

**MINUTES OF THE
LAWNDALE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
March 2, 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 Lieutenant Dan Holguin, Community Services Director Mike Estes, Municipal Services Director Michael Reyes, Finance Director Marla Pendleton, Community Development Director Sean Moore, Assistant City Clerk Matthew Ceballos and approximately 15 audience members.

B. CEREMONIALS

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

C. PRESENTATIONS

- 1. People Assisting The Homeless (PATH) – Homelessness in the South Bay**
Presented by: Haley Fuselier, PATH Senior Director

Haley Fuselier, PATH Senior Director, and Grace Farwell, South Bay Council of Governments Senior Project Manager, provide a PowerPoint Presentation on Homelessness in the South Bay.

A lengthy dialogue ensued between the City Council and the PATH representatives regarding a metric of success rate, amount of homelessness in the City, mental health and drug addiction assistance, accuracy of the homeless count, categories of homelessness, achievable goals in the reduction of homelessness, resources, and reporting on homeless initiatives and progress.

Mayor Pullen-Miles requested that PATH or the South Bay Council of Governments provide status reports and update to the City Manager.

D. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

Lieutenant Holguin summarized recent law enforcement activities and provided tips to prevent and reduce criminal activity.

E. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

- Gary Adams, Resident, spoke about outlawing pan handling via ordinance and was strongly opposed to the proposal for cleaning up 72 hours notification

- Chuck Rundle, Resident, spoke about homeless individuals creating a nuisance near his residence.
- Doris Hofmann, Resident, spoke about the “History of the City” program on Lawndale Cable Access channel 3.
- Jessica Romero, Lawndale Librarian, spoke about upcoming library programs and events.
- Dr. Howard Ho, Principal of Leuzinger High School, spoke about events and activities going on at Leuzinger High School.
- Dr. Tanya Cabeza, Associate Principal of Leuzinger High School, spoke about programs and classes taking place at Leuzinger High School.
- Pam London, Resident, spoke in appreciation of the City’s Department heads and staff.

F. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

The City Council responded generally to the comments, but did not request placement of any issues on a future meeting agenda.

G. CONSENT CALENDAR

2. Motion to read by title only and waive further reading of all ordinances listed on the Agenda

Recommendation: that the City Council approve.

3. Revising Lawndale Municipal Code Section 12.08.030, to add terms and conditions on permit applications for excavation, obstruction, or encroachment of the public right-of-ways (2nd Reading)

Recommendation: that the City Council approve the second reading and adopt Ordinance No. 1169-20, revising Lawndale Municipal Code Section 12.08.030, adding terms and conditions on permit applications for excavation, obstruction, or encroachment of the public right-of-ways, and exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act.

4. Installation of Water Bottle Filling Stations at Hogan Park and Rudolph Park

Recommendation: that the City Council approve the attached agreement between the City of Lawndale and Phillips Plumbing Inc. for the installation of four water bottle filling stations at Rudolph and Hogan Parks in the amount of \$16,350.00.

5. Metro Funding Agreement Amendment No. 5 - Inglewood Avenue Phase I Widening Project #F1198

Recommendation: that the City Council approve Metro Funding Agreement Amendment No. 5, between the City of Lawndale and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Call for Projects F1198 for Phase 1).

6. Routine Records Destruction

Recommendation: that the City Council adopt Resolution No. CC-2003-013, approving the requests from the City Clerk's Department, City Manager's Office, City Council, Administrative Services/Human Resources and the Finance Department for authorization to destroy routine records as listed in the exhibits of the Resolution.

7. Accounts Payable Register

Recommendation: that the City Council adopt Resolution No. CC-2003-012, authorizing the payment of certain claims and demands in the amount of \$720,862.42.

8. Minutes of the Lawndale City Council Regular Meeting – February 18, 2020

Recommendation: that the City Council approve.

Councilmember Osborne inquired about the locations of current water fountains, Community Services Director Mike Estes responded with the current locations.

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

H. ADMINISTRATION

9. City of Lawndale Website Redesign

Recommendation: that the City Council approve a Contract Services Agreement with Intrado Interactive Services Corporation for a website redesign and ongoing hosting, maintenance, support, and security services for a five (5) year term, beginning March 15, 2020 through March 15, 2025, for an amount not to exceed \$45,100.

Assistant City Clerk Matthew Ceballos provided a PowerPoint Presentation on the City of Lawndale Website Redesign.

A dialogue ensued between City Council and staff regarding mobile optimization of the website, support services, future budget allocation for ongoing support services, and various redesign options.

A motion by Councilmember Reid to approve a Contract Services Agreement with Intrado Interactive Services Corporation for a website redesign and ongoing hosting, maintenance, support, and security services for a five (5) year term, beginning March 15, 2020 through March 15, 2025, for an amount not to exceed \$45,100 was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Suarez and carried by a vote of 5-0.

10. Operations Plan for Interaction with Homeless Residents

Recommendation: that the City Council approve the proposed Operations Plan for Interaction with Homeless Residents.

Municipal Services Director Michael Reyes provided a PowerPoint Presentation on the Operations Plan for Interaction with Homeless Residents.

A lengthy dialogue ensued between the City Council and staff regarding public health issues, the community frustration with homeless issues, legal requirements, the 90 day property holding period, homeless encampment, and funding resources to assist the operations plan.

The dialogue transitioned between City Council and staff about potentially budgeting and funding for reserve sheltering at an outside facility or providing an opportunity for temporary housing in order to assist with the operations plan.

A motion by Councilmember Osborne to approve the proposed Operations Plan for Interaction with Homeless Residents was seconded by Councilmember Kearney and carried by a vote of 5-0.

I. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Kevin Chun, spoke in appreciation towards City staff.

J. ITEMS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

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

Councilmember Osborne announced that the Los Angeles County West Vector & Vector-Borne Disease Control District Executive Director, Robert Saviskas, announced his retirement.

Councilmember Reid had nothing to report.

Councilmember Kearney attended Assemblywoman Autumn Burke's "Coffee and Conversation" event and the Lawndale Little League opening day.

Mayor Pro Tem Suarez attended the South Bay Council of Governments Board of Directors meeting and noted the General Assembly would be taking place on March 19, 2020

Mayor Pullen-Miles attended the L.A. County Sanitation District tour at the Carson facility and the Black History Month program at Lawndale High School. The Mayor also went on to note that Election Day was tomorrow, March 3, 2020 and to get out and vote.

K. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pullen Miles and Councilmember Kearney briefly spoke about the recent passing of Treva and Mort Henderson.

There being no further business to conduct, the Mayor adjourned the meeting in memoriam of Treva and Mort Henderson at 8:33 p.m.

Robert Pullen-Miles, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rhonda Hofmann Gorman, City Clerk

Approved: ____/____