

**MINUTES OF THE  
LAWNDALE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
June 1, 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

**B. CEREMONIALS**

Mayor Pro Tem Bernadette Suarez led the flag salute.

**C. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT**

Captain Allen summarized recent law enforcement activities.

**D. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

- Randall Abram, Resident, spoke about his concerns regarding fireworks in Lawndale.
- Pam London, Resident, spoke in opposition about fireworks in Lawndale.

**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.

**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 Section 1.04.030 of the Lawndale Municipal Code to add the definition of "Responsible Party"**  
Recommendation: that the City Council approve the first reading to introduce Ordinance

No. 1172-20 to amend Section 1.04.030 to add the definition of “Responsible Party” to the Lawndale Municipal Code.

**3. Conflict of Interest Code Notification**

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

**4. Routine Records Destruction**

Recommendation: that the City Council adopt Resolution No. CC-2006-029 (Listed as Resolution No. CC-2006-031 in the agenda), approving the requests from City Manager and City Council for authorization to destroy routine records as listed in exhibits of the Resolution.

**5. Federally Funded Employment and Job Training – South Bay Workforce Investment Board Activities Summary**

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

**6. Accounts Payable Register**

Recommendation: that the City Council adopts Resolution No. CC-2006-026, authorizing the payment of certain claims and demands in the amount of \$641,180.96.

**7. Minutes of the Lawndale City Council Regular Meeting – May 18, 2020**

Recommendation: that the City Council approve.

**A motion by Councilmember Kearney to approve the consent calendar was seconded by Councilmember Reid and carried by a vote of 5-0.**

**G. PUBLIC HEARING**

**8. Update to the City of Lawndale’s Building and Safety Fees for Development within the City, effective from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021**

Recommendation: that the City Council (a) conduct a public hearing to receive testimony regarding the City's Building Code Fee Schedule and (b) adopt Resolution No. CC-2006-027, Update to the City of Lawndale’s Building and Safety Fees for Development within the City, effective from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021

Community Development Director Sean Moore reported on the proposed Update to the City of Lawndale’s Building and Safety Fees for Development within the City, effective from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

Mayor Pullen-Miles opened the public hearing at 6:55 p.m.

The public hearing was opened and closed immediately at 6:55 p.m., there being no one wishing to testify.

A dialogue ensued between Council and staff regarding County fees and City fees.

**A motion by Councilmember Kearney to adopt Resolution No. CC-2006-027, Update to the City of Lawndale’s Building and Safety Fees for Development within the City, effective**

from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 was seconded by Councilmember Reid and carried by a vote of 5-0.

## H. ADMINISTRATION

### 9. Business Revitalization Subcommittee

Recommendation: that the City Council (a) determine that the proposed action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to Section 15378 of the CEQA Guidelines; and (b) appoint two City Councilmembers to the Business Revitalization Subcommittee for the develop and implement economic policies and strategies to assist Lawndale's business impacted by COVID-19, as well as, to help stabilize and bolster City revenues.

Community Development Director Sean Moore reported on the Business Revitalization Subcommittee.

Mayor Pullen-Miles suggested the subcommittee apply economic development tools in the event of other economic impacts.

**The City Council reached a general consensus to appoint Mayor Pullen-Miles and Mayor Pro Tem Suarez to serve on the Business Revitalization Subcommittee.**

### 10. Consideration of Further Modifications to City Operations Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic

Recommendation: that the City Council (a) cancel the 2020 Summer Day Camp and Summer Youth Basketball programs; and (b) reaffirm suspension of contract class programs through the 2020 summer contract class programming season.

Community Services Director Mike Estes reported on the consideration of Further Modifications to City Operations Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

**A motion by Councilmember Reid to (a) cancel the 2020 Summer Day Camp and Summer Youth Basketball programs; and (b) reaffirm suspension of contract class programs through the 2020 summer contract class programming season was seconded by Councilmember Kearney and carried by a vote of 5-0.**

### 11. Update on the Use of the Best Western Hotel and Baymont Inn as Temporary Homeless Shelters through "Project Roomkey"

Recommendation: that the City Council receive and file this report, and provide direction to staff as appropriate.

#### Public Comment

Pam London, Resident, spoke about "Project Roomkey" and inquired about any new hotel agreements and commented on new COVID-19 cases in Lawndale.

Municipal Services Director Michael Reyes provided an update on the Use of the Best Western Hotel and Baymont Inn as Temporary Homeless Shelters through "Project Roomkey" and responded to the Public Comment.

Councilmember Kearney inquired about a housed individual who escaped and created a disturbance. Municipal Services Director Michael Reyes responded the individual was detained and arrested by Deputies.

**The City Council reached a general consensus to receive and file the report.**

**12. Options for Reinstating Parking Enforcement Related to Street Sweeping Operations**

Recommendation: that the City Council select option 1, 2, or 3 as detailed and stated in the staff report, related to parking enforcement for street sweeping operations, and/or provide further direction to staff.

**Public Comment**

Randall Abram, Resident, spoke about parking during the “safer at home” order and was strongly opposed to the proposal of reinstating parking enforcement related to street sweeping operations.

Pam London, Resident, disagreed with the recommendation to reinstate parking enforcement related to street sweeping operations.

Municipal Services Director Michael Reyes reported on the Options for Reinstating Parking Enforcement Related to Street Sweeping Operations.

A dialogue ensued between City Council about the options and were opposed to option 1 and unanimously agreed with options 2 and 3, as listed in the staff report.

**The City Council reached a general consensus to reinstate parking enforcement related to street sweeping operations on major streets in Lawndale as soon as possible and roll out full parking enforcement related to street sweeping operations at a later date in July.**

**I. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Kevin Chun, spoke about the City’s social media platforms and recommended residents follow and sign up for updates and information regarding the City.

**J. ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCILMEMBERS**

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

Councilmember Osborne spoke about the recent civil unrest, wished the present events would Pass, and would not repeat or affect the current youth.

Councilmember Reid attended the Budget Subcommittee. Councilmember Reid went on to Commend Lawndale Residents for remaining nonviolent during the surrounding civil unrest and wanted everyone to stay healthy.

Councilmember Kearney attended the Budget Subcommittee.

Mayor Pro Tem Bernadette Suarez attended the South Bay City Council Government Board of Directors meeting and wanted everyone to stay safe.

Mayor Pullen-Miles attended L.A. County Sanitation District Meeting and commended the City for remaining peaceful during the most recent events of civil unrest and for their trust in the City Council.

**K. CLOSED SESSION**

Public Comment

Pam London, Resident, spoke about L.A. County not concerned about the long term effect on the City because of "Project Roomkey".

At 7:40 p.m. the City Council entered into closed session.

**14. 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 case against Best Western Plus South Bay Hotel, Baymont Inn, and the County of Los Angeles.

At 8:12 p.m. the City Council entered back into open session.

**City Attorney Tiffany Israel reported that the City Council met in Closed Session to discuss one item listed on the Closed Session agenda. The City Council was updated on item number 14 and there was no reportable action taken.**

**L. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to conduct, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

  
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Robert Pullen-Miles, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Rhonda Hofmann Gorman, City Clerk

Approved: 6/15/2020