

**MINUTES OF THE
LAWNDALE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
April 4, 2022**

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Pullen-Miles called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. in the City Hall council chamber, 14717 Burin Avenue, Lawndale, California.

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Robert Pullen-Miles, Mayor Pro Tem Rhonda Hofmann Gorman, Councilmember Bernadette Suarez, Councilmember Pat Kearney, Councilmember Sirley Cuevas

Other Participants: City Clerk Erica Harbison, City Manager Sean M. Moore, City Attorney Gregory M. Murphy, Assistant to the City Manager/Human Resources Director Raylette Felton, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Sergeant Ricky L. Osborne, Interim Finance Director John Downs, Community Services Director Mike Estes, Municipal Services Director Michael Reyes, Acting Director of Community Development Jared Chavez, Public Works Director Julian Lee

B. CEREMONIALS

Mayor Pro Tem Rhonda Hofmann Gorman led the flag salute and Pastor George Magdalany, with Hope Chapel Hawthorne, provided the inspiration.

C. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Sergeant Ricky L. Osborne summarized the recent law enforcement activities.

D. PRESENTATION

1. Recognition of Lawndale High School Lady Cardinals Basketball Champions 2022 CIF-SS Division 4AA Championship

The City Council and Lawndale High School staff presented Certificates of Commendation Recognizing Outstanding Athletic Achievement to the Lawndale High School Lady Cardinals Basketball Champions 2022 CIF-SS Division 4AA Championship.

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

Gary Adams, Resident, spoke about the parking citations issued to heavy duty trucks parked on Mansel Ave., the continuous potential code violations and business license for RJ's Construction Supply, business located on 4505 Manhattan Beach Blvd.

Michelle Pino, Lawndale Library Manager, spoke about upcoming library programs and events.

Dina, Resident, spoke about the Grand Opening of the nursery business, C&S Garden Center, and an incident near her residence involving a resident walking a dog with an extended leash.

Randall Abram, Resident, spoke about the audit of fireworks sales, need for review of Municipal Code and fireworks plan, and wholesale firework permit and hours of use at other cities.

Vicky Shahbazian, Business Owner, spoke about citations and claims reported against her business Hawthorne Motors Express.

Hoss Shahbazian, Business Owner, spoke about changes in City management and code enforcement citations and claims reported against his business Hawthorne Motors Express.

John Dyksul, Resident, spoke about parking issues in the City and requested a variance for parking spaces parallel to the street.

F. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

The City Council responded generally to the public comments.

Councilmember Pat Kearney requested code enforcement staff to review animal extended pet leash concerns.

Councilmember Sirley Cuevas requested staff to look into firework permit fees for fireworks manufacturers to contribute to Sheriff's services.

Mayor Pro Tem Rhonda Hofmann Gorman requested staff research business records reported missing and the status of the business license related to RJ's Construction Supply, business property located on 4505 Manhattan Beach Blvd.

City Manager Sean M. Moore responded the code case with RJ's Construction Supply, business property located on 4505 Manhattan Beach Blvd., is open and ongoing and correspondence was sent related to the business license. City Manager Sean M. Moore added staff previously researched City files for the records for the business located on 4505 Manhattan Beach Blvd. and confirmed the records are missing. City Manager Sean M. Moore further added he will work with Councilmember Sirley Cuevas to discuss placing an item on agenda related to firework wholesale vendor permits.

G. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

Recommendation: that the City Council approve.

3. **National April 2022 - DMV/ Donate for Life Month Proclamation**

Recommendation: that the City Council receive and file the report.

4. **Accounts Payable Register**

Recommendation: that the City Council adopt Resolution No. CC-2204-016, authorizing the payment of certain claims and demands in the amount of \$136,653.40

5. **Minutes of the Lawndale City Council Regular Meeting – March 21, 2022**

Recommendation: that the City Council approve.

A motion by Councilmember Pat Kearney to approve the consent calendar was seconded by Councilmember Bernadette Suarez and carried by a vote of 5-0.

