

**MINUTES OF THE  
LAWNDALE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
November 15, 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 Attorney Gregory M. Murphy, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Lieutenant Lio, Community Services Director Mike Estes, Assistant to the City Manager/Human Resources Director Raylette Felton, Municipal Services Director Michael Reyes, Community Development Senior Planner Jared Chavez, Assistant City Clerk Matthew Ceballos, Public Works Director Julian Lee

**B. CEREMONIALS**

Councilmember Sirley Cuevas led the flag salute and Pastor Jimmy Orellena, Calvary Chapel South Bay, provided the inspiration.

**C. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT**

Lieutenant Lio summarized the recent law enforcement activities.

**D. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA (Public Comments)**

Gary Adams, Resident, spoke about ongoing code enforcement case with RJ's Building Material and the parking issues on Mansel Ave.

Jay Gould, Resident, spoke about issues with Metro, no calls returned from the City Manager and felt disrespected by City Council.

**E. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL**

The City Council and staff responded generally to the comments, but did not request placement of any issues on a future meeting agenda.

**F. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Items 1 through 8, will be considered and acted upon under one motion unless a City Councilmember/Director removes individual items for further City Council consideration or explanation.

**1. Motion to read by title only and waive further reading of all ordinances listed on the Agenda**

Recommendation: that the City Council approve.

2. **Amendments and Additions to the Lawndale Municipal Code to Comply with the Requirements of Senate Bill 1383 (Second Readings)**  
Recommendation: that the City Council (a) determine that amendments as set forth in the ordinance(s) are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) and 15308 of the CEQA Guidelines; (b) approve the second reading and adopt Ordinance No. 1182-21, amending Chapter 3.08 of the Lawndale Municipal Code to comply with the Requirements of Senate Bill 1383; (c) approve the second reading and adopt Ordinance No. 1183-21, amending Chapter 8.28 of the Lawndale Municipal Code to comply with the Requirements of Senate Bill 1383; (d) approve the second reading and adopt Ordinance No. 1184-21, amending Chapter 15.28 of the Lawndale Municipal Code to comply with the Requirements of Senate Bill 1383; (e) approve the second reading and adopt Ordinance No. 1185-21, amending Chapter 17.88 of the Lawndale Municipal Code to comply with the Requirements of Senate Bill 1383; and (f) adopt Resolution No. CC-2111-046, amending City Council Policy No. 53-00, Purchasing Policy, to comply with the Requirements of Senate Bill 1383.
  
3. **Federally Funded Employment and Job Training – South Bay Workforce Investment Board Activities Summary**  
Recommendation: that the City Council receive and file the report.
  
4. **Accounts Payable Register**  
Recommendation: that the City Council adopt Resolution No. CC-2110-047, authorizing the payment of certain claims and demands in the amount of \$659,860.08.
  
5. **Minutes of the Lawndale City Council Regular Meeting – November 1, 2021**  
Recommendation: that the City Council approve.
  
6. **Minutes of the Lawndale City Council Special Meeting – November 8, 2021**  
Recommendation: that the City Council approve.

LAWNDALE PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY

7. **Annual Report of Redevelopment Bond Payments for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**  
Recommendation: that the Board of the Lawndale Public Financing Authority received and file the annual accounting of financial activities.
  
8. **Minutes of the Public Financing Authority Annual Meeting – September 8, 2020**  
Recommendation: that the Directors approve.

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

**G. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**9. Continuance of Public Hearing for an Appeal Request (Case No. 21-25 Appealing the Planning Commission's Decision to Deny Case No. 20-17 for the Development of a New 7,779 Square Foot Express Carwash Facility on a GC (General Commercial) Zoned Property Located at 15413-15425 Hawthorne Boulevard**

Recommendation: that the City Council receive information from the City Manager regarding the economic impacts of the project and continue the public hearing to a date certain for final consideration of the matter.

Community Development Senior Planner Jared Chavez provided the report for the above item.

City Attorney Gregory M. Murphy spoke about the public hearing and recommended to continue the public hearing to the December 6, 2021 City Council meeting.

The public hearing continued at 6:57 p.m.

The applicants spoke about the public hearing item and requested the City Council make a decision at the next City Council meeting. The applicants also recommended and agreed to do the economic study of the proposed use and requested a development agreement.

Gary Adams, Resident, spoke in opposition of the car wash project.

