

**MINUTES OF THE
LAWNDALE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
October 1, 2018**

- A. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL** – Mayor Pullen-Miles called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. in the City Hall council chamber, 14717 Burin Avenue, Lawndale, California.

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

Other Participants: City Manager Stephen N. Mandoki, City Attorney Tiffany J. Israel, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Captain April Tardy, Community Services Director Mike Estes, Assistant to the City Manager/Human Resources Director Raylette Felton, Municipal Services Director Michael Reyes, Finance Director Kenneth Louie, Community Development Director Sean Moore, Interim Public Works Director/City Engineer Jonathan Wu, Deputy City Clerk Maria R. Guerra and approximately 12 audience members

- B. **CEREMONIALS** – Mayor Pro Tem Reid led the flag salute and Pastor George Magdalany, Hope Chapel Hawthorne provided the inspiration.

C. **PRESENTATIONS**

Presentation from Senator Bradford's Office – Legislative Update

For the legislative year ending August 31, Governor Brown signed the last of the bills on his desk on September 30. Senator Bradford noted that the Governor's term has been very productive, given that he took office when the state was in a deficit, and as of this year many state funds have grown. This year, Senator Bradford authored 19 bills, 12 that reached the Governor's desk, and all 12 were signed by the Governor. He summarized some of those bills. Regarding issues that affect Lawndale, there is a grant of \$5 million for community colleges that serve the residents of Lawndale to help students who were previously incarcerated to gain career skills. The Governor also signed a measure to ensure that every corporate board in the state of California has at least one woman on the board. California passed an aggressive net neutrality bill, and also passed a measure ending cash bail and instead individuals will be assessed based on their risk factor. AB 987 provides for a new arena for the Los Angeles Clippers in Inglewood, but the funds will be used to benefit the surrounding areas as well, including Lawndale. Another measure allows consumers to take product home from a brew pub, and the measure also allows brew pub companies to donate product for the benefit of non-profits, which they were not allowed to do before. The Family Electric Rate Assistance (FERA) program measure also passed, which provides an 18% discount on electricity rates for individuals below the poverty line. Last, Senator Bradford discussed SB 1361, a banking institution transparency bill that requires updates be presented to the Legislature regarding fines and penalties assessed against banks.

The Council did not have any questions concerning the legislative update and Mayor Pullen-Miles thanked Senator Bradford for advocating on the community's behalf in Sacramento.

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

E. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

- Lyda Truick, Acting Manager of Lawndale Library, announced the Reading Buddies program on Tuesdays from 4:00 to 6:00. Smarty Pants Storytime will be held on Wednesday only this week at 11:00. Baby Storytime on Thursday was cancelled for this week only. Parent-Child Workshops are scheduled on Fridays for the upcoming weeks. There are two volunteer opportunities at the Library: 1) the Ocean-friendly Garden is in disrepair and needs gardening help, and 2) the Veterans Connect Program needs volunteers to come work with the vets one-on-one; training is provided.
- Randall Abram, Lawndale resident, sent an e-mail to City Manager Mandoki with a list of short-term rentals in the City. One of the negative impacts on the City of short-term rentals is that they further impact parking. At the last City Council meeting, there was discussion of requesting a parking district. Mr. Abram noted that the process for doing so is very cumbersome. He also stated that when dedicated parking spots were painted on his street, they actually lost spots. If the parking district were to go into effect, there are likely not enough spots for the number of homes on the block. He requested that landlords be required to provide parking for each unit they rent.
- Pam London, Lawndale resident, questioned why there are two animal control officers when there is very little animal control work to be done, while the City also has two code enforcement officers who are overwhelmed and the code violation cases are not making it to court in a timely fashion. She pointed out that when the City made a push to get pet owners to license their pets, they did not use the animal control officers but rather hired an outside vendor to do the work. She believes penalties for failing to license a pet need to be increased.
- Kaleb Hafner, Lawndale resident, was a former member of the Youth Advisory Committee, and he asked Mayor Pullen-Miles what the future of the Youth Advisory Committee will be.
- Gary White, Lawndale resident, followed up regarding the dog waste problem along the railroad tracks. He noted there was discussion of adding trash receptacles but so far none have been added. He agreed that parking in the City is a problem, and ended by pointing out the signs in the council chamber that say “No Food and Drinks,” yet the council members all had drinks.
- Chuck Rundle, Lawndale resident, thanked the Council for taking immediate care of any issues he brought in front of them in the past. He thanked them for the work they do for the City.

