

**MINUTES**  
**LAWNDALE CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING**  
**February 23, 2026**

**A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Mayor Pro Tem Cuevas 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 (arrived at 6:50 p.m.), Mayor Pro Tem Sirley Cuevas, Councilmember Bernadette Suarez, Councilmember Pat Kearney, Councilmember Francisco M. Talavera

Other Participants: Interim City Manager Raylette Felton, City Attorney Gregory M. Murphy, City Clerk Erica Harbison, Assistant City Clerk Yvette Palomo

**B. CEREMONIALS (Flag Salute)**

Councilmember Kearney led the flag salute.

Rosa Hernandez Morales submitted an electronic public comment regarding the City of Lawndale v. LA Investment case.

**C. CLOSED SESSION**

**1. Public Employee Appointment**

— The City Council will conduct a closed session, pursuant to Government Code section 54957(b), regarding the appointment of a City Manager.

Mayor Pro Tem Cuevas announced the closed session title.

The City Council convened into closed session at 6:31 p.m.

The City Council reconvened from closed session at 8:59 p.m.


City Attorney Murphy indicated that Mayor Pullen-Miles arrived during the closed session at 6:50 p.m. City Attorney Murphy stated that the first executive recruitment firm was interviewed at 6:52 p.m. and thereafter the City Council had a discussion with each executive recruitment firm separately.

City Attorney Murphy reported that the City Council directed staff, by a vote of 3-2 with Mayor Pro Tem Cuevas and Councilmember Kearney dissenting, to negotiate a contract with one of the two executive recruitment firms and bring the matter back at a future meeting.

**D. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to conduct, Mayor Pullen-Miles adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

  
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Robert Pullen-Miles

ATTEST:  
  
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Erica Harbison, City Clerk  
Approved: March 2, 2026