



CITY OF CARSON

MINUTES CARSON CITY COUNCIL/ SUCCESSOR AGENCY/HOUSING AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING APRIL 6, 2021 5:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 5:06 P.M. by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Lula Davis-Holmes via Zoom Teleconference.

ROLL CALL:

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

Council Members/Agency Members/Authority Board Members Present via Zoom Teleconference:

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Lula Davis-Holmes, Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Jim Dear, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton, and Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Cedric Hicks

Also Present via Zoom Teleconference Telephone:

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; Faye Moseley, Director of Human Resources and Risk Management; Tarik Rahmani, Director of Finance; Robert Lennox, Director of Community Services; 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. 2021-273 PASTOR RUDY ABROT, BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH IN CARSON

Pastor Rudy Abrot gave the invocation.

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

CLOSED SESSION: (Items 2-6)

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS (CITY ATTORNEY)

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

RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION

The meeting was recessed by 5:13 P.M. by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes to Closed Session.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The meeting was reconvened at 6:16 P.M. by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes with all members previously noted present.

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS (CITY ATTORNEY)

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

Item No. 2. 2021-242 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 2 cases.

ACTION: At 1:09 A.M. on Wednesday, April 7, 2021, City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani reported there was no reportable action taken.

Item No. 3. 2021-255 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 4 cases.

ACTION: No reportable action was taken.

Item No. 4. 2021-271 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:
Rand Resources, LLC. v. City of Carson, et al., Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. BC564093

ACTION: At 1:09 A.M. on Wednesday, April 7, 2021, City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani reported there was no reportable action taken.

Item No. 5. 2021-266 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:

Vincent Simien v. City of Carson, LASC Case No. 19STCV30806

ACTION: The matter will be dismissed.

Item No. 6. 2021-246 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR (CITY COUNCIL)

Recommendation: A closed session will be held, pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6, with Sharon Landers, City Manager and Faye Moseley, Director of Human Resources & Risk Management of City, its negotiators, regarding labor negotiations with AFSCME Local 809, AFSCME 1017, CPSA affiliated with SEIU Local 721 and AME.

ACTION: At 1:09 A.M. on Wednesday, April 7, 2021, City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani reported there was no reportable action taken.

INTRODUCTIONS (MAYOR)

Item No. 7. 2021-209 REPORT FROM CAPTAIN JONES OF CARSON SHERIFF'S STATION

Captain Jones reported and announced the following:

- Crime statistics; vehicle thefts decreasing
- Successful Virtual Coffee with the Station Event held March 24, 2021
- Attended Stop the Violence Against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders held last month at City Hall
- Participated on a PSA news story regarding catalytic converter thefts with CBS on March 18, 2021 which was aired and placed on their website and linked to the Carson Sheriff Station social media site
- Catalytic Converter Event on May 1, 2021 in partnership with the city. For any questions or registration information, contact the Community Relations Office at (310) 847-8386
- Virtual Community Conversation with Sheriff Villanueva on April 29, 2021
- Assisting city with Prescription Drug Take Back Event on April 24, 2021 at the Carson Community Center
- Tragic death that occurred this past Christmas during a street race but due to the diligent efforts of the traffic investigators and the city for providing resources, arrested those who were responsible

City Manager Landers commended Captain Jones and his predecessor for making sure that cosponsored events for the community handled proactively and appreciate the Captain and his team for their efforts and partnership.

Mayor and City Council offered comments commending Captain Jones and his team.

PRESENTATIONS

Item No. 8. 2021-231 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE FROM ASSEMBLYMEMBER MIKE GIPSON

Assemblymember Mike Gipson thanked the Mayor and City Council for showing leadership for standing up and denouncing Asian hate.

He gave a legislative update and announced the following:

- Availability of 300 Johnson and Johnson vaccines at the Crystal Park Casino on Friday, April 9, 2021, from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.
- The Governor announced the State of California economy will reopen fully on June 15, 2021 and continue to follow health and safety guidelines
- Introduced Assembly Bill 1199
- Changes to Employment Development Department (EDD) – employment benefits
- Last Friday had fifth hearing on select committee on Police Officer Reform
- Spoke about Angelo Quinto who died from same method as George Floyd; Working on bill banning chokeholds and carotid artery restraints in the State of California
- Assembly Bill 490 named after Angelo Quinto - ban positional asphyxiation
- Bill regarding colonoscopy - removing barrier (\$1,400) to not pay by a certain age
- Assembly Bill 520 - deals with male teachers of color in the classroom
- Assembly Bill 745 - deals with clean cars for all; \$1,300 given to trade old car with new one
- Total of 19 bills
- Budgeted \$10,000,000 for the City of Carson to renovate Carriage Crest Park

Mayor and City Council thanked Assemblymember Gipson for his hard work and diligence.

Item No. 9. 2021-077 PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF APRIL AS AUTISM ACCEPTANCE MONTH

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes read and presented the proclamation.

Item No. 10. 2021-078 PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF APRIL AS ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks read and presented the proclamation.

Item No. 11. 2021-080 PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING APRIL 24, 2021 AS NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK DAY

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes read and presented the proclamation.

