



CITY OF CARSON

MINUTES CARSON CITY COUNCIL/ SUCCESSOR AGENCY/HOUSING AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 19, 2021 5:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 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 Jawane Hilton, and Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Cedric Hicks

Also Present via Zoom Teleconference:

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 Hicks led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION:

Item No. 1. 2021-787 PASTOR HECTOR HERNANDEZ, APOSTOLIC TABERNACLE
– Absent

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton gave the invocation.

CLOSED SESSION (Items 2 to 5)

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.

RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION:

The meeting was recessed at 5:08 P.M. by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes to Closed Session.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION:

The meeting was reconvened at 6:15 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. 2021-810 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: Davis v. City of Carson; LASC Case No. 19STCV15409.

ACTION: No reportable action was taken.

Item No. 3. 2021-666 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 AME, CPSA affiliated with SEIU Local 721, AFSCME 1017 and AFSCME Local 809.

ACTION: No reportable action was taken.

Item No. 4. 2021-763 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR (CITY COUNCIL)

Recommendation: A closed session will be held, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8, to enable the City Council to consider negotiations with Mike Israelsky of Summit Team, Inc., with whom City is negotiating, and to give direction to its negotiators, Sharon Landers, City Manager and David Roberts, Assistant City

Manager, regarding that certain real property known as 631 E. University Drive / APN: 7319005016. The City's real property negotiator will seek direction from the City Council regarding the price and terms of payment for the property.

ACTION: No reportable action was taken.

Item No. 5. 2021-812 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.

INTRODUCTIONS (MAYOR)

Item No. 6. 2021-764 REPORT FROM CAPTAIN JONES OF CARSON SHERIFF'S STATION

Item No. 6 was heard after Mark Pestrella's presentation.

Captain Jones reported/announced the following:

- Breast Cancer Awareness Fundraiser
- Evening Virtual with Coffee Station Zoom Meeting on October 26, 2021, at 5:30 P.M.; login information is located on their website and social media platforms or contact the Community Relations Office at (310) 830-1123
- Special Olympics Torch Run/Walk on October 20, 2021, at 8:00 A.M. to raise awareness and money for the Special Olympics of Southern California
- Trunk or Treat Event on October 29, 2021 from 3:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.; Contact the Community Relations Office for more information
- Deputies continue to work hard; Special Assignment Team continues to work improving the quality of life, continue to make efforts and progress at problem locations as well as successful street racers suppression operations
- Operations Lieutenant Jabari Williams was promoted to Captain at the Alta Dena Sheriff Station; wished him well and thanked him for his dedication to the Carson Sheriff Station and surrounding communities
- Service Area Lieutenant Drew Strong was requested to go over the Cerritos Station as the Operations Lieutenant
Service Area Lieutenant Strong offered words of gratitude to the City; gave a special shout out to Assistant City Manager David Roberts for his assistance; the Supervisors and Deputies at the Carson Sheriff Station who truly care about the community they serve to keep everyone safe; he enjoyed his experience at the Carson Sheriff Station

Mayor and City Council congratulated Lieutenant Strong and thanked him for a job well done.

Captain Jones announced Captain Secretary/Public Information Office/glue of the Carson Station Jennifer Atenza will be leaving the Carson Sheriff Station for another job opportunity outside of the department. He thanked her for her service.

Jennifer Atenza offered words of gratitude and for the opportunity to serve and honor to work with the City.

Mayor and City Council thanked and congratulated Jennifer Atenza for a job well done.

PRESENTATIONS

Presentation by Mark Pestrella, Director of the Los Angeles County Public Works Department, was heard after the Closed Session Report.

Mark Pestrella, Director of the Los Angeles County Public Works Department, gave an update regarding the Dominguez Channel odor and mitigation measures. They are working with the City for a joint Press Release with information, incident updates; incident update for the media by the end of this week; inclusive and transparent agency. He thanked City elected officials and acknowledged Supervisor Holly Mitchell for her leadership and direction as we move through the incident. He reported today at the County Board of Supervisors meeting, the Board of Supervisors passed a motion unanimously to support the City of Carson and surrounding cities with the Reimbursement Program to act as quickly as possible of equity to address the human health issues and to make a commitment to restore the Dominguez Channel to an environmentally pleasing and healthy place for the communities of Carson and surrounding areas.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes announced Mark Pestrella will be joining the City Council Meetings to discuss any new information and update on the Dominguez Channel. If necessary, the City Council may call a Special Meeting to keep everyone informed. She thanked Mark Pestrella for joining the meeting this evening. She stated they meet every day from 4:30 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. with City staff and all agencies involved to discuss the progress of the Dominguez Channel.