H. **ADMINISTRATION**

6. **California State Proposition 68 Per Capita Grant Agreement**

Recommendation: that the City Council (a) authorize the City Manager to sign the attached 2018 Parks Bond Act agreements such as Contract No. C9801318 and Contract No. C9802118 provided by the California State Department of Parks and Recreation.

Community Services Director Mike Estes provided the staff report for the California State Proposition 68 Per Capita Grant Agreement.

Councilmember Pat Kearney requested children participate in the design of the Hogan Park Monument sign project.

Mayor Pro Tem Rhonda Hofmann Gorman inquired if the Recreation Facility Security Camera Replacement Project will create a central hub with access to all cameras and a remote access option.

Community Services Director Mike Estes responded the project would include remote access by to view anywhere on any mobile device or computer.

A motion by Councilmember Sirley Cuevas to authorize the City Manager to sign the attached 2018 Parks Bond Act agreements such as Contract No. C9801318 and Contract No. C9802118 provided by the California State Department of Parks and Recreation. Councilmember Pat Kearney second the motion which carried by a vote of 5-0.

7. **Approval to Authorize Budget Amendment for Inglewood Avenue Phase I Street Improvement Project**

Recommendation: that the City Council authorize the Director of Finance Department: (a) decrease the appropriations from the 2009 Tax Allocation Bond funds for the Inglewood Avenue Street Improvement Project (307-610-700.151) by \$456,469 (b) decrease the appropriations from the Proposition C funds for the Redondo Beach Blvd (Hawthorne Blvd – Artesia Blvd) Improvement Project (207-310-700.277) by \$487,276.71 and (c) appropriate \$487,276.71 to the Proposition C funds for the Inglewood Avenue Street Improvement Project (207-310-700.151) from Proposition C unappropriated fund balance.

Public Works Director Julian Lee provided the staff report for approval to Authorize Budget Amendment for Inglewood Avenue Phase I Street Improvement Project.

Councilmember Pat Kearney commented the Inglewood Ave Project was already funded and inquired if the transferring of the funds will offset and replace the funds in to the project.

Public Works Director Julian Lee responded yes.

A motion by Councilmember Bernadette Suarez to authorize the Director of Finance Department: decrease the appropriations from the 2009 Tax Allocation Bond funds for the Inglewood Avenue Street Improvement Project (307-610-700.151) by \$456,469 , decrease the appropriations from the Proposition C funds for the Redondo Beach Blvd (Hawthorne Blvd – Artesia Blvd) Improvement Project (207-310-700.277) by \$487,276.71 and appropriate \$487,276.71 to the Proposition C funds for the Inglewood Avenue Street Improvement Project (207-310-700.151) from Proposition C unappropriated fund balance. Mayor Pro Tem Rhonda Hofmann Gorman second the motion which carried by a vote of 5-0.

- 8. Case No. 21-18: Proposal for a Special Use Permit, General Plan Amendment, Density Bonus and Design Review to Develop a 10-Unit Apartment Building at the Property Located at 14723 Prairie Avenue with conditions; second reading of Ordinance No. 1187-22.**

Recommendation: that the City Council (a) read by title only, waive further reading, and (b) adopt Ordinance No. 1187-22.

City Attorney Gregory M. Murphy read the title of the ordinance.

A motion by Councilmember Bernadette Suarez to read by title only, waive further reading, and adopt Ordinance No. 1187-22. Councilmember Pat Kearney second the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote of 5-0.

- 9. Authorize the Repair of the Heating, Ventilating and Air Conditioning (HVAC) System at the Harold E. Hofmann Community Center**

Recommendation: that the City Council authorize the repair of the HVAC System at Community Center by South Coast Facility Services in the amount not to exceed \$33,456.

Public Works Director Julian Lee provided the staff report for the authorization for the Repair of the Heating, Ventilating and Air Conditioning (HVAC) System at the Harold E. Hofmann Community Center.

Councilmember Sirley Cuevas inquired if any of the proposers are Lawndale businesses.

