



CITY OF CARSON

MINUTES CARSON CITY COUNCIL/ SUCCESSOR AGENCY/HOUSING AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 16, 2021 5:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 P.M. by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Lula Davis-Holmes in the Helen Kawagoe Council Chambers, Carson City Hall, located at 701 E. Carson Street, Carson, California 90745.

ROLL CALL:

Deputy City Clerk/Deputy Agency Secretary/Deputy Authority Secretary Joy Simarago noted the roll:

Council Members/Agency Members/Authority Board Members Present:

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Lula Davis-Holmes, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Jawane Hilton, and Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Cedric Hicks

Council Members/Agency Members/Authority Board Members Absent:

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Jim Dear (Entered at 5:11 P.M.)

Also Present:

Monica Cooper, City/Agency/Authority Treasurer; Sharon Landers, City Manager; Sunny Soltani, City/Agency/Authority Attorney; David Roberts, Assistant City Manager; John Raymond, Assistant City Manager; Saied Naaseh, Director of Community Development; Robert Lennox, Director of Community Services; Faye Moseley, Director of Human Resources and Risk Management; Tarik Rahmani, Director of Finance; and Eliza Jane Whitman, Director of Public Works

FLAG SALUTE:

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION:

Item No. 1. [2021-885](#) PASTOR JOHN SHOBER, CARSON HOPE CHAPEL

Pastor John Shober gave the invocation.

CLOSED SESSION (Items 2 to 4)

REPORT ON ANY PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS (CITY CLERK) -
None

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS (CITY ATTORNEY)

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

(Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear entered the meeting at 5:11 P.M.)

RECESS:

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

RECONVENE:

The meeting was reconvened at 6:21 P.M. by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes with all members previously noted present including Dear.

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS (CITY ATTORNEY)

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

**Item No. 2. [2021-862](#) 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: No reportable action was taken.

**Item No. 3. [2021-890](#) 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 litigation to which the City is a party. The title of such litigation is as follows:
Carter-Spencer Enterprises, LLC v. City of Carson, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCP02987.

ACTION: No reportable action was taken.

**Item No. 4. [2021-892](#) 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 litigation to which the City is a party. The title of such litigation is as follows:
Socorro Magana v. City of Carson, et al., Real Party in Interest
Carter-Spencer Enterprises, LLC, Los Angeles Superior Court
Case No. 21STCP03033.

ACTION: No reportable action was taken.

INTRODUCTIONS (MAYOR)

Item No. 5. [2021-867](#) **REPORT FROM CAPTAIN JONES OF CARSON SHERIFF'S STATION**

Captain Jones reported/announced the following:

- Met threshold - Deputies will have body worn cameras in the near future
- Homeless Team Deputies dealing with homeless lady; criminals preying on them and made arrests; commended the Homeless Team Deputies; thanked Mayor and City Council for their support
- Thefts at Target, Lowes, Home Depot and other stores; Community Relations Sergeant met with retail owners in the area; advised residents to report thefts
- Thanked the Mayor and City Council for inviting them last week to honor the veterans at the Veterans event and were given the opportunity to speak; thanked the veterans for all their service and sacrifice
- Blood Drive in conjunction with the American Red Cross on Tuesday, November 23, 2021, from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.
- Holiday Toy Giveaway; accepting applications; toy distribution on December 11, 2021; for more information, contact the Community Relations Office at 310 830-1123 or via email at carsoncomrel@lasd.org
- Introduced new service area Lieutenant Joey Bolder who offered comments
- Introduced Community Relations Sergeant Armando Hernandez taking over for Sergeant Veramendi who offered comments

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes offered comments.

Captain Jones thanked the Mayor and City Council for their support of the hard-working men and women who work at the Carson Sheriff Station.

Mayor and City Council thanked Captain Jones for introducing Lieutenant Joey Bolder, Community Relations Sergeant Armando Hernandez, and their work in the community.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton also thanked Captain Jones for patrolling the University area (99 Cent Shopping Store) which he has seen a decrease in loitering in the area. He asked staff to partner with the County Supervisor when they release individuals from Harbor-UCLA Medical Center to release them back to the community they came from as opposed to releasing them in Carson.

Captain Jones stated he would continue to make the Avalon/University area a priority. He reported they also had a meeting with the representative from District 2 regarding the release of

individuals and transportation issue.

He wished everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

Item No. 6. [2021-880](#) **REPORT FROM ASSISTANT CHIEF BENNETT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Assistant Chief Bennett thanked Captain Jones and the Carson Sheriff Deputies for doing a fantastic job supporting the firefighters. He reported on the following:

1) Dominguez Channel issue: While the local fire stations are not immediately involved in the Dominguez Channel incident, the Chief of Health Hazmat and his Assistant Chief are routinely on their daily conference calls; health hazmat inspectors testing the air and waters every day and the levels are being reduced at the seven bridges; conference calls every day with the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD), Public Works, and Public Health. They are part of the joint operations with the tactical board, county, and city officials conference calls. They are staying involved as much as they can.

2) Avalon Fire that occurred on September 30, 2021: Health Hazmat Division just approved the cleanup plan that was submitted by the property owner's attorney; Clean up started this morning at 7:00 A.M. and will be daily from 7:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. with anticipated completion middle to late December 2021; Health Hazmat Division looked at the report and continue to monitor the water and product that are at the Avalon Fire

3) Statistics for the month of October

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear thanked Assistant Chief Bennett for his report.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks inquired how often Assistant Chief Bennett will be providing a report. City Manager Landers responded that Assistant Chief Bennett indicated he would provide a report regularly at the meetings.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton asked Assistant Chief Bennett to explain the levels of hydrogen sulfide (H₂S). Assistant Chief Bennett explained the levels of hydrogen sulfide that it is safe and does not pose a health threat.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes thanked Assistant Chief Bennett for coming to the meeting.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes introduced and welcomed Council Member-Elect Arleen Rojas who will be representing Council District 4.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear noted he invited newly elected Council Member Arleen Rojas and newly elected City Clerk Myla Rahman to the City Council meeting and Myla Rahman was unable to attend the meeting.

