

**MINUTES
LAWNDALE CITY COUNCIL
SUCCESSOR AGENCY, HOUSING AUTHORITY,
CABLE USAGE CORPORATION
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 1, 2026**

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Pullen-Miles called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Harold E. Hofmann Community Center, 14700 Burin Avenue, Lawndale, California.

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Robert Pullen-Miles, Mayor Pro Tem Sirley Cuevas, Councilmember Bernadette Suarez, Councilmember Francisco M. Talavera

Councilmembers Absent: Councilmember Pat Kearney; he attended the Closed Session item only by participating in a teleconference location in San Clemente, CA.

Other Participants: Interim City Manager Raylette Felton, City Attorney Greg M. Murphy, City Clerk Erica Harbison, Assistant City Clerk Yvette Palomo, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Acting Tania Captain Giggles, Los Angeles County Fire Department Assistant Chief Brian Kane, Finance Director Hrant Manuelian, Community Services Director Jason Minter, Municipal Services Director Michael Reyes, Public Works Director Luis (Lucho) Rodriguez, Community Development Acting/Interim Director Jose Hernandez

B. CEREMONIALS (Flag Salute and Inspiration)

Councilmember Talavera led the flag salute. Pastor Dwight Dudley provided the inspiration.

C. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

1. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Update

Acting Captain Giggles summarized the recent law enforcement activities and invited the Community to attend the Neighborhood Watch meeting on June 17, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at the Harold E. Hofmann Community Center.

2. Los Angeles County Fire Department Update

Assistant Fire Chief Kane summarized the recent fire department activities.

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

Matthew Harbison, Resident, thanked the City for the work on the railroad, and commented on Neighborhood Watch meetings.

City Attorney Murphy reported that no members of the public were present at the teleconference location to provide public comment.

Kaitlin Coulter, Library Manager, announced the library's upcoming events.

Jim Rock, Resident, submitted an electronic public comment regarding code enforcement, permits and litigation in Lawndale.

E. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Councilmember Talavera thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting and thanked Library Manager Coulter for providing the library update and for her hard work.

Councilmember Suarez thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Cuevas thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting and acknowledged the electronic public comment received.

Mayor Pullen-Miles thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting and providing comments, and commented that the railroad company would be responsible if someone were injured on its property.

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Cuevas and seconded by Councilmember Talavera to approve Consent Calendar Items G.3 through G.11. The motion passed with a vote of 4-1, with Councilmember Kearney absent.

CITY COUNCIL

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

— Recommendation: that the City Council that the City Council read by title only and waive further reading of all ordinances listed on the agenda.

4. Accounts Payable Register

— Recommendation: Staff recommends that City Council adopts Resolution No. 2606-024 authorizing the payment of certain claims and demands in the amount of \$356,060.47.

5. Minutes of the Lawndale City Council Special Meeting - May 12, 2026

— Recommendation: that the City Council approve the minutes.

6. Minutes of the Lawndale City Council Regular Meeting - May 18, 2026

— Recommendation: that the City Council approve the minutes.

7. Minutes of the Lawndale City Council Special Meeting - May 26, 2026

— Recommendation: that the City Council approve the minutes.

8. Approval of a First Amendment with Q-Press for the Publication of the Lawndalian

— Recommendation: that the City Council approve a one-year amendment with Q-Press for the publication of the Lawndalian Newsletter and Recreation Guide for Fiscal Year 2026-2027, including 2 issues, with all pricing to remain the same.

SUCCESSOR AGENCY

9. Minutes of the Successor Agency Regular Meeting - May 18, 2026

— Recommendation: that the Successor Agency approve the minutes.

CABLE USAGE CORPORATION

10. Minutes of the Cable Usage Corporation Regular Meeting - May 18, 2026

— Recommendation: that the Cable Usage Corporation approve the minutes.

HOUSING AUTHORITY

11. Minutes of the Housing Authority Regular Meeting - May 18, 2026

— Recommendation: that the Housing Authority approve the minutes.

G. ADMINISTRATION

CITY COUNCIL/ SUCCESSOR AGENCY/ HOUSING AUTHORITY/ CABLE USAGE AUTHORIZATION

12. Annual Budget Fiscal Year 2026-27

— Recommendation: that the City Council adopt Resolution No. CC-2606-029, adopting the fiscal year 2026-2027 operating and capital improvement budget, which includes the City of Lawndale, Lawndale Housing Authority, Successor Agency to the Lawndale Redevelopment Agency and Lawndale Cable Usage Corporation.

Finance Director Manuelian presented the staff report and a PowerPoint presentation.

In response to Mayor Pro Tem Cuevas' questions, Finance Director Manuelian stated that the City's transient occupancy tax rate is 9%, and the reduction in Community Development personnel costs was due to a portion of the City Manager's salary no longer being charged to that department.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Cuevas and seconded by Councilmember Suarez to adopt Resolution No. CC-2606-029, adopting the fiscal year 2026-2027 operating and capital improvement budget, which includes the City of Lawndale, Lawndale Housing Authority, Successor Agency to the Lawndale Redevelopment Agency and Lawndale Cable Usage Corporation. The motion passed with a vote of 4-1, with Councilmember Kearney absent.

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13. Adoption of Resolutions Setting forth the November 3, 2026, General Municipal Election

— Recommendation: that the City Council adopt 1.) Resolution No. CC-2606-025 calling for the November 3, 2026, General Municipal Election, and designating the Assistant City Clerk as the Election Official; 2.) Resolution No. CC-2606-026 requesting the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles to consolidate with the Statewide General Election; and 3.) Resolution No. CC-2606-027 adopting candidate statement regulations.