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

Deputy City Clerk/Deputy Agency Secretary/Deputy Authority Secretary Simarago presented the following public comments:

Primo Castro - Email Received April 2, 2021 – Item No. 30

Government Relations Director with the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN), advocating for public policies that reduce death and suffering from cancer, which include policies targeted at reducing tobacco use; offered comments in opposition to delaying the implementation of enforcement of city Ordinance No. 19-1940 with respect to the sale of flavored tobacco products, including menthol and Resolution No. 20-066, temporarily postponing the enforcement of Ordinance No. 19-1940, and asked the City Council to vote No on this resolution.

Ryan Qu - Email Received April 4, 2021 – Item No. 30

IYTC CA Regional President representing International Youth Tobacco Control, a 501(c)(3) student-led NPO serving Greater Los Angeles and beyond; opposed to Agenda Item #30

Raj Dhillon - Email Received April 4, 2021 – Item No. 30

Senior Manager, Advocacy & Public Policy; Breathe Southern California (Breathe SoCal) urged the City Council to not postpone the enforcement of the flavored tobacco sales ban in the City of Carson. Breathe SoCal is a nonprofit organization that promotes clean air and healthy lungs through research, education, advocacy, and technology. Any questions or comments, contact him at RDhillon@breathesocal.org or at (323) 935-8050 x233.

Elizabeth Foisia - Email Received April 5, 2021 – Item No. 25 and 26

Item No. 25: Supports the recommendations made by the Independent CPA Firm, David L. Gruber and Associates because this will ensure fair and equitable allocation of funds to all Community events and stop what appears to be blatant favoritism from Council towards certain organizations, because the actions of one person stains the whole group. Most importantly, it will ensure transparency and accountability from the City's Non-Profit Public Benefit Corporation, 501(c)3, the Carson Community Foundation, who is supposed to monitor and oversee the allocation of these funds.

Item No. 26: Supports Mayor Pro Tem Jim Dear on the Carson Reclamation Authority Board for the simple fact the other four members currently on the Board are all from the North side of Carson. With the City now divided into Districts, it is only right to have Mayor Pro Tem Jim Dear who is from South Carson represent interests in the South.

Annie Tegen - Email Received April 6, 2021 – Item No. 30

Representing Tobacco Free Kids; Encouraged the City Council to not further postponing the flavored tobacco ban enforcement. Community's health is on the line. Retailers promised that

they only needed until December 2020 to sell off all of the remaining products. They have had enough time. The Council needs to stand up for the community. Please maintain the enforcement and join the other forty-one cities that have done the same. Your neighboring cities have already adopted banning flavored tobacco.

Carol Almeda - Email Received April 6, 2021 – Item No. 30

Representing the Carson Initiative for Substance Abuse Awareness and Prevention (CISAAP) Carson Student Health Advocate Club (CSHA); having a flavored tobacco ban in place clearly shows that the priority is to protect the youth and the Carson community from the harm of tobacco and vape use.

Eddie Martinez - Email Received April 6, 2021 – Item No. 30

Coalition Chair, The OUT Against Big Tobacco Coalition supports restricting the sale of all flavored tobacco products without exception to protect our communities; Coalition strongly supports Ordinance No. 19-1940 and the implementation timeline that was previously passed; Opposed to any delay in implementation of the ordinance. The tobacco industry has a history of using delay tactics like this to line their pockets at the expense of the public's health.

Jaime G. Montecarlo, Esq. - Email Received April 6, 2021 – Item No. 23

Requested his proposed amendments to the Carson City Council's Resolution No. 21-037, condemning hate crimes in the City of Carson and statewide, as restated below for Council's deliberation and consideration, be read as follows:

"Whereas, under California Penal Code 422.6 PC, fines for hate crimes is up to \$5,000.00.

Whereas, under California Penal Code 597 fines for cruelty to animals is up to \$20,000.

Whereas, California Victims' Bill of Rights Act – Marsy's Law does not necessarily cover and punish acts violative of California hate crimes laws and therefore, does not fully protect hate crimes victims.

Whereas, the value of human lives, safety, security, and welfare far exceed those of animals, it behooves penalties under hate crimes should be more severe and stiffer to secure the human lives, safety, security, and welfare.

Whereas, it is incumbent upon this City Council to make policies and adopt ordinance and/or recommend to California State Assembly or to the United Congress making criminal and civil penalties more severe and stiffer to prevent and eliminate hate crimes in all forms of violence, hate, discrimination, racism, harassment and xenophobia, and affirms its commitment to the reduction and elimination of these appalling ideologies.

Whereas, the City of Carson is a very diverse City that cherishes, upholds, and celebrates persons of all ethnicities, races, national origins, and backgrounds in our community.

Now, therefore, be it determined by the City Council of the City of Carson, California that: The City Council stands resolutely and indisputably against all forms of violence, hate, discrimination, racism, harassment and xenophobia, and affirms its commitment to the reduction and elimination of these appalling ideologies through City Council's adoption of policies, ordinance, and/or recommendations of legislations to California State Assembly and/or to the United States Congress increasing criminal and civil penalties against hate crimes from \$5,000.00 to \$25,000.00."

