

**MINUTES OF THE  
LAWDALE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
December 7, 2020**

**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.

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Robert Pullen-Miles, Mayor Pro Tem Bernadette Suarez, Councilmember Pat Kearney, Councilmember Daniel Reid, Councilmember James Osborne, Councilmember-elect Rhonda Hofmann-Gorman, Councilmember-elect Sirley Cuevas

Other Participants: City Manager Kevin M. Chun, City Attorney Tiffany J. Israel, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Lieutenant Leo, Community Services Director Mike Estes, Assistant to the City Manager/Human Resources Director Raylette Felton, Municipal Services Director Michael Reyes, Finance Director Marla Pendleton, Community Development Director Sean Moore, Assistant City Clerk Matthew Ceballos, Interim Public Works Director Lea Reis

**B. CEREMONIALS**

Councilmember Daniel Reid led the flag salute.

**C. PRESENTATION**

**1. James Osborne – Outgoing Member of the City Council**

Mayor Robert Pullen-Miles and the City Council presented the Service Recognition Plaque for 12 years of dedicated service and valuable contributions to outgoing councilmember, James Osborne.

Each Councilmember congratulated, praised and wished James Osborne well.

Councilmember Osborne appreciated all comments, colleagues and past members then spoke about his time as the Councilmember of Lawndale. Mr. Osborne went on contributing his experience and knowledge to late councilmember Larry Rudolph, late Charmaine Doty, late Pastor Chris Beamer, Alizabeth Bigness, Bob and Janice Gibbons, Lenore Bemis, Sandy Suarez, Bonnie Coronado, Shirley Rudolph, Marco Sandoval and City Staff.

Lawndale Elementary School district board president Bonnie Coronado and Superintendent read verbatim deep gratitude and wished him the best in his future endeavors

Centinela Valley Union High School District Dr. Gregory O'Brian, behalf of the board of education, expressed appreciation of Mr. Osborne's many years of service and partnership.

Amanda Cunningham, representing the Office of Assemblywoman Autumn Burke, read a resolution of December 7, 2020 highlighting all of James Osborne's achievements.

**2. Dan Reid – Outgoing Member of the City Council**

Mayor Pullen-Miles highlight all of the subcommittees councilmember Dan Reid represented and presented him with a plaque for six years of service to Lawndale City Council.

All Councilmembers commended Mr. Reid for the empathetic commitment to the Lawndale Community and the City Council.

Representatives of Lawndale Elementary School District, Centinela Valley Union High School District, and Office of Assemblywoman Autumn Burke, delivered Recognition Certificates and presented Resolutions emphasizing his service to the community of Lawndale.

**D. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT**

Lieutenant Leo applauded the outgoing Councilmembers for their support then summarized the recent law enforcement activities.

Councilmember Pat Kearney commended the enforcement officers for securing 8 weapons in November.

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

Dave, Lawndale Resident, inquired if street sweeping will be terminated through stay at home orders and suggested it should be cancelled due to most residents staying home.

**F. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL**

No comments provided.

**G. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**3. Approval of Final Parcel Map No. 83092**

Recommendation: that the City Council approve the final Parcel Map 83092.

**4. Federally Funded Employment and Job Training – South Bay Workforce Investment Board Activities Summary**

Recommendation: that the City Council receive and file the report.

**5. Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) Appointments**

Recommendation: that the City Council (a) approve the Mayor's appointments by directing staff to insert the appointees' names in Section 1 of Resolution No. CC-2012-065, and (b) adopt the Resolution as amended.

**6. Accounts Payable Register**

Recommendation: that the City Council adopt Resolution No. CC-2012-064, authorizing the payment of certain claims and demands in the amount of \$843,374.36

7. **Minutes of the Lawndale City Council Regular Meeting – November 16, 2020**

Recommendation: that the City Council approve.

**REDEVELOPMENT SUCCESSOR AGENCY**

8. **Minutes of the Successor Agency Meeting – June 3, 2020**

Recommendation: that the Board approves.

9. **Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS) 21-22 and the Administrative Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022**

Recommendation: that the Successor Agency approve and direct staff to submit to the Los Angeles County Consolidated Oversight Board and California Department of Finance (DOF) the ROPS 21-22 and Administrative Budget FY 2021-22, and authorize staff to make any changes requested by the DOF.

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

**H. ADMINISTRATION**

10. **Certification of Election Results - General Municipal Election 2020**

Recommendation: that the City Council approve the Election Official's Certificate of Canvass and adopt Resolution No. CC-2012-066, declaring the results of the 2020 Lawndale General Municipal Election.

Assistant City Clerk Matthew Ceballos reported on the Certification of Results for the General Municipal Election 2020.

**A motion by Councilmember Osborne approve the Election Official's Certificate of Canvass and adopt Resolution No. CC-2012-066, declaring the results of the 2020 Lawndale General Municipal Election, was seconded by Councilmember Kearney and carried by a vote of 5-0.**

11. **Installation of Elected Officials**

The newly elected members of the City Council will take the oath of allegiance and be seated.

