



## **CITY OF CARSON**

### **MINUTES CARSON CITY COUNCIL/ SUCCESSOR AGENCY/HOUSING AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 23, 2018**

**5:00 P.M.**

#### **CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 5:12 P.M. by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Albert Robles in the Helen Kawagoe Council Chambers, Carson City Hall, located at 701 E. Carson Street, Carson, California 90745.

#### **ROLL CALL:**

City Clerk/Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary Donesia Gause-Aldana noted the roll:

#### **Council Members/Agency Members/Authority Board Members Present:**

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Albert Robles, Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Lula Davis-Holmes, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Jawane Hilton, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Elito Santarina and Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Cedric Hicks

#### **Other Elected Officials Present:**

Donesia Gause-Aldana, City Clerk/Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary, and Monica Cooper, City/Agency/Authority Treasurer

#### **Also Present:**

Kenneth C. Farfaring, City Manager; Sunny Soltani, City/Agency/Authority Attorney; William Wynder, City/Agency/Authority Attorney; Maria Williams-Slaughter, Director of Public Works; John Raymond, Director of Community Development; Kathryn Downs, Director of Finance; Idris Al-Oboudi, Director of Community Services

#### **CLOSED SESSION (5:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.) (Items 1-7)**

#### **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – CLOSED SESSION ITEMS ONLY - None**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani announced the Closed Session items.

## **RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION**

The meeting was recessed at 5:14 P.M. by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles to Closed Session.

## **RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

The meeting was reconvened at 6:32 P.M. by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles.

## **REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS**

City/Agency/Authority Attorney Wynder provided the Closed Session report as follows:

### **Item No. 1. 2017-921 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR (CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation: A closed session will be held, pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6, with Kenneth C. Farfsing, City Manager and Sunny Soltani, City Attorney its negotiators(s), regarding labor negotiations with AFSCME Local 809, AFSCME local 1017, CPSA and AME.

ACTION: No reportable action was taken.

### **Item No. 2. 2017-975 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation: A closed session will be held, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(4) because the City is considering whether to initiate litigation in one case.

ACTION: The Council on a vote of three Ayes, two Nays (Mayor Pro Tem Davis-Holmes and Council Member Hicks voting Nay) authorized the City Attorney's Office to initiate litigation against the California State University at Dominguez Hills over issues relating to lead agency status.

### **Item No. 3. 2018-002 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION (CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation: A closed session will be held, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1), to confer with legal counsel regarding pending litigations to which the City is a party. The titles of such litigations are as follows: LAUSD V. COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BS108180 LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT V. COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BS130308

ACTION: Item not considered.

**Item No. 4. 2018-020 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR (SUCCESSOR AGENCY)**

**Recommendation:** A closed session will be held, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8, to enable Successor Agency to consider negotiations with Macerich, with whom the Successor Agency is negotiating, and to give direction to its negotiators Kenneth C. Farfsing, Executive Director and John Raymond, Director of Community Development, regarding that certain real property known as Assessor Parcel Nos. 7336-010-903 and 7336-010-904. The Successor Agency's real property negotiator will seek direction from the Agency member regarding the price, payment terms for purchase, sale or lease.

**ACTION:** During the second closed session, City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani reported there was no reportable action taken.

**Item No. 5. 2018-026 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (CITY COUNCIL)**

**Recommendation:** A closed session will be held, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(2) or (d)(3) & (e)(5), because there is a significant exposure to litigation in one case.

**ACTION:** During the second closed session, City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani reported there was no reportable action taken.

**Item No. 6. 2018-031 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (CITY COUNCIL)**

**Recommendation:** A closed session will be held, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(2) or (d)(3) & (e)(1) because there is a significant exposure to litigation in three cases.

**ACTION:** During the second closed session, City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani reported there was no reportable action taken.

**Item No. 7. 2018-035 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (CITY COUNCIL)**

**Recommendation:** A closed session will be held, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(2) or (d)(3) & (e)(2) because there is a significant exposure to litigation in one case.

**ACTION:** City/Agency/Authority Attorney Wynder reported a Settlement Agreement has been reached which was unanimously approved by the Council involving party Aupiu.