Council Member-Elect Arleen Rojas offered comments, looked forward to meeting everyone, and working as a team.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes announced the Swearing In Ceremony will be held on December 7, 2021 which was confirmed by City Manager Landers.

The City Council welcomed and congratulated Council Member-Elect Arleen Rojas and City Clerk-Elect Myla Rahman.

Item No. 7. [2021-868](#) PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER AS NATIONAL DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear read the proclamation which was accepted by Dobard, 85 years old, who offered comments and words of gratitude.

PRESENTATIONS

Item No. 8. [2021-891](#) LEGISLATIVE UPDATE FROM ASSEMBLYMAN MIKE A. GIPSON

Assemblyman Mike Gipson spoke about the importance of being vaccinated. 2021 was a bad year losing family and friends due to the COVID-19 pandemic and was a good year receiving a robust budget.

He gave a legislative update as follows:

Governor Gavin Newsom signed the following bills he presented:

Assembly Bill (AB) 958 - Ban police gangs

AB 651 - Hold cemetery operators accountable and not walk away from their responsibilities

AB 490 - Prohibit law enforcement once in custody to use any technique or method to cut someone's ability to breathe

AB 1196 – Prohibit carotid artery restraint or choke hold

Employment Development Department (EDD) – Unemployment benefits; visit website: www.asm.ca.gov/gipson

At a past City Council meeting, he presented \$3 million to the City of Carson to renovate Carriage Crest Park. The Mayor requested additional money and he presented an additional check for \$3 million. He thanked speaker Anthony Rendon and Governor Gavin Newsom for making this possible.

He noted additional money to be delivered to the following:

\$10 million given yesterday to Martin Luther King Community Hospital

\$50 million to Charles Drew University of Medicine and Science

\$20 million to California State University Dominguez Hills

Monies are part of the \$2.2 billion he was able to obtain for the 64th State Assembly District.

The Mayor and City Council invited Assemblyman Gipson for a photo opportunity.

Assemblyman Gipson stated he will be sending the annual survey asking residents what they would like on his agenda for next year 2022; encouraged residents to complete the survey.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes requested assistance for the Foisia Park renovation. Assemblyman Gipson stated he would immediately work on her request.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton applauded Assemblyman Gipson for his work and requested a section of a park be named after him and requested staff to bring back an item to a future meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear stated he appreciates Assemblyman Gipson for always making Carson a part of the 64th Assembly District.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks thanked Assemblyman Gipson who also requested a section of a park be named in his honor after the park renovations.

Assemblyman Gipson thanked Council Member Hilton for his offer but respectfully declined and stated he is honored, blessed, and grateful to the Mayor and City Council and will continue to serve the city.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR MATTERS LISTED ON THE AGENDA (MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC)

This item was heard after Item No. 26.

Brandi Murdock - Item No. 26

Addressed items of what the City Council is doing pertaining to outreach working in tandem with the County; \$300,000 is a small amount of money for State of Emergency; concerned many residents are not aware of what is going on and is it not your concern as well; social media pages and websites do not make a clear mention of the emergency and how to get help; have to make an appointment to enter City Hall; thanked employees and staff for their hard work; consider a task force to answer questions and meet residents adhering to COVID-19 guidelines is necessary; residents need direction; How is the City Council interacting with the County directly?; there seems to be a disconnect as it relates to working together for the community; the County is working; do not need another lawsuit, need action; How is the city ensuring safe remediation?; status of Council Member Hilton's request for private investigator; referred to County's comments regarding remediation

Speaker – Item No. 26

Stated residents are being evacuated from hotels without replacement and others are being asked to pay for second car who are in a hotel that is \$200 a week; Who has that to give especially in a dire situation?; this is a State of Emergency; has city support as well as others and just want to see the City get this right yet had several town hall meetings; answers are vague and many questions; ineffective air purifiers; lost hotel reservations; counting on the Mayor and City Council to stand up for the residents

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Item No. 9. [2021-876](#) APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 16, 2021 CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/HOUSING AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Recommendation: Approve the minutes as listed.

ACTION: It was moved to approve staff recommendation on motion of Davis-Holmes, seconded by Dear and unanimously carried by the following vote:

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

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

CONSENT: (Items 10 to 27)

It was moved to approve the Consent items on motion of Davis-Holmes, seconded by Dear.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks requested to remove Items No. 15, 16, and 23 for discussion.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear requested to remove Items No. 17 and 19 for discussion.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes removed Item No. 26 for discussion earlier in the meeting which was heard after Item No. 8, with no objection heard.

The motion to approve Consent Items No. 10-27, except Items No. 15, 16, 17, 19, 23 and 26, was unanimously carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes, Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear, 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. 10. [2021-886](#) CONSIDER MONTHLY INVESTMENT AND CASH REPORT FOR THE CITY OF CARSON, CARSON HOUSING AUTHORITY, CARSON SUCCESSOR AGENCY-MONTH ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2021

Recommendation: RECEIVE and FILE.

ACTION: Item No. 10 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 11. [2021-878](#) Resolution No. 21-10-CHA, A RESOLUTION OF THE CARSON HOUSING AUTHORITY RATIFYING CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$28,947.50, DEMAND CHECK NUMBERS HA-001872 through HA-001875

ACTION: Item No. 11 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 12. [2021-879](#) Resolution No. 21-10-CSA, A RESOLUTION OF THE CARSON SUCCESSOR AGENCY RATIFYING CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,784.30, DEMAND CHECK NUMBERS SA-001840 THROUGH SA-001842

ACTION: Item No. 12 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 13. [2021-877](#) Resolution No. 21-154, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON RATIFYING CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,069,037.09, DEMAND CHECK NUMBERS 160218 THROUGH 160411

ACTION: Item No. 13 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 14. [2021-874](#) CONSIDER AWARDING A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO BEADOR CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. FOR PROJECT NO. 1665: 189TH PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE REPAIR AND CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 21-159, AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 GENERAL FUND AND SPECIAL REVENUE BUDGET (CITY COUNCIL)

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:

1. AWARD a Construction Contract for Project No. 1665 - 189th Pedestrian Bridge Repair in the amount of \$506,700.00 to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Beador Construction Company, Inc.
2. AUTHORIZE the expenditure of construction contingency, if necessary, in an amount not-to-exceed \$76,005 (15%) for change orders such as the removal and remediation of contaminated soil, substructure conflicts, and other unforeseen construction work that may be required to complete this project.
3. ADOPT Resolution No. 21-159, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CARSON CITY COUNCIL AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 GENERAL FUND AND SPECIAL REVENUE BUDGET"
4. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute a Construction Contract following approval as to form by the City Attorney.

