

**MINUTES OF THE
LAWNDALE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
June 7, 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, Community Development Director Sean Moore, Assistant City Clerk Matthew Ceballos, Public Works Director Julian Lee

B. CEREMONIALS

Councilmember Mayor Pro Tem Pat Kearney led the flag salute.

C. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

Captain Duane Allen summarized the recent law enforcement activities.

Councilmember Hofmann Gorman inquired about the fireworks enforcement. Captain Allen responded to the inquiry.

D. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Adaora & Kelechi Okoro, Resident and Sr. Project Manager with Edison International, spoke of the limited street parking due to residents owning multiple vehicles and not using their garages and carports.

Frank Flores, Resident, inquired if the City Council meetings will continue to be televised.

Randall Abram, Resident, spoke of the illegal fireworks warning signs and letters to homeowners.

Pam London, Resident, spoke about staff and the City's management.

Johnny London, Resident, spoke about the decisions of City Council, staff and management.

E. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

The City Council responded generally to the comments, but did not request placement of any issues on a future meeting agenda. There was a lengthy discussion between City Council and staff regarding components of the fireworks suppression plan.

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Operation of City Parks at School District Sites

Recommendation: that the City Council receive and file report.

2. Accounts Payable Register

Recommendation: that the City Council adopt Resolution No. CC-2106-021 authorizing the payment of certain claims and demands in the amount of \$216,757.66

3. Minutes of the Lawndale City Council Regular Meeting – May 17, 2021

Recommendation: that the City Council approve.

Mayor Pro Tem Kearney inquired about the language in item one, suggesting a change be made to the term of the proposed agreement to two years.

A motion by Mayor Pro Tem Kearney to approve the consent calendar with the minor correction to the term language in item 1, Operation of City Parks at School District Sites, was seconded by Councilmember Cuevas and carried by a vote of 5-0.

G. PUBLIC HEARING

4. Proposed Building and Safety Permit Fees for FY 2021-22

Recommendation: that the City Council (a) conduct a public hearing to receive testimony regarding the City's Building Code Fee Schedule and (b) adopt Resolution No. CC-2106-022 revised fee schedule for Building and Safety Permit Fees for FY 2021-22.

Community Development Director Sean Moore reported on the Proposed Building and Safety Permit Fees for FY 2021-22.

Mayor Pullen-Miles opened and closed the public hearing immediately at 7:08 p.m., there being no one wishing to testify.

Mayor Pro Tem Kearney inquired if the multiplier changes would be annually.

Community Development Director Sean Moore responded it would not change while also noting that other cities have higher multipliers. Director Moore added the City just finalized the fee study update and it is in line with the fee study consultant recommended.

A motion by Councilmember Cuevas to adopt Resolution No. CC-2106-022, a revised fee schedule for Building and Safety Permit Fees for Fiscal Year 2021-22, was seconded by Councilmember Suarez and carried by a vote of 5-0

H. ADMINISTRATION

5. Potential Cancellation of the Upcoming City Council Meeting

Recommendation: that the City Council cancel the following City Council meeting:
Tuesday, July 6, 2021.

A motion by Mayor Pro Tem Kearney to cancel the City Council meeting: Tuesday, July 6, 2021, was seconded by Councilmember Cuevas and carried by a vote of 5-0.

I. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Kevin Chun noted that City Hall and City Facilities are open for in-person services while adhering to COVID restrictions. City Manager Chun added that June 21st will be the first, resumed, in-person City Council meeting and anticipates presenting the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget during that meeting. City Manager Chun further announced that Los Angeles County will hold a vaccine clinic at the Herold E. Hofmann Community Center on June 11th at 9:00 a.m.

J. ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCILMEMBERS

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

Councilmember Suarez spoke on public comments and requested they remain professional and polite.

Councilmember Cuevas commended the Sheriff's and Lieutenant Lio for a ride-along and Deputy Kimberly Fermin. Councilmember. Cuevas added she attended, on June 3rd, a general meeting with Los Angeles County League of California Cities.

Councilmember Hofmann Gorman expressed her gratitude towards the outcome of the meeting with California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and looks forward to changes. Councilmember Hofmann Gorman explained many ways a resident can report use of illegal fireworks. Councilmember Hofmann Gorman added an announcement for the City's Pet Licensing Clinic on Saturday, June 12th and invited Municipal Services Director Michael Reyes to provide the event details. Director Reyes spoke briefly about the event.

Mayor Pro Tem Kearney inquired when Council will receive budget books and City Manager Chun responded that he would have a better idea once the consultant came on board and provide an update the week of June 14th.

Mayor Pullen-Miles attended a food drive with L.A. County Supervisor Holly Mitchell and Restoration of Life Church. Mayor Pullen-Miles attended the Caltrans meeting and reiterated how essential it was for Caltrans to manage and clean their properties. The Mayor inquired if there will be an opportunity to hold the Blues Festival and City Manager with Director of Community Services responded it will be presented in the budget for approval and will be different, based on the County and States guidelines.

K. CLOSED SESSION

At 7:33 p.m. the City Council entered into closed session.

7. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation

The City Council will conduct a closed session, pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(1), to confer with legal counsel regarding litigation to which the City is a party. The title of such litigation is as follows: Lawndale vs. Metropolitan Transportation Authority; Case Number 20STCP02875; L.A. County Superior Court.

At 7:56 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 item listed on the Closed Session agenda. A settlement agreement with Caltrans and Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation was accepted and approved by City Council by a vote of 4-1, with Councilmember Kearney voting No.

The general terms of the settlement agreement are as follows:

Caltrans agreed to certain project construction equipment standards (meeting Tier 3 Motor Vehicle Emission and Fuel Standards program), enhance project landscaping, have City representatives on the project development team, landscaping will be installed and maintained by Caltrans, City branding by Caltrans, the City's drainage facilities will be addressed in the final design phase. If Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation (Metro) continues with the Green Line extension it will include an Environmental Impact Report in exchange that the City agrees to dismiss the lawsuit.

L. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Robert Pullen-Miles, Mayor

ATTEST:

Erica Harbison, City Clerk

Approved: 06/21/2021