

**MINUTES OF THE
LAWNDALE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
September 17, 2018**

- A. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL** – Mayor Pullen-Miles called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. in the City Hall council chamber, 14717 Burin Avenue, Lawndale, California. The City Council met concurrently with the governing boards of the Lawndale Public Financing Authority and the successor agency to the Lawndale Redevelopment Agency.

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Robert Pullen-Miles, Mayor Pro Tem Daniel Reid, Councilmember James H. Osborne, Councilmember Pat Kearney, Councilmember Bernadette Suarez

Other Participants: City Clerk Rhonda Hofmann Gorman, City Manager Stephen N. Mandoki, City Attorney Tiffany J. Israel, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Captain April Tardy, Assistant to the City Manager/Human Resources Director Raylette Felton, Municipal Services Director Michael Reyes, Finance Director Kenneth Louie, Community Development Director Sean Moore, Deputy City Clerk Maria R. Guerra and approximately 21 audience members

- B. **CEREMONIALS** – Councilmember Osborne led the flag salute and Pastor Eddie Vargas from The Restoration Life Christian Church provided the inspiration.

C. **PRESENTATIONS**

Retirement – Charles Horton, Public Works Maintenance Worker II – Mayor Pullen-Miles honored Mr. Horton for 19 years of service with the City. The Council congratulated Mr. Horton and wished him well in retirement, and presented him with a plaque and pin.

- D. **PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT** – Captain April L. Tardy summarized recent law enforcement activities.

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

- Lyda Truick, manager of the Lawndale library, reported that the Homework Help Center is in full swing, as well as the Reading Readiness Program. Upcoming programs include Baby Storytime on Tuesdays at 10:30, the Parent-Child Workshops on Fridays at 11:00, the new Smarty-pants Storytime on Wednesdays at 11:00, STEAM- and STEM-related programs, MakMo-bile, and the book sale on October 6. The Library will be an early voting site during the last weekend in October and the first weekend in November.
- Chuck Rundle, Lawndale resident, thanked the Council for taking care of some issues he mentioned at a previous meeting. He alerted the Council to the trash problem on the freeway on-ramp at Mansel Avenue due to a homeless encampment, and requested a left turn arrow at the light on Manhattan Beach Blvd. freeway on-ramp.
- Charles Givens, Lawndale resident, commented on how difficult the parking is in his neighborhood. He received a ticket for parking in front of his own driveway and asked the Council to consider whether there is any possible solution.
- Liz Fernandez, Lawndale resident, expressed concern about a home on the corner of Marine and Burin that appears to be a halfway house. The occupants hang out in the alleyways behind

her home and she no longer feels safe. The residents in the neighborhood were not alerted to a halfway house operating in the area. Ms. Fernandez requests the Council look into the issue and find out who the residents are who are living in the home.

- Lieutenant John Burcher, Lawndale Sherriff's Center, reminded the Council and residents that October 3, 2018, is National Coffee with a Cop Day. This year, the Lawndale police will be celebrating it between 10:00 and noon at OrVeganic at 16200 Hawthorne Blvd.
- Randall Abram, Lawndale resident, presented information about short-term rentals in Lawndale and questioned why the City is not enforcing the law concerning these businesses.
- Pam London, Lawndale resident, attended a Planning Commission meeting regarding a new townhome project, and expressed concern that the parking in Lawndale is already impacted as is; she asked the Council to consider options for alleviating this issue. Ms. London questioned that if the law changes to allow parking in front of a driveway, how will City parking enforcement know if the car belongs to the homeowner?
- Marco Sandoval, Lawndale resident, remembered Coach Joe Madrid who recently passed. He also announced the 60th annual St. Catherine Labouré Parish Fiesta September 28–30. The raffle this year will be cash prizes. There will be international foods, live entertainment, and a beverage garden.
- Doris Hofmann, Lawndale resident, thanked the Parks and Recreation Department for the Jazz Festival and car show. She thanked the Councilmembers who were in attendance at those events.

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**

Motion to read by title only and waive further reading of all ordinances listed on the agenda. (Recommendation: that council approve.)

Status of City Investments. (Recommendation: that the City Council receive and file the Quarterly Investment Report for the quarter ended June 30, 2018.)

Biennial Review of the City's Conflict of Interest Code. (Recommendation: that the City Council receive and file the report.)

Obsolete Records. (Recommendation: that the City Council adopt Resolution No. CC-1809-036, approving the requests from the City Manager's Office and the Municipal Services Department for authorization to destroy the records listed in the exhibits of the resolution.)

Interim Director of Public Works/City Engineer Agreement. (Recommendation: that the City Council approve and authorize the City Manager to execute a Professional Service Agreement with Project Partner's. Inc. for Interim Director of Public Works/City Engineer in an amount not to exceed \$58,500, in a form approved by the City Attorney.)

Claims Against the City. (Recommendation: that the City reject the claims filed by Paul Joseph Hurtado and Laura Lizeth Gonzalez and instruct staff to process the appropriate correspondence to the claimants.)

Accounts Payable Register. (Recommendation: that the City Council adopt Resolution No. CC-1809-035, authorizing the payment of certain claims and demands in the amount of \$961,237.86.)

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(Recommendation: that council approve.)

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

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Planning Department Fee Schedule – Covenant of Easement Application (continued from 8/20/18). Community Development Director Moore provided the report. This is a follow-up to an ordinance the Council recently adopted. A covenant of easement is where a property owner can give themselves their own easement (i.e., where a property owner has two adjacent properties). This hearing is for the fee that covers a covenant of easement. There are currently no pending applications for such easements. Following the timing and materials study related to processing these easements, Community Development staff recommend a flat fee effective January 2019.