ACTION: Item No. 14 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 15. [2021-822](#)

CONSIDER AWARDING A CONTRACT TO GREAT SCOTT TREE SERVICES INC. TO PROVIDE TREE MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 30, 2024 (CITY COUNCIL)

Item No. 15 was heard after approval of the Consent items.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks requested a staff report.

City Manager Landers gave a report.

City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani stated she obtained the revised copy of the contract from Director Whitman. The contractor changed the commercial general liability insurance that is in the contract from \$5 million to \$2 million per occurrence and \$4 million instead of \$10 million in the aggregate. The amounts were forwarded to Risk Management which they approved that is sufficient insurance. She has a revised copy of the contract which she emailed to the City Council.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks expressed concern not knowing that they changed their liability coverage. He asked the City Attorney if it is fine based on her expertise. She referred Council Member Hicks to Risk Management.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks asked why the liability insurance was reduced.

Scott Griffiths, owner and founder of Great Scott Tree Service, stated his understanding in the bid request for proposal (RFP) that it was a \$2 million liability with a \$4 million cap which they originally bid on; when they received the contract, it was changed to \$10 million; can go to the higher amount but there is a higher cost to the city to do so; honoring what was stated in the original bid.

City Manager Landers stated staff to confirm contract change.

Mayor and City Council were in consensus to bring back the item.

City Manager Landers stated the item will be brought back at the next City Council meeting.

Recommendation:

TAKE the following actions:

1. AWARD a three-year contract to Great Scott Tree Services, Inc. in the amount of \$2,500,615.00 to provide tree planting and maintenances services for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 30, 2024 with two additional one-year extensions at the City's sole discretion; AND
2. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute the contract after approval as to form by the City Attorney and REQUIRE any exercise of the optional extension to be presented to the City Council for approval.

ACTION: Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes continued this item to

December 7, 2021, with no objection heard.

RECESS:

The meeting was recessed at 7:55 P.M. by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes.

RECONVENE:

The meeting was reconvened at 8:00 P.M. by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes with all members previously noted present.

Item No. 16. [2021-866](#) CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 3 TO THE AGREEMENT (18-097) WITH WEST COAST ARBORIST, INC., FOR TREE MAINTENANCE SERVICES TO THE CITY AND CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 21-156, AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$750,000 (CITY COUNCIL)

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:

1. APPROVE Amendment No. 3 to the Agreement for Contract Services by and between the City of Carson and West Coast Arborists, Inc. to increase the contract sum by \$656,588.03 for one additional year to provide tree maintenance services such that the total cost of the Contract Agreement does not exceed \$2,796,204.09.
2. AUTHORIZE a contingency, if necessary, in the amount of \$91,922.32 (14%) for change orders and any unforeseen problems that may arise.
3. WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 21-156, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CARSON CITY COUNCIL AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 BUDGET."
4. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute the contract after approval as to form by the City Attorney.

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

Ayes: Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes, Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear, 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. 17. [2021-869](#) CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION 21-151, AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF TWO CREDIT CARDS TO CITY TREASURER AND TO THE CITY MANAGER WITH A TOTAL CREDIT LIMIT OF \$300,000 WHERE THE USE OF THE CREDIT CARD WILL BE AUTHORIZED ONLY DURING CITY COUNCIL

DECLARED EMERGENCIES (CITY COUNCIL)

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear expressed concerns on this item and requested to continue the item.

Recommendation: ADOPT Resolution No. 21-151, AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF TWO CITY CREDIT CARDS TO THE CITY TREASURER AND TO THE CITY MANAGER WITH A TOTAL CREDIT LIMIT OF \$300,000.

ACTION: Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes continued this item to December 7, 2021, with no objection heard.

Item No. 18. [2021-865](#) CONSIDER RESOLUTION 21-152 APPROVING APPLICATION(S) FOR SPECIFIED GRANT FUNDS FOR CARRIAGE CREST PARK (CITY COUNCIL)

Recommendation: WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 21-152, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, APPLICATION(S) FOR SPECIFIED GRANT FUNDS."

ACTION: Item No. 18 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 19. [2021-419](#) CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE SUPPORT AGREEMENT WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 2, TO SUPPORT THE CITY IN REQUIRED MANAGEMENT AND INITIAL STARTUP FOR PROJECT 1515-CARSON STORMWATER CAPTURE FACILITY AT CARRIAGE CREST PARK AND CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 21-160 AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$250,000 (CITY COUNCIL)

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

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear expressed concerns locking in residents to pay the stormwater capture facility permanently and requested to continue this item.

City Manager Landers stated she will need to confirm when the project will start for a better understanding of the urgency of the item.

Director Whitman responded the next City Council meeting would be the latest to address this item.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes asked if item is required. City Manager Landers stated there is a requirement now that the water reclamation tanks have been placed underground. She discussed the County of Los Angeles operations and maintenance

cost.

Director Whitman stated she feels fortunate that the Los Angeles County is willing to do the project and offered to do services for the city. They will be writing an Operations and Maintenance Plan. She spoke about the Machado Lake.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear stated the County should help pay for the prevention of the contamination of their lake.

Director Whitman discussed county services.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear recommended staff to renegotiate a better deal for the City.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes stated it must be done.

City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani cautioned the City Council there is an agreement the City received \$13 million in grants to do the project and obligations associated with it; need to comply with the terms of the grant in place received to do the project and the MS4 Permit obligations are obligations all cities have to comply. She cautioned the City Council there may be liability for not complying with the grant funds.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes asked if item passed and come back for room to negotiate and reconsider. She asked Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear to meet with staff and come back for reconsideration.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear stated he begged to differ with the Mayor and City Manager and the need to renegotiate.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes asked what will change from now until December 7, 2021.