Andrea - Public Comment Received April 6, 2021 – Item No. 30

Looking into the flavored tobacco issue not to happen. This is targeting young people that live in

the city and have family members who are young and also live in the city. As menthol cigarettes are being pushed onto the community, would hope the City Council stand up for young people and ban flavored tobacco and do what is right for the community and the youth. Do not delay on this ban.

Ana Saaverdra - Public Comment Received April 6, 2021 – Item No. 30

Resident of Carson; hoping the City Council can ban flavored tobacco in the city and look into possibly prevent the sale of it.

Eric Batch - Public Comment Received April 6, 2021 – Item No. 30

Vice President of Advocacy for the American Heart Association, 816 S. Figueroa St., Los Angeles, CA 90017; 213.291.7093; Carson resident who respectfully asks that the City Council reject further delaying the enforcement of the Flavored Tobacco Sales ban. The City of Carson needs to stand up against the tobacco industry and end the sale of flavored tobacco products in Carson now.

Lori Bremner - Public Comment Received April 6, 2021 – Item No. 30

Work with PAVe-Parents Against Vaping e-cigarettes. PAVe is founded, run, and powered by volunteers, as their California grassroots coordinator. The youth of Carson simply cannot wait for the state or the Federal government to take action to protect them. Parents and kids are counting on their local elected officials to step in to halt the epidemic of youth tobacco use. The need is urgent for you to prioritize the health of the kids' lungs without delay. I had the pleasure of speaking to both Mayor Pro Tem Dear and Councilmember Hilton back in November of 2019 at the California Democratic Convention in Long Beach. We spoke about the need to end the sale of flavored tobacco to keep the kids of Carson safe, healthy, and free to live their best life. Please take decisive and bold action today to ensure the kids are protected as soon as possible.

Freddie Gomez – Item No. 30

Opposed to item and encouraged the City Council to uphold City Ordinance No. 19-1940 prohibiting the retail sale of electronic cigarettes, harmful tobacco, and other vaping devices and paraphernalia that have not been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

Jaylin Sullivan – Item No. 30

Urged the City Council to stand up for the young people of the community who are susceptible to flavored tobacco products.

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

Liz Foisia - Email Received April 1, 2021 – Non Agendized

Expressed profound disappointment and utter amazement regarding a campaign mailer she received in the mail on Wednesday, March 31, 2021. The mailer was strategically created to capitalize on Easter, in which Christians all over the world remember and honor the sacrifice Christ made on the Cross for all mankind and His resurrection on the third day is the affirmation of salvation. To make matters worse, the candidate himself is a purported Pastor, supported by the Mayor as is clearly stated on the political mailer. Humbly asked to keep religion out of campaign literature. It is offensive to people who honor and worship the Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Kim Cortado, Parks and Recreation Commissioner, - Email Received April 1, 2021 – Non Agendized

Announced the start of Baseball, Softball and T-ball season and hope to see all the youth in the City playing at the parks. Parks make life better.

City Clerk/Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary Gause-Aldana offered comments and announced her official time of resignation on April 11, 2021 at 11:59 P.M. She noted she was appointed City Clerk for the City of Riverside.

Mayor and City Council congratulated City Clerk Gause-Aldana on her appointment and thanked her for her service to the city of Carson.

City Manager Landers offered comments.

City Attorney Soltani thanked City Clerk Gause-Aldana for her professionalism.

City Treasurer Cooper congratulated City Clerk Gause-Aldana.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Item No. 12. 2021-260 APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 15, 2020 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 Dear, seconded by Hicks 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 13-21)

It was moved to approve the Consent items on motion of Hicks, seconded by Hilton.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton requested to remove Item No. 19 for discussion.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes requested to remove Item No. 21 for discussion.

The motion to approve Consent Items 13-21, except Item Nos. 19 and 21, 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. 13. 2021-265 Resolution No. 21-039, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON RATIFYING CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,016,924.69, DEMAND CHECK NUMBERS 156934 THROUGH 157230

ACTION: Item No. 13 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 14. 2021-267 Resolution No. 21-03-CSA, A RESOLUTION OF THE CARSON SUCCESSOR AGENCY RATIFYING CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,186.75, DEMAND CHECK NUMBERS SA-001826 THROUGH SA-001828

ACTION: Item No. 14 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 15. 2021-268 Resolution No. 21-03-CHA, A RESOLUTION OF THE CARSON HOUSING AUTHORITY RATIFYING CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$52,746.10, DEMAND CHECK NUMBERS HA-001845 through HA-001850

ACTION: Item No. 15 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 16. 2021-247 CONSIDER MONTHLY INVESTMENT AND CASH REPORT FOR THE CITY OF CARSON, CARSON HOUSING AUTHORITY, CARSON SUCCESSOR AGENCY-MONTH ENDING FEBURARY 28, 2021

Recommendation: RECEIVE and FILE.

ACTION: Item No. 16 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 17. 2021-199 CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 21-040 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE CLASSIFICATION PLAN, RESOLUTION NO. 77-111, BY ADOPTING REVISED JOB CLASSIFICATION SPECIFICATION FOR BUYER (CITY COUNCIL)

Recommendation: WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 21-040, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CARSON, AMENDING THE CLASSIFICATION PLAN, RESOLUTION NO. 77-111, BY ADOPTING REVISED JOB CLASSLIFICATION SPECIFICATION FOR BUYER."

