

**MINUTES OF THE
LAWNDALE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
May 21, 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 board of the successor agency of the Lawndale Redevelopment Agency.
- Councilmembers Present: Mayor Robert Pullen-Miles, Mayor Pro Tem Daniel Reid, Councilmember Pat Kearney, Councilmember Bernadette Suarez
- Councilmembers Absent: Councilmember James H. Osborne
- 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, Assistant to the City Manager/Human Resources Director Raylette Felton, Finance Director Kenneth Louie, Community Development Director Sean Moore, Acting Public Works Director/City Engineer Miguel Alvarez, Deputy City Clerk Maria Guerra, Administrative Analyst Grace Huizar, and approximately 35 audience members
- B. **CEREMONIALS** – Mayor Pro Tem Daniel Reid led the flag salute and Pastor Max Youell provided the inspiration.
- C. **PRESENTATIONS**
- The City Council introduced, provided biographies for, and recognized Firefighter/Paramedic of the Year Ian Nichols and Sheriff's Deputy of the Year Gabriela Vidrio.
- D. **PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT** – Captain Tardy summarized recent law enforcement activities.
- E. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**
- Pam London spoke in support of law enforcement services in Lawndale, expressed concern with Code Enforcement activities which result in court cases, and unresolved cases which should have fines attached.
 - Ryan Press expressed concerns regarding the lack of drought-tolerant landscaping options allowed by the City.
 - Arthur Schaper expressed concern regarding crimes committed related to illegal immigration, his support of the Second Amendment, and requested all City Councils take on these issues.
 - Gary White expressed concerns regarding traffic flows at the intersection of Manhattan Beach Boulevard and Freeman in Lawndale and the upcoming Metro Green Line meeting.
 - Marge Heinemann expressed concerns with tree removal to accommodate trash service.
- 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 the City Council approves.)

Jane Addams Parking Lot Resurfacing Project. (Recommendation: that the City Council approve the project plans and specifications, and authorize staff to bid the project.) – **This item was pulled from the agenda**

Professional Service Agreement for an Interim Assistant Engineer. (Recommendation: that the City Council approve a professional services agreement with Infrastructure Engineers (Consultant). The Consultant should be compensated in accordance with the “Schedule of Compensation” included in the agreement, but not exceeding the maximum contract amount of \$98,800.)

Claim Against the City. (Recommendation: that the City Council reject the claim filed by Felix Fana and direct staff to process the appropriate correspondence to the claimant.)

Accounts Payable Register. (Recommendation: that the City Council adopts Resolution No. CC-1805-019, authorizing the payment of certain claims and demands in the amount of \$172,298.73.)

Minutes of the Lawndale City Council Regular Meeting – April 25 and May 7, 2018.
(Recommendation: that the City Council approves.)

A motion by Councilmember Kearney to approve the consent calendar was seconded by Councilmember Suarez and carried by a vote of 4-0, with Councilmember Osborne absent.

H. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Covenants for Easements Ordinance. (Recommendation: that the City Council: (1) Discuss this item and receive public comment, if any, on the matter; (2) find that this action is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines; and (3) introduce the first reading of Ordinance No. 1146-18 amending the Zoning Code of the City of Lawndale to comply with new state laws regarding covenants for easement ordinance.)

A brief staff report was given by Community Development Director Moore to allow the creation of adjacent lots owned by the same property owner to allow for development on land-locked properties. The City Attorney’s office assisted with the development of this Ordinance. Planning Commission reviewed the Ordinance and recommended it to the City Council. There are no CEQA or fiscal impacts on the City.

Mayor Pullen-Miles opened the public hearing and public comments. There being no individuals who wished to provide testimony, Mayor Pullen-Miles closed public comments and the public hearing.

Councilmember Suarez stated the Ordinance would provide an easier process for property owners who want to develop adjoining properties.

The title of the Ordinance was read by City Attorney Israel.

A motion by Mayor Pro Tem Reid to approve the introduction of Ordinance No. 1146-18, was seconded by Councilmember Kearney, and carried by a vote of 4-0, with Councilmember Osborne absent.

I. ADMINISTRATION

South Bay Workforce Investment Board Appointment (continued from 5/7/18).

City Manager Mandoki presented the item. The City holds two (2) seats on the Board, one of which has a term ending June 30, 2018. Any business organization or the City Council can make recommendations for appointments to the Board. The Chamber has submitted the name of the incumbent for reappointment, however, the City Council may make an alternative nomination.

Councilmember Kearney requested whether the vacancy can be placed on the City's website so local business owners can be informed and nominate individuals for service.