Director Whitman responded that the contract is for startup phase of the plant and discussed the Operation and Maintenance Costs.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks asked staff if it is correct to request an increase to the budget by \$250,000 which is already budgeted this fiscal year.

Director Whitman responded yes and normally construction projects have a startup phase and this construction project did not because it was not the city's funds.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks stated as mentioned by Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear if going to be an ongoing \$250,000 in perpetuity.

Director Whitman stated it is a startup phase and after the startup phase, the Operations and Maintenance Costs will be in perpetuity.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks asked the amount.

Director Whitman stated she did not know yet until startup and will know then the monitoring requirements. They will provide an Operations and Maintenance Manual then request for proposal (RFP) for quotes for cost to operate.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear stated it will be millions of dollars over the years.

City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani stated perhaps Director Whitman and herself can meet with Mayor Pro Tem Dear to understand.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear stated meeting between now and December 7, 2021 would be fine.

City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani understands renegotiate the Operations and Maintenance Costs.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear stated looking at history of the litigation in court and how Carson is getting stuck paying lots of money.

Director Whitman stated in the startup phase can start process of negotiating with the Los Angeles County Public Works, if any contributors.

Recommendation:

TAKE the following actions:

1. APPROVE the Operations and Maintenance Support Agreement with the County Sanitation District No. 2 of Los Angeles County, to support the City in the required management and initial startup for Project No. 1515 - Carson Stormwater Capture Facility at Carriage Crest Park for a negotiated fee of not-to-exceed \$250,000.00.
2. APPROVE Resolution No. 21-160, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$250,000."
3. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute the Agreement and the Resolution, following approval as to form by the City Attorney.

ACTION: Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes continued this item to December 7, 2021, with no objection heard.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks stated the document given did not say that it was a one time for the startup and the Operations and Maintenance is separate. He requested staff to separate in the report the two that the \$250,000 is needed because it was short in the current budget year to do the startup and for the City Attorney and Mayor Pro Tem to discuss with the City Council to renegotiate the Operations and Maintenance going forward.

Director Whitman clarified the Operations and Maintenance is going to start in April/May after startup project is completed.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear stated 44% is the grant and 56% is what the taxpayer will pay.

Director Whitman stated it is not a grant which is what the Los Angeles County Public Works knowing that is their portion of the stormwater in the water shed that is theirs and the city pays 56%.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear asked what 44% and 56% are in dollar figures.

Director Whitman responded she does not know until the startup phase, receipt of the Operations and Maintenance Manual, and understand exactly what the tasks are. Next step is to solicit RFPs and will find a vendor who will operate and maintain the plan for the city.

City Manager Landers stated she will bring back the item.

Item No. 20. [2021-817](#) CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A PURCHASE OF THERMAL POOL COVERS FROM LINCOLN AQUATICS FOR THE CARSON POOL AND DOMINGUEZ AQUATIC CENTER (CITY COUNCIL)

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:
1. APPROVE the purchase of thermal pool covers from Lincoln Aquatics for \$21,208.59 (Exhibit No. 1).

ACTION: Item No. 20 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 21. [2021-837](#) CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF CONTRACT SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR MAINTENANCE AND HARDWARE SUPPORT FOR TWO HEWLETT-PACKARD (HP) SERVERS TO ABTECH TECHNOLOGIES (CITY COUNCIL)

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:
1. WAIVE the bidding requirements for the Cason Municipal Code (CMC) pursuant to CMC Section 2611(e) ("Sole Source Purchasing"); and
2. APPROVE a five-year agreement for contract services with Abtech Technologies in the amount of \$50,862.00; and
3. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute the same upon approval as to form by the City Attorney.

ACTION: Item No. 21 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 22. [2021-724](#) CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH SHI INTERNATIONAL, CORP. FOR WINDOWS SERVER LICENSING, OFFICE365 & MIMICAST SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF CARSON (CITY COUNCIL)

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:
1. APPROVE Amendment to Contract Services Agreement with SHI International, Corp.; and
2. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute the Amendment to Contract Services Agreement with SHI International, Corp. following approval as to form by the City Attorney.

ACTION: Item No. 22 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 23. [2021-844](#) CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR CITY WEBSITE UPDATE AND REDESIGN WITH 360CIVIC CORP. (CITY COUNCIL)

Item No. 23 was heard after Item No. 19.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks offered comments in support of the item.

Information Technology Manager Kevin Kennedy spoke about the RFP scope to improve the City website.

Ron Zius, representing 360Civic Corp., gave a PowerPoint presentation.

Recommendation: 1. APPROVE a contract with 360Civic for design and update of City websites for an amount not to exceed \$225,175 over a period of 5 years; and
2. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute the contract after approval as to form by the City Attorney.

ACTION: It was moved to approve staff recommendations on motion of Hicks, seconded by Dear.

During discussion of the motion, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton asked if there will be other languages added to the website and to ensure it is user friendly. He also asked for Facebook integration of City Council meetings on the website.

Ron Zius responded to his questions.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear stated the need for a user friendly website that will work for the residents.

The motion was unanimously carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes, Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear, 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. 24. [2021-883](#) CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT IN THE MATTER OF TINA THOMPSON V. CITY OF CARSON, LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT CASE NO. 20STCV21039

Recommendation: 1. Approve the settlement agreement (Exhibit 1); and
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute the settlement agreement, and any related documents, to resolve the litigation.

ACTION: Item No. 24 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 25. [2021-889](#) MOBILEHOME ZONE CHANGE UPDATE (CITY COUNCIL)

ACTION: Item No. 25 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 26. [2021-864](#) CONSIDER ADOPTING A RESOLUTION CONTINUING IN EFFECT THE PROCLAIMED LOCAL EMERGENCY RELATED TO THE DOMINGUEZ CHANNEL ODOR (CITY COUNCIL)

Item No. 26 was heard after Item No. 8.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes gave an incident report. The City will be hosting the Dominguez Channel Virtual Town Hall Meeting on Thursday, November 18, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. Los Angeles County experts will be attending to answer any questions and give an update. Watch by Live Streaming: carsonca.gov/townhall, Youtube: youtube.com/channel/UC3 or Cable: Spectrum Channel 35 and AT&T Channel 99. She displayed the flyer for the virtual town hall meeting.