**City Council reached a general consensus to continue the Public Hearing listed on Item No. 9 to December 06, 2021.**

**10. Community Services Department Refund Policy Revision**

Recommendation: that the City Council (a) adopt Resolution No. 2111-048, Amending City Council Policy 28-95 and Revising Administrative Fee for Processing Community Services Department Class and Program Refunds, and (b) Approve Changes to Council Policy 28-95, Community Services Department Refund Policy.

Community Services Director Mike Estes presented Community Services Department Refund Policy Revision.

Mayor Pro Tem Kearney inquired if a Senior Travel Club member passes away, is the family entitled to the members refund. Community Services Director Mike Estes responded that a refund would be provided to the family of the deceased member with verification.

Mayor Pullen-Miles opened and closed the public hearing immediately at 7:15 p.m., there being no one to testify.

**A motion by Councilmember Cuevas to adopt Resolution No. 2111-048, Amending City Council Policy 28-95 and Revising Administrative Fee for Processing Community Services Department Class and Program Refunds, and Approve Changes to Council Policy 28-95, Community Services Department Refund Policy, was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kearney and carried by a vote of 5-0.**

## **H. ADMINISTRATION**

### **11. City Council Standing Committee Addition**

Recommendation: that the City Council review the proposed standing committee (Homelessness Issues) and direct staff on their appointment of members.

City Council reached a unanimous consensus to appoint Councilmember Cuevas and Councilmember Suarez as members of the Homelessness Issues standing committee.

**A motion by Mayor Pro Tem Kearney to appoint Councilmember Cuevas and Councilmember Suarez as members of the Homeless Issues Standing Committee, was seconded by Councilmember Hofmann Gorman and carried by a vote of 5-0.**

## **I. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

None.

## **J. ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCILMEMBERS**

### **12. Mayor/City Councilmembers Report of Attendance at Meetings and/or Events**

Councilmember Suarez attended the Field of Honor for Veteran's Day.

Councilmember Sirley Cuevas commended staff for the display of flags for Field of Honor for Veteran's Day and requested the flags stay up for a longer time. Councilmember Cuevas reported graffiti at William Green Park.

Councilmember Hofmann Gorman commended staff for Field of Honor for Veteran's Day and inquired if the Hofmann Community Center reopening can be discussed. City Attorney Gregory M. Murphy and Community Services Director Mike Estes responded they will look into Los Angeles County guidelines and other items for reopening.

Councilmember Sirley Cuevas requested a number of staff and cost required for the reopening of the Hofmann Community Center. Community Services Director Mike Estes responded he will provide a report.

Mayor Pro Tem Kearney agrees with reopening the Hofmann Community Center. Mayor Pro Tem Kearney attended the Liability Trust and Oversight Committee meeting, the Leuzinger High School ribbon cutting ceremony, and the Field of Honor for Veteran's Day.

Mayor Pullen-Miles would like to see the Hofmann Community Center opening soon. Mayor Pullen-Miles reported many residents and seniors have inquired on the opening of the center and outdoor sports. Mayor Pullen-Miles added he'd like the Youth Advisory Committee to resume their meetings and have input on the upcoming Teen Center project. Mayor Pullen-Miles reported his attendance for the Field of Honor for Veteran's Day, the U.S. Vets ceremony in Inglewood, and the Leuzinger High School ribbon cutting ceremony.

**K. CLOSED SESSION**

At 7:31 p.m. the City Council entered into Closed Session.

**13. 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.

**14. 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. The facts and circumstances giving rise to exposure to litigation are unknown.

**15. Public Employee Performance Evaluation**

The City Council will conduct a closed session, pursuant to Government Code section 54957(b), to conduct an employee evaluation concerning the City Manager.

**16. Public Employee Appointment**

The City Council will conduct a closed session, pursuant to Government Code section 54957(b), to determine whether to appoint an Acting City Manager.

At 8:39 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. The City Council was updated on the Closed Session Items No. 13 and 14 and there was no reportable action taken. On Closed Session Item No. 15, the City Council has placed City Manager Kevin Chun on Administrative Leave effective immediately. Closed Session Item No. 16, the City Council has appointed Assistant to the City Manager/Human Resources Director Raylette Felton as Acting City Manager.**

**L. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to conduct, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

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Robert Pullen-Miles, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Erica Harbison, City Clerk

Approved: 12/06/2021