

**MINUTES OF THE
LAWDALE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
May 3, 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, Special Counsel/Labor Attorney Katy Suttorp, 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 Sirley Cuevas led the flag salute.

C. PRESENTATION

1. Retirement – Ronald “Ron” Reynolds, Maintenance Worker I

Mayor Pullen-Miles presented the Certificate in Recognition of 22 Years of Dedicated Service and Commitment to the City of Lawndale.

D. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

Lieutenant Lio summarized the recent law enforcement activities.

E. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

No oral communications received.

F. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

No comments received.

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. **Amendment to Section 8.12.120 of Chapter 8.12 of the Lawndale Municipal Code Pertaining to Illegal Fireworks Violations (2nd Reading and Adoption)**
Recommendation: that the City Council approve the second reading and adopt Ordinance No. 1180-21, amending Section 8.12.120 of Chapter 8.12 of the Lawndale Municipal Code pertaining to illegal fireworks violations.
4. **Accounts Payable Register**
Recommendation: that the City Council adopt Resolution No. CC-2105-019, authorizing the payment of certain claims and demands in the amount of \$663,915.33.
5. **Minutes of the Lawndale City Council Regular Meeting – April 19, 2021**
Recommendation: that the City Council approve.
6. **Minutes of the Lawndale City Council Special Meeting – April 26, 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, following City Attorney Murphy's reading of the title of Ordinance No. 1180-21.

H. ADMINISTRATION

7. **Budget Update for the Quarter Ended March 31, 2021**
Recommendation: that the City Council receive and file the Budget Update for the Quarter Ended March 31, 2021 and approve all recommended budget adjustments.

Finance Director Marla Pendleton reported on the Budget Update for the Quarter Ended March 31, 2021.

A motion by Councilmember Cuevas to receive and file the Budget Update for the Quarter Ended March 31, 2021 and approve all recommended budget adjustments, was seconded by Councilmember Suarez and carried by a vote of 5-0.

8. **Memorial Day and Health, Safety and Pet Fair Program Alternatives**
Recommendation: that the City Council (a) receive and file this report, (b) approve the airing of virtual event for the annual Memorial Day Ceremony to take place on Monday, May 31, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.; and (c) approve the small scale by appointment only vaccination clinic, and the re-recorded public service announcements regarding animal safety, dog licensing and general information on animal care in lieu of the regular Health, Safety and Pet Fair.

Community Services Director Mike Estes reported on the Memorial Day and Health, Safety and Pet Fair Program Alternatives.

A motion by Mayor Pro Tem Kearney to receive and file this report, approve the airing of virtual event for the annual Memorial Day Ceremony to take place on Monday, May 31, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. and approve the small scale by appointment only vaccination clinic, and

the re-recorded public service announcements regarding animal safety, dog licensing and general information on animal care in lieu of the regular Health, Safety and Pert Fair, was seconded by Councilmember Cuevas and carried by a vote of 5-0.

I. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Kevin Chun announced the continuation of the COVID-19 vaccination clinic with Providence Little Company of Mary will be provided the second dose on Friday, May 14, 2021. City Manager Chun added the County of Los Angeles agreed to also provide a mobile vaccination clinic, with 250 vaccinations available, on dates May 21st and June 14th, for first and second doses. City Manager Chun went on to announce appointments are scheduled via myturn.ca.gov application.

J. ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCILMEMBERS

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

Councilmember Suarez attended the South Bay Cities Council of Governments Board of Directors meeting and General Plan & Hawthorne Boulevard Specific Plan Workshop.

Councilmember Cuevas attended General Plan & Hawthorne Boulevard Specific Plan Workshop. Councilmember Cuevas requested a discussion item on the crossing guards to be placed on the next meeting agenda now that school resumed.

Councilmember Hofmann Gorman attended a meeting with Metro and noted a representative from L.A. County Second District Supervisor Holly Mitchell's Office, on April 20th. Councilmember Hofmann Gorman went on to report on her attendance of the California Contract Cities Association meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Kearney attended the California Contract Cities Association meeting.

Mayor Pullen-Miles attended the Sanitation District of Los Angeles County meeting and attended the General Plan & Hawthorne Boulevard Specific Plan Workshop. Mr. Pullen-Miles added he attended the meeting with Metro.

City Manager Kevin Chun requested clarification on the recommend crossing guards item by Councilmember Cuevas, if it was Councils desire to add it to the next meeting.

A lengthy dialogue ensued between the Council and staff regarding the request for a crossing guards and on subcommittees.

The City Council reached a unanimous consensus to place item on crossing guards for discussion on the May 17th council meeting.

K. CLOSED SESSION

Special Counsel/Labor Attorney Katy Suttorp announced the facts and circumstances to enter into closed session, know to the potential plaintiffs as: 1) an email complaint received from Sean Moore on April 20, 2021; and 2) a written complaint received from Marla Pendleton on April 20, 2021.

At 7:08 p.m. the City Council entered into closed session.

10. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation

The City Council will conduct a closed session, pursuant to Government Code sections 54956.9(d)(2), because there is a significant exposure to litigation in two (2) cases.

At 8:06 p.m. the City Council entered back into open session.

Special Counsel/Labor Attorney Katy Suttorp reported that the City Council met in Closed Session to discuss the two cases under the one item listed on the Closed Session agenda. The City Council was updated on the item and there was no reportable action taken.

L. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

ATTEST:

Robert Pullen-Miles, Mayor

Erica Harbison, City Clerk

Approved: 05/17/2021