ACTION: Item No. 17 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 18. 2021-248 CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 21-041 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE CLASSIFICATION PLAN, RESOLUTION NO. 77-111, BY ADOPTING REVISED JOB CLASSIFICATION SPECIFICATION FOR CHIEF DEPUTY CITY CLERK (CITY COUNCIL)

Recommendation: WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 21-041, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CARSON, AMENDING THE CLASSIFICATION PLAN, RESOLUTION NO. 77-111, BY ADOPTING REVISED JOB CLASSLIFICATION SPECIFICATION FOR CHIEF DEPUTY CITY CLERK."

ACTION: Item No. 18 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 18 was heard again after Item No. 19.

City Clerk/Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary Gause-Aldana requested the City Clerk job specification be continued as well.

It was moved to reconsider Item No. 18 on motion of Dear, seconded by Hilton.

During discussion of the motion, Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes suggested Item No. 18 and Item No. 19 be pulled for reconsideration and send back to the City Clerk, City Treasurer and Director of Human Resources and Risk Management for their recommendations.

City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani noted motion for reconsideration requires three votes.

Director Moseley inquired with the City Clerk if she is requesting that the edits that she also approved be reversed or reconsidered for the recruitment of the Chief Deputy City Clerk role.

City Clerk/Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary Gause-Aldana stated she would like them reconsidered given that the candidates brought forth so far that the recruitment has been challenging and believe changing the job specifications to have more requirements will make the recruitment process more difficult than what it has already been.

Director Moseley noted she can have conversation with the City Council and the City Clerk requiring the Chief Deputy City Clerk with a six-figure salary to have more than a high school degree.

The motion to reconsider Item No. 18 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

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes continued Item No. 18 with no objection heard.

Item No. 19. 2021-274 CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 21-042 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE CLASSIFICATION PLAN, RESOLUTION NO. 77-111, BY ADOPTING REVISED JOB CLASSIFICATION SPECIFICATION FOR CHIEF DEPUTY CITY TREASURER (CITY COUNCIL)

Item No. 19 was heard after approval of the Consent items.

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

Item No. 19 was heard again after Item No. 21.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton noted the City Treasurer did not approve the changes to the job specification.

City Manager Landers noted the City Treasurer recommended the changes to the job specification.

Director Moseley gave a staff report and discussed the differences. The Chief Deputy City Treasurer is not a represented role, therefore, no meet and confer required with the union. It is an appointed role.

City Treasurer Cooper noted the edits being referred to have to do with the recruitment and was not advised that this was going to be a permanent part of the qualifications for Chief Deputy City Treasurer.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes requested the City Treasurer, City Manager and Director of Human Resources and Risk Management bring back a recommendation for this item.

Recommendation: WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 21-042, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CARSON, AMENDING THE CLASSIFICATION PLAN, RESOLUTION NO. 77-111, BY

**ADOPTING REVISED JOB CLASSLIFICATION SPECIFICATION
FOR CHIEF DEPUTY CITY TREASURER."**

ACTION: Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes continued Item No. 19 with no objection heard.

**Item No. 20. 2021-218 CONSIDER APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF EIGHT (8)
TRANSIT BUS SHELTERS AND TEN (10) BUS BENCHES
FROM TOLAR MANUFACTURING COMPANY, INC. AT A
DO-NOT-EXCEED TOTAL COST OF \$159,355 (CITY
COUNCIL)**

Recommendation:

1. WAIVE the written contract procedures for purchases of materials \$25,000 or greater over a fiscal year as defined by Carson Municipal Code - Section 2605;
2. WAIVE the bidding requirements in Chapter 6 ("Purchasing System") of Title II of the Carson Municipal Code (CMC), pursuant to CMC Section 2611(e) ("Sole Source Purchasing");
3. APPROVE the purchase of eight (8) transit bus shelters and ten (10) transit bus benches from Tolar Manufacturing Company, Inc. at a do-not-exceed total cost of \$159,355.

ACTION: Item No. 20 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 21. 2021-250 UPDATE ON CITY'S ANNUAL SLURRY SEAL PROGRAM
(CITY COUNCIL)**

Item No. 21 was heard after Item No. 19.

City Engineer Gilbert Marquez gave a PowerPoint presentation.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes inquired about the status of the street maintenance and potholes.

City Engineer Marquez responded to her inquiry.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks inquired when the second half of Carson Street from the 405 freeway to the 710 freeway be completed.

City Engineer Marquez stated staff was working on plans and specifications on the project and funding availability.

City Manager Landers stated staff will work with federal and state lobbyist for additional funding.

Assistant City Manager Raymond offered comments.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear addressed the pothole issues and inquired about the budget for the Slurry Seal Program.

City Manager Landers responded to his inquiry.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear spoke about the improvement of the infrastructure maintenance to be maintained at a high level and suggested to invest more money during the next budget workshop.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes inquired how are major thoroughfares being addressed.

City Manager Landers responded to her inquiry.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes stated she looks forward to the budget workshop.

Recommendation: 1. RECEIVE AND FILE.

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

SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY: (None)

DISCUSSION: (Items 22-30)

Item No. 22. 2021-241 COVID-19 UPDATE (CITY COUNCIL)

Item No. 22 was heard after Item No. 26.

