

**MINUTES OF THE
LAWNDALE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
June 15, 2020**

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Pullen-Miles called the meeting to order at 6:47 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

- Frances Prevas, Resident, spoke about her concerns regarding ongoing fireworks disturbance.
- Amber Avila Gomez, Resident, spoke about a petition to end fireworks in Lawndale.
- Patrick McKeown, Resident, spoke about issues concerning fireworks.
- Pam London, Resident, inquired as to the resumption of normal City operations. Ms. London also spoke about corrections on the permit information sheet.
- Randall Abram, Resident, spoke about fireworks in Lawndale, the service of the sheriff's department and the fireworks booth registration process. He suggested better patrolling, by sheriffs, through the City to watch for illegal fireworks.

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 second reading and adopt Ordinance No. 1172-20 to amend Section 1.04.030 to add the definition of "Responsible Party" to the Lawndale Municipal Code.
3. **First Amendment to the Contract Service Agreement with Telecom Law Firm**
Recommendation: that the City Council approve the First Amendment to the Agreement with Telecom Law Firm PC for an additional fee not-to-exceed \$24,500 increasing the total contract sum to \$49,000 and extend the agreement term to June 30, 2021.
4. **Final Parcel Map 82571**
Recommendation: that the City Council approve the final Parcel Map 82571 for the subdivision of property located at 4347 171st St. Lawndale, California.
5. **Appropriations Limit for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021**
Recommendation: that the City Council adopt Resolution No. CC-2006-034 approving the Appropriation Limit for Fiscal Year 2020-21.
6. **Annual Investment Policy**
Recommendation: that the City Council adopt Resolution CC-2007-036, reaffirming City Council Policy Number 80-04 pertaining to the City's Investment Policy, without significant revisions.
7. **Third Amendment to the Information Technology Services Agreement**
Recommendation: that the City Council (a) approve the Third Amendment to the Contract Services Agreement for Information Technology Services with Bericom Design, extending services for a one year term, July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, for an hourly rate of \$87.73 up to 1,628 hours annually for an amount not to exceed \$142,824 annually; and (b) to solicit proposals for service during Fiscal Year 2020-2021.
8. **Accounts Payable Register**
Recommendation: that the City Council adopts Resolution No. CC-2006-030, authorizing the payment of certain claims and demands in the amount of \$98,335.77.
9. **Minutes of the Lawndale City Council Regular Meeting – June 1, 2020**
Recommendation: that the City Council approve.
10. **Minutes of the Lawndale City Council Special Meeting – June 1, 2020**
Recommendation: that the City Council approve.

11. **Minutes of the Lawndale City Council Special Meeting – June 3, 2020**
Recommendation: that the City Council approve.

Councilmember Kearney inquired about the about the first amendment to the Contract Service Agreement with Telecom Law Firm and a line items in the accounts payable register regarding the Lawndale Beat and Unarmed Security payments. Staff responded accordingly.

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

G. **ADMINISTRATION**

12. **Annual 2019 General Plan and Housing Report**
Recommendation: that the City Council (a) review the 2019 draft Annual Report; (b) make any revisions and adopt Resolution No. CC-2006-035; and (c) direct staff to forward the report to the State Department of Housing and Community Development and the Governor's Office of Planning and Research.

Community Development Director Sean Moore provided a report regarding Annual 2019 General Plan and Housing.

A motion by Councilmember Kearney was seconded by Councilmember Reid to adopt Resolution No. CC-2006-035 and direct staff to forward the report to the State Department of Housing and Community Development and the Governor's Office of Planning and Research, was carried by a vote of 5 - 0.

13. **November 3, 2020 General Municipal Election – Calling for the Election, Requesting County Consolidation and Services, and Adopting Regulations for Candidates Statements**
Recommendation: that the City Council (a) adopt Resolution No. CC-2006-031, calling for the November 3, 2020 General Municipal Election, calling for a Special Election to be held should there be a tie vote, and designating the Assistant City Clerk as the Election Official; (b) adopt Resolution No. CC-2006-032, requesting County Services; and (c) adopt Resolution No. CC-2006-033, adopting candidate statement regulations.

