

**MINUTES OF THE  
LAWNDALE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
September 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

Councilmembers Absent: Councilmember Sirley Cuevas

Other Participants: City Manager Kevin M. Chun, Assistant City Attorney Christina M. Burrows, 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**

Mayor Pro Tem Pat Kearney led the flag salute and Doris Hofmann, First Lady Emeritus of Lawndale, provided the inspiration.

**C. PRESENTATION**

**1. Water Shortage Contingency and Staged Mandatory Water Conservation & Rationing (Presented by Katherine Nutting, Golden State Water Company)**

Katherine Nutting, Golden State Water Company, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Water Shortage Contingency and Staged Mandatory Water Conservation & Rationing.

**D. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT**

Lieutenant Christopher Lio summarized the recent law enforcement activities.

**E. ITEMS FROM CITY CLERK**

City Clerk, Erica Harbison, announced the Gubernatorial Recall Election and a variety of opportunities and locations to cast ballots during the early voting period, September 4, 2021 to September 14, 2021, Election Day.

**F. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Randal Abram, Resident, spoke about code enforcement and the administrative citation process, he expressed his concern over code enforcement working reactively.

Pam London, Resident, spoke about code enforcement working reactively and not proactively.

Sandy Falcon, Resident, spoke about second hand smoking as a health and safety issue and the City should have an Ordinance for non-smoking in multi-unit housing.

Irene Josephine Best, Resident, spoke about noise disturbance at night near her residence and the fence in Anderson Park broken.

#### **G. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL**

The City Council responded generally to the comments.

#### **H. CONSENT CALENDAR**

2. **Quarterly Investment Report for the Quarter Ended June 30, 2021**

Recommendation: that the City Council receive and file.

3. **Accounts Payable Register**

Recommendation: that the City Council adopt Resolution No. CC-2109-037, authorizing the payment of certain claims and demands in the amount of \$229,472.39.

4. **Minutes of the Lawndale City Council Regular Meeting – August 16, 2021**

Recommendation: that the City Council approve.

5. **Minutes of the Lawndale City Council Special Meeting – September 1, 2021**

Recommendation: that the City Council approve.

**A motion by Mayor Pro Tem Kearney to approve the consent calendar was seconded by Councilmember Bernadette Suarez and carried by a vote of 4-0, Councilmember Cuevas being absent.**

#### **I. PUBLIC HEARING (CONT.)**

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.

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

**A motion by Councilmember Bernadette Suarez to adopt Resolution No. CC-2108-035 approving Development Impact Fees as contained in Exhibit “A” of the Resolution, was**

**seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Pat Kearney and carried by a vote of 4-0, Councilmember Cuevas being absent.**

**J. ADMINISTRATION**

- 7. Memorandum of Understanding with the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority to Participate in their American with Disabilities Act Assistance Program**  
Recommendation: that the City Council authorize the City Manager to execute the Memorandum of Understanding with California Joint Powers Insurance Authority for the American with Disabilities Act Assistance Program, for an amount of \$43,400.

Public Works Director Julian Lee provided a report on the Memorandum of Understanding with the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority to participate in their American with Disabilities Act Assistance Program.

Disability Access Consultant Tim Mahoney provided a PowerPoint presentation on the overview of the American with Disabilities Act Assistance Program and of a self-evaluation for the City.

Councilmember Suarez inquired if the input provides for bilingual outreach. Mr. Mahoney responded affirmatively that it can be programed in.

Mayor Pro Tem Pat Kearney inquired if the price for the software licensing will increase by \$2,000 after the first year and if it's required to have. Mr. Mahoney responded there's no obligation to use the software.

Mayor Pro Tem Pat Kearney inquired if the cost will increase yearly. Mr. Mahoney responded it can be costly but the plans are long term.

**A motion by Mayor Pro Tem Pat Kearney to authorize the City Manager to execute the Memorandum of Understanding with California Joint Powers Insurance Authority for the American with Disabilities Act Assistance Program, for an amount of \$43,400, was seconded by Councilmember Rhonda Hofmann Gorman and carried by a vote of 4-0, Councilmember Cuevas being absent.**

**K. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Kevin Chun provided a reminder to the community about the Annual Blues Festival on Saturday, September 11th with food trucks and a vaccine clinic.

**L. ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCILMEMBERS**

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

Councilmember Suarez attended the South Bay Cities Council of Government Board of Directors meeting, where law enforcement issues were discussed.

Councilmember Hofmann Gorman attended a meeting with Metro and California Department of Transportation. Councilmember Hofmann Gorman added that Lawndale High School, Classes of 78'-83', are having their yearly reunion.

Mayor Pro Tem Kearney recommended everyone to wear "red, white, and blue" in honor of 9-11 event during the Blues Festival.

Mayor Pullen-Miles attended a meeting with Metro with and California Department of Transportation, he also attended the L.A. County Sanitation District meeting, and he also recommended everyone wear a mask at the Blues Festival as a precaution.

Community Services Director Mike Estes added the City will not provide seating to due social distancing and recommended all to bring their own chair.

**M. CLOSED SESSION**

At 7:30 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 Kevin M. Chun, the Assistant City Attorney Christina M. Burrows, and the City's negotiators, Assistant to the City Manager/Human Resources Director Raylette Felton and Special Counsel/Labor Attorney Katy Suttorp, 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.

At 8:37 p.m. the City Council entered back into Open Session.

**Assistant City Attorney Christina M. Burrows reported that the City Council met in Closed Session to discuss the item listed on the Closed Session agenda. The City Council was updated on the item and there was no reportable action taken.**

**N. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to conduct, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

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Robert Pullen-Miles, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Erica Harbison, City Clerk

Approved: 09/20/2021