Assistant City Manager Roberts gave a PowerPoint presentation on Trends of COVID-19, Public Health Orders, and Vaccination Stats.

Director Lennox gave a PowerPoint presentation on upcoming COVID-19 vaccination events, Task Force Programs, and Reopening Fitness Centers.

Discussion ensued regarding vaccination cards and temperature check at all city facilities.

City Manager Landers confirmed there will be walk-up vaccinations at the Prevailing In Christ, on April 10, 2021 from 10:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton noted to consult with your physician which vaccination to take. He requested staff to make vaccination sites information available on the City website.

City Clerk/Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary Gause-Aldana reported on the Disaster Council's summary of actions.

City Manager Landers discussed pop-up vaccination sites.

Recommendation:

1. APPROVE the cancellation of all City Special Events and Community Services Park Events that involve outdoor gatherings through October 31, 2021, except for drive-thru events for kids or virtual events or other City events specifically authorized by the Disaster Council or City Council such as for pop-up vaccination distribution.
2. DISCUSS and PROVIDE any further direction.

ACTION: It was moved to approve staff recommendation on motion of Hilton, seconded by Hicks 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. 23. 2021-252

**CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTING RESOLUTION NO. 21-037
CONDEMNING ALL FORMS OF VIOLENCE,
DISCRIMINATION, RACISM, HARASSMENT, AND
XENOPHOBIA AGAINST PERSONS OF ASIAN DESCENT
AND PERSONS OF ALL ETHNICITIES, RACES, NATIONAL
ORIGINS, AND BACKGROUNDS (CITY COUNCIL)**

Item No. 23 was heard after Item No. 18.

Assistant to the City Manager Michael George gave a staff report.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes noted Jaime Montecarlo's comments regarding the Penal Code fines for hate crime and cruelty to animals need to be investigated and requested more information.

City Manager Landers noted she would look into the local level.

Recommendation:

ADOPT Resolution No. 21-037, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, CONDEMNING ALL FORMS OF VIOLENCE, DISCRIMINATION, RACISM, HARASSMENT AND XENOPHOBIA AGAINST PERSONS OF ASIAN DESCENT AND PERSONS OF ALL ETHNICITIES, RACES, NATIONAL ORIGINS, AND BACKGROUNDS."

ACTION: It was moved to approve staff recommendation on motion of Davis-Holmes, seconded by Dear.

During discussion of the motion, Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear noted Jaime Montclaro's suggestions and addressing the California Penal Code regarding hate crimes and cruelty to animals.

City Manager Landers suggested to draft a letter to the legislature from the Mayor and City Council requesting for an increase in the penalty on hate crimes and bring to their attention the discrepancy disparity between the two different penal code sections.

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. 2021-195 UPDATE ON CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT REVISION PROCESS
RESULTING FROM THE 2020 DECENTNIAL CENSUS (CITY
COUNCIL)**

Assistant City Manager Raymond gave a PowerPoint presentation.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton inquired about the following:

- If request for proposal (RFP) was placed back up and if so how will the public be notified if the RFP process was suspended
- If the City is required to adjust districts if the population deviation is less than 10%
- How will this impact the 2022 election and provide summary of the legal considerations for drawing these lines?

Assistant City Manager Raymond responded to his inquiries.

City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani noted she will confirm the process.

Assistant City Manager Raymond discussed the map process.

City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani stated there is a process even if you adopt the same map.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton noted to ensure covering all bases before spending money.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes noted amount to spend be at least \$25,000.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear noted importance to make clear that all cities will be looking at this because of the 2020 Census taking place. Assistant City Manager Raymond affirmed.

City Clerk/Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary Gause-Aldana clarified every subdivision with districts would be administering the new districting process and the Fair Maps Act which was effective in 2020 would require that every subdivision have redistricting regardless of the devaluation or the deviation of the population. Every subdivision would have to initiate the redistricting process.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks stated his concern because of the 2020 Census and to ensure process of an RFP to obtain a demographer.

Assistant City Manager Raymond noted the RFP is back up now.

City Manager Landers stated she would update the City Council and noted the date closes on April 22, 2021.

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. 25. 2021-208 CONSIDER APPROVING RESOLUTION NO. 21-012 A
RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
CARSON, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING POLICIES AND
PROCEDURES TO IMPROVE INTERNAL CONTROLS
RELATING TO THE CITY'S SPECIAL EVENTS SPECIAL
REVENUE FUND BASED ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF
FINANCIAL ADVISORY FIRM

City Manager Landers gave a staff report.

Director Rahmani gave a PowerPoint presentation.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes referred to the presentation about all city events must spend donations first before spending city funds.

Director Rahmani responded to her inquiry.

Director Rahmani noted the special event funding will be addressed at a future meeting next month.

Director Rahmani noted separate funding source and working on general fund versus special events fund.

City Manager offered comments regarding staffing at City events.

Discussion ensued regarding park staff working special events, funding sources and district events.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes noted the Governance Policy that can be adjusted to address district events and look forward to Council Member Hilton and Council Member Hicks recommendations.

