

**MINUTES OF THE
LAWNDALE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
August 16, 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 Manager Kevin M. Chun, City Attorney Gregory M. Murphy, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Captain Duane Allen, Acting Assistant Chief of Los Angeles County Fire Department Brian Bennett, 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 Rhonda Hofmann Gorman led the flag salute and Mayor Robert Pullen-Miles provided the inspiration.

C. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

Captain Duane Allen summarized the recent law enforcement activities.

Brian Bennett, Acting Assistant Chief of Los Angeles County Fire Department Station 21, introduced himself and the local firefighters, he then provided a brief report of 26 structure fires and 341 medical responses in the City.

D. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Griselda Sanchez, Community Outreach Coordinator of Fame Assistance Corporation, spoke about harmful effects from drifting tobacco smoke in multi-residential housing units.

Helen Vargas, Resident, spoke about exposure to tobacco smoke can be harmful to health.

Hernan Bonilla, Resident, spoke about issues in his home from tobacco smoke drifting in his multi-residential housing unit.

Ricardo Torres, Tobacco Program Director at Fame Assistance Corporation, expressed his worry and concern over second hand smoke.

Johnny London, Resident, spoke briefly about code enforcement and said his goodbye to Lawndale.

Pam London, Resident, spoke about code enforcement, the appearance of the homes, and her time here in Lawndale. Ms. London also said goodbye to the city.

E. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

The City Council responded generally to the comments.

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **Revised City Council Policy 104-19 (Website and Social Media for Public Use)**
Recommendation: that the City Council adopt Resolution No. CC-2108-036, amending City Council Policy No. 104-19 – Website and Social Media for Public Use, to include a Website Privacy Policy.
2. **Notice of Completion – Traffic Signal Installation and Modification Projects at Manhattan Beach Boulevard/Hawthorne Boulevard and Marine Avenue/Osage Avenue Project No. 2019-04 & 09**
Recommendation: that the City Council (a) accept the project completed by DBX, Inc. for traffic signal installation and modification projects at Manhattan Beach Boulevard/Hawthorne Boulevard and Marine Avenue/Osage Avenue; (b) authorize staff to file the notice of completion with the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder County Clerk’s Office for the traffic signal installation and modification projects at Manhattan Beach Boulevard/Hawthorne Boulevard and Marine Avenue/Osage Avenue; and (c) authorize staff to release 5% retention in the amount of \$45,824 for the traffic signal installation and modification projects at Manhattan Beach Boulevard /Hawthorne Boulevard and Marine Avenue/Osage Avenue.
3. **Notice of Completion – Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-20 Annual Street Improvements Project CDBG Project No. 602074-19 and SB1**
Recommendation: that the City Council (a) accept the project completion by Sequel Contractors Inc., for the FY 2019-20 Annual Street Improvements Project (CDBG Project No. 602074-19 and SB1 FY 2019-20); (b) authorize staff to file the notice of completion with the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder County Clerk’s Office for the FY 2019-20 Annual Street Improvements Project; and (c) authorize staff to release 5% retention in the amount of \$85,659.97 for the FY 2019-20 Annual Street Improvements Project.
4. **Accounts Payable Register**
Recommendation: that the City Council adopt Resolution No. CC-2108-034, authorizing the payment of certain claims and demands in the amount of \$244,093.60.
5. **Minutes of the Lawndale City Council Regular Meeting – August 2, 2021**
Recommendation: that the City Council approve.

Mayor Pro Tem Kearney inquired where the 5% retention amount is being generated from for item number 2. Public Works Director Julian Lee responded accordingly.

Mayor Pro Tem Kearney inquired on the budget amount for the automatic sliding doors.

Public Works Director Julian Lee responded the budget was \$30,000-\$35,000 for sliding doors in City Hall, Municipal Services Department and Public Works Department.

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

G. PUBLIC HEARING

6. Adoption of Development Impact Fees

Recommendation: that the City Council (a) determine the Development Impact Fee study is exempt from the Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Section (b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines; and (b) approve and adopt Resolution CC-2108-035, the proposed Development Impact Fees as contained in Exhibit "A" of the Resolution.

Community Development Director Sean Moore provided a report on the Adoption of Development Impact Fees.

Councilmember Rhonda Hofmann Gorman inquired if the City is concerned about the various Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU's) and lack of parking. Community Development Director Sean Moore responded state law prohibits certain regulations of ADU's.

