

**MINUTES OF THE
LAWNDALE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
March 15, 2021**

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 Pat Kearney, Councilmember Bernadette Suarez, Councilmember Rhonda Hofmann-Gorman, Councilmember Sirley Cuevas

Other Participants: City Clerk Erica Harbison, City Manager Kevin M. Chun, City Attorney Gregory M. Murphy, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Captain Duane Allen, 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, Public Works Director Julian Lee

B. CEREMONIALS

Councilmember Sirley Cuevas led the flag salute.

C. PRESENTATION

1. Recognition of Service - Outgoing Commissioners & Committee Members

Mayor Pullen-Miles presented the recognition of service for outgoing Commissioners & Committee Members.

D. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

Captain Duane Allen summarized the recent law enforcement activities.

E. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

- Caroline Bustillos, Resident, spoke of the Metro railway location and suggested Hawthorne Boulevard to attract pedestrians into the businesses and keep the railway away from a residential area where it will cancel the green belt and affect home values.
- Pam London, Resident, spoke in opposition of business advertisements placed on vehicles and homes due to clutter and/or damage to property.
- Randall Abram, Resident, spoke of the fireworks booth application enforcement.

F. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

The City Council and staff responded generally to the comments, but did not request placement of any issues on a future meeting agenda.

G. CONSENT CALENDAR

2. Consideration of Claim Against the City

Recommendation: that the City Council reject the claim filed by Larry Justason and instruct staff to process the appropriate correspondence to the claimant.

3. Accounts Payable Register

Recommendation: that the City Council adopt Resolution No. CC-2103-013, authorizing the payment of certain claims and demands in the amount of \$ 622,087.67.

4. Minutes of the Lawndale City Council Regular Meeting – March 1, 2021

Recommendation: that the City Council approve.

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

H. ADMINISTRATION

5. Annual 2020 General Plan Progress Report

Recommendation: that the City Council (a) review the 2020 draft Annual Report; (b) make any revisions; and (c) direct staff to forward the report to the State Department of Housing and Community Development and the Governor's Office of Planning and Research.

Community Development Director Sean Moore, reported on the Annual 2020 General Plan Progress Report.

A motion by Mayor Pro Tem Kearney review the 2020 draft Annual Report, make any revisions, and direct staff to forward the report to the State Department of Housing and Community Development and the Governor's Office of Planning and Research, was seconded by Councilmember Cuevas and carried by a vote of 5-0.

6. Change Order No. 1 for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Annual Street Improvement Project No. 2020-5 and 2020-6 (Measure M Street Improvement Project)

Recommendation: that the City Council (a) approve the contract change Order No. 1 for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Annual Street Improvement Project in the amount of \$337,105.00; (b) approve contingency in amount of \$16,895.00 for the Contract Change Order No. 1 for FY 2019-20 Annual Street Improvement Project; (c) approve Contract Amendment No. 1 for FY 2019-20 Annual Street Improvements Project No. 2020-5 and 2020-6; and (d) approve the allocation of Measure M Fund in the amount of \$354,000.00 to the account number 272-310-700.146 Street Improvements.

Public Works Director Julian Lee, reported on the Change Order No. 1 for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Annual Street Improvement Project No. 2020-5 and 2020-6 (Measure M Street Improvement Project).

Mayor Pro Tem Kearney inquired if the amount allocated was a matching fund. Public works Director Lee and Finance Director Pendleton confirmed it is a matching fund.

A motion by Mayor Pro Tem Kearney to approve the contract change Order No. 1 for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Annual Street Improvement Project in the amount of \$337,105.00, approve contingency in amount of \$16,895.00 for the Contract Change Order No. 1 for FY 2019-20 Annual Street Improvement Project, approve Contract Amendment No. 1 for FY 2019-20 Annual Street Improvements Project No. 2020-5 and 2020-6; and approve the allocation of Measure M Fund in the amount of \$354,000.00 to the account number 272-310-700.146 Street Improvements, was seconded by Councilmember Suarez and carried by a vote of 5-0.

7. **City Council Subcommittee for Metro C Line (Green) Extension Project**

Recommendation: that the City Council consider the formation of a City Council subcommittee for the C Line (Green) Extension Project.

City Manager Kevin M. Chun presented the proposed formation of a City Council subcommittee for the C Line (Green) Extension Project.

City Council came to a unanimous consensus, without objection, to appoint Mayor Pullen-Miles and Councilmember Hofmann-Gorman on the City Council Subcommittee for Metro C Line (Green) Extension Project.

I. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Kevin Chun announced the scoping review period for Metro C Line (Green) Extension to Torrance has been extended to March 29, 2021 and up to when the Draft Environmental Impact (EIR) is submitted and presented. Mr. Chun added the City is looking into a date to open city facilities, under Los Angeles County's guidance.

J. ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCILMEMBERS

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

Councilmember Suarez attended a meeting with Metro regarding the C Line extension.

Councilmember Cuevas attended the League of California Cities meeting.

Councilmember Hofmann-Gorman attended a meeting with Metro where she asked various questions on behalf of Lawndale residents.

Mayor Pro Tem Kearney attended Sherriff's Liability Trust Oversight Committee and the City Council subcommittee meeting with the Lawndale Elementary School District.

Mayor Pullen-Miles attended the League of California Cities meeting and spoke about the various roles of the Secretary of State, Shirley N. Weber.

K. CLOSED SESSION

At 7:35 p.m. the City Council entered into closed session.

9. 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.

10. Conference with Legal Counsel – Potential Litigation

The City Council will conduct a closed session, pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(2), to confer with legal counsel regarding a significant exposure to litigation, the facts and circumstances of which are not known to the potential plaintiff.

At 8:07 p.m. the City Council entered back into open session.

City Attorney Gregory M. Murphy reported that the City Council met in Closed Session to discuss the two items listed on the Closed Session agenda. On item number 9, the City Council unanimously voted to authorize the initiation of litigation. The City Council was updated on item number 10 and there was no reportable action taken.

L. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, the Mayor adjourned the meeting in memoriam of Penny Verna E. Johnston Bolton at 8:09 p.m.

Robert Pullen-Miles, Mayor

ATTEST:

Erica Harbison, City Clerk

Approved: 04/05/2021