potential "Concert in the Park", music genre selection, and the need for the Parks Recreation and Social Services Commission input.

The City Council reached a general consensus to have an introductory "Concert in the Park" event, with the top surveyed music genres, to be held sometime in July. The City Council delegated the Parks Recreation and Social Services Commission to oversee the creation and details of the introductory "Concert in the Park" event.

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

Councilmember Osborne attended the "Donate to Life" event.

Councilmember Reid attended the Holiday and Employee Recognition Lunch and 60th Anniversary Winter Funland event.

Councilmember Kearney attended the Angle Tree lighting ceremony, Santa Sleigh, 60th Anniversary Winter Funland event, and the Sheriff's Liability Trust Fund Oversight Committee meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Suarez attended the Angle Tree lighting ceremony, 60th Anniversary Winter Funland event, and a Town Hall meeting with L.A. County Sheriff Villanueva.

Mayor Pullen-Miles attended the Angle Tree lighting ceremony, 60th Anniversary Winter Funland event, Sanitation District board meeting, and a Town Hall meeting with L.A. County Sheriff Villanueva.

Mayor Pullen-Miles then spoke about local control issues and the benefits of Charter Cities having some sovereignty from State mandates, recommend to potentially revisit the idea of becoming a Charter City.

There being no objections by City Council, Staff was directed to research the potential of the City of Lawndale becoming a Charter City.

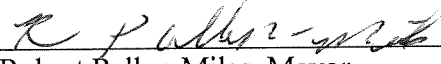
J. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Kevin M. Chun, spoke about working with City staff and his first few weeks as City Manager. City Manager Chun announced that staff would come back at the next meeting with a clarifying report on the billing of refuse services.

K. ADJOURNMENT

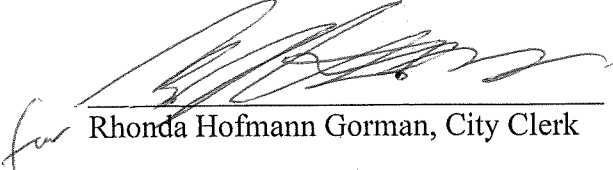
Councilmember Osborne requested the Council adjourn in memory of Besse Elisabeth Gherna and that the City Council sign a letter of condolence to the family.

There being no further business to conduct, the Mayor adjourned the meeting in memoriam of Besse Elisabeth Gherna at 8:31 p.m.



Robert Pullen-Miles, Mayor

ATTEST:



Rhonda Hofmann Gorman, City Clerk

Approved: 1/21/2020