Pursuant to unanimous direction by the City Council, City staff will advertise the South Bay Workforce Investment Board vacancy for the term expiring June 30, 2018 on the City's website.

There was no further action taken on this item.

Solid Waste Request for Proposals Consulting Assistance.

(Recommendation: that the City Council: (1) authorize City staff to initiate the Request for Proposals for an Integrated Solid Waste Manager Services Agreement process; (2) authorize City staff to include Proposal Integrity Guidelines in the Request for Proposals directing potential proposer communication to designated staff identified in the RFP; and (3) approve a professional consulting services agreement with HF&H Consultants, LLC in the amount not-to-exceed \$109,900).

Public Works Administrative Analyst Grace Huizar presented the item. She noted the current service provider, Republic Services, was contacted prior to contract expiration, however, the provider was not interested in pursuing negotiations with the City. Based upon the sequence of events, a Request for Proposals (RFP) is currently in order. HF&H Consultants is the City's current consultant related to solid waste collection services and has successfully assisted cities procure vendors. They will assist City staff throughout the RFP process.

There were no members of the public who elected to speak on this item.

A motion by Councilmember Suarez to (1) authorize city staff to initiate the Request for Proposals for an Integrated Solid Waste Manager Services Agreement process; (2) authorize city staff to include Proposal Integrity Guidelines in the Request for Proposals directing potential proposer communication to designated staff identified in the RFP; and (3) approve a professional consulting services agreement with HF&H Consultants, LLC in the amount not-to-exceed \$109,900, was seconded by Councilmember Kearney, and carried by a vote of 4-0, with Councilmember Osborne absent.

CDBG Administration and Labor Compliance Services.

(Recommendation: that the City Council approve the proposed agreement with Michael Baker International in an amount not to exceed \$32,160.)

Community Development Director Moore presented the item. The current contractor has notified the City they will not continue to provide services after the existing contract term, citing the cost of providing services. A Request for Proposals (RFP) was initiated and two providers submitted bids. The proposed vendor has been vetted and has a well-respected reputation in the field. Staff recommends approval of this item.

There were no members of the public who elected to speak on this item.

A motion by Mayor Pro Tem Reid to approve the proposed agreement with Michael Baker International in an amount not to exceed \$32,160, was seconded by Councilmember Suarez, and carried by a vote of 4-0, with Councilmember Osborne absent.

J. ITEMS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

Request for a Future Agenda Item for the City Council to Discuss Opposing Senate Bill 54 (SB 54) – Requested by Mayor Pro Tem Reid. (Recommendation: that the City Council receive the report from Mayor Pro Tem Reid and provide direction accordingly.)

Mayor Pro Tem Reid stated he brought this item forward as there are concerns how Senate Bill 54 will affect law enforcement's ability to address criminal illegal immigrants in a manner which will protect citizens. The Bill will possibly protect the criminal element without legal immigration status and it is suspected to have an impact on grant funding that could be taken away from a City. He would like to hear residents' concerns on this matter.

Captain Tardy, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, spoke regarding the potential impacts of SB 54 on law enforcement activities. SB 54 impacts the jail custody division where Sheriff's deal directly with ICE agents. ICE agents have always been in jail facilities during release of inmates. SB 54 does not directly impact patrol or calls for service in the community.

Mayor Pullen-Miles opened public comments.

Eric Gerow stated this is a matter of law enforcement safety and wants to ensure that dangerous criminals are taken into custody in a safe environment for the community. The opposition to SB 54 will keep law enforcement officers safe.

Robert Lauten presented a list of agencies which have formally opposed SB 54, stated that the community is safer when criminals are transferred to federal officers while they are in custody, and presented a statement from the Orange County Sheriff's Department in opposition to SB 54.

Lee Wiltfong expressed concerns with the conflict between the Constitution and the establishment of sanctuary cities. He stated the negative impacts of illegal immigration and the resulting homeless crisis. He is opposed to SB 54 and encouraged the City Council to oppose the legislation.

Jean Wiltfong encouraged the City Council to oppose SB 54, stated that California should not be a sanctuary state, and Lawndale should not be a sanctuary city.

Vaughn Becht, Orange County resident, expressed opposition to SB 54 which he believes will result in illegal immigrants receiving free services, at citizen expense, and only law enforcement have guns. Community safety should be the greatest concern for elected officials and encouraged the City Council to file an amicus brief in opposition to SB 54.

Jo Reitkopp, Orange County resident, President of Make California Great Again, stated she is the daughter of an illegal immigrant, who later became an United States citizen. She expressed concern with elected officials who are breaking federal immigration laws and California legislators who are not complying with existing law. She encouraged opposition to SB 54.

