

**MINUTES OF THE
LAWNDALE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
April 5, 2021**

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.

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 Rhonda Hofmann-Gorman led the flag salute.

C. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

Captain Duane Allen summarized the recent law enforcement activities.

D. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

- Judith Martinez, Resident, spoke of food waste ending in landfills and encouraged composting or a food waste drop-off location in Lawndale.
- Randall Abram, Resident, spoke of the noise ordinance during the 4th of July holiday and additional enforcement costs to be covered by the fireworks booths and manufacturers.

E. 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.

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. National DMV/ Donate Life Month Proclamation

Recommendation: that the City Council receive and file report.

2. Dispose of and Purchase Two Vehicles for Public Works Department

Recommendation: that the City Council (a) approve the purchase of two replacement vehicles, utilizing Air Quality Management District (AQMD) funding, from the National

Auto Fleet Group for the total price of \$52,897.54; (b) decrease the AQMD budget by \$90,000; and (c) approve the sale of the 2005 Chevrolet and 2008 Honda through our standard public auction process facilitated by Ken Porter Auctions in Carson, California.

3. Annual Review and Updates to the Citywide Records Retention Schedules for Fiscal Year 20-21

Recommendation: that the City Council adopt Resolution No. CC-2104-016, Updating City Council Policy No. 77-04 (Records and Information Management), Annual Review and Schedule Updates for FY 2020-21.

4. Accounts Payable Register

Recommendation: that the City Council adopt Resolution No. CC-2104-015, authorizing the payment of certain claims and demands in the amount of \$266,319.84.

5. Minutes of the Lawndale City Council Regular Meeting – March 15, 2021

Recommendation: that the City Council approve.

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

G. PUBLIC HEARING

6. Adopting Updated User and Regulatory Fees (Master Fee Schedule)

Recommendation: that the City Council (a) conduct a public hearing and (b) adopt the proposed Resolution No. CC-2104-017, with updated fees to be effective July 1, 2021.

Finance Director Marla Pendleton and Terry Madison, president of ClearSource Financial Consulting, provided a detailed report on the Updated User and Regulatory Fees (Master Fee Schedule).

Mayor Pullen-Miles opened and closed the public hearing at 7:12 p.m., there being no one to testify.

A dialogue ensued between City Council and staff regarding the City fees and cost recovery.

City Council discussed and requested, without objection, to modify the snack bar fee per season for non-profit organizations and per day fee for non-qualifying users or organizations.

A motion by Councilmember Suarez adopt the Resolution No. CC-2104-017, with updated fees to be effective July 1, 2021, including the amendment to the snack bar fee to be charged per season for non-profit organizations and per day fee for non-qualifying users or organization, was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kearney and carried by a vote of 5-0.

H. ADMINISTRATION

7. Updated Illegal Fireworks Suppression Plan for 2021

Recommendation: that the City Council review and approve the proposed Illegal Fireworks Suppression Plan for 2021.

Municipal Services Director Michael Reyes provided a report on the updated Illegal Fireworks Suppression Plan for 2021.

Mayor Pro Tem Kearney inquired on the status of the JAG grant, Municipal Services Director Reyes responded that grant was approved but has not been awarded and he's followed up with Washington D.C.

A lengthy dialogue ensued between the Council and staff regarding the "Progressive Penalty", revisiting the penalty form time to time for offenses, compliance, and enforcement protocols.

Public Comment

Randall Abram, Resident, spoke in favor of the Fireworks Suppression Plan for 2021.

A motion by Councilmember Cuevas to approve the proposed Illegal Fireworks Suppression Plan for 2021, was seconded by Councilmember Hofmann-Gorman and carried by a vote of 5-0.

I. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Kevin Chun announced that the City was working with Providence Little Company of Mary on a COVID-19 vaccination clinic, a tentative date of Friday, April 16, 2021 had been set.

J. ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCILMEMBERS

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

Councilmember Suarez attended the grand opening of Hirsh Pipe and Supply, the South Bay Cities Council of Government's General Assembly, the L.A. County Sheriff's Town Hall meeting.

Councilmember Cuevas attended the South Bay Cities Council of Government's General Assembly, the Lawndale General Plan and Hawthorne Specific Plan meeting, the L.A. County Sheriff's Town Hall meeting, Parks Subcommittee, "Stop Asian Hate" rally, "Women in Government" webinar.

Councilmember Hofmann-Gorman attended the California Contract Cities virtual meeting, the Lawndale General Plan and Hawthorne Specific Plan meeting, the L.A. County Sheriff's Town Hall meeting, and a meeting with L.A. County Supervisor Holly Mitchell.

Mayor Pro Tem Kearney attended L.A. County Sanitation District meeting, the California Contract Cities virtual meeting, he grand opening of Hirsh Pipe and Supply, and the Parks Subcommittee.

Mayor Pro Tem Kearney requested follow-up or agenized items on Project Room-Key and the potential motel buy-outs by the State, the reopening of City Hall, and bringing back a weekend graffiti team.

Mayor Pullen-Miles spoke about rent relief programs and attended the L.A. County Sheriff's Town Hall meeting, meeting with Congresswoman Maxine Waters regarding project funding, and the South Bay Cities Council of Government's General Assembly. The Mayor briefly spoke about measure H funding and how it is spent on homeless issues in Lawndale. The Mayor went on to explain that he also attended a meeting with L.A. County Supervisor Holly Mitchell.

K. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

Robert Pullen-Miles, Mayor

ATTEST:

Erica Harbison, City Clerk

Approved: 04/19/2021