

**MINUTES OF THE
LAWNDALE CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
September 28, 2021**

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Pullen-Miles called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Lawndale City Hall Council Chamber, 14717 Burin Avenue, Lawndale, California 90260.

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, 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.

C. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

D. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

None.

E. ADMINISTRATION

1. Consideration of a Public Arts Program

Recommendation: that the City Council provide guidance and direction on a Public Arts Program or development of a comprehensive Public Arts Ordinance.

Community Development Director Sean Moore reported on the Consideration of a Public Arts Program and discussed the following:

- Location of public art in residential areas
- Placement of art in both commercial and industrial private/public areas
- Temporary public art
- Art on utility boxes
- Murals
- Approval process
- Develop plan

Councilmember Rhonda Hofmann Gorman inquired if the City would have jurisdiction over art on school property. Community Development Director Sean Moore responded the School District would be excluded.

Councilmember Bernadette Suarez inquired if the 1st amendment applies to the art and would it cause any repercussions. City Attorney Gregory M. Murphy responded the City Council has the right to set up a program which limits what kind of art can be displayed.

Councilmember Rhonda Hofmann Gorman requested a formal City logo to use in community art. City Manager Kevin M. Chun responded staff is in the process in setting up a request for proposals for a Communications Consultant. City Manager Kevin M. Chun noted if murals are approved, there may be a cause of proliferation and residents may take offense to part of the art.

A lengthy dialogue ensued between staff and City Council regarding murals, art on utility boxes, with the participation of the Youth Advisory Committee, limitations on the art content and a specific duration and the application process.

City Council reached a unanimous consensus to create a Public Arts Program with limitations for murals, art on utility boxes, creation of a Child Art Program, and Beautification Committee to oversee the Public Arts program with City Council's final approval.

2. Consideration of a Revised Parkway Design Policy

Recommendation: that the City Council provide guidance and direction on the revision of the Parkway Design Policy.

Public Works Director Julian Lee reported on the Consideration of a Revised Parkway Design Policy.

Mayor Pro Tem Pat Kearney requested a waiver for damages in place from property owners who work on their parkway.

Councilmember Rhonda Hofmann Gorman spoke about the responsibility and upkeep of the parkways.

Councilmember Sirley Cuevas noted pebbles are an issue with children and would like to see more plants.

Councilmember Bernadette Suarez inquired if a permit is necessary for certain parkway improvements.

City Manager Kevin M. Chun responded that a permit can be only required for significant constructions done by a contractor on the parkway.

City Council reached a unanimous consensus to include 50% permeable hardscape and 50% green landscape to the Parkway Design Policy and requested a list and visual aids of permeable hardscapes.

Councilmember Bernadette Suarez requested to place Purchasing Policy for review in the next regular meeting.

F. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

Robert Pullen-Miles, Mayor

ATTEST:

Erica Harbison, City Clerk

Approved: 10/18/2021