Assistant City Clerk Palomo presented the staff report.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Cuevas and seconded by Councilmember Suarez to adopt Resolution No. CC-2606-025 calling for the November 3, 2026, General Municipal Election, and designating the Assistant City Clerk as the Election Official, Resolution No. CC-2606-026 requesting the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles to consolidate with the Statewide General Election, and Resolution No. CC-2606-027 adopting candidate statement regulations. The motion passed with a vote of 4-1, with Councilmember Kearney absent.

14. Adoption of Fiscal Year 2025-26 Appropriations Limit

— Recommendation: that the City Council adopt Resolution CC-2606-30 approving the Appropriations Limit for Fiscal Year 2026-27.

Finance Director Manuelian presented the staff report.

A motion was made by Councilmember Suarez and seconded by Councilmember Talavera to adopt Resolution CC-2606-30 approving the Appropriations Limit for Fiscal Year 2026-27. The motion passed with a vote of 4-1, with Councilmember Kearney absent.

15. Annual Investment Policy Resolution Number CC-2606-028

— Recommendation: that the City Council adopt Resolution CC-2606-028, reaffirming City Council Policy Number 80-04 pertaining to the City's Investment Policy, without revisions, changes, or edits.

Finance Director Manuelian presented the staff report.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Cuevas and seconded by Councilmember Suarez to adopt Resolution CC-2606-028, reaffirming City Council Policy Number 80-04 pertaining to the City's Investment Policy, without revisions, changes, or edits. The motion passed with a vote of 4-1, with Councilmember Kearney absent.

16. Award of Contracts for Construction and Construction Inspection Services for the FY 2024-25 Street Rehabilitation & FY 2025-26 Sidewalk Replacement Project

— Recommendation: that the City Council 1.) Award the construction contract to Onyx Paving Company, Inc., in the amount of \$1,456,000 for the Project; and 2.) Award Construction Inspection Services to LAE Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$109,900.00

for the Project; and 3.) Approve the construction Contingency of \$291,200 for the Project; and 4.) Authorize the City Manager to file a Notice of Project Completion with the Los Angeles County following the completion of the project.

Public Works Director Rodriguez presented the staff report.

In response to Mayor Pro Tem Cuevas's questions, Public Works Director Rodriguez responded that the City has had a positive past experience with Onyx Paving Company, Inc, and stated that the City's \$284,000 Maintenance of Effort (MOE) contribution is a state-established minimum amount that is not tied to project or contract costs, and that he would provide the MOE formula to the City Council.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Cuevas and seconded by Councilmember Talavera to award the construction contract to Onyx Paving Company, Inc., in the amount of \$1,456,000 for the Project, award Construction Inspection Services to LAE Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$109,900.00 for the Project, approve the construction Contingency of \$291,200 for the Project, and authorize the City Manager to file a Notice of Project Completion with the Los Angeles County following the completion of the project. The motion passed with a vote of 4-1, with Councilmember Kearney absent.

17. First Amendment to Contract Services Agreement with Southwest Patrol for Fiscal Year 2026 Through 2028

— Recommendation: that the City Council approve the first amendment to the contract service agreement with Southwest Patrol in a form approved by the City Attorney's Office to continue to provide security services for the City of Lawndale.

By City Council consensus, the item was continued to a future meeting.

H. CITY MANAGER REPORT

Interim City Manager Felton deferred her time to Community Services Director Minter.

Community Services Director Minter invited the community to attend the Family & Pet Health Fair on June 13, 2026, from 10:00 a.m

I. ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCILMEMBERS

18. Report of Attendance at Meetings

Councilmember Talavera thanked those watching the meeting on different platforms, attended the Lawndale Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony, and thanked Community Services Director Minter and staff for organizing the event.

Councilmember Suarez attended the Lawndale Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony, South Bay Regional Housing Trust meeting, and South Bay Cities Council of Governments Board of Directors meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Cuevas attended the 57th Annual Los Angeles County Peace Officers' Memorial Ceremony, Lawndale Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony, requested the City's remembrance area be restored and she reminded the community to vote at the 2026 California Primary.

Mayor Pullen-Miles attended the South Bay Film & Animation Awards Gala, the Lawndale Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony, and the City Council Special Meeting recognizing community members for their role in influencing the outcome of the K Line Extension Project.

J. CLOSED SESSION

19. 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.

City Attorney Murphy read the Closed Session item by title only, announced that Councilmember Kearney would participate in the Closed Session by teleconference, and reported that no members of the public were present at the teleconference location to provide public comment.

The City Council convened into closed session at 7:22 p.m.

The City Council reconvened from closed session at 9:01 p.m.

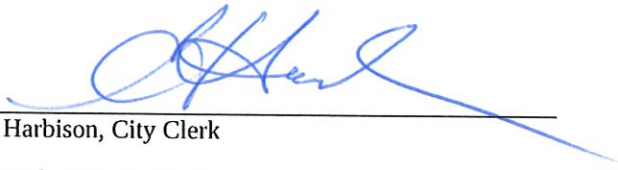
City Attorney Murphy reported that there was no reportable action for Closed Session Item J. 19. Public Employee Appointment.

K. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Mayor Pullen-Miles adjourned the meeting at 9:02 p.m.



Robert Pullen-Miles, Mayor



Erica Harbison, City Clerk
Approved: June 15, 2026