## **FLAG SALUTE:**

**Item No. 8. 2018-037      VAIOKINERETA PANIANI, 8TH GRADE ATTENDING  
STEPHEN M. WHITE MIDDLE SCHOOL AND “WHY I LIKE  
CARSON” ESSAY-WRITING CONTEST WINNER**

## **INVOCATION:**

**Item No. 9. 2018-045      IMAM ASHRAF CARRIM, INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF  
TOLERANCE**

## **INTRODUCTIONS**

Introductions were heard after Item No. 10.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles announced Dr. Jim Hart's last day as Interim Assistant City Manager and Acting Human Resources Director.

Dr. Hart introduced his wife Nicole, and noted the privilege and pleasure he had to work with the City. He thanked the staff for their dedication to the City.

City Manager Farfsing thanked Dr. Hart for coming out of retirement to assist the City with the vacant City Manager and Human Resources Director positions.

Mayor and City Council presented a Proclamation to Dr. Leandrea Fields-Robinson from the Women's Issues Commission for her ordination as an Elder at Family of Faith Christian Church; and a proclamation recognizing January as National Cervical Cancer Awareness Month.

**Item No. 10. 2018-017      REPORT FROM CAPTAIN SKEEN OF CARSON SHERIFF'S  
STATION**

Captain Skeen reported Pastor Nichols' "Call for Service" complaint was reviewed and resolved. He acknowledged the passing of 90 year old Ingrid Nugent who had volunteered her service to the Carson Sheriff's Department and the Transportation Bureau for more than 25 years. He announced two officers were sent to Sacramento for Commercial Enforcement Training and three more will be sent in the future.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles thanked Captain Skeen for being a community representative and for resolving Dr. Nichols' complaint for service.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Santarina suggested the community read the Captain's Column in the Carson Report Newspaper.

## **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR MATTERS LISTED ON THE AGENDA (MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC) (LIMITED TO ONE HOUR)**

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles mentioned his opt-ed article in Random Lengths on January 16, 2018. He stated he did not review or approve the image chosen for the article. He also stated the intention of the article was to highlight the Cal State University Dominguez Hills expansion affects to the City. He apologized to those who were offended by the image chosen for the article.

### Ana Meni, AFSCME President Local #809 - Item No. 17

Thanked Dr. Hart for assisting her to resolve several Local #809 issues. She also expressed support of Item No. 17. She requested City Council to approve the Non-Represented Administrative Analyst position. She also has no opposition to the staff report.

### Joseph Pinon, Carson Resident and Carson Alliance of Truth Representative – Item No. 11

Read distributed Demand Letter to immediately rescind action taken on the Second Reading of Ordinance No. 17-1643 at the January 9, 2018 Council Meeting.

### Janice Schaefer, Carson Resident - Item No.11

Opposed Item No. 11. She also has concerns about Mayor Robles legal fees being reimbursed by the City.

Mayor Robles stated the only elected official he is aware of who has received free legal representation was the former City Clerk Jim Dear.

City Attorney Wynder cited law regarding Item No. 11.

### Judy Sullivan, Carson Resident – Item No. 11

Opposed Item No. 11. She also requested Council to review December 19, 2017 Council Meeting video to eliminate verbiage confusion of the ordinance and include verbiage to have citywide inclusion.

### Rick Pulido, Carson Resident - Item No. 11 and No.17

Spoke about Cannabis Initiative. He suggested Mayor Robles resign. He also spoke about the incomplete City Master Plan. He requested the city rehire laid-off workers.

### William Koons, Carson Resident – Item No. 11

Opposed Item No. 11. He also requested the City complete the Master Plan and to include more bike lanes and a dog path at Dolphin Park.

### Martin Saldana, Carson Resident – Item No. 16

Requested information regarding the Cannabis Initiative. He is also concerned about the odor surrounding the Carson Stormwater Capture Facility.

### Vera DeWitt, Carson Resident - Closed Session Item

Questioned delay of Public Records Act Request (PRAR) response for an Investigative Report, regarding two elected officials and the fraud hotline. She also provided her attorney's opinion and contact information regarding the City having a significant exposure to litigation.

