



CITY OF CARSON

MINUTES CARSON CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING AUGUST 15, 2023 4:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 P.M. by Mayor Lula Davis-Holmes in the Helen Kawagoe Council Chambers, Carson City Hall, located at 701 E. Carson Street, Carson, California 90745.

ROLL CALL:

City Clerk, Dr. Khaleah K. Bradshaw noted the roll:

Council Members Present:

Mayor Lula Davis-Holmes, Mayor Pro Tempore, Dr. Jawane Hilton, Council Member Jim Dear, Council Member Cedric Hicks, and Council Member Arleen Rojas

Also Present:

Monica Cooper, City Treasurer; Sunny Soltani, City Attorney; David C. Roberts, Jr., City Manager; John Raymond, Assistant City Manager; Robert Lennox, Assistant City Manager Dr.; and Tarik Rahmani, Deputy City Manager

FLAG SALUTE:

Council Member Rojas led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION:

Mayor Pro Tempore, Dr. Hilton gave the invocation.

CLOSED SESSION (ITEMS 1 – 2)

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

City Clerk, Dr. Bradshaw noted she received a public comment which was not regarding the Closed Session items.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS (CITY ATTORNEY)

City Attorney Soltani announced the Closed Session items.

RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION

The meeting was recessed at 4:10 P.M. by Mayor Davis-Holmes to Closed Session.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The meeting was reconvened at 5:22 P.M. by Mayor Davis-Holmes with all members previously noted present.

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS (CITY ATTORNEY)

City Attorney Soltani provided the Closed Session Report as follows:

Item No. 1. 2023-0599 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 of Carson is a party. The title of such litigation is as follows: CAM-Carson, LLC v. Carson Reclamation Authority, City of Carson and Successor Agency to the Carson Redevelopment Agency, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV16461.

ACTION: No reportable action was taken.

Item No. 2. 2023-0600 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) and (e)(1), because there is a significant exposure to litigation in one case.

ACTION: No reportable action was taken.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR MATTERS LISTED ON THE AGENDA (MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC) (LIMITED TO ONE HOUR) – None.

COUNCIL MEMBER REQUESTS TO ADD ITEMS TO FUTURE AGENDAS

Mayor Davis-Holmes requested staff to bring recommendations on how the city can assist with the crisis in Maui.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (COUNCIL MEMBERS)

Mayor Pro Tempore, Dr. Hilton offered the following comments:

- Invited everyone to the Fam Festival on August 26, 2023, from 12:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. at Stevenson Park

Council Member Dear offered the following comments:

- Expressed his excitement about Tour De Carson (bicycle event) which was a big success and thanked staff for their hard work on the event; stated it was a fun and healthy experience for the community and should be considered annually

Council Member Rojas offered the following comments:

- Expressed her desire for the Tour De Carson bicycle event to be an annual event along with the Street Fair; commended staff on their hard work with the events

Mayor Davis-Holmes offered the following comments:

- Thanked Council Member Hicks for running lead on most of the City's anniversary events diligently working with staff
- Staff to begin looking at events that can be consolidated and events that bring 200 people are no longer special events
- Kudos to staff on a stellar job well done!
- Thanked volunteers and Watson Land Company who assisted with the successful Backpack Giveaway
- Commended staff for a good job with several back-to-back events and appreciated their efforts

Council Member Hicks offered the following comments:

- Dittoed comments made by the Mayor and Council Members that has been shared already
- Commended staff for putting all the 55th Anniversary Celebration events
- Stated the Tour De Carson event was a fun bike ride; thanked staff and would hope to bring back event

Mayor Davis-Holmes offered the following additional comments:

- Announced staff is working on a historical book from the City's inception to its 55th Anniversary Celebration
- Thanked City Clerk, Dr. Bradshaw, City Treasurer Cooper, Deputy City Manager Rahmani, and Public Information Office Manager Margie Revilla for working on the 55th Anniversary booklet that was handed out at the Street Fair
- Requested an update on the Standard Management Procedure (SMP) for travel and travel reimbursement

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:33 P.M. by Mayor Davis-Holmes.

Lula Davis-Holmes
Mayor

ATTEST:

Dr. Khaleah K. Bradshaw
City Clerk