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

A motion by Councilmember Osbourne to approve the item as recommended was seconded by Councilmember Kearney and carried by a vote of 5-0.

Hawthorne Specific Plan Amendment

Community Development Director Moore brings for consideration City Ordinance Number 1147-18, An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Lawndale, California, Amending the Hawthorne Boulevard Specific Plan to Increase the General Commercial Zone Lot Coverage from 50% to a Maximum of 90% and Adopting a CEQA-negative Declaration. In looking at the lot coverage area for areas along Hawthorne Blvd., staff found that General Commercial, the most prominent zoning in the Plan, only allowed a 50% lot coverage, whereas for Office Commercial and Neighborhood Commercial lot coverage is 90%. The 50% lot coverage is an impediment to development and 90% is being proposed for General Commercial.

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

A motion by Councilmember Osborne to approve the item as recommended was seconded by Councilmember Kearney and carried by a vote of 5-0.

I. ADMINISTRATION

Endorsement of Measure “L”.

Finance Director Ken Louie provided the report. Sherriff’s contract increases and state mandates have put pressure on the City budget over the last few years. Regarding how to generate more revenues, the City considered various options, including polling the community regarding a possible sales tax. The state maximum is 10.25%, and the state and county taxes together are 8.5% and the City takes 1%, leaving 0.75% available as a sales tax increase. The Finance Director asks the Council to endorse Measure L for the November 6 ballot, which will give residents the opportunity to decide whether they want to increase sales tax. Any increase will go directly to the City, even in the event of future state or county increases.

A motion by Councilmember Kearney to approve Resolution No. CC-1809-038 was seconded by Mayor Pullen-Miles and carried by a vote of 5-0.

J. ITEMS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

Councilmember Report of Attendance at Meetings and/or Events

- Councilmember Kearney commented that the Blues Festival was fantastic and that he enjoyed the car show as well.
- Councilmember Suarez attended the Blues Festival and noted the staff did a great job of organizing the event.
- Councilmember Osborne also thanked the Blues Festival staff and noted this year there were extra food vendors.
- Mayor Pro Tem Reid met with Craig St. John regarding the intersection of the METRO project with Mr. St. John's business. Mayor Pro Tem Reid also enjoyed the Blues Festival and noted it had the best attendance so far.
- Mayor Pullen-Miles recognized Mike Estes for his hard work putting together the Blues Festival. He recommended putting on a future agenda the idea of naming a street after Lawndale, for name recognition within the City of Lawndale. Mayor Pullen-Miles also requested to unveil the Economic Development Plan, which would focus on a business improvement district to get the business community more engaged in the economic development of the City. Mayor Pullen-Miles attended the League of California Cities, which included seminars on financing for public housing and using development impact fees versus infrastructure financing districts; and social media and use by city staff. Last, Mayor Pullen-Miles announced that on September 27, METRO will be having a meeting to discuss alternatives to the METRO Green Line Extension project. The agenda has not yet been posted and the meeting will be at 9:30 a.m. at the METRO Board Room, 1 Gateway Plaza, Third Floor, Downtown Los Angeles. The alternatives will be narrowed from four to two; the remaining two will be analyzed for environmental impact. Community Development Director Moore will be attending along with Lawndale City Attorney Lana.
- Councilmember Kearney read words remembering Joe Madrid, who worked for the City for over 30 years and passed away on September 16. Councilmember Osborne noted that Mr. Madrid worked hard for and cared about the City.

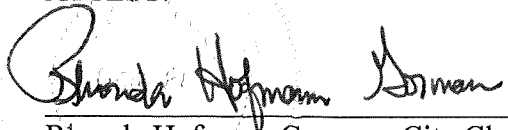
K. ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business to conduct, the Mayor adjourned the meeting in memory of Joe Madrid at 7:46 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, October 1, 2018, in the Lawndale City Hall Council Chamber, 14717 Burin Avenue, Lawndale, California.



Robert Pullen-Miles, Mayor

ATTEST:



Rhonda Hofmann Gorman, City Clerk

Approved: 10/1/18



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NOTICE OF CONTINUANCE OF CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that, at its meeting of August 20, 2018 the Lawndale City Council continued the public hearing scheduled to be held on the same date and described in the agenda of such meeting as follows:

Planning Department Fee Schedule – Covenant of Easement Application Request]

Notice is further given that the Lawndale City Council will hold the public hearing described above in the Lawndale City Hall council chamber at 14717 Burin Avenue, on **September 17, 2018**, at or about 6:30 p.m. to receive and consider all evidence relative to the proposal described above.

By order of the City Council of the City of Lawndale



Maria R. Guerra
Deputy City Clerk



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**PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF LAWDALE
CITY COUNCIL
CASE NO: 18-17**

Notice is hereby given that at 6:30 p.m. on Monday September 17, 2018 the Lawndale City Council will hold a public hearing in the City Council Chambers located at 14717 Burin Avenue, Lawndale, CA to review the following proposal:

CASE NO. 18-17: A proposal to consider an amendment to the Hawthorne Boulevard Specific Plan. The proposed amendment would amend the design guidelines for the General Commercial zone. On August 8, 2018 the Lawndale Planning Commission voted 4 to 0 recommending the City Council approve the proposed Specific Plan Amendment.

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) the City of Lawndale has prepared an initial study. It has been determined that the project will not have any significant impacts on the environment, and therefore a negative declaration will be adopted.

The files for this proposal are available for review Monday through Thursday, 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., in the Community Development Department offices located at 14717 Burin Avenue, Lawndale, California. Any grounds for opposing this project must be made at the time of the meeting or made in written correspondence. If you challenge this matter in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues that you or someone else raised during the meeting.

The City of Lawndale's contact person is Jared Chavez, Associate Planner, Community Development Department at (310) 973-3206.

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