Julian Berger, Wilmington Resident – Item No. 11

Commended several residents for speaking about Item No. 11.

Mayor Robles made reference to several residents, who had never complained about a year of unapproved minutes under the previous City Clerk's term.

Tommie Williams, Carson Resident, - Item No.11

Responded to Jim Dear supporter's comments. She was concerned about the increase in the City's death rate. She was also concerned about African-American teenagers employment opportunities at local businesses.

## **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR MATTERS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA (MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC)**

Dianne Thomas, Carson Resident

Provided her contact information. She also announced the initiation of a committee formed to inform residents about the Cannabis Initiative.

Del Huff, Carson Resident

Provided copies of Random Lengths article she opposes. She thanked Mayor Robles for his apology but stated Mayor Robles should request an apology from Random Lengths. She also commented on the lack of publicity regarding the Martin Luther King dedication.

Sarah Harper, Martin Luther King Librarian

Announced library events.

Kim Cortado, Parks and Recreation Commissioner

Announced Parks and Recreation Events. She also made remarks regarding the City's Rose Parade float.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Davis-Holmes requested City Manager Farfsing send a letter to Random Lengths regarding the City's dissatisfaction of the selected photo used in Mayor Robles' article.

Council Member Santarina agreed with Mayor Pro Tem Davis-Holmes regarding sending Random Length a letter regarding the City's dissatisfaction with Mayor Robles' article.

Mayor Pro Tem Davis-Holmes clarified her request to be the retraction of the photo used in the article not the content of the article.

Mayor Robles reiterated he did not participate in the selection of the photo selected for his Random Lengths article but he does appreciate the article content.

Mayor Robles expressed his frustration with Carson being excluded from the Chancellor Promise Program at the Los Angeles Chamber Breakfast.

Council Member Santarina encouraged residents to read the Random Lengths article but ignore the distasteful image.

Mayor Pro Tem Davis-Holmes reiterated her request to City Manager Farfsing regarding sending Random Lengths a letter signed by Council and encouraged residents to send letters as well regarding the City's dissatisfaction of the article photo.

Council Member Hilton stated Random Lengths attempted to distort the article message with the photo selected. He also agreed with Mayor Pro Tem Davis-Holmes regarding having the photo retracted.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

#### **Item No. 11. 2018-043      APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 9, 2018 CITY COUNCIL/HOUSING AUTHORITY/SUCCESSOR AGENCY ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Recommendation:              Approve the minutes as listed.

ACTION:      Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles continued Item No. 11 with no objections heard.

#### **CONSENT: (Items 12-19)**

It was moved to approve the Consent items on motion of Robles and seconded by Santarina.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Santarina requested to pull Item No. 17 for discussion.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks requested to pull Item No. 15 for discussion.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles requested to pull Item No. 19 for discussion.

The motion to approve Consent Items 12-19, except Item Nos. 15, 17 and 19, was unanimously carried by the following vote:

Ayes:              Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles, Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Davis-Holmes, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Santarina, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton, and Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks

Noes:              None

Abstain:              None

Absent:              None

**Item No. 12. 2018-030      Resolution No. 18-008, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON RATIFYING CLAIMS AND DEMANDS, AS FOLLOWS:**

**TOTAL OF \$1,569,165.79 FOR GENERAL DEMANDS, CHECK NUMBERS 138562 THROUGH 138722.**

**TOTAL OF \$70,543.04 FOR CO-OP AGREEMENT DEMANDS, CHECK NUMBERS 1211 THROUGH 1212, WHICH ARE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF CAPITAL PROJECTS WITHIN THE FORMER REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA, USING BOND PROCEEDS TRANSFERRED FROM THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE CITY.**

**ACTION:**      Item No. 12 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 13. 2017-423      CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A LICENSE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CARSON SUCCESSOR AGENCY AND KPRS CONSTRUCTION SERVICE, INC. FOR THE TEMPORARY USE OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF CARSON AND FIGUEROA STREET (SUCCESSOR AGENCY)**

**Recommendation:**      TAKE the following actions:  
1. APPROVE the License Agreement  
2. AUTHORIZE the Chairman to execute the License Agreement following approval to form by Agency Counsel.