Recommendation: WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 21-012, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES TO IMPROVE INTERNAL CONTROLS RELATING TO THE CITY'S SPECIAL EVENTS SPECIAL REVENUE FUND BASED ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF FINANCIAL ADVISORY FIRM"

ACTION: It was moved to approve staff recommendation on motion of Dear, 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. 26. 2021-214 ACTING AS THE HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD, CONSIDER THE APPOINTMENT OF AN AT-LARGE CARSON RECLAMATION AUTHORITY BOARD MEMBER (HOUSING AUTHORITY)

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes waived presentation of the staff report.

Recommendation: 1. NOMINATE AND RATIFY the appointment of an at-large board member of the Carson Reclamation Authority for a five-year term.

ACTION: It was moved to nominate Lula Davis-Holmes to the Carson Reclamation Authority Board (CRA) on motion of Davis-Holmes, seconded by Hicks.

During discussion of the motion, Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear offered comments in opposition to the motion since four current members reside in the northern area of Carson. He supports someone to represent the southern area and suggested he be appointed to the Carson Reclamation Authority Board for diversity.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes noted she represents the entire city.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear stated there should be ethnic diversity and geographic diversity.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton stated he agreed with Mayor Pro Tem Dear's suggestion for diversity and suggested the Mayor adjust her appointees to the CRA Board.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes noted she was looking into diversifying the CRA board.

Substitute Motion

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear offered a substitute motion to postpone appointment ratification to the CRA Board until Board adjustments made by Lula Davis-Holmes, seconded by Hilton and failed to carry by the following vote:

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

Vote on Main Motion

The vote on the main motion to ratify appointment of Lula Davis-Holmes to the CRA Board failed to carry by the following vote:

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

Item No. 27. 2021-254 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)

Item No. 27 was heard after Item No. 22.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes noted she looks forward to the Governance Policies to come back.

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: The Mayor and City Council took the following actions:

Mobilehome Park Rental Review Board

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear appointed Daniel Valdez as At-large member.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes appointed Christopher Trueblood as Park Owner Alternate 2 and Barbara Romano as Resident Homeowner Alternate 2.

It was moved to ratify the Mayor's appointments to the Mobilehome Park Rental Review Board 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

City Manager Landers noted the ordinances of consolidation will be addressed at a later time and closure of two ad hoc committees.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes eliminated the following committees:

Legislative Lobbying Ad Hoc Committee
City Council Vacancy Ad Hoc Committee

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes changed the name of the E-Commerce Committee to Economic Development/E-Commerce Ad Hoc Committee.

It was moved to approve the Mayor's actions on motion of Dear, seconded by Hicks 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

Legislative Standing Committee

It was moved to change the Legislative Standing Committee to an Ad Hoc Committee comprising of Mayor Davis-Holmes and Council Member Hicks 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

California Contract Cities

It was moved to appoint Mayor Pro Tem Dear as delegate and Council Member Hicks as alternate to the California Contract Cities 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

Item No. 28. 2021-257 CONSIDERATION AND DISCUSSION OF DISTRICT CITY COUNCILMEMBERS HOLDING TOWN HALL STYLE MEETINGS AND DISCUSSION OF CITY COUNCIL POLICY 1.45, CITY COUNCIL POLICY 1.1.02, AND MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 2419 (CITY COUNCIL)

City Manager Landers gave a staff report.

Assistant to the City Manager Michael George gave a PowerPoint presentation.

Upon inquiry, Assistant to the City Manager George noted the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) guidelines is included as part of the updated CCP 1.1.02 and CCP 1.45 indicating up to five district town hall style meetings per fiscal year.

City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani noted the last SMP was done by ordinance and spoke about the ordinance already in place and if update needed to do as an ordinance.

City Manager Landers clarified there are two district Council Members (Hilton and Hicks) for them to move forward with town hall meetings. She noted the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem district governance policies to come back in a workshop next Tuesday.

Discussion ensued regarding the Governance Policies addressing issues to move forward with the new district process and State process to mail to constituents.

City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani stated she would send a memorandum to the Mayor and City Council regarding mass mailing and other considerations. She further stated if there is consensus to use discretionary funds, staff will need to bring back a budget amendment.

Recommendation:

1. DISCUSS and PROVIDE direction to staff on proposals to allow City Councilmembers to hold Town Hall style meetings within their districts, including City Councilmember Hicks' request to hold a Town Hall style meeting in his District in April 2021;
2. APPROVE the attached updated CCP 1.45 and updated CCP 1.1.02;
3. APPROVE expenditures, including staff time and materials, associated with City Councilmembers' promotion of District Town Hall meetings within their City Council Districts using flyers and invitations featuring their images and names in accordance with updated CCP 1.45 and updated CCP 1.1.02, and pursuant to Section 2419 of the Carson Municipal Code;
4. INTRODUCE, for first reading by title only with further reading waived, the following ordinance: ORDINANCE NO. 21-2112, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTION 2419 (PROHIBITED MASS MAILINGS BY COUNCILMEMBERS) OF CHAPTER 4 (CITY OFFICES - COUNCIL CHAMBERS - MEETINGS) OF ARTICLE II (ADMINISTRATION) OF THE CARSON MUNICIPAL CODE TO ALLOW MASS MAILINGS FOR DISTRICT TOWN HALLS