Assistant City Clerk Matthew Ceballos provided a report regarding the November 3, 2020 General Municipal Election.

A motion by Councilmember Kearney was seconded by Mayor Pullen-Miles to adopt Resolution No. CC-2006-031, calling for the November 3, 2020 General Municipal Election, calling for a Special Election to be held should there be a tie vote, and designating the Assistant City Clerk as the Election Official; adopt Resolution No. CC-2006-032, requesting County Services; and adopt Resolution No. CC-2006-033, adopting candidate statement regulations was carried by a vote of 5 - 0.

14. **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.

Municipal Services Director Michael Reyes provided a report regarding the Use of the Best Western Hotel and Baymont Inn as Temporary Homeless Shelters through "Project Roomkey"

Mayor Pro Tem Suarez commended Municipal Services Director Reyes for continuing to stay current with "Project Roomkey" and inquired about the areas where the homeless individuals originated from. Municipal Services Director Reyes responded that he does not have clear understanding of where the homeless individuals come from.

Mayor Pullen-Miles inquired about the admitting of homeless residents from Lawndale, Director Reyes responded accordingly.

A dialogue ensued between the City Council and staff regarding an influx on homeless individuals showing up in the City.

Public Comment

Pam London, Resident, expressed concerns about the hotels in Lawndale converting to homeless shelters and had various questions regarding "Project Roomkey".

Mayor Pullen-Miles requested that staff address the questions posed by public comment at a future meeting.

Councilmember Reid provided a response to the public comment.

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

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

Recommendation: that the City Council postpone the July 18, 2020 Inaugural Lawndale Music Festival and reschedule the event for Sunday, September 13, 2020 following the 8th Annual Blues Festival on Saturday, September 12, 2020 at Jane Addams Park.

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

The City Council reached a general consensus to postpone the July 18, 2020 Inaugural Lawndale Music Festival and reschedule the event for next year and continue with the 8th Annual Blues Festival on Saturday, September 12, 2020 at Jane Addams Park.

H. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Kevin Chun spoke about law enforcement's actions during and before the 4th of July holiday to prevent the use of illegal fireworks and reported that the California Contract City Association are in the process of forming a committee of City Managers working with Los Angeles County to plan what will happen with the hotel residents once "Project Roomkey" comes to an end.

I. ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCILMEMBERS

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

Councilmember Osborne had nothing to report.

Councilmember Reid reported concerns of two residents he spoke with, regarding City Parks and the railway fencing.

Councilmember Kearney attended a zoom meeting with Liability Trust Oversight Committee, the Lawndale High Schools Drive-Thru graduation, Black Lives Matter rally. Councilmember Kearney wished all Fathers a Happy Father's Day and everyone to have a safe and sane 4th of July.

Mayor Pro Tem Suarez attended the South Bay Cities Council of Government Steering Committee meeting.

Mayor Pullen-Miles attended a Black Lives Matter rally, the Lawndale High School Graduation ceremony, the Leuzinger High School Graduation ceremony. Mayor Pullen-Miles met with six Lawndale residents concerning fireworks, police reforms and parks.

J. CLOSED SESSION

At 7:42 p.m. the City Council entered into closed session.

17. 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.

18. Public Employee Performance Evaluation

The City Council will hold a closed session, pursuant to Government Code section 54957(b), to conduct an employee evaluation concerning the City Manager.

At 9:05 p.m. the City Council entered back into open session

City Attorney Tiffany Israel reported the City Council met in Closed Session to discuss the two items listed on the Closed Session agenda. The City Council was updated on both items and there was no reportable action taken.


K. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m.



Robert Pullen-Miles, Mayor

ATTEST:



Rhonda Hofmann Gorman, City Clerk

Approved: 7/6/2020