**ACTION:**      Item No. 13 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 14. 2017-971      CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO AGREEMENT FOR CONTRACTUAL SERVICES WITH ELECTROSONIC, INC., FOR AN ADDITIONAL TWO YEARS OF MAINTENANCE, PROGRAMING, EQUIPMENT REPAIRS AND REPLACEMENT FOR THE AUDIO VISUAL SYSTEM SERVING THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS (CITY COUNCIL)**

**Recommendation:**      TAKE the following actions:  
  
1. WAIVE the bidding requirements of the Carson Municipal Code (CMC) pursuant to CMC section 2611(e) ("Sole Source Purchasing").  
  
2. APPROVE Amendment No. 2 to the contract with Electrosonic, Inc., for the maintenance and support of the audio equipment and programming of the audio and voting system for the Council Chambers, to extend the term of the contract by two years through calendar year 2019, for the additional total amount of



\$245,000 (\$122,500 annually), and AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute the same upon approval as to form by the City Attorney.

ACTION: Item No. 14 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 15. 2018-025      CONSIDER PAYMENT TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON FOR STREET LIGHTS FOR PROJECT NO. 919 [FEDERAL NO. HPLUL-5403(017)]: WILMINGTON AVENUE INTERCHANGE MODIFICATION AT THE I-405 FREEWAY (CITY COUNCIL)**

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks inquired if LED lights will be installed which was confirmed by Director Williams-Slaughter.

Recommendation: Take the following action:  
1. AUTHORIZE payment for Project No. 919: Wilmington Avenue Interchange Modification at the I-405 freeway, in the amount of \$29,148.07 to Southern California Edison for the installation of street lights.

ACTION: It was moved to approve staff recommendation on motion of Hicks, seconded by Robles and unanimously carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles, Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Davis-Holmes, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Santarina, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton, and Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

**Item No. 16. 2018-024      CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES, AND PROVIDE AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR CONSTRUCTION BIDS FOR PROJECT NO. 1515: CARSON STORMWATER CAPTURE FACILITY AT CARRIAGE CREST PARK (CITY COUNCIL)**

ACTION: Item No. 16 was approved on Consent.

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:  
1. APPROVE the plans, specifications and estimates for Project No. 1515: Carson Stormwater Capture Facility at Carriage Crest Park.  
2. AUTHORIZE staff to advertise the work and call for construction bids for Project No. 1515: Carson Stormwater Capture Facility at Carriage Crest Park.

**Item No. 17. 2018-028      CONSIDER RELEASE OF HIRING FREEZE FOR 6 FULL-TIME PUBLIC WORKS POSITIONS, ADDITION OF A PRINCIPAL ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 18-007 TO APPROVE FY17-18 FUNDING FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS (CITY COUNCIL)**

Item No. 17 was heard after Item No. 15.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Santarina noted the following:

- Supports staff recommendation no. 1
- Defer action for upgrade of personnel until after mid-year budget review
- Directed staff to submit comprehensive policy and procedure that will ensure the uniform implementation of hiring and promotion practices
- Directed staff to provide detail table of organization showing budgeted positions in each department and total cost for each position and to show base pay and benefits of any personnel action

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles requested to discuss Item No. 19 at this time.

Item No. 17 was heard again after Item No. 19.

Recommendation:

1. RELEASE the hiring freeze for six (6) full-time Public Works positions:
  - a. Assistant Tree Trimmer;
  - b. Four (4) Assistant Maintenance Workers; and
  - c. Construction Inspector.
2. APPROVE the addition of a Principal Administrative Analyst to the Public Works Department;
3. ADOPT Resolution No. 18-007, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CARSON CITY COUNCIL AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2017-18 BUDGET IN THE GENERAL FUND.

ACTION: It was moved to approve staff recommendation no. 1 and defer staff recommendation no. 2 until after the mid-year budget review on motion of Santarina and seconded by Robles.