Public Works Director Julian Lee responded proposals received were not from Lawndale businesses and staff considered reputable companies when making recommendation.

A motion by Councilmember Pat Kearney to authorize the repair of the HVAC System at Community Center by South Coast Facility Services in the amount not to exceed \$33,456. Councilmember Sirley Cuevas second the motion which carried by a vote of 5-0.

- 10. Authorize the Purchase and Installation of Touchless Main Entrance Doors at the Harold E. Hofmann Community Center**

Recommendation: that the City Council authorize the purchase and installation of touchless main entrance doors from Vortex Industries in the amount not to exceed \$24,112.49

Public Works Director Julian Lee provided the staff report for the authorization to Purchase and Installation of Touchless Main Entrance Doors at the Harold E. Hofmann Community Center.

Councilmember Sirley Cuevas inquired if a warranty is provided and a maintenance contract is available. Councilmember Sirley Cuevas also inquired on the difference in doors with Waypoint and Vortex.

Public Works Director Julian Lee responded the City currently has a one year warranty, but do not have a maintenance contract. Public Works Director Julian Lee mentioned the current doors for Municipal Services Department, City Hall, and Public Works Department were installed by Vortex and have had no issues. Public Works Director Julian Lee further added the Waypoint's proposal was incomplete as it would require the use of the existing doorframe, but the project requires a complete new unit.

Councilmember Bernadette Suarez if the components of the doors that can be salvaged and recycled.

Public Works Director Julian Lee responded due to the current issues with door, the components of the door is not salvageable and will need to be replaced.

Mayor Robert Pullen-Miles inquired if there will be a full supply of parts for future request.

Public Works Director Julian Lee responded the Department is confident Vortex will have parts available.

A motion by Councilmember Sirley Cuevas to authorize the purchase and installation of touchless main entrance doors from Vortex Industries in the amount not to exceed \$24,112.49. Councilmember Pat Kearney second the motion which carried by a vote of 5-0.

I. ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCILMEMBERS

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

Councilmember Pat Kearney attended the Coffee with a Cop event and the ribbon cutting events for La Michoacana and C&S Garden Center.

Councilmember Bernadette Suarez attended the South Bay Cities Council of Governments General Assembly, Coffee with a Cop event, and the ribbon cutting events for La Michoacana and C&S Garden Center.

Councilmember Sirley Cuevas attended El Camino College's "CommUnity Walk Against Hate", Coffee with a Cop event, and the ribbon cutting events for La Michoacana and C&S Garden Center.

Mayor Pro Tem Rhonda Hofmann Gorman attended the Coffee with a Cop event, commended all City staff and residents for attending. Mayor Pro Tem Rhonda Hofmann Gorman invited residents to sign up for Neighborhood Watch and reminded everyone to vote and attend Lawndale's Easter Egg Hunt on April 16th.

Mayor Pro Tem Rhonda Hofmann Gorman inquired if a meeting could be arranged between the City Council, the City Manager, Municipal Services Director and the Sheriffs to discuss the city's expectations and work together to meet them now that a new Lieutenant and Sergeant has been assigned to the City.

City Manager Sean M. Moore responded an item for an Ad Hoc Advisory Committee can be added on a subsequent agenda.

Mayor Robert Pullen-Miles reminded the City has quarterly meeting with the Sheriff's Department and recommended having this discussion during this meeting.

A dialogue ensued between staff and City Council regarding the quarterly meeting and an ad hoc Sheriff's Department subcommittee.

Mayor Robert Pullen-Miles attended the grand opening event for La Michoacana and the Los Angeles County Sanitation District regular meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Rhonda Hofmann Gorman requested City Council provide a recognition to Mr. Charles MacQuarrie, long time Lawndale resident, owner of Mac's Old Time Radio Museum in Lawndale, WWII Veteran, presenter at Lawndale Memorial Day events for turning 100 years of age on April 21, 2022.

J. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

Robert Pullen-Miles, Mayor

ATTEST:

Erica Harbison, City Clerk

Approved: 4/18/2022