Mayor Pullen-Miles opened and closed the public hearing immediately at 7:22 p.m., there being no one to testify.

City Attorney Gregory Murphy noted that there was a missing table in the Resolution and recommended the item be tabled and taken at the next regular meeting.

Without objection, City Council tabled Item No. 6 to be heard at the next regular meeting.

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 \$285,831.00.

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

Mayor Pullen-Miles inquired what the amount difference from this is proposed agreement and the last one.

Community Services Director Mike Estes responded the difference is going to be \$40,000 to \$41,000 because it went from 5400 hours per year to 6300 hours.

A lengthy dialogue ensued between City Council and staff regarding cost and issues.

Mayor Pullen-Miles recommended to table item 7 to a later time in the meeting to allow the All City Management Services representative to come back with more information.

Without objection, City Council tabled Item No. 7 to be heard at a later part of the meeting.

I. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Kevin Chun announced the next City Council meeting will be Tuesday September 7th due to the Monday holiday. City Manager Kevin Chun invited the community to the Blues Festival on Saturday, September 11th.

J. ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCILMEMBERS

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

Councilmember Suarez attended the Lawndale National Night Out and thanked all who participated. Councilmember Suarez attended a Zoom meeting with South Bay Cities Council of Government Steering Committee where SB 9 and SB 10 were discussed. Councilmember Suarez also attended the opening of water bottle filling stations at Rudolph Park donated by West Basin Municipal Water District.

Councilmember Cuevas announced she will not be present for the upcoming City Council meeting. Councilmember Cuevas attended the Lawndale National Night Out and commended Municipal Services Director Michael Reyes and his staff for putting the event together. Councilmember Cuevas inquired if Municipal Services Department can hold an Instagram account for a better outlook on the Department and to present the various community projects and programs. Councilmember Cuevas attended the General Plan & Hawthorne Boulevard Specific Plan with Community Development Department, attended the League of California Cities and attended a meeting with Los Angeles County Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell.

Councilmember Hofmann Gorman attended Lawndale National Night Out and commended Municipal Services Director Michael Reyes and his staff for a job well done.

Mayor Pro Tem Kearney attended Lawndale National Night Out and Sherriff's Liability Trust and Oversight Committee, he also attended the opening of water bottle filling stations at Rudolph Park donated by West Basin Municipal Water District.

Mayor Pullen-Miles attended a meeting with the L.A. County Sanitation District, Lawndale National Night Out, the opening of water bottle filling stations at Rudolph Park donated by West Basin Municipal Water District, and the General Plan & Hawthorne Boulevard Specific Plan. Mayor Pullen-Miles also attended a meeting with Los Angeles County Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell and proposed a mobile vaccination clinic during the Blues Festival.

At this time, Item H7 was brought back for Council discussion and consideration.

H. ADMINISTRATION (CONTINUED)

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 \$285,831.00.

A dialogue ensued between City Council and the representative of All City Management Services Inc.

A motion by Councilmember Cuevas approve a contract service agreement with All City Management Services, Inc. for a term of two years, not to exceed \$285,831.00, was seconded by Councilmember Suarez and carried by a vote of 4-1, Councilmember Kearney voting No.

I. **CLOSED SESSION**

At 8:27 p.m. the City Council entered into closed session.

9. **Conference with Labor Negotiator**

The City Council will conduct a closed session, pursuant to Government Code section 54957.6, with the city manager, the city attorney and the City's negotiators, regarding labor negotiations with Local 1895, Council 36, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, representing the City's mid-management and classified employees.

10. **Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation**

The City Council will conduct a closed session, pursuant to Government Code sections 54956.9(d)(2) and (d)(3), because there is a significant exposure to litigation in one (1) case.

At 9:17 p.m. the City Council entered back into open session.

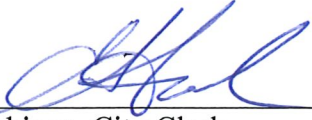
City Attorney Gregory M. Murphy reported that the City Council met in Closed Session to discuss both items listed on the Closed Session agenda. The City Council was updated on both items and there was no reportable action taken.

J. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to conduct, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 9:18 p.m.


Robert Pullen-Miles, Mayor

ATTEST:



Erica Harbison, City Clerk

Approved: 09/07/2021