City Manager Landers introduced Russ Bryden, Incident Commander from the County Department of Public Works, who gave the Dominguez Channel Odor incident update which significant progress has been made. He discussed notification measures, community hotline and events. Public Works is continuing to work with partners, numbers are down, and refer to joint information center. He stated further can take questions and prepare answers and bring to the Town Hall meeting on Thursday.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear stated he will give questions in writing to staff who will provide the County before the Town Hall meeting.

City Manager Landers referred to the flyer for residents to pre-submit questions at <https://carsonca.gov/townhall> before the Town Hall meeting on Thursday, November 18, 2021, at 6:00 P.M.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear stated can submit questions in writing and advance to the City Clerk's Office or city staff.

City Manager Landers stated she will post the flyer on the city website.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton thanked Russ Bryden and for him to articulate the residents' frustrations.

Russ Bryden requested Council Member Hilton to send names to the City Manager to immediately contact for assistance.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes referred to 211 and requested Russ Bryden to do the quality control.

(Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton exited the meeting at 7:31 P.M.)

Russ Bryden stated he would follow up.

(Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton reentered the meeting at 7:32 P.M.)

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks asked what the County can do to streamline the process, what is the turnaround time to expect money, and who to contact. He noted the air purifiers are small that were distributed at Victoria Park. Residents bought another air purifier because it did not suffice the service needed for their home and turned down when they submitted their receipt because of already receiving one from the County.

Russ Bryden stated he would include information for meeting on Thursday.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton stated the air purifiers are small that were being distributed at Victoria Park and they only cover 400 square feet and given maximum of two which will not cover an average house in Carson.

Russ Bryden stated he understood that the air purifiers are supposed to be rated for the specs put out is rated for 1500 square feet and would look into it.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes asked her colleagues to write their concerns and give to the City Manager to be addressed in advance.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear requested the County to check the quality control on the actual hotel service.

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:
1. ADOPT Resolution No. 21-157, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, CONTINUING IN EFFECT THE PROCLAIMED LOCAL EMERGENCY PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION NO. 21-147 RELATED TO THE DOMINGUEZ CHANNEL ODOR (Exhibit No. 1)."

ACTION: It was moved to Adopt Resolution No. 21-157, as read by title only, on motion of Davis-Holmes, seconded by Dear and unanimously carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes, Mayor Pro
Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear, 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. 27. [2021-888](#) CONSIDER ADOPTING A RESOLUTION RE-AUTHORIZING
THE MEETINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE BODIES OF THE CITY
TO BE CONDUCTED VIA REMOTE TELECONFERENCING IN
ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION
54953(E) FOR A CONTINUED 30-DAY PERIOD (CITY
COUNCIL, SUCCESSOR AGENCY, HOUSING AUTHORITY)**

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:
1. ADOPT Resolution No. 21-161, "A RESOLUTION OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, THE
CARSON HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD, AND THE CARSON
SUCCESSOR AGENCY BOARD, MAKING FINDINGS RELATED
TO THE CONTINUED EXISTENCE OF A STATE OF
EMERGENCY DUE TO COVID-19 AND RE-AUTHORIZING THE
MEETINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE BODIES OF THE CITY OF
CARSON, CARSON SUCCESSOR AGENCY AND CARSON
HOUSING AUTHORITY TO BE CONDUCTED VIA REMOTE
TELECONFERENCING IN ACCORDANCE WITH
GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953(e) FOR A CONTINUED
30-DAY PERIOD." (Exhibit No. 1)

ACTION: Item No. 27 was approved on Consent.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY: (Items 28 to 30)

**Item No. 28. [2021-882](#) PUBLIC HEARING FOR CONSIDERATION OF INTRODUCING
ORDINANCE NO. 21-2119 FOR APPROVAL OF
DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT NO. 22-19 FOR REMOVAL OF
TWO EXISTING DIGITAL PYLON SIGNS AND INSTALLATION
OF A NEW DOUBLE-SIDED DIGITAL OUTDOOR
ADVERTISING SIGN AT THE WIN AUTO DEALERSHIP
LOCATED AT 2201 E. 223RD STREET, APN 7315-040-013
(CITY COUNCIL)**

Item No. 28 was heard after Item No. 23.

Deputy City Clerk/Deputy Agency Secretary/Deputy Authority Secretary Simarago gave the
Public Hearing report.

City Manager Landers introduced Director of Community Development Saied Naaseh.

Director Naaseh gave a PowerPoint presentation.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear asked if the agreement referenced community benefits about the City of Carson such as advertising city events at no cost to the city.

Director Naaseh stated he would ask the applicant if it is included.

The applicant advised Director Naaseh that there is no section in the Development Agreement (DA) but could include. Director Naaseh stated currently there is no provision but have standard language in other DAs that will include that the City can use the space as available.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes asked if there is a reason the community benefits were not included in the agreement.

Director Naaseh responded it was not included because it is a dual-purpose billboard but if the applicant agrees can add to the agreement.

Ariana Diverio, applicant on behalf of WIN properties, thanked staff for all their help with the project. She stated would be happy to provide time to the city for emergency, public service announcements and events as space is available on the billboard for free.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes directed staff to include because it is already included in all agreements with no objection heard.

Ariana Diverio stated she would be happy to include as long as it says as available.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear requested the applicant to include in writing because all other city agreements have it with no objection heard.

City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani asked what to revise in the DA. The applicant is saying they are happy to provide it as long as space is available. She noted in some of the agreements it actually says at the very least three times a year. She asked if the City Council would like to put at least five times a year based on availability so at least you are getting some sort of commitment.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes stated she would like it to be consistent with other agreements.

Ariana Diverio requested three or so per year to accommodate everyone.

City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani noted typically five events that the city receives from other billboard companies.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear noted five times a year in writing by the applicant.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes noted a minimum of five times a

year.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton stated he supports the company display of city events at the minimum of five.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes declared the Public Hearing open.

There being no persons wishing to speak, Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes closed the Public Hearing at 8:48 P.M.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks referred to the slide presentation that states the dealership advertisement will only be part time. He asked the applicant to explain what the part time is if this is going to be the only display for both dealerships.

