

**MINUTES OF THE
LAWNDALE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
April 2, 2018**

- 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. The City Council met concurrently with the governing board of the Lawndale Usage Cable Corporation.

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, Community Services Director Mike Estes, Director Kenneth Louie, Community Development Director Sean Moore, Public Works Director/City Engineer Frank Senteno, Deputy City Clerk Maria R. Guerra and approximately 27 audience members

- B. CEREMONIALS** – Mayor Pro Tem Dan Reid led the flag salute and Pastor Max Youell with Restoration Life Christian Church provided the inspiration.

C. PRESENTATIONS

Girl Scout Gold Award - Katelyn Maheia

Mayor Pullen-Miles noted this award is the most prestigious and difficult award to achieve in Girl Scouts. He described Ms. Maheia's history in the City, including her participation in Girl Scouts since kindergarten, her academic and sports pursuits, and especially her musical contributions to the community. Ms. Maheia also served on the Youth Advisory Committee.

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

E. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

- Jose Parra provided an update of activities at the Lawndale Library including the Classic Book Club, County-wide Book Sale, Bilingual Story Time, and the Spanish Citizenship 101 Class.
- Viola Reilly, resident, noted she would like to file a complaint against a City Code Enforcement Officer related to a misunderstanding regarding a scheduled bulky-item pickup at her residence.
- Katelyn Maheia provided information related to her YouTube channel.
- Pam London, resident, congratulated the Girl Scout Gold Award recipient and spoke about the Fireworks booth locations, increasing signage at intersections, parking problems, concerns regarding Code Enforcement interactions, and animal licensing regulations.
- Randall Abram, resident, spoke regarding Fireworks booth profit requirements, location for the City Firework booths, and requiring the Fireworks manufacturers to reimburse 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

Accessory Dwelling Ordinance. (Recommendation: that the City Council read by title only, waive further reading, and adopt Ordinance No. 1145-18, amending the Lawndale Municipal Code to update the City's accessory dwelling unit regulations to ensure consistency with State law (Assembly Bill 494 and Senate Bill 229.)

Obsolete Records. – (Recommendation: that the City Council adopt Resolution No. CC-1804-012, approving the requests from the City Clerk, Community Development and Finance Departments for authorization to destroy the records listed in the exhibits of the resolution.)

Class Instruction Contract Amendment. (Recommendation: that the City Council approve the First Amendment to Contract Services Agreement for Class Instruction between the City and both Maria Elena Alvarez in the amount of \$23,000.00 and Kimberly D. Esmond in the amount of \$16,750.00 for FY 2017-18.)

Final Parcel Map Review Notice. (Recommendation: that the City Council receive and file the notice.)

Accounts Payable Register. (Recommendation: that the City Council adopt Resolution No. CC-1804-011, authorizing the payment of certain claims and demands in the amount of \$1,252,959.09.)

A motion by Mayor Pro Tem Reid to approve the consent calendar was seconded by Councilmember Kearney and carried by a vote of 5-0 following City Attorney Israel's reading of the title of Ordinance No. 1145-18.

H. ADMINISTRATION

Hawthorne Boulevard Bike Lanes. Director of Public Works Frank Senteno presented the item. Staff has researched and worked with Metro to repurpose funds which were designated to create Class 2 bicycle lanes on Hawthorne Boulevard. The alternative project would be the City's first bicycle lanes. Metro is in support of the project and will provide grant writing opportunities. Project would include a complete street approach and proposes another bicycle route on Freeman and Prairie Avenues. This project is consistent with City policy, the current Safe Routes to School Plan, and State regulations to reduce greenhouse gases. Staff provided an estimate at \$4.3 million dollars for which the City could leverage its project funds. Exhibits were provided in the agenda packet, and include displays of the roundabouts, pedestrian amenities, and the shared bike lane markings. The bike routes in the Safe Routes to School plan would provide connectivity to at least five schools.

Councilmember Osborne expressed concerns related to road diets, especially on 147th which would increase traffic on 149th. He inquired whether roundabouts could be incorporated. Mr. Senteno noted a road study would be completed to determine various options to avert cut-through traffic. He noted it was not an "all-or-nothing" approach and various options could be implemented. Councilmember Osborne inquired whether a grant could be utilized for a bicycle path. Mr. Senteno detailed the various options related to the bicycle network, including completing a loop through the City. Councilmember Osborne confirmed that applicable project funds are placed back into the General Fund if they are not expended at this time.

Mayor Pullen-Miles inquired as to how the project will contribute to reduce parking impacts throughout the City. Mr. Senteno responded the road diet could allow for reverse angle parking, which would allow for more spaces for parking. He also noted the opportunity for active transportation grant is currently in progress and Metro is poised to provide assistance with grant

writing. If the City elects not to move forward at this time, it will forgo the grant-writing assistance.

Councilmember Suarez expressed interest in improving the green space and would like to see more intense visuals for the project near Freeman Street. She would prefer more time to evaluate the project. Mr. Senteno stated advanced visuals and modeling would be part of the Metro grant-writing assistance. The greenbelt would be part of the mitigation measures related to this project.

Councilmember Osborne supports bicycle lanes, in principle, however does not support road diets. Mr. Senteno stated the project could eliminate the road diet and focus on other project options.

Mayor Pro Tem Reid does not support the elimination of road lanes, however, he does support the project related to bicycle lanes.

Councilmember Kearney was not in support of the project, as he does not believe it will increase bicycle usage.

Mayor Pullen-Miles did not support the project at this time and asked if the City could retain the funds for a future project.

City Manager Mandoki confirmed that Metro has stated the funds would remain with the City until another alternative use was identified.

There were no public comments on this item.