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

The consent calendar, agenda items 2 through 4, will be considered and acted upon under one motion unless a member removes individual items for further consideration or explanation.

Hawthorne Blvd. Specific Plan Amendment. (Recommendation: that the City Council read by title only, waive further reading, and adopt Ordinance No. 1147-18, amending the development standards for the General Commercial (GC) zone for the Hawthorne Boulevard Specific Plan (“HBSP”).

Accounts Payable Register. (Recommendation: that the City Council adopt Resolution No. CC-1810-039, authorizing the payment of certain claims and demands in the amount of \$184,027.85.)

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(Recommendation: that council approve.)

A motion by Councilmember Kearney to approve the consent calendar was seconded by Councilmember Suarez and carried by a vote of 5-0 following City Attorney Israel's reading of the title of Ordinance No. 1147-18.

H. ADMINISTRATION

Right-of-Way Use Agreement for City Owned Conduit Use – Sunesys. Director of Community Development Moore presented this item regarding an underground conduit line located between 154th and W. 165th Street, along Hawthorne Boulevard (approximately 3600 linear feet). Recently, it was discovered that payments were not being made to the City for use of the lines, and once the delinquent payments totaling \$23,716.14 were made, Community Development and the City Attorney's Office discussed putting a new agreement in place with Sunesys/Castle. The new agreement is a five-year term at a rate of \$3.50 per linear foot (up from \$0.40 per linear foot). This will give the City \$63,000 over the five-year lease term.

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

Community Benefit and Settlement Agreement – South Bay Galleria Mall Expansion Project. Director of Community Development Moore presented this item regarding the South Bay Galleria Mall and a 29.85-acre site located at the southwest corner of Artesia and Hawthorne Boulevard. The City of Lawndale has filed an appeal to the South Bay Galleria project, to be heard by the Redondo Beach City Council. The largest impact to Lawndale as a result of this project is the traffic. The project developer met with Community Development and the City Attorney's office to negotiate an agreement that covers: funds to improve roadways along pre-identified routes, a holiday traffic control program, and the scope of the roadway improvements. If the agreement is executed, the City will withdraw its appeal. The Mayor thanked Community Development and the City Attorney for drafting the agreement that allowed the City to obtain mitigation measures and funds.

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

Selection of a City Council Subcommittee for the Development of a Request for Proposals for Municipal Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling Services. City Manager Mandoki presented this item regarding the current contract for waste disposal, which expires on December 31, 2019. Renegotiating the contract would likely entail significant increases due to changes in waste disposal programs and requirements. The City will send out RFPs to collect proposals from haulers and disposers under these new requirements. This item asks the Council to consider whether there should be a subcommittee to oversee this process, otherwise staff will take care of the project.

There was City Council consensus to start a subcommittee for the development of Requests for Proposal for waste disposal, and the Council assigned Pat Kearney and Daniel Reid as the subcommittee members.

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

I. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Discussion Regarding the Possible Renaming of a City Street to "Lawndale" – requested by Mayor Pullen-Miles. City Manager Steve Mandoki presented this item. This issue was looked at in 1995 and again in 2006 with no action taken. If the Council wishes to move forward, staff will look at options for location and any other directives from the Council. Further action would include notifying residents and businesses along the identified street, holding a public hearing for community reaction, updating maps, and working with the post office and other entities.

