

**MINUTES OF THE
SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE
LAWNDALE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING
June 5, 2023**

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Pullen-Miles called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber, 14717 Burin Avenue, Lawndale, California. *The board met concurrently with the City Council; therefore, the minutes order and numbering reflect the concurrent meeting.*

Members Present: Chair Robert Pullen-Miles, Vice Chair Sirley Cuevas, Member Bernadette Suarez, Member Pat Kearney, Member Rhonda Hofmann Gorman

Other Participants: Executive Director Sean M. Moore, General Counsel Gregory M. Murphy, Secretary Erica Harbison, Assistant Secretary Yvette Hall, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Sergeant Justin Smith, Los Angeles County Fire Department Battalion Chief Brian Kane, Municipal Services Director Michael Reyes, Finance Officer Hrant Manuelian, Community Development Manager Jared Chavez, Interim Public Works Director Ahmad Ansari, Community Services Director Mike Estes

B. CEREMONIALS

Vice Chair Cuevas led the flag salute and Pastor George Magdalany of Hope Chapel Hawthorne provided the inspiration.

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

No public comment provided.

G. CONSENT CALENDAR

8. Minutes of the Successor Agency Meeting, January 6, 2020
Recommendation: that the Members approve.
9. Minutes of the Successor Agency Meeting, December 7, 2020
Recommendation: that the Members approve.
10. Minutes of the Successor Agency Meeting, June 21, 2022
Recommendation: that the Members approve.
11. Minutes of the Successor Agency Meeting, December 5, 2022
Recommendation: that the Members approve.

A motion was made by Member Kearney and seconded by Vice Chair Cuevas to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

H. ADMINISTRATION

SUCCESSOR AGENCY/ LAWDALE HOUSING AUTHORITY

14. Annual Budget Fiscal Year 2023-24

Recommendation: that the Members adopt Resolution No. CC-2306-25, adopting the fiscal year 2023-24 operating and capital improvement budget; which includes the City of Lawndale, Lawndale Housing Authority, and Successor Agency to the Lawndale Redevelopment Agency.

Finance Officer Manuelian presented the staff report, which included a PowerPoint presentation.

Member Suarez requested information for a future budget discussion on how other cities fund their Community Development Department.

Finance Officer Manuelian pointed out that due to an oversight, the following community events were not included in the initial budget book: 1) National Night Out; 2) Neighborhood Watch; and 3) Public Safety Outreach events to be budgeted at \$2,000 each.

Member Kearney commented on the uniforms worn by the PWD field staff. He opined that the transportation bus funding should not come from the General Fund. Member Kearney offered \$1,000 of his discretionary fund to be used to fund the transportation bus.

Member Suarez commented that the transportation bus funding should come from the General Fund, because the residents will attend a meeting for a major infrastructure project that greatly impacts the City. She also made her discretionary funds available to offset the cost.

Chair Pullen-Miles stated that he concurs with Member Suarez's comments about funding the transportation bus with the City's General Fund and inquired about the estimated cost for the transportation bus.

Member Suarez requested that staff inquire with the City of Redondo Beach to possibly share the cost of the transportation bus for the Metro meeting.

Member Hofmann Gorman commented that she will make her discretionary funds available to offset the transportation cost and would like to ask the City of Redondo Beach if they would like to share this cost so their residents can attend the Metro meeting.

Member Kearney requested that \$1,000 of his discretionary funds be allocated to the General Fund for the transportation bus.

Vice Chair Cuevas inquired about the National Night Out, Neighborhood Watch, and Public Safety Outreach events which were not included in the initial budget book.

Municipal Services Director Reyes clarified the costs for the Public Safety Outreach and Coffee with a Cop events. He explained the costs for the Neighborhood Watch event and explained that the cost is \$500 per quarter.

Chair Pullen-Miles asked about the cost for the Music Festival and stated that he supports keeping the Blues Festival.

Executive Director Moore commented that the recommendation is to combine both festivals to lower the cost.

Discussion ensued among the Members regarding the Blues Festival, Music Festival, attendees, musical expectations and securing sponsorships for the events.

By consensus, the Members agreed to budget \$12,000 for the Blues Festival instead of the Music Festival and requested that a second music event be considered for next fiscal year.

A motion was made by Member Kearney and seconded by Member Suarez to adopt Resolution No. CC-2306-25, adopting the fiscal year 2023-24 operating and capital improvement budget, which includes the City of Lawndale, Lawndale Housing Authority, and Successor Agency to the Lawndale Redevelopment Agency, with an amendment to budget \$12,000 for the Blues Festival instead of the Music Festival; and \$2,000 each to the National Night Out, Neighborhood Watch, and Public Safety Outreach events. The motion passed 5-0.

E. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:34 p.m.



Robert Pullen-Miles, Chair

ATTEST:



Erica Harbison, Secretary

Approved: 12/18/23