Ariana Diverio responded it would be split between Hyundai and Chevrolet and off premise advertising as they determine feasible for the business.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear referred to the City's marketing logo and asked the City Attorney if the city can authorize them to have access to the City logo.

City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani stated she can put a provision in the DA that deals with it at the direction of the City Council.

Ariana Diverio stated they have a team of inhouse graphic designers and programmers who can work directly with staff to create ads specific for the billboard free of charge and provide proof.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes stated the DA does not specify the percentage of advertisement for the dealership and revenue generating billboard advertisement and inquired if that is something we normally do for other billboards.

Director Naaseh responded have no other example that is similar to this billboard. All the other billboards are for off premise advertising, not for onsite businesses to advertise. This is the first one; staff did not include the breakdown.

City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani stated if the City Council wanted to put a threshold saying that it is \$40,000 annually assuming it is 50/50 or so and if it goes beyond the threshold maybe the annual compensation to the city changes, the City Council has the discretion to request that. It does create complicated auditing and accounting issues for staff. She wanted the City Council to be mindful that they have billboards on the 157-acre site that potentially one day will come before the City Council. The deal we had with the outlet mall with CAM on those billboards it was going to be a 50/50 revenue sharing with the city so 50% of the revenues would come to the city. She stated as a comparison.

Director Naaseh stated the city is in total control with the DAs which is a case-by-case basis.

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:
1. OPEN the public hearing, TAKE public testimony, and CLOSE the public hearing; and

2. INTRODUCE, for first reading by title only and with further reading waived, Ordinance No. 21-2119, entitled, "AN UNCODIFIED ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT NO. 22-19 BETWEEN THE CITY OF CARSON AND WIN CHEVROLET PROPERTIES, LLC, TO (1) REMOVE TWO EXISTING DOUBLE-SIDED ON-SITE DIGITAL SIGNS AND (2) INSTALL ONE 64-FOOT HIGH DOUBLE-SIDED OUTDOOR ADVERTISING SIGN ("REPLACEMENT DIGITAL BILLBOARD") ALONG A PORTION OF THE I-405 FREEWAY CORRIDOR, ZONED CA, LOCATED AT 2201 E 223RD STREET (APN 7315-040-013).

ACTION: It was moved to Introduce Ordinance No. 21-2119, as read by title only with further reading waived, as amended with all requests from staff with the minimum of five advertisements and sharing of the City logo, on motion of Hilton, seconded by Dear and unanimously carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes, Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear, 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. 29. [2021-704](#) PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE REDISTRICTING OF ESTABLISHED CITY COUNCIL DISTRICTS BASED ON THE RESULTS OF THE 2020 DECENNIAL CENSUS ON REDISTRICTING

Deputy City Clerk/Deputy Agency Secretary/Deputy Authority Secretary Simarago gave the Public Hearing report.

City Manager Landers introduced Assistant City Manager John Raymond who gave a report. He introduced Andrew Westall with Bear Demographics, Inc.

Andrew Westall gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Summary of Redistricting Law, Criteria, and Process 2021-22 City Council Redistricting Process.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes commended Andrew Westall on his report.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton thanked Andrew Westall for his comprehensive report and look forward to the maps.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear thanked Andrew Westall for his presentation. He stated his concern of some neighborhoods comments about not wanting their neighborhoods split.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks stated Andrew Westall gave a very thorough report. He inquired about upcoming public hearings and if they will be televised and how can residents be a part of the process.

Andrew Westall responded the City will put up a redistricting website that is required by State law that will have all the information in Spanish and Tagalog accessible. He stated will discuss with City staff if can have the public hearings and workshops virtually or hybrid.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes declared the Public Hearing open at 9:27 P.M.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear inquired about three speakers at the Community Center. City Manager Landers confirmed there are no speakers.

There being no persons wishing to speak, Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes closed the Public Hearing at 9:29 P.M.

Recommendation:

1. OPEN the public hearing;
2. TAKE public testimony; and
3. CLOSE the public hearing.

ACTION: Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes ordered this item received and filed and for staff to proceed with redistricting with no objection heard.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks inquired about the next workshop.

Assistant City Manager Raymond responded the next workshop is on Saturday, December 4, 2021, at 10:00 A.M. to be held at the Carson Community Center.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes noted the workshop dates are listed on the agenda report.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear asked which public workshops will the demographer be represented. Assistant City Manager Raymond responded there is one workshop per district where Andrew Westall will be present and the others would be himself attending the workshops.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes requested staff to include the list of workshop dates at the next agenda. Assistant City Manager Raymond responded in the affirmative which there is a workshop per district.

Andrew Westall noted his availability and staff will provide the flyer with the workshop dates.

**Item No. 30. [2021-884](#) CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING FOR CONSIDERATION OF
ORDINANCE NO. 21-2120, AMENDING THE CARSON ZONING
ORDINANCE REGARDING PERMITTED USES IN THE
INDUSTRIAL ZONES FOR REGULATED AND**

**NONREGULATED SUBSTANCES AND HAZARDOUS
MATERIALS, AND REGARDING NONCONFORMITIES FOR
USE OF REGULATED SUBSTANCES (CITY COUNCIL)**

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes declared the Public Hearing open at 9:32 P.M.

Deputy City Clerk/Deputy Agency Secretary/Deputy Authority Secretary Simarago gave the Public Hearing report.

Director Naaseh gave a report and requested to continue this item off calendar and will readvertise the Public Hearing.

(Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton exited the meeting at 9:33 P.M.)

There being no persons wishing to speak, Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes closed the Public Hearing at 9:33 P.M.

Recommendation:

1. OPEN the public hearing, and
2. TAKE public testimony, and
3. CLOSE the public hearing, and
4. CONTINUE the public hearing off calendar and re-notice the hearing for a future date.

ACTION: Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes removed the Public Hearing at the request of staff who will re-notice the Public Hearing for a future date with no objection heard.

DISCUSSION: (Items 31 to 34)

**Item No. 31. [2021-775](#) FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 FIRST QUARTER FINANCIAL
REPORT (CITY COUNCIL)**

Director Rahmani gave a report.

(Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton reentered the meeting at 9:35 P.M.)