Councilmember Osborne strongly supports the idea, noting the every city in the South Bay has a street with the city's name on it, and Lawndale has four streets named after other cities. He asks staff to consider a segment of 147th Street near Hawthorne because there are only four addresses and three street signs that would need to change. He also recommended possibly covering the costs for businesses to change any letterhead. He suggested the street segment be named "Lawndale Way."

Councilmember Kearney suggested Del Oro, a small street with one resident. He also thinks 147th is a good option.

Mayor Pullen-Miles likes the suggestion of the segment of 147th because then drivers would see the sign from Hawthorne Blvd. Also, that segment is used during community events and would help brand the City.

Councilmember Suarez heard from a member of the community that Burin would be a good choice for renaming, and she suggested looking at both that option and 147th and then the Council could decide.

Mayor Pullen-Miles confirmed there was a consensus of the City Council members to investigate renaming a segment of 147th.

City Manager Mandoki said staff will prepare information and a timetable and bring it to a future meeting.

November Council Meeting Schedule. City Manager Steve Mandoki presented this item, noting that Thanksgiving falls on November 22, and the second City Council meeting of November will be on the 19th. He asks the Council if they would like to reschedule or cancel the meeting on November 19.

Mayor Pullen-Miles confirmed there was a consensus of the City Council members to cancel the November 19, 2018 City Council meeting.

J. ITEMS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

Councilmember Report of Attendance at Meetings and/or Events – see below

Councilmember Kearny attended Joe Madrid's mass, along with Mayor Pullen-Miles and Captain Dougherty.

Councilmember Suarez attended Clean-up Week and helped clean several streets.

Councilmember Osborne attended a Council of Governments meeting where the majority of cities intend to vote down the sanitation tax.

Mayor Pro Tem Reid attended the Contract Cities meeting, and went to the new LA Fire museum in the City of Bellflower.

Mayor Pullen-Miles met with Inglewood Mayor Butts, who is on the METRO Board, along with some residents of Lawndale, Redondo Beach, and Torrance. They spoke of concerns with the Green Line extension and brought up the issue of undergrounding. Mayor Garcetti, who is also on the METRO Board expressed interest in undergrounding as well. Director of Community Development Moore described the support for Lawndale from Mayor Garcetti and Mayor Butts regarding the Green Line expansion at the last Board meeting. Director Moore thinks the METRO Board will go the route of trenching, as a middle ground option. Director Moore will continue to watch this project closely. Councilmember Osborne noted that the trenching plan doesn't mitigate effects for residents on the southern part of the route. Mayor Pullen-Miles thanked the residents who turned out for that meeting, especially because it was during the work day.

City Manager Mandoki introduced Jonathan Wu, Interim Public Works Director.

K. CLOSED SESSION

Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation. The City Council will conduct a closed session, pursuant to Government Code sections 54956.9(d)(2) and (d)(3), because there is a significant exposure to litigation in one case related to the BKK Class I Landfill.

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 the City of Redondo Beach relating to the proposed expansion of the South Bay Galleria Mall.

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 against Metro regarding the expansion of the green line.

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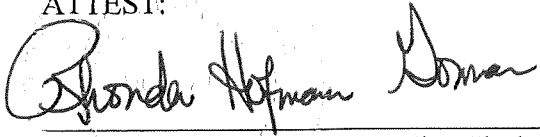
City Attorney Israel reported the City Council met in Closed Session to discuss the items listed on the Closed Session agenda. The City Council was updated on these items and there was no reportable action taken.

L. ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business to conduct, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, October 15, 2018, in the Lawndale City Hall Council Chamber, 14717 Burin Avenue, Lawndale, California.


Robert Pullen-Miles, Mayor

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rhonda Hofmann Gorman". The signature is written over a faint circular stamp.

Rhonda Hofmann Gorman, City Clerk

Approved: 10/15/18