A motion by Councilmember Kearney to table this matter until an alternative project can be identified, including clarification related to Option 2 in the staff report was seconded by Councilmember Osborne and carried by a vote of 5-0.

Harold E. Hoffmann Community Center Janitorial Services. Director of Public Works Frank Senteno presented the item. He noted it was staff's recommendation that Council approve the temporary services agreement to have the contract extended through June 30, 2018 while the City completes the recruitment for the Maintenance Worker position. This will entail utilizing funds available from the vacancy to fund the agreement.

A motion by Councilmember Osborne to approve the First Amendment with Ultimate Maintenance Services, Inc. for temporary janitorial services for the Harold E. Hofmann Community Center in the amount of \$10,140 for the period of April 1 through June 30, 2018 seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Reid and carried by a vote of 5-0

Southern California Association of Governments Annual Conference and General Assembly. City Manager Steve Mandoki presented the item. There are available funds in the City Manager's budget to register all interested Councilmembers for attendance. He confirmed one night accommodation is included for the City's designated voting member.

Mayor Pullen-Miles and Councilmembers Osborne and Suarez expressed interest in attending and staff confirmed they will be registered for the event.

Councilmember Osborne will be designated at the voting delegate and Councilmember Suarez will be designated as the voting alternate.

There were no public comments on this item.

Direction was provided to staff and there was no further action taken on this item.

I. ITEMS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

National Prescription Drug Take Back Events. Requested by Mayor Pullen-Miles. (Recommendation: that the City Council approve Resolution No. CC-1804-013 expressing the City's support of the Drug Enforcement Agency's Bi-annual drug take-back events and the availability of a prescription drug drop-box program.)

Mayor Pullen-Miles summarized the program which allows the City to take back the prescription in a secured container to prevent individuals from disposing the prescriptions in an unsafe manner. There are several organizations who provide assistance in the collection process. Mayor Pullen-Miles stated that the unsafe disposal of the drugs could place hazardous materials in the water system.

A motion by Mayor Pullen-Miles to approve Resolution No. CC-1804-013 expressing the City's support of the Drug Enforcement Agency's Bi-annual drug take-back events and the availability of a prescription drug drop-box program was seconded by Councilmember Osborne and carried by a vote of 5-0.

Mayor/Councilmember Report of Attendance at Meetings and/or Events

- City Clerk Rhonda Hofmann Gorman reported she attended the Annual Lawndale Easter Egg Hunt and commended the Park and Recreation Committee and the Park and Recreation Department on the exceptional event.
- Councilmember Kearney attended the Metro Tour along with Councilmember colleagues, a box lunch was provided. He reminded staff and Council about the Youth in Government Day.
- Councilmember Suarez attended the Metro Tour and a luncheon at Southern California Gas Company where she met the representatives and information was provided which included greenhouse gas emissions and renewables.
- Councilmember Osborne attended a Metro Tour and encouraged residents who live in the proposed region to educate themselves about the project. There will be a local presentation on April 17, 2018 on at Leuzinger High School auditorium. Coffee with a Cop will occur on April 18, 2018. He thanked Public Works Director Frank Senteno for his service to the City.
- Mayor Pro Tem Reid attended the 152nd street Neighborhood Watch meeting, the PTA dinner, and the Metro Tour.
- Mayor Pullen-Miles attended the Metro Tour and noted the mitigation measures that City staff are communicating to Metro related to a proposed light rail route through Lawndale. He thanked Public Works Director Frank Senteno for his service to the City.

J. CLOSED SESSION

Conference with Labor Negotiator. The City Council conducted 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 (a) Local 1895, Council 36, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, representing the City's mid-management and classified employees, and (b) unrepresented employees, the central management team and the city manager.

Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation. The City Council conducted 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.

Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation. The City Council conducted a closed session, pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(4), because the City is considering whether to initiate litigation in one case.

Mayor Pullen-Miles requested a two-thirds vote to add an urgency item as a new Item 17 under the Closed Session agenda. The item is related to discuss whether to initiate an unlawful detainer against Irene Rosales and Richard Rosales with respect to a house owned by the Successor Agency within the Blue Bonnet Mobile Home Park located at 4432 Manhattan Beach Boulevard as required by the Notice of Termination of Tenancy served on the Rosales family by the City's consultants. This tenancy will terminate this Thursday.

This matter came to the attention of the City Council subsequent to the posting of the agenda and a determination was made that immediate action was necessary prior to the next scheduled City Council meeting. A two-thirds vote is necessary to add this item to the agenda pursuant to the provisions of the California Brown Act.

A motion by Councilmember Kearney to add Item No. 17 to the Closed Session agenda was seconded by Councilmember Suarez and carried by a vote of 5-0.

Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation. The City Council conducted a closed session, pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(4), to consider whether to initiate an unlawful detainer against the Rosales family residing in the Blue Bonnet Mobile Home Park located at 4432 Manhattan Beach Blvd

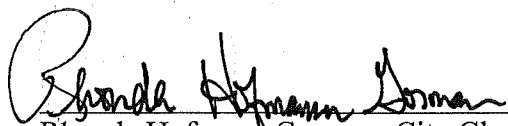
The City Council recessed to Closed Session to discuss four items as identified above. The City Council reconvened to Open Session and City Attorney Israel made the following report: The City Council received an update on Items 14, 15, and 16 as listed on the Closed Session agenda and no reportable action was taken on any of these items. In regard to Item No. 17, the City Council unanimously (5 – 0) reaffirmed its desire to move forward with the unlawful detainer action.

- K. ADJOURNMENT** – There being no further business to conduct, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m in memory of Al White, long-time resident of the City of Lawndale.



Robert Pullen-Miles, Mayor

ATTEST:



Rhonda Hofmann Gorman, City Clerk

Approved: 4/16/18