ACTION: It was moved to authorize Council Member Hilton and Council Member Hicks to hold a town hall meeting and use city resources to design flyers and comply with State law mass mailing rules on motion of Dear, seconded by Davis-Holmes 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

It was moved to extend the City Council meeting until all items are completed on motion of Dear, seconded by Davis-Holmes 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. 28A. 2021-282 THIS STAFF REPORT REPLACES FILE ID 2021-257 (ITEM 28 ON APRIL 6, 2021 COUNCIL AGENDA, LISTED DIRECTLY ABOVE THIS FILE)

CONSIDERATION AND DISCUSSION OF DISTRICT CITY COUNCILMEMBERS HOLDING TOWN HALL STYLE MEETINGS AND EVENTS AND DISCUSSION OF CITY COUNCIL POLICY 1.45, CITY COUNCIL POLICY 1.1.02, AND MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 2419 (CITY COUNCIL)

Recommendation:

1. DISCUSS and PROVIDE direction to staff on proposals to allow City Councilmembers to hold Town Hall style meetings within their districts, including City Councilmember Hicks' request to hold a Town Hall style meeting in his District in April 2021;
2. APPROVE the attached updated CCP 1.45 and updated CCP 1.1.02;
3. APPROVE the use of City resources, including staff time and materials, to promote and facilitate District Town Hall meetings and events within their City Council Districts using flyers and invitations featuring their images and names, subject to budgetary constraints separately established by the City Council, and in accordance with updated CCP 1.45 and updated CCP 1.1.02, and pursuant to Section 2419 of the Carson Municipal Code;
4. INTRODUCE, for first reading by title only with further reading waived, the following ordinance: ORDINANCE NO. 21 - 2112, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTION 2419 (PROHIBITED MASS MAILINGS BY COUNCILMEMBERS) OF CHAPTER 4 (CITY OFFICES - COUNCIL CHAMBERS - MEETINGS) OF ARTICLE II (ADMINISTRATION) OF THE CARSON MUNICIPAL CODE TO ALLOW MASS MAILINGS FOR DISTRICT TOWN HALLS

ACTION: See action taken during Item No. 28.

Item No. 29. 2021-261 DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION TO STAFF REGARDING ISSUING FIREWORKS PERMITS AND STREET CLOSURE PERMITS FOR THE 2021 FIREWORKS SEASON (CITY COUNCIL)

Revenue Manager Cristine Gaiennie gave a PowerPoint presentation.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes inquired about the cost for property rental of booths.

Revenue Manager Gaiennie responded to her inquiry and continued with her PowerPoint presentation.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes requested staff to bring back the Fireworks Wholesalers Fees to the Bingo/Fireworks/Refuse Committee.

Revenue Manager Gaiennie stated she will work with the City Manager and bring back at a future meeting.

City Manager Landers clarified to continue process of permits but change if needed.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes noted Captain Jones was working on bringing back information regarding the number of street closure permits.

City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani stated she will work with Attorney Ben Jones to revisit possibility of increasing fine for illegal fireworks.

City Manager Landers noted she was also looking into straight fines, state limitations and increase of enforcement by deputies against illegal fireworks and would bring back as well. Subsequently, Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes stated the items can be discussed at a future meeting with the Bingo/Fireworks/Refuse Ad Hoc Committee.

Recommendation:

1. DISCUSS and PROVIDE DIRECTION regarding issuing Fireworks permits to approved organizations for the 2021 season.
2. DISCUSS and PROVIDE DIRECTION regarding issuing Street Closure Permits and/or establishing additional regulatory criteria regarding issuance of Street Closure Permits.

ACTION: It was moved to change the Bingo/Fireworks/Refuse Standing Committee to an Ad Hoc Committee comprised of Mayor Davis-Holmes and Mayor Pro Tem Dear on motion of Dear, seconded by Hicks 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 a vendor was omitted from the fireworks selling process, asked staff to work with them and referred the matter to the City Manager.

City Manager Landers inquired if okay to allow staff to move forward with the fireworks permits process and if not would require three votes and if okay to move forward with the street closure permits.

It was moved to move forward with issuing Fireworks permits as same as last year to the approved organizations 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/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes ordered staff to continue the process of Street Closure Permits and bring back item on June 15, 2021.

City Manager Landers noted she will schedule the next Bingo/Fireworks/Refuse Ad Hoc Committee meeting.

Item No. 30. 2021-137 CONSIDER AND PROVIDE DIRECTION TO STAFF REGARDING A POTENTIAL POSTPONEMENT OF ENFORCEMENT OF CITY ORDINANCE NO. 19-1940 WITH RESPECT TO THE SALE OF FLAVORED TOBACCO PRODUCTS, INCLUDING MENTHOL, AGAINST EXISTING PERMITTEES UNTIL THE ELECTION ON THE STATEWIDE BAN (CITY COUNCIL)

Revenue Manager Gaiennie gave a staff report and PowerPoint presentation.

(Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes exited the meeting at 11:10 P.M. and reentered the meeting at 11:12 P.M.)

Discussion ensued regarding enforcement of the ordinance and where State stands on the issue.

Upon inquiry, City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani noted State law always preempts local ordinances, therefore, State law would govern and depending on the ban, ordinance can be more restrictive than State law.

