

**MINUTES OF THE
LAWNDALE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
April 19, 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 Lieutenant Lio, 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 Bernadette Suarez led the flag salute.

C. PRESENTATION

1. Government Finance Officers Association – Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting

Mayor Pullen-Miles presented the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting

D. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

Lieutenant Lio summarized the recent law enforcement activities.

E. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

- Ara An, City of Lawndale Field Deputy from L.A. County Second District Supervisor Holly Mitchell's Office, introduced herself and spoke of COVID-19 updates.
- Frank Flores, Resident, spoke regarding the comment from Congresswoman Maxine Waters regarding the Chauvin trial.

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. **Motion to read by title only and waive further reading of all ordinances listed on the Agenda**
Recommendation: that the City Council approve.
3. **Parks, Recreation and Social Services Commission (PRSSC) Fireworks Stand Location**
Recommendation: that the City Council receive and file this report announcing the location of the 2021 PRSSC Fireworks Fundraising Program as the Lawndale Performing Arts Center Parking Lot located on the campus of Lawndale High School at 14901 S. Inglewood Ave.
4. **Contract Services Agreement for Cable Television Consultation and Technical Support Services**
Recommendation: that the City Council (a) approve and authorize the City Manager to execute the attached contract services agreement with Darren P. Doerschel, Systems Integration Consultant, for cable television consulting and technical support services for an amount not to exceed \$34,200, in a form approved by the City Attorney; and (b) direct the Director of Finance/City Treasurer to transfer budget salary savings in the General Fund Cable Television budget to contract services in the same budget.
5. **Quarterly Investment Report for the Quarter ended March 31, 2021**
Recommendation: that the City Council receive and file the Quarterly Investment Report for the quarter ended March 31, 2021.
6. **Accounts Payable Register**
Recommendation: that the City Council adopt Resolution No. CC-2104-018, authorizing the payment of certain claims and demands in the amount of \$1,606,458.21.
7. **Minutes of the Lawndale City Council Regular Meeting – April 5, 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.

H. ADMINISTRATION

8. **South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) Appointment to the Lawndale Business Private Sector Seat**
Recommendation: that the City Council (a) review the submitted information from Mr. Roderick D. Edison, as supported by the SBWIB; (b) re-affirm the SBWIB 's nomination of Mr. Roderick D. Edison as the City of Lawndale' s SBWIB representative on the Business Private Sector seat, filling the remaining term from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2024, and direct staff to provide that name to the SBWIB for the Inglewood Chamber of Commerce's final approval; **or** (c) Direct staff to open up nominations for additional applications including advertising the opening on the City's website and social media platforms; and (d) bring the nomination applications to an upcoming City Council

meeting and provide direction to staff to provide a name to the SBWIB for the Inglewood Chamber of Commerce's final approval, to fill the upcoming vacancy on the City of Lawndale's SBWIB Business Private Sector seat, filling the remaining term of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2024.

Mayor Robert Pullen-Miles reported on the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) Appointment to the Lawndale Business Private Sector Seat.

Councilmember Cuevas inquired if the appointed representative had to reside in Lawndale or have a business in Lawndale. Mr. Pullen-Miles responded accordingly.

A motion by Councilmember Suarez to re-affirm the South Bay Workforce Investment Board's (SBWIB) nomination of Mr. Roderick D. Edison as the City of Lawndale's SBWIB representative on the Business Private Sector seat, filling the remaining term from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2024, was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kearney and carried by a vote of 5-0.

9. Award of Citywide Information Technology Services Contract

Recommendation: that the City Council approve the Contract Services Agreement for Information Technology Services with Bericom IT & Design for a three year period beginning July 1, 2021, renewable for an additional (2) one-year periods, for an annual amount not to exceed \$142,800, including annual Consumer Price Index Increases in years 2 through 5 of the contract and subject to annual budget availability.

Finance Director Marla Pendleton reported on the Award of Citywide Information Technology Services Contract.

A motion by Mayor Pro Tem Kearney approve the Contract Services Agreement for Information Technology Services with Bericom IT & Design for a three year period beginning July 1, 2021, renewable for an additional (2) one-year periods, for an annual amount not to exceed \$142,800, including annual Consumer Price Index Increases in years 2 through 5 of the contract and subject to annual budget availability, was seconded by Councilmember Rhonda Hofmann Gorman and carried by a vote of 5-0.

10. Amendment to Section 8.12.120 of Chapter 8.12 of the Lawndale Municipal Code Pertaining to Illegal Fireworks Violations (1st Reading)

Recommendation: that the City Council introduce and approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 1180-21, amending Section 8.12.120 of Chapter 8.12 of the Lawndale Municipal Code pertaining to illegal fireworks violations.

Municipal Services Director Michael Reyes, reported on the proposed amendment to section 8.12.120 of chapter 8.12 of the Lawndale Municipal Code Pertaining to Illegal Fireworks Violations.

Public Comment

Randall Abram, Resident, spoke in support of the administrative citations for illegal fireworks. Mr. Abram added the city should have a program with local fire department, law enforcement and residents to report any person storing illegal fireworks.

Due to technical difficulties the Mayor recommended to table the item until the technical issues could be resolved. There being no objection, Item H10 was tabled until the technical issue was resolved and would be taken immediately after for Council consideration.

I. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Kevin Chun announced that the COVID-19 vaccination clinic with Providence Little Company of Mary provided 231 Moderna vaccines on Friday, April 16, 2021 and will return Friday, May 14, 2021 with the second dose. The City Manager went on to report on the City Council Park Subcommittee meeting with Lawndale Elementary School District next week and asked the Council to supply questions and comments.

Technical issues were resolved and Item H10 was brought back for Council discussion.

H. ADMINISTRATION (CONTINUED)

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J. ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCILMEMBERS

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

Councilmember Suarez had nothing to report.

Councilmember Cuevas attended webinar with Water Replenishment District (WRD) for Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) remediation program and also attended a webinar with the South Bay Cities Council of Government's which included speakers Representative Maxine Waters and Supervisor Holly Mitchell.

Councilmember Hofmann Gorman attended webinar with Water Replenishment District (WRD) for Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) remediation program.

Mayor Pro Tem Kearney attended the Sherriff's Liability Trust and Oversight Committee meeting via Zoom and the Lawndale City Council Subcommittee on Parks Joint Use with Lawndale Elementary School District.

Mayor Pullen-Miles attended the Sanitation District of Los Angeles County meeting and press conference with L.A. County Supervisor Janice Hahn and Senator Steven Bradford. Mayor Pullen-Miles also attended to the League of California Cities post-pandemic local economic recovery meeting where various cities discussed how they would return from the pandemic. The Mayor went on to report he toured Leuzinger High School's ongoing construction project.

K. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, the Mayor adjourned the meeting in memoriam of Sandy Tofflemire and Phyllis Robinette at 7:17 p.m.

Robert Pullen-Miles, Mayor

ATTEST:

Erica Harbison, City Clerk

Approved: 05/3/2021