During discussion of the motion, Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Davis-Holmes requested to refer personnel positions to committee for review.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Davis-Holmes offered a substitute motion to fund position and any new positions to be reviewed by the personnel subcommittee to be properly vetted and report to show salary savings.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles referred staff recommendation no. 2 to the Ad Hoc Budget Committee for review of the job description and for staff to begin work on job description and come back at February 20, 2019 meeting which was accepted by the

maker and second of the main motion.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Davis-Holmes withdrew her substitute motion.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Santarina requested his direction to staff to submit comprehensive policy and procedure that will ensure the uniform implementation of hiring and promotion practices also be included in the motion.

The motion, as amended, was unanimously carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles, Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Davis-Holmes, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Santarina, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton, and Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks  
Noes: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

**Item No. 18. 2018-032      CONSIDER THE CARSON OVERSIGHT BOARD-APPROVED  
RECOGNIZED OBLIGATION PAYMENT SCHEDULE (ROPS  
18-19) FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2018 TO JUNE 30, 2019  
(SUCCESSOR AGENCY)**

Recommendation:      Approve ROPS 18-19.

ACTION:      Item No. 18 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 19. 2018-033      CONSIDER APPROVAL TO AMEND CONTRACT WITH THE  
ORGANIZATIONAL NETWORK, A DIVISION OF THE  
COUNSELING TEAM INTERNATIONAL, INC, TO INCREASE  
THE CONTRACT AMOUNT BY, NOT TO EXCEED, \$50,900  
(CITY COUNCIL)**

Item No. 19 was heard after Item No. 17.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles requested a staff report and outcome of critical factor survey and public works supervisor work sessions.

City Manager Farfsing provided a staff report

Director Williams-Slaughter elaborated on the staff report.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles requested to see survey and report from the consultant. City Manager Farfsing stated he would provide report before the next meeting.

Recommendation: APPROVE the contract amendment to the agreement with The Organizational Network, a Division of The Counseling Team International.

ACTION: Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles continued this item to the next Council meeting with no objections heard.

**SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY: (None)**

**DISCUSSION: (Items 20-26)**

**Item No. 20. 2018-044 CONSIDER SELECTION OF A MAYOR TEMPORE AND CONSIDER INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 18-1802 REGARDING THE DATE THE CITY COUNCIL SELECTS A MAYOR PRO TEMPORE**

Item No. 20 was heard after Item No. 17.

Recommendation: 1. SELECT a Mayor Pro Tempore for the current term.  
2. WAIVE further reading and INTRODUCE Ordinance No. 18-1802, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTION 2403, TO CHAPTER 4 OF THE CARSON MUNICIPAL CODE, RELATING TO THE TIMING OF THE REORGANIZATION OF THE MAYOR PRO TEMPORE"

ACTION: It was moved to approve staff recommendations on motion of Santarina and seconded by Robles.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Santarina nominated Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton for Mayor Pro Tem.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks offered a substitute motion to nominate Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Santarina for Mayor Pro Tem and seconded by Davis-Holmes.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Santarina thanked Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks for the nomination and respectfully declined.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Davis-Holmes requested language in the ordinance for selection of Mayor Pro Tem to be based upon automatic rotation annually and not by nomination.

City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani noted the friendly amendment to the motion that the person nominated each January cannot be one of the three who served the preceding years which she will amend in the ordinance. Friendly amendment was accepted by the maker and second.

The motion, as amended, was unanimously carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles, Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Davis-Holmes, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Santarina, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton, and Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

**Item No. 21. 2017-642      CONSIDER PROVIDING DIRECTION ON OPTIONS FOR UTILITY BOX ARTISTIC TREATMENTS ALONG CARSON STREET IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CARSON STREET IMPROVEMENTS (CITY COUNCIL)**

City Manager Farfsing presented the staff report.

(Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Hilton exited the meeting.)

Director Raymond elaborated on the staff report.

(Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles exited the meeting.)

(Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Hilton reentered the meeting.)

(Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles reentered the meeting.)

Director Raymond provided a Powerpoint presentation.

Discussion ensued regarding costs, utility boxes and renderings.

Recommendation:            CONSIDER choosing one of the two presented options for utility box artistic wraps along Carson Street and direct staff to obtain bids for their installation.