Recommendation: DISCUSS and PROVIDE DIRECTION regarding the suspension of the statewide ban on the sale of flavored tobacco products (SB 793) and potential preparation of a resolution for subsequent Council consideration of an extended grace period for compliance with the City's prohibition on the sale of flavored tobacco products pursuant to Ordinance No. 19-1940.

ACTION: It was moved to partner with the State and wait on the State to make their decision while keeping the City ordinance in place but not enforcing it on motion of Hilton which died for lack of a second.

ORDINANCE SECOND READING: (Item 31)

Item No. 31. 2021-232 CONSIDER SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF: (1) ORDINANCE NO. 21-2103 (MERGING THE BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION INTO THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION); (2) ORDINANCE NO. 21-2104 (MERGING THE BULLYING PREVENTION COMMISSION INTO THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION); (3) ORDINANCE NO. 21-2105 (ELIMINATING THE CITYWIDE ADVISORY COMMISSION); (4) ORDINANCE NO. 21-2106 (MERGING THE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION INTO THE PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION); AND (5) ORDINANCE NO. 21-2108 (MERGING THE TECHNOLOGY ADVANCEMENT AND INNOVATION COMMISSION INTO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND TO REDUCE THE REGULAR MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION FROM ELEVEN TO NINE REGULAR MEMBERS) (CITY COUNCIL)

Recommendation: CONDUCT a Second Reading, by title only and with further reading waived, and ADOPT:

(1) Ordinance No. 21-2103, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 7 (DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS) OF ARTICLE II (ADMINISTRATION) OF THE CARSON MUNICIPAL CODE TO MERGE THE BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION INTO THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION" (Exhibit 1);

(2) Ordinance No. 21-2104, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 7 (DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS) OF ARTICLE II (ADMINISTRATION) OF THE CARSON MUNICIPAL CODE TO MERGE THE BULLYING PREVENTION COMMISSION INTO THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION" (Exhibit 2);

(3) Ordinance No. 21-2105, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 98-1149 TO REMOVE PART O, SECTIONS 27101.1, 27101.2, 27101.3, 27101.4, 27101.5, 27101.6, 27101.7 AND 27101.8 (CITYWIDE ADVISORY COMMISSION) FROM CHAPTER 7 (DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS) OF ARTICLE II (ADMINISTRATION) OF THE CARSON MUNICIPAL CODE TO ELIMINATE THE CITYWIDE ADVISORY COMMISSION" (Exhibit 3);

(4) Ordinance No. 21-2106, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 7 (DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS) OF ARTICLE II (ADMINISTRATION) OF THE CARSON MUNICIPAL CODE TO MERGE THE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION INTO THE PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION" (Exhibit 4); and

(5) Ordinance No. 21-2108, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 7 (DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS) OF ARTICLE II (ADMINISTRATION) OF THE CARSON MUNICIPAL CODE TO MERGE THE TECHNOLOGY ADVANCEMENT AND INNOVATION COMMISSION INTO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND TO REDUCE THE REGULAR MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION FROM ELEVEN TO NINE REGULAR MEMBERS." (Exhibit 5).

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

MEMORIAL ADJOURNMENTS

Deputy City Clerk/Deputy Agency Secretary/Deputy Authority Secretary Joy Simarago offered prayers and condolences to the families who lost their loved ones and requested this evening's meeting adjourned in memory of the following:

Frances LaCour-Johnson
Mack Williams
Semmie McCoy, Jr.
Eddie Harris
Amosa Maulupe
Jaron A. Finley

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton requested to add Dr. Kimberly Credit to the Memorial Adjournments.

COUNCIL MEMBER REQUESTS TO ADD ITEMS TO FUTURE AGENDAS

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton requested to add item to the next agenda regarding an election to replace the City Clerk.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear requested a budget workshop item to consider changing Council Aides to full-time employees.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (COUNCIL MEMBERS)

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks announced the Electronic Recycling and Paper Shredding event scheduled for Saturday, April 17, 2021 from 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. at the City Hall parking lot; two boxes allowed per household.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear noted pile up of batteries to the left corner of the main entrance in City Hall. He requested the area be cleaned up and inquired if the E-Waste event will accept the batteries.

Assistant City Manager Roberts stated Public Works can dispose them.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes announced the Easter Grab and Go event was well organized. She thanked staff, volunteers, sponsors, Autism Associates, Carson Citizens Cultural Arts Foundation, Prevailing in Christ Ministries, all non-profit organizations, and Ministers Alliance for their participation.

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

The Closed Session items were announced earlier in the meeting.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

The meeting was recessed at 11:40 P.M. to Closed Session by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The meeting was reconvened at 1:09 A.M. on Wednesday, April 7, 2021 by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes 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:

Council Closed Session Item No. 2

No reportable action was taken.

Council Closed Session Item No. 4

No reportable action was taken.

Council Closed Session Item No. 6

No reportable action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 A.M. on Wednesday, April 7, 2021, by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman
Lula Davis-Holmes

ATTEST:

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

APPROVED BY CARSON
CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/
HOUSING AUTHORITY

12-07-2021

Approved as Submitted. CH/JD 4/0/1-AR/0