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear requested information about the innovative progressive program to help the existing businesses to stay in business, consider supporting some type of new small business assistance program; and assist Carson-based businesses (mom and pop businesses). He would like to meet with City Manager and staff.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes noted the Economic Development Ad Hoc Committee consisting of herself and Council Member Hicks already discussed the idea on how to save the small businesses and asked to hire an Economic Development Consultant to assist as requested by Mayor Pro Tem Dear. She inquired about the request for proposal

(RFP).

City Manager Landers noted the RFP is already advertised and received six robust bids. Assistant City Manager Raymond will provide information with the assistance of the Economic Development Consultant and bring a recommendation to the City Council.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes requested an update on the small business grants and loans.

City Manager Landers noted the small business grants and loans information is in the report of the COVID-19 update of Item No. 33 on this agenda. Director Rahmani noted the last section of the agenda report briefly mentions the American Rescue Plan Act Fund and the purpose of the money.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks referred to the E-Commerce mentioned by Director Rahmani. He referred to the Mid-Year Budget review namely items on the shelf that will be ready such as road repairs, potholes, street work, trees in place, economic forecast, and prepare for the Super Bowl.

Director Rahmani mentioned President Joe Biden signed the \$1.2 Trillion Infrastructure Bill. Most cities include the City to start forming a policy and planning team to have a relevant proposal to compete for the money to bring to the City. The Executive Team is working on a plan for next year and will make sure to tap in the \$1.2 Trillion Infrastructure.

City Manager Landers stated there is focus in the President's bill on infrastructure related to regional infrastructure that is assisting the ports and will be looking for some of the money.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes inquired about Measure M and Oil Tax if reflected in the surplus.

Director Rahmani referred to Measure C Oil Business Tax for the City Attorney to address.

City Manager Landers noted Closed Session item on December 7, 2021 meeting to discuss the oil tax.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear asked how much receiving from the oil tax. Director Rahmani responded the actual revenue from the Oil Tax averages \$4 million to \$4.2 million annually.

City Manager Landers stated she will come back with a report on the audits on December 7, 2021, assisted by the City Attorney. City Attorney Soltani responded in the affirmative.

Director Rahmani stated when Measure C was on the ballot based on MRS consulting forecast about \$24 million which did not materialize resulted in the audit and want to understand the taxpayers understanding of the ordinance and resolution which was a great idea. City Attorney stated to not focus on one taxpayer and look at all of them; have enough data that shows that can have conversation that can discuss the deviation between what the forecast was and what the actuals are. His forecast in the budget is still based on actuals. If changes then will put City's net position in a better position.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear mentioned Utility Tax that is going to expire and need to work on a coalition for that.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes noted she and Council Member Hilton are on the committee and had a meeting with key players.

City Manager Landers reminded the Mayor and City Council the next step to do survey similar to what was done before the sales tax measure for better information to give staff direction. Director Rahmani is working on the RFP.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes stated once the survey comes back in she and Council Member Hilton will be meeting with the team again to make a recommendation to the City Council.

Director Rahmani thanked his staff and introduced Ralston Turner, Senior Budget Analyst, who gave his background and offered comments.

City Manager Landers offered comments about Senior Budget Analyst Ralston Turner.

Recommendation: Receive and File the First Quarter Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Report.

ACTION: Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes ordered this item Received and Filed with no objection heard.

Item No. 32. [2021-870](#) CONSIDER AN UPDATE TO THE CITY HOMELESS PLAN (CITY COUNCIL)

Assistant City Manager Roberts gave a PowerPoint presentation on the City Homeless Plan Update. He thanked staff Mike Whittiker, Jr., Dani Cook, Dara Sandoval, Amanda Valorosi for all their efforts with the Carson's Homeless Resource Fair.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks inquired about the process to assist a homeless person. Assistant City Manager Roberts responded to Council Member Hicks.

City Manager Landers offered additional comments regarding the city homeless plan.

Recommendation: DISCUSS and PROVIDE direction.

ACTION: Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes ordered this item Received and Filed with no objection heard.

Item No. 33. [2021-871](#) COVID-19 UPDATE (CITY COUNCIL)

Recommendation: 1. DISCUSS and PROVIDE any direction.

ACTION: Presentation and discussion was held as follows:

Assistant City Manager Roberts gave a PowerPoint presentation on Trends of COVID-19.

(Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks exited the meeting at 10:19 P.M.)

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes inquired about the Federal funds for businesses and small businesses. Assistant City Manager Roberts responded the information is in the COVID-19 update report.

City Manager Landers referred to Page 4 of the staff report of the Small Business Programs.

Assistant City Manager Roberts noted Vaccination and Booster Clinics information is also noted in the staff report.

(Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks reentered the meeting at 10:23 P.M.)

Discussion ensued regarding vaccination administered to children.

City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani stated she can work with staff on appropriate waiver forms.

It was moved to keep the City Council meeting operating after 11:00 P.M., if necessary, to complete the agenda on motion of Dear and Davis-Holmes concurring with no objection heard.

Item No. 34. [2021-875](#) **CONSIDERATION OF LOCAL APPOINTMENTS TO THE CITY'S COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES AND BOARDS; AND/OR CITY COUNCIL SUB-COMMITTEES; AND/OR CITY-AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS BY MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL (CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation:

TAKE the following actions:

1. CONSIDER and APPOINT, REAPPOINT or REMOVE members to the Commissions, Committees and Boards; and/or
2. REAFFIRM, RE-DESIGNATE and/or DESIGNATE member assignments to the City Council Sub-Committees; and/or
3. REAFFIRM, RE-DESIGNATE and/or DESIGNATE delegates and alternates to the City-Affiliated Organizations; and
4. DIRECT the City Clerk to notify all affected appointments, reappointments or removed members and/or all affected City-Affiliated Organizations of this action in writing;
5. IF APPLICABLE, DIRECT the City Clerk to post and publish in accordance with the Maddy Act.

ACTION: Mayor and City Council took the following actions:

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes removed Rick Pulido, her uncontested appointment, from the Environmental Commission. She appointed Celia Villalpando as Alternate 2 to the Environmental Commission.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear requested to place an asterisk next to the names of the uncontested appointments by the Mayor and Council Members who do not require a ratification vote and to add to the next staff report.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton inquired about his previous request regarding his appointee who is an employee on the Senior Citizens Advisory Commission.

