

**MINUTES OF THE  
LAWNDALE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
October 15, 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

Councilmembers Absent: None

Other Participants: City Clerk Rhonda Hofmann Gorman, City Manager Stephen N. Mandoki, City Attorney Tiffany J. Israel, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Lieutenant John Burcher, Community Services Director Mike Estes, Assistant to the City Manager/Human Resources Director Raylette Felton, Municipal Services Director Michael Reyes, Community Development Director Sean Moore, Interim Public Works Director/City Engineer Jonathan Wu, Assistant City Clerk Matthew Ceballos and approximately 13 audience members

**B. CEREMONIALS**

Councilmember Osborne led the flag salute and Pastor Douglas Gates, The House of Celebration, provided the inspiration.

City Manager Stephen Mandoki introduced newly hired Assistant City Clerk Matthew Ceballos and briefly detailed his education and experience.

**C. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT**

Lieutenant John Burcher summarized recent law enforcement activities.

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

- Lyda Truick, Acting Manager of Lawndale Library, briefly spoke about the following library programs: anti-bullying efforts and classes; steam maker mobile; Halloween Event; and ongoing programming events; potential new library manager.
- Robert Smith, Resident, spoke about traffic safety on Marine Avenue and 145<sup>th</sup> Street, witnessed an increase in traffic speeds and traffic volume, and suggested a possible commission on traffic safety to study the intersection.
- Lisa Adams, Resident, addressed the health and safety issue on streets regarding the increase to bicycle traffic on Hawthorne Boulevard, suggested bike lane on Hawthorne Boulevard. Ms. Adams also noted pigeon issues in the City, specifically on 154<sup>th</sup> Street and Hawthorne Boulevard.
- James Padilla, Resident, spoke about his parking issues near his residence, he requested permitting parking assistance and was seeking to retain his parking pad.

- Pam London, Resident, briefly spoke on the following: her opposition to the gas tax; the tree trimming service timelines; a commentary about “hit and runs” and driving behaviors; a commentary about prostitutes, child porn, and racists in Lawndale; and inquired about the responsibility to check up on Megan’s law offenders.
- Gary White, Resident, spoke about enticing new business on Hawthorne Boulevard and sought more efforts to be made to attract and retain new business, and signage issues. Mr. White also briefly touched on the ongoing Green Line issues, parking, and citation of a car incident.
- Johnny London, Resident, stressed getting out to vote and requested a further explanation of Measure L. Mr. London also suggested speed bumps for traffic issues.
- Doris Hofmann, Resident, thanked local sheriffs for the “Coffee with a Cop” event and expressed her support for the upcoming Halloween Haunt event.

**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. **Concrete Repairs Project – Authorization to Bid.** (Recommendation: that the City Council approve the project scope of work and authorize staff to advertise the project to solicit bids.)
2. **Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority - Waiver of Security Deposit Fees.** (Recommendation: that the City Council waive the \$250.00 security deposit fee for the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority for permitted uses of the Community Center Meeting Room on the permitted use dates of January 23, 2019 and January 22, 2020.)
3. **First Amendment to Staff Augmentation Services – Interim Assistant Engineer.** (Recommendation: that the City Council approve the First Amendment with Farhadi and Associates, Inc. for interim assistant engineering services in a not-to-exceed amount of \$87,360 for the period of October 24, 2018 through April 23, 2019.)
4. **Updating the Designated Election Official for the November 6, 2018 General Municipal Election.** (Recommendation: that the City Council adopt Resolution No. CC-1810-041.)
5. **Accounts Payable Register.** (Recommendation: that the City Council adopts Resolution No. CC-1810-040, authorizing the payment of certain claims and demands in the amount of \$564,252.00.)
6. **Minutes of the Lawndale City Council Regular Meeting – October 1, 2018.** (Recommendation: that council approve.)

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

**G. ADMINISTRATION**

7. **Burin House Demolition – Reject All Bids Update.** (Recommendation: that the City Council: (1) authorize staff to reject all bids and re-advertise the project with revised estimate, (2) appropriate \$50,572 from bond proceeds to the Burin House Project, (3) reduce appropriation of \$50,572 from street improvement project (bond funds); and (4) appropriate \$50,572 from Measure M fund for street improvements.)

Interim Public Works Director Jonathan Wu presented this item regarding the two bids received for the project that came in well above the estimated cost. Interim Director Wu noted that in rejecting the bids, Public works would re-bid with a revised estimate. Councilmember Osborne concurred with the assessment.

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

8. **Tentative Agreement between the City and American Federation of the State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME).** (Recommendation: that the City Council adopt Resolution No. CC-1810-042, approving the tentative agreement between the City of Lawndale and American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Local 1895, Council 36.)

Human Resources Director Raylette Felton presented this item regarding the tentative agreement between the City of Lawndale and AFSCME by providing a brief summary of the changes being proposed.

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

9. **City-Wide Salary/Pay Schedule.** (Recommendation: that the City Council approve and adopt Resolution No. CC-1810-043, updating the City of Lawndale City-wide Salary/Pay Schedule for all approved positions.)

Human Resources Director Raylette Felton presented this item regarding the updated City-Wide Salary/Pay Schedule by providing a brief summary of the changes being proposed.

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

10. **Flexible Benefit Plan Document.** (Recommendation: that the City Council adopt Resolution No. CC-1810-044, approving and updating the City's Flexible Benefits/Cafeteria Plan Document and Summary Plan Description and authorize the City Manager, or designee, to automatically update the Plan as necessary, in compliance with Internal Revenue Code Section 125.)

Human Resources Director Raylette Felton presented this item regarding the updated Flexible Benefits Plan by providing a brief summary of the changes being proposed.

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

**H. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Stephen Mandoki reported on the following: Informational table for Measure "L" on October 17<sup>th</sup> and October 31<sup>st</sup> and that October 22<sup>nd</sup> was the last day to register to vote on the November 6<sup>th</sup> election.

**I. ITEMS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS**

**11. Councilmember Report of Attendance at Meetings and/or Events**

Councilmember Kearny attended the Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Oversight Committee, along with City Manager Stephen Mandoki.

Councilmember Suarez attended "Coffee with a Cop".

Councilmember Osborne attended "Coffee with a Cop" and the Southern California Association of Governments meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Reid had nothing to report.

Mayor Pullen-Miles attended "Coffee with a Cop", the "Bossa Nova" restaurant opening, and the Sanitation District meeting.

**J. CLOSED SESSION**

At 7:18 p.m. the City Council entered into closed session.

**12. Conference with Labor Negotiator.** The City Council will conduct a closed session, pursuant to Government Code section 54957.6, with the city manager, the city attorney and the City's negotiators, regarding labor negotiations with unrepresented employees, the central management team.

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At 7:38 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 items listed on the Closed Session agenda. The City Council was updated on these items and there was no reportable action taken.**

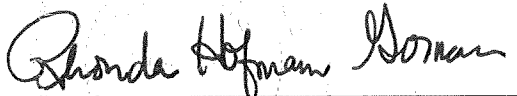
**K. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Pullen-Miles announced the meeting would be adjourned in honor of Pastor Christopher Beamer who passed away on September 30<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Pullen-Miles read a brief statement regarding the passing of Pastor Beamer.

There being no further business to conduct, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

  
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Robert Pullen-Miles, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Rhonda Hofmann Gorman, City Clerk

Approved: 11/5/18