Ursula Yager, Irvine resident, spoke regarding the negative impacts of former propositions (47 and 57), including the increasing homeless problem, and noted there are not enough resources to support services for illegal immigrants.

Genevieve Peters expressed excitement that this item is on the agenda. She stated that public safety is the most important priority for the City. This law will tie the hands of law enforcement in favor of illegal immigrants who are able to commit crimes and then be released back into the community, rather than into the custody of federal officials.

Arthur Schaper encouraged the City Council to oppose SB 54, which he believes to be immoral and unconstitutional. He stated SB 54 supports dangerous criminals. The federal government is responsible for protecting citizens and the country from foreign invasion.

Ingrid Mueller encouraged the City Council to oppose SB 54 and is not in support of criminal illegal immigration. SB 54 does not allow local law enforcement officials to inform ICE officials when criminal illegal immigrants are in local custody.

Fernando Garcia stated SB 54 would not help families or cities and is not even going to help illegal immigrants. Rather it is only helping criminal illegal immigrants. He spoke regarding criminal activity against his minor child by an illegal immigrant.

Mauricio Chavez spoke regarding criminal activity committed against him and expressed concern regarding the negative impacts of SB 54 against citizens of the United States.

Arely Pose, former Lawndale resident, encouraged the City Council to oppose SB 54 through placement of the item on an upcoming agenda so that citizens can be informed. She expressed concern about the political agenda for SB 54 and believes it is motivated by drug cartels.

Megan Dowling, Los Angeles County, expressed concerns with criminal activity perpetrated by illegal immigrants. She spoke regarding felony crimes which have now been reclassified as misdemeanors. She cited sanctuary city crime activity data and encouraged the City Council to oppose SB 54.

Gary White, Lawndale, spoke regarding the positive contributions of legal and illegal immigrants, and noted that he does not support illegal activity of any kind.

Harin Uzziel, former Lawndale resident and current resident of Los Angeles, expressed concern with SB 54 and noted it has nothing to do with race, immigrants, or any specific ethnic group. SB 54 forbids local police jurisdictions to inform ICE of criminal illegal immigrants who are already in custody.

Mario Alberto, San Diego, encouraged the City Council to oppose SB 54 to protect law enforcement officers and citizens.

Pam London, Lawndale, supports protecting our law enforcement officers and residents of Lawndale. She expressed concerns regarding individuals holding signs in the City Council chamber to express their political positions.

Seeing no further members of the audience who elected to speak, Mayor Pullen-Miles closed public comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Reid was not asking for any particular City Council position this evening, stated his support for the opposition to SB 54, and encouraged residents and the public to speak their mind regarding this matter in the future.

Councilmember Report of Attendance at Meetings and/or Events

- Councilmember Kearney attended the “Fit for Gold” event where two Hispanic women were recognized for their accomplishments.
- Councilmember Suarez attended the “Fit for Gold” event and Centinela Valley Youth Services meeting.
- Mayor Pullen-Miles attended the Contract Cities conference where he completed state-mandated ethics and harassment training required of elected and appointed officials, homeless “street smarts” presentation, Sheriff’s workshop on leadership and public safety, and reminded the community of the Metro meeting on May 22, 2018 at Adams Middle School. Public comments will be taken at the meeting. He also attended the Sanitation District meeting and Centinela Valley Youth Services meeting.
- Mayor Pro Tem Reid encouraged all to attend the Lawndale Memorial Day ceremony.

K. CLOSED SESSION

The City Attorney announced the City Council would recess to Closed Session to discuss the following item:

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.


The City Council returned to open session and the City Attorney made the following report: the City Council adjourned to Closed Session to discuss the above referenced matter. The City Council was updated and there was no further reportable action.

- L. ADJOURNMENT** – There being no further business to conduct, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 9:03 p.m.



Robert Pullen-Miles, Mayor

ATTEST:



Rhonda Hofmann Gorman, City Clerk

Approved: 6/4/18

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**PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF LAWDALE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that at 6:30 p.m. on Monday May 21, 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. 18-13: A proposal to amend the Lawndale Municipal Code pertaining to Covenants of Easements, City Wide.

The project has been deemed to be Categorically Exempt to CEQA, pursuant to Section 15061 (B)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines. A CEQA Categorical Exemption has been prepared for this project for consideration by the Planning Commission. All relevant documents including required environmental documents are available for review Monday through Thursday, 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., in the Community Development Department office located at 14717 Burin Avenue, Lawndale, CA 90260. 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.

You may contact Jared Chavez Associate Planner for further information regarding this matter at (310) 973-3206.

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