MINUTES OF THE LAWNDALE CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING April 25, 2018

A. <u>CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL</u> – Mayor Pullen-Miles called the meeting to order at 1:17p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber, 14717 Burin Avenue, Lawndale, California.

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Robert Pullen-Miles, Mayor Pro Tem Daniel Reid,

Councilmember James H. Osborne, Councilmember Pat Kearney,

Councilmember Bernadette Suarez

Councilmembers Absent:

None.

Other Participants:

City Clerk Rhonda Hofmann Gorman, City Manager Stephen N. Mandoki, City Attorney Tiffany J. Israel, Finance Director Kenneth

Louie, Community Development Director Sean Moore, and

approximately 11 audience members

B. <u>CEREMONIALS</u> – Councilmember Kearney led the flag salute.

C. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA

- Theresa Snider expressed concern the South Bay Galleria Mall development project will negatively impact critical transport times to local trauma centers.
- Mike Webb, Elected City Attorney for the City of Redondo Beach, submitted a document for the record. He expressed concern regarding the accuracy of the information the Lawndale City Council may be receiving regarding the South Bay Galleria Mall development. He provided detail regarding communications between Redondo Beach and Lawndale City staff on the project, the Environment Impact Report standards held by the City of Lawndale, and his interest in avoiding unnecessary litigation.

D. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

- Councilmember Osborne shared Ms. Snider's concerns regarding traffic impacts from the South Bay Galleria Mall development and other projects. He inquired whether staff could respond to the comments made by Mr. Webb. Staff briefly responded regarding contacts between the City of Lawndale and City of Redondo Beach staff regarding the South Bay Galleria Mall development.
- Councilmember Suarez thanked the members of the public and who were in attendance at tonight's meeting and Ms. Snider for her work as a trauma center nurse.
- Mayor Pullen-Miles thanked Ms. Snider for her attendance at the meeting and express concern regarding the traffic and other potential negative impact related to the South Bay Galleria Mall project.

E. CONSENT CALENDAR

<u>Transportation Project List</u>. (Recommendation: that the City Council approve Resolution No. CC-1804-015 approving the City's list of transportation projects to be funded by Senate Bill 1 for fiscal year 2018-2019).

A motion by Mayor Pro Tem Reid to approve the consent calendar was seconded by Councilmember Osborne and carried by a vote of 5-0.

F. ITEMS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS - None

G. CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Israel announced the Closed Session items as listed below. The City Council recessed into Closed Session at 1:34 p.m.

<u>Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation</u> - The City Council conducted 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 case.

<u>Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation</u> - The City Council conducted a closed session, pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(4), because the City Council is considering whether to initiate litigation against the City of Redondo Beach relating to the proposed expansion of the South Bay Galleria Mall.

The City Council reconvened into Open Session and City Attorney Israel reported the City Council met in Closed Session and discussed the two items list on the Closed Session agenda. In regard to the first item, the City Council was updated and there was no reportable action taken. In regard to the second item, as related to the South Bay Galleria Mall project the City Council unanimously authorized the filing of an appeal of the Planning Commission's decision to approve the project.

H. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 2:06 p.m.

ATTEST:

Rhonda Hofmann Gorman, City Clerk

Approved:

5/21/18