

ORDINANCE NO. 19-1917

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CARSON MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 27104.2 TO REDUCE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION TO SEVEN MEMBERS AND NO ALTERNATE MEMBERS

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Carson (“City”) has broad authority under state law to establish and appoint commissions as part of the sub-government of the City, and to modify the characteristics of such commissions, including their membership composition; and

WHEREAS, the City Council established the City’s Economic Development Commission (“Commission”) in 2000 to: (a) act in an advisory capacity to the City Council, the Carson Redevelopment Agency, the City Manager, the Executive Director, and the Economic Development Group in all matters pertaining to economic development issues; (b) evaluate and recommend methods, measures, and programs which will favorably impact the City’s business and industrial climate by attracting to and retaining business and industry in Carson, by providing assistance to firms having the potential of expanding their activities in Carson, and by creating a positive image of Carson as a place for business and industry; (c) ensure a diverse economic and employment base for the City with a variety of business types, sizes, and markets, including small and disadvantaged businesses; (d) review requests for City and Redevelopment Agency assistance and make recommendations to the City Council and Redevelopment Agency; (e) coordinate projects with the Carson/Lomita/Torrance Private Industry Council that are designed to inform and educate citizens and businesses concerning its services; (f) advise and assist other City Groups, Commissions and Committees in developing and administering programs and procedures which will further the City’s economic development goals and objectives; and (g) monitor regional projects, plans, and decisions which might impact the City’s economic development goals and objectives;” and

WHEREAS, the Commission, as currently constituted, is comprised of eleven members and three alternate members; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the City to amend the membership composition of the Commission to reduce its membership from eleven members to seven members, and to eliminate alternate member positions from the Commission, and now sees fit do so.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The forgoing recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

SECTION 2. Section 27104.2 (Members) of Chapter 7 (Departments, Boards, Commissions) of Article II (Administration) of the Carson Municipal Code is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows (deletions shown in ~~striketrough~~, additions shown in ***bold italics***):

“The Economic Development Commission shall consist of ~~eleven (11)~~ ***seven (7)*** members ***and no alternate members.*** ~~and three (3) alternate members who shall be called upon, when necessary, in the order of their appointments as Alternate 1, 2 or 3, to substitute for any absent commissioner, e~~***Each of whom member*** shall have the qualifications hereinafter set forth. All members shall be appointed by the Mayor with the approval of a majority of the entire City Council present, including the Mayor. The tenure of any member of the Commission ~~and any Alternate~~ shall be terminable at will, and without cause, by removal on the motion of any member of the Council, duly seconded, and with the approval of a majority of the entire City Council present, including the Mayor. Subject to the provisions of this Section, the tenure of Commission members appointed on or after June 8, 2000, shall expire at midnight on the last day of the calendar month in which the next general municipal election after the member’s appointment is held for seats on the Carson City Council. Each Commission member shall continue to serve until a successor has been appointed by the Mayor with the approval of a majority of the entire City Council present, including the Mayor, and has qualified unless the City Council declares the position to be vacant. Should any vacancy exist on the Commission, an appointment shall be made by the Mayor with the approval of a majority of the entire City Council present, including the Mayor. All appointments shall be made in an open meeting of the City Council.”

SECTION 3. Section 27104.7 (Compensation and Expenses) of Chapter 7 (Departments, Boards, Commissions) of Article II (Administration) of the Carson Municipal Code is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows (deletions shown in ~~striketrough~~, additions shown in ***bold italics***):

“No compensation shall be paid for expenses incurred by the members ~~and alternate members~~ of the Commission in the performance of their duties, except that the City Council may, from time to time, authorize in advance expenditures for attendance at seminars, institutes or other meetings which the City Council may find to be beneficial to the Commissioners in the performance of their duties, and in the best interests of the City. Claims for such expenses shall be filed with the Finance Officer and shall be subject to audit and approval by the City Council.”

SECTION 4. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances, is, for any reason, held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect any other provision or application, and to this end the

provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable. The City Council hereby declares that it would have adopted this ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, part or portion thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, phrases, parts or portions thereof be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect thirty (30) days after its adoption.

SECTION 6. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Ordinance, and shall cause the same to be posted and codified in the manner required by law.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council on this _____ day of February, 2019.

MAYOR ALBERT ROBLES

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK DONESIA GAUSE-ALDANA

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CITY ATTORNEY SUNNY K. SOLTANI