

**MINUTES OF THE
LAWNDALE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
January 21, 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,

Councilmembers Absent: 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, Administrative Analyst Grace Huizar and approximately 30 audience members.

B. CEREMONIALS

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

C. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Captain Allen summarized recent law enforcement activities.

Councilmember Osborne and Mayor Pullen Miles made minor comments about the public safety report.

D. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

- Gary Adams, Resident, spoke about waste hauler rates, the recently updated contract agreement, and the notices that were sent out to waste hauler customers informing them of the rate increase. Mr. Adams went on to request that the City take on waste hauler operations to attempt to lower rates.
- Doris Hofmann, Resident, requested that the Citywide Christmas decorations be brought down, requested an inspection of Grevillea Avenue between 167th and 168th street, and inquired about Public Works counter staffing.
- Eddie Lopez, Resident, requested an update on a potential one-way street sign enhancements on Condon Avenue.

- Jessica Romero, Lawndale Librarian, announced the Lawndale Library would be closed for two weeks for routine maintenance and it would reopen on February 4th.
- Ivan Martinez, “My Brother’s Keeper” Peer Advocate, spoke about seed library and gardening programs offered.
- Pam London, Resident, inquired about joining other Cities in advocating against recent State legislation on housing.
- Paul Jordan, Resident, spoke about a previous issue with parking in the median and right turn issues on various streets. Mr. Jordan went on to speak about the Municipal Services Department parking lot being utilized by City employees and not residents or anyone who has City business.
- Bridgette Miller, Resident, inquired about a status update on a potential crosswalk on 145th Street/Prairie Avenue and three-way stop sign at the intersection of 145th Street and Avis Avenue.

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 the City Council approve.
2. **Consideration of Claims Against the City**
Recommendation: that the City Council (a) reject the claims filed by Nationwide Mutual Insurance Co. (As Subrogee of Vista Paints) and CNA Insurance Co (As Subrogee of Vivian Rifkin); and (b) instruct staff to process the appropriate correspondence to the claimants.
3. **Quarterly Investment Report for the Quarter Ended December 31, 2019**
Recommendation: that the City Council receive and file.
4. **Accounts Payable Register**
Recommendation: that the City Council adopt Resolution No. CC-2001-007, authorizing the payment of certain claims and demands in the amount of \$751,036.68.
5. **Minutes of the Lawndale City Council Regular Meeting – January 6, 2020**
Recommendation: that the City Council approve.

A motion by Councilmember Kearney to approve the consent calendar was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Suarez and carried by a vote of 4-0, Councilmember Reid being absent.

G. PUBLIC HEARING

6. 2019 Building Electrical, Mechanical, Plumbing, Residential, Green Building Standards, and Existing Building Code Updates – Ordinance 2nd Reading

Recommendation: that the City Council adopt Ordinance No. 1167-20, updating the City of Lawndale Building Codes.

Director of Community Development Sean Moore, reported on the proposed 2019 Building Electrical, Mechanical, Plumbing, Residential, Green Building Standards, and Existing Building Code Updates.

Mayor Pullen-Miles opened the public hearing at 7:08 p.m.

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

A motion by Councilmember Osborne to adopt Ordinance No. 1167-20, updating the City of Lawndale Building Codes was seconded by Councilmember Kearney and carried by a vote of 4-0, Councilmember Reid being absent, following City Attorney Israel's reading of the title of Ordinance No. 1167-20.

H. ADMINISTRATION

7. 2020 Refuse Service Rates Update

Recommendation: that the City Council receive and file the report and provide additional direction as may be appropriate.

Administrative Analyst Grace Huizar provided a PowerPoint presentation on 2020 Refuse Service Rates Update.

Public Comment

Gary Adams, Resident, noted that although the presentation of the rate increases was sufficient, he was not completely satisfied with the explanation. Mr. Adams requested the City Council seriously consider the City owning and operating a waste hauling enterprise.

Johnny Castro, Resident, inquired about the timing of the waste hauling bill compared to residential quarterly services.

Randal Abram, Resident, spoke in approval of the staff report and explanation regarding the waste hauler bill increases. Mr. Abram noted that he was opposed to the City owning and operating a waste hauling enterprise.

City Council reached a general consensus to receive and file the 2020 Refuse Service Rates Update report.

I. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Kevin M. Chun had nothing to report.

J. ITEMS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

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

Councilmember Osborne had nothing to report.

Councilmember Kearney attended the Sheriff's Liability Trust Fund Oversight Committee meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Suarez had nothing to report.

Mayor Pullen-Miles attended the League of California Cities monthly meeting.

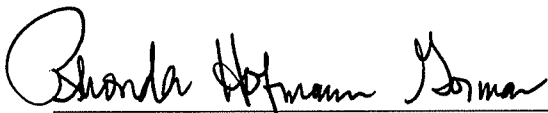
K. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, the mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:32 p.m.



Robert Pullen-Miles, Mayor

ATTEST:



Rhonda Hofmann Gorman, City Clerk

Approved: 2/3/2020