ACTION:      It was moved to 1) Direct staff to contact the artist or StubHub and invite them to come up with artistic renderings that are indicative of the various activities occurring at the location, 2) Distribute map and provide presentation, and 3) Artist to view Carson Street and make recommendations on motion of Robles, seconded by Santarina and unanimously carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles, Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Hilton, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Santarina, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Davis-Holmes, and Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks

Noes: None

Abstain: None  
Absent: None

**Item No. 22. 2018-023      CONSIDER INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF  
ORDINANCE NO. 18-1801 PROHIBITING THE SENDING OF  
ANY MAILING OR ADVERTISING ON BILLBOARDS AT CITY  
EXPENSE BY THE MAYOR OR AN INDIVIDUAL MEMBER OF  
THE CITY COUNCIL & ADOPTION OF AMENDED STANDARD  
MUNICIPAL PRACTICE 1.56 (CITY COUNCIL)**

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles acknowledged changes made to the proposed ordinance and requested the City Clerk provide copies of the changes to the Mayor and Council.

City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani summarized the staff report.

Discussion ensued regarding Mayor and Council use of City letterhead versus personal letters with City funding.

Recommendation:                      CONSIDER and PROVIDE DIRECTION.

ACTION:      It was moved to approve Subsection B, C and D of Section II of the Amended Standard Municipal Practice No. 1.56, on motion of Robles and seconded by Santarina.

(Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles exited the meeting.)

City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani read title of Ordinance No. 18-1801 as follows:

“An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Carson, California, Adding Section 2419 to Chapter 4 of the Carson Municipal Code Relating to Prohibited Mailings by the Mayor and individual members of the City Council.”

It was moved to introduce Ordinance No. 18-1801, as amended, on motion of Hilton and seconded by Santarina.

Ayes:                      Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Hilton, Council  
Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Santarina, Council  
Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Davis-Holmes  
Noes:                      Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks  
Abstain:                  None  
Absent:                      Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles

**Item No. 23. 2018-027      CONSIDER CALENDAR FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-19 BUDGET  
WORKSHOPS AND PUBLIC HEARING (CITY COUNCIL)**

City Manager Farfsing provided the staff report.

Recommendation:                      1. SCHEDULE budget workshops for March 20, 2018, April 17,  
2018, and May 15, 2018.

2. TENTATIVELY SCHEDULE the public hearing to consider adoption of the FY18-19 budget on June 5, 2018.

ACTION: Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Hilton received and filed the report with no objections heard.

**Item No. 24. 2018-021 APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AGREEMENT (UPDATE) WITH SPECTRUM FOR LOCAL, LONG DISTANCE, INTERNET AND POINT-TO-POINT DATA CIRCUIT SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF CARSON (CITY COUNCIL)**

Information Technology Manager Robert Eggleston provided a brief staff report.

(Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles reentered the meeting.)

City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani discussed the terms of the contract agreement.

Public Comments

Irwin Wisler and Nya Luckett, representing Spectrum, introduced themselves and discussed the RFP process and indemnification clause

Recommendation: 1. APPROVE a three year contract for a contract sum \$226,736.28 per year, not to exceed a total contract sum of \$680,208.84, for Long Distance phone service, Internet Services and Point-To-Point Data Circuits services.

ACTION: It was moved to approve staff recommendation subject to City Attorney confirmation of Industry Standard and satisfaction of Indemnification Clause, late payments, and local and long distance fees on motion of Hilton, seconded by Robles and unanimously carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles, Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Hilton, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Santarina, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Davis-Holmes, and Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

(Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Hilton exited the meeting.)

**Item No. 25. 2018-038 REAFFIRMATION OF GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY VECTOR CONTROL DELEGATE TERM (CITY COUNCIL)**

City Clerk/Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary Gause-Aldana summarized the staff report.

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:

REAFFIRM delegates and alternates to the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control to a two-year term;

Or:

REAFFIRM delegates and alternates to the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control to a four-year term;

And:

DIRECT the City Clerk to notify all affected appointments, reappointments or removed members of this action.

Or:

TAKE another action the Mayor and City Council deem appropriate.

**ACTION:** It was moved to re-nominate Council Member Santarina as the delegate and re-nominate Mayor Albert Robles as the alternate delegate to the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control for a two-year term on motion of Robles and seconded by Hilton.

(Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Hilton reentered the meeting.)

During discussion of the motion, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks referred to the Los Angeles County Choice Energy Board. Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles offered a friendly amendment to the motion and nominated Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks as the alternate delegate to the Los Angeles County Choice Energy Board which was accepted by the maker and second of the motion.

The motion was unanimously carried by the following vote:

**Ayes:** Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles, Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Hilton, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Santarina, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Davis-Holmes, and Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks

**Noes:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** None

**Item No. 26. 2018-042      CONSIDER APPOINTMENTS TO THE CITY'S COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES, AND BOARDS BY MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL (CITY COUNCIL)**

(Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Santarina exited the meeting.)

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles encouraged residents to apply for a commission, committee or board.

**Recommendation:** TAKE the following actions:



CONSIDER and APPOINT, REAPPOINT or REMOVE members to the Commission, Committees and Boards;

DIRECT the City Clerk to notify all affected appointments, reappointments or removed members of this action; and

IF APPLICABLE, DIRECT the City Clerk to post and publish in accordance with the Maddy Act.

Or:

TAKE another action the City Council deems appropriate.

ACTION: Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles took the following actions:

Veterans Affairs Commission  
Removed Patrick Billups

Parks and Recreation Commission  
Appointed Jackie Johnson

It was moved to ratify the Mayor's removal and appointment on motion of Robles, seconded by Hicks and unanimously carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles, Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Hilton, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Santarina, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Davis-Holmes, and Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

#### **ORDINANCE SECOND READING: (None)**

#### **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR MATTERS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA (MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC)**

Tommie Williams, Carson Resident

Commended the City's paramedics for doing a great job. She mentioned the increase in the City's death rates and requested an investigation into her concern. She also mentioned a discussion with a local business owner regarding hiring African-American teenagers.

Mayor Robles requested City Clerk Gause-Aldana to research Mrs. Williams concerns and refer them to the proper authorities.

City Clerk Gause-Aldana responded to Mayor Robles with a Memorial Adjournment data collection suggestion.

Council Member Davis-Holmes offered her observation of the City's death rate increase.

Martin Saldana, Carson Resident

Offered suggestions regarding the following three topics: 1) mural selection to avoid vandalism and graffiti; 2) Mayor Pro Tem selection process; and 3) hiring freeze resolution.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (COUNCIL MEMBERS)**

City Clerk/Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary Gause-Aldana

Offered prayers and condolences to the families who lost their loved ones and requested that this evening's meeting be adjourned in memory of the following individuals:

Vivian Morris Turner  
Epifanio Javellana Gagajena  
Zenaida Lajara Amante  
Patricia Alexander  
Marquan Wade  
Mary Greene  
Nicholas E. Gapuz  
Bishop Alexis Thomas  
Three year old Compton Resident  
Robbie Jones  
Mr. Fisher

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Hilton

Invited residents to a private showing of Black Panther. He also offered his contact information to residents who are interested in attending his hosted event.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles

Responded to residents who expressed concerns regarding the lack of publicity to announce the Martin Luther King renaming ceremony and participation in the 2018 Rose Parade. He stated the high visibility street is an appropriate tribute to the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Director Al-Oboudi

Offered an update on the City's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event.

Council Member Davis-Holmes requested to be informed of any additional 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary sponsors. She also expressed her opinion of the invitation sample and suggestions for the event.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Santarina

Thanked several organizations for responding to his request and purchasing twelve tables for the City's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF UNFINISHED OR CONTINUED CLOSED SESSION ITEMS (AS NECESSARY)**

City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani announced the Closed Session items earlier in the meeting.

**RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION**

The meeting was recessed by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles to Closed Session.

**RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

The meeting was reconvened by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles with all members previously noted present.

**REPORT OF ACTIONS ON UNFINISHED OR CONTINUED CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani provided the Closed Session report as follows:

Successor Agency Item No. 4

No reportable action was taken.

Council Item No. 5

No reportable action was taken.

Council Item No. 6

No reportable action was taken.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:36 P.M. by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles.

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Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman  
Albert Robles

ATTEST:

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City Clerk/Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary  
Donesia Gause-Aldana