

**MINUTES OF THE
LAWDALE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
August 2, 2021**

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Pullen-Miles called the meeting to order at 6:32 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 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 Sirley Cuevas led the flag salute and Doris Hofmann, Resident, provided the inspiration.

C. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

Captain Duane Allen summarized the recent law enforcement activities.

D. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Randall Abram, Resident, spoke about the illegal fireworks suppression plan and his support of further illegal fireworks measures brought up in the comments from City Council.

Deena Sopka, Resident, spoke about the public safety report, recent incidents in the City, the trouble illegal fireworks bring and vehicles racing through City streets.

E. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

The City Council responded generally to the comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Kearney requested staff post the Sheriff's Safety Report on social media.

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of Final Tract Map No. 82706

Recommendation: that the City Council approve the Final Tract Map No. 82706

2. **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to Accept Local Return Funds and CARES ACT Funding for the Lawndale Beat Fixed-Route Transportation System**
Recommendation: that the City Council (a) approve the attached Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority to accept \$49,955.00 of Proposition A local return funds and CARES Act funding and (b) authorize the Mayor or City Manager to execute the MOU on behalf of the City.
3. **Consideration of Claim Against the City**
Recommendation: that the City Council reject the claims filed by Alfredo Ortega and Gloria Garay, and instruct staff to process the appropriate correspondence to the claimants.
4. **Accounts Payable Register**
Recommendation: that the City Council adopt Resolution No. CC-2108-031, authorizing the payment of certain claims and demands in the amount of \$791,717.04.
5. **Minutes of the Lawndale City Council Regular Meeting – July 19, 2021**
Recommendation: that the City Council approve.

Mayor Pro Tem Kearney inquired on item number 2. A dialogue ensued between Council and staff regarding the \$49,955.00 of Proposition A local return funds and CARES Act funding towards Lawndale Beat transit service.

Mayor Pro Tem Kearney inquired on various cost in the accounts payable register and its purpose.

A brief dialogue ensued between Mayor Pro Tem Kearney and staff regarding the Lawndale Beat.

A brief dialogue ensued between Mayor Pro Tem Kearney and staff regarding boot purchases and Aleshire & Wynder expenditures.

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

G. PUBLIC HEARING

6. **Adoption of New Facility Use Fee for Recreation Class Instructors**
Recommendation: that the City Council adopt Resolution No. CC-2108-033 approving the fee of \$25.00 per hour for recreation class instructors use of any City facility for City-advertised and promoted classes to be held on City property.

Community Services Director Mike Estes provided a report on the Adoption of New Facility Use Fee for Recreation Class Instructors.

Mayor Pullen-Miles opened and closed the public hearing immediately at 6:40 p.m., there being no one to testify.

Mayor Pullen-Miles provided comments on the legislative change that lead to adjusting the instructor contracting process.

A motion by Mayor Pro Tem Kearney to adopt Resolution No. CC-2108-033 approving the fee of \$25.00 per hour for recreation class instructors use of any City facility for City-advertised and promoted classes to be held on City property, was seconded by Councilmember Suarez and carried by a vote of 5-0.

H. ADMINISTRATION

7. Agreement with All City Management Services Inc. for School Crossing Guard Services

Recommendation: that the City Council approve a contract service agreement with All City Management Services, Inc. for a term of two years, not to exceed \$244,998.00.

Community Services Director Mike Estes provided a report on the Agreement with All City Management Services Inc. for School Crossing Guard Services.

A lengthy dialogue ensued between Councilmember Cuevas and Director Estes regarding the amount of crossing guards the City is hiring, the School District input and pedestrian counts on the amount of crossing guards, a map of crosswalks the City services, and a negotiable reduction of amount of guards.

Councilmember Suarez inquired if the subcommittee with the School District would continue to meet.

Mayor Pro Tem Kearney inquired if staff can send this service for Request for Proposals because the recommended contract has had billing issues in the past. Mayor Pro Tem Kearney added he concurs with Councilmember Cuevas for a language change for the contract to service “up to 10 crosswalk locations”.

The dialogue continued between City Council and staff regarding amending the contract to a reduced amount of crosswalk locations based on pedestrian usage. City Council consented, without objection, to specifically include a language change on service of “up to 10 crosswalk locations”.

Without objection, City Council tabled Item No. 7 to be heard at the next regular meeting.

8. Award of Contract for Construction and Construction Inspection Services for the FY 2020-21 Annual Street Improvements Project

Recommendation: that the City Council (a) award the construction contract to Sequel Contractors Inc., in the amount of \$973,400.00 for the FY 2020-21 Annual Street Improvements Project; (b) award the construction inspection services to SA & Associates in the amount of \$78,000.00 for the FY 2020-21 Annual Street Improvements Project; and (c) approve the construction contingency of \$146,010.00 for FY 2020-21 Annual Street Improvements Project.

Public Works Director Julian Lee reported on the Award of Contract for Construction and Construction Inspection Services for the FY 2020-21 Annual Street Improvements Project.

A lengthy dialogue ensued between Council and staff on the determination and factors for the selection of SA & Associates against the other companies, the budget amount for the project, and negotiating the price.

A motion by Councilmember Suarez to award the construction contract to Sequel Contractors Inc., in the amount of \$973,400.00 for the FY 2020-21 Annual Street Improvements Project; award the construction inspection services to SA & Associates in the amount of \$78,000.00 for the FY 2020-21 Annual Street Improvements Project, negotiating a lower amount and reducing the cost of the overall contract; and approve the construction contingency of \$146,010.00 for FY 2020-21 Annual Street Improvements Project, was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kearney and carried by a vote of 4-0, Councilmember Cuevas abstained.

I. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Kevin Chun invited the community to the first event since the pandemic, the August 3rd, National Night Out. City Manager Kevin Chun also spoke about the workshop for General Plan & Hawthorne Blvd. Specific Plan on August 4th.

J. ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCILMEMBERS

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

Councilmember Suarez attended a meeting with the South Bay Cities Council of Government Steering Committee where SB 9 and SB 10 were discussed. Councilmember Suarez recommended everyone to read on the bill and added it may impact the City.

Councilmember Cuevas inquired if a Sunday morning exercise group at Jane Addams Park was a program with the City. Director of Community Services Estes responded it's not put on by the City, staff is available to patrol onsite and that he would look further into it.

Councilmember Hofmann Gorman commended Caltrans for cleaning the freeways and their underpasses.

Mayor Pro Tem Kearney had nothing to report.

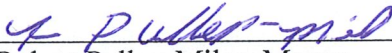
Mayor Pullen-Miles also commended Caltrans for the clean-up and a resident he witnessed cleaning. Mayor Pullen-Miles attended a meeting with the L.A. County Sanitation Districts.

City Manager Chun announced there will be a virtual town hall meeting Saturday, August 7th at 10:00 am for a discussion on SB 9 and SB 10.

Councilmember Suarez congratulated the U.S. Men's National Soccer Team and former Leuzinger High School Olympian, Gyasi Zardes, for the 2021 CONCACAF Gold Cup win.

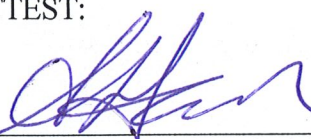
K. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:41 p.m.



Robert Pullen-Miles, Mayor

ATTEST:



Erica Harbison, City Clerk

Approved: 08/16/2021