City Manager Landers confirmed there is no conflict of Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton's appointee Frankie Stewart on the Senior Citizens Advisory Commission if the employee is part time.

It was moved to ratify the Mayor's appointment of Celia Villalpando as Alternate 2 on the Environmental Commission on motion of Davis-Holmes, seconded by Hilton and unanimously carried by the following vote:

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

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear noted Rick Pulido is the Chair of the Environmental Commission.

ORDINANCE SECOND READING: (Item 35)

Item No. 35. [2021-836](#) APPROVE THE SECOND READING TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 21-2121, ADDING CHAPTER 11 TO ARTICLE V OF THE CARSON MUNICIPAL CODE TO ENACT REGULATIONS IN COMPLIANCE WITH SENATE BILL 1383 FOR FOOD AND ORGANICS RECYCLING AND RELATED SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING PROCESSING AND REPORTING

Recommendation: CONDUCT a Second Reading by Title Only and with further reading waived, and ADOPT "Ordinance No. 21-2121: "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, ADDING CHAPTER 11 TO ARTICLE V (COMMENCING WITH SECTION 51101 ET SEQ.) OF THE CARSON MUNICIPAL CODE, ENTITLED 'SPECIFIC REGULATIONS FOR ORGANIC WASTE DISPOSAL REDUCTION, RECYCLING AND SOLID WASTE COLLECTION,' TO ENACT REGULATIONS IN COMPLIANCE WITH SENATE BILL (SB) 1383 FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF FOOD AND ORGANICS RECYCLING AND RELATED SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING PROCESSING AND REPORTING; ADOPTION OF AN EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL

QUALITY ACT." (Exhibit 1)

ACTION: It was moved to waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 21-2121, as read by title only, on motion of Davis-Holmes, seconded by Hilton and unanimously carried by the following vote:

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

MEMORIAL ADJOURNMENTS

This item was heard after Oral Communications for Matters Not Listed on the Agenda (Members of the Public).

Deputy City Clerk/Deputy Agency Secretary/Deputy Authority Secretary Simarago presented the following Memorial Adjournment Requests:

Rev. James Stewart McKnight
Mable Cleary Farrington
Bo Warren
Monica Figueroa

City Manager Landers requested to add Frank Benson to the Memorial Adjournment Requests.

City Manager Landers announced the County Department of Public Works lost their first worker to COVID-19, who was 54 years old, and requested to add him to the memorial adjournments. She will provide the name.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes announced the Homegoing Celebration of Gil Smith's son, on Friday, November 19, 2024, at 11:00 A.M. Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes to provide information to the City Manager.

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

This item was heard after Item No. 35.

Kim Cortado - Parks and Recreation Commissioner

- Basketball registration through December 4, 2021; can register online through ActiveNet on the City website
- Turkey Grab and Go hosted by Mayor, November 2021 at 10:00 A.M. at the Carson Event Center parking lot; must be a Carson resident and show proof of residency
- Turkey Thanksgiving Grab and Go hosted by Council Member Hicks, November 2021 from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. at Triedstone Missionary Baptist Church, located at 1249

- E. Carson Street, Carson; must be a Carson resident; one meal box per vehicle
- Country Western Fair, November 20, 2024, from 2:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. at Dominguez Park
- Requested Council Member Hilton to convey congratulations to Ms. President Hilton

COUNCIL MEMBER REQUESTS TO ADD ITEMS TO FUTURE AGENDAS

This item was heard after Memorial Adjournments.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear requested the following items to a future agenda:

- Process and the ordinance come to fruition of the mobilehome park zoning ordinance
- Ordinance to eliminate the amendment known as the dictator amendment that requires a super majority of the City Council to place an item on the agenda in the two-step process

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes noted the ordinance for the mobilehome park was included in the City Charter and asked City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani to elaborate.

City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani stated the City Council and the City Charter put provisions which states that the City should adopt mobilehome park zones. There was directive to staff to start working on the zones. At that time, the staff report to the City Council noted that it would be done in conjunction with the General Plan amendment. After Mayor Pro Tem Dear came on the City Council, he asked about it and staff stated they would be working on it in conjunction with the General Plan. Getting close to bringing the General Plan to the City Council. The overlay zone has been vetted and the direction is to have the entire City to have an overlay zone so all the mobilehome parks can be protected which will go to the Planning Commission with other zone changes. She will do a briefing for the City Council before the Planning Commission.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes stated that she, City Attorney, City Manager, and Director Naaseh have been meeting on this.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear stated it is two years overdue and requested to do as soon as possible.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes stated to staff will bring back when ready.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (COUNCIL MEMBERS)

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks conveyed message from Jeannette Gonzales with GBros Promotional Products and Services, to the Mayor and City Council how grateful and happy she was to be selected to be honored as a small business in the City. She was upset that the technology did not work for her at the last City Council meeting to be conveyed.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear announced/reported the

following:

- Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway Drive-Thru, on Saturday, November 20, 2021, from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. at the new supermarket in South Carson across the street from the Scottsdale neighborhood together with Council Member-Elect Arleen Rojas; the criteria is a person representing a family in need
- El Fresco Supermarket one year anniversary, December 2, 2021
- Los Angeles Regional Food Bank dry goods food giveaway
- Goodie bag from the Port of Long Beach, Los Angeles
- Drive-thru events handling all COVID-19 pandemic protocols will be in place; criteria is a person representing a family in need

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes asked the City Manager on the status of the new market representative to be recognized at a City Council meeting.

City Manager Landers stated staff reached out to the representative of the market and asked if they could come to a meeting at the beginning of the year since they will not open until April.

Mayor and City Council wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF UNFINISHED OR CONTINUED CLOSED SESSION ITEMS (AS NECESSARY) – None.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION – None.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION – None.

REPORT OF ACTIONS ON UNFINISHED OR CONTINUED CLOSED SESSION ITEMS – None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:49 P.M. by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes.

Lula Davis-Holmes
Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman

ATTEST:

Joy Simarago
Deputy City Clerk/Deputy Agency Secretary/
Deputy Authority Secretary