Assistant City Clerk Matthew Ceballos administered the oath of allegiance to elected Mayor Robert Pullen-Miles

Assistant City Clerk Matthew Ceballos administered the oath of allegiance to elected Councilmember Rhonda Hofmann-Gorman.

Mr. Ray Cordova, Chair of South County Labor administered the Oath of Office to elected Councilmember Sirley Cuevas.

Assistant City Clerk Matthew Ceballos conducted a roll call for the new Lawndale City Council.

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Robert Pullen-Miles, Mayor Pro Tem Bernadette Suarez, Councilmember Pat Kearney, Councilmember Rhonda Hofmann-Gorman, Councilmember Sirley Cuevas

**12. Annual Reorganization of the City Council**

Recommendation: that the City Council appoint one of its members to serve as Mayor Pro Tem for a term beginning on January 1, 2021 and ending on December 31, 2021.

Mayor Pro Tem Suarez nominated Councilmember Pat Kearney to serve as Mayor Pro Tem.

Councilmember Rhonda Hofmann-Gorman concurred.

**A motion by Mayor Pro Tem Suarez appoint Councilmember Pat Kearney to serve as Mayor Pro Tem for a term beginning on January 1, 2021 and ending on December 31, 2021, was seconded by Councilmember Hofmann-Gorman and carried by a vote of 4-0 with 1 abstention being Councilmember Kearney.**

**13. City Representatives to Intergovernmental Agency boards**

Recommendation: that Mayor Pullen-Miles (a) appoint delegates and alternates to the intergovernmental agencies listed in Resolution No. CC-2012-067; (b) that the City Council confirm the Mayor's appointments by directing staff to amend Section 1 of the Resolution by filling in the names of the Mayor's appointees; and (c) that the City Council adopt the Resolution as amended.

At this time the Mayor and City Council came to a consensus on the following appointments:

**California Contract Cities Association, Board of Directors**

Representatives: delegate Pat Kearney, alternate Robert Pullen-Miles and Rhonda Hofmann-Gorman.

**California Joint Powers Insurance Authority, Board of Directors**

Representatives: delegate Robert Pullen-Miles, alternate Rhonda Hofmann-Gorman.

**Centinela Youth Services, Board of Directors**

Representative: delegate Bernadette Suarez, *alternate not allowed*

**County Sanitation District No 5 of Los Angeles County, Board of Directors**

Representatives: delegate Robert Pullen-Miles, alternate Pat Kearney

**League of California Cities, Los Angeles County Chapter**

Representatives: delegate Sirley Cuevas, alternate Robert Pullen-Miles

**South Bay Cities Council of Governments, Board of Directors**

Representatives: delegate Bernadette Suarez, alternates Robert Pullen-Miles and Sirley Cuevas.

**A motion by Mayor Pro Tem Suarez to confirm the Mayor's appointments by directing staff to amend Section 1 of the resolution by filling in the names of the mayor's appointees and adopt the resolution as amended was seconded by Councilmember Kearney and carried by a vote of 5-0.**

**14. Vacancy in the Office of City Clerk – Options**

Recommendation: that the City Council (a) commence the process to appoint someone to fill the vacancy of the City Clerk for the remainder of the term, which is approximately two years, and (b) approve the application and interview process as detailed in the staff report and application, or direct staff as appropriate.

Assistant City Clerk Matthew Ceballos reported on the Vacancy in the Office of City Clerk – Options.

**A motion by Mayor Pullen-Miles to commence the process to appoint someone to fill the vacancy of the City Clerk for the remainder of the term, which is approximately two years, and approve the application and interview process as detailed in the staff report and application, was seconded by Councilmember Kearney and carried by a vote of 5-0.**

**I. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Kevin Chun reminded everyone the upcoming City Council meetings have been cancelled due to the holidays and will resume on Tuesday, January 19, 2021. City Manager Chun also reported the Angel Tree Lighting Event will be available via live streaming. Mr. Chun went on commending the outgoing Councilmembers and applauding and welcoming the newly elected members.

**ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCILMEMBERS**

**15. Mayor/City Councilmembers Report of Attendance at Meetings and/or Events**

Councilmember Rhonda Hofmann-Gorman encouraged anyone interested in learning about government and be a representative to apply for the City Clerk opening.

Councilmember Sirley Cuevas thanked all of her supporters and looked forward to a successful term.

Councilmember Kearney attended the Citizen's Oversight Committee meeting, the Assemblywoman Autumn Burke's "Drive-thru Operation Gobble", and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Mr. Kearney went on acknowledging the U.S. Navy and Dan Reid for the history of the date December 7th.

Mayor Pro Tem Suarez attended an emergency South Bay Cities Council of Governments meeting and welcomed the new Councilmembers.

Mayor Pullen-Miles congratulated the newly seated Councilmembers, attended County Sanitation District No 5 of Los Angeles County meeting, and participated in the turkey giveaway from Assemblywoman Autumn Burke, he went on to wish everyone a safe holiday.

**J. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to conduct, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

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Robert Pullen-Miles, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Matthew Ceballos, Assistant City Clerk

Approved: 1/19/2021