City Manager Landers noted Keith Lilley from Mark Pestrella's team is also online for any additional remarks. Mark Pestrella introduced Keith Lilley, Deputy Director Engineer and Department Operations Center Chief.

Keith Lilley stated he is available for any other information.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes thanked Mark Pestrella and Keith Lilley and would see them at the next meeting.

Mark Pestrella thanked the citizens of Carson for their patience and the Los Angeles County Flood District, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, and City leaders who are concerned with their health as a top priority.

Item No. 7. 2021-818 PRESENTATION FROM CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE

Item No. 7 was heard after Item No. 6.

Angie Gilbride introduced Kevin McCusker, Manager of Community Affairs, and Ralph Felix, Operations Manager for the Carson Water District.

Kevin McCusker gave a PowerPoint presentation of the California Water Service and the following Key Takeaways:

- Tap water is safe to drink and use
- Conduct frequent water quality tests (includes odor, taste, color) throughout drinking water system – taken as recently as last Friday – all came back normal
- Drinking water system is not connected to the Dominguez Channel or the sewer system
- Cal Water Customer Service Center: (310) 257-1400 (24-hour line) for questions or concerns about water quality

Mayor and City Council thanked Kevin McCusker for his presentation.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton applauded Ralph Felix for keeping them immediately abreast with information. Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes also thanked him for his email to the Mayor and City Council.

City Manager Landers stated the California Water Service team has been exceptional partners.

Item No. 8. 2021-786 PRESENTATION FROM SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

City Manager Landers reminded the Mayor and City Council that an Environmental Commissioner informed them about the Rule 1109.1 which affects mitigation that is required of oil refineries. She asked a representative from the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) to make a presentation on Rule 1109.1

Assistant to the City Manager Michael George introduced Susan Nakamura, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer, South Coast Air Quality Management District.

Susan Nakamura introduced representatives from SCAQMD Michael Krause, Heather Farr, and Victor Yip who will be joining the meeting. She gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Proposed Rule 1109.1.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton inquired about mitigation measures SCAQMD has made. He asked will some of the test results be released for the Dominguez Channel as far as air quality and are there test results available to be released for the community.

Susan Nakamura stated she would defer to Victor Yip who is trying to join the meeting.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks asked how residents will be informed regarding the odor issue from SCAQMD and the barometers.

Susan Nakamura responded to his inquiry and would defer to her colleague to address the issue further.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks asked if there is an air issue in Carson, how is the city notified to be alerted or anything in the works.

Susan Nakamura stated they send press releases; some facilities have alarm and alert systems and deferred to Victor Yip for more information.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes inquired about the City's alert system. City Manager Landers responded emergencies in general not specific to air quality.

Item No. 8 was heard again after Item No. 9.

City Manager Landers introduced Victor Yip, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer for Compliance and Enforcement at SCAQMD, who offered comments and update regarding the odor from the Dominguez Channel which started on October 3, 2021.

Susan Nakamura noted a webpage that is dedicated to the Dominguez Channel event on their website.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton thanked her for pointing out their website. He asked for information for those who do not have access to the website regarding H2S.

Victor Yip noted residents can call 800-288-7664 for results posted on the website. Also, the Department of Public Health has implemented outreach efforts going door to door in the different communities and talking to the residents.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes thanked the presenters.

**Item No. 9. 2021-766 PRESENTATION FROM DENA FREEMAN-PATTON,
ASSOCIATE VICE PRESIDENT AND DIRECTOR OF
ATHLETICS AT CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY,
DOMINGUEZ HILLS**

City Manager Landers introduced Dena Freeman-Patton, Associate Vice President and Director of Athletics, and noted Dr. Khaleah Bradshaw and David Gamboa joined the meeting to provide support.

Dena Freeman-Patton introduced herself, offered comments, and gave a PowerPoint presentation.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear inquired if CSUDH can establish an American Football program in the foreseeable future and welcomed Dena Freeman-Patton.

Dena Freeman-Patton responded that it is a lot of work and money. The administration is supporting the feasibility studies on expanding on other sports as well; goal is to expand.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton welcomed Dena Freeman-Patton; referred to the Town and Gown agreement; young people need to know the city has a quality university like USC who donates tickets to the parks and community to attend games and would hope to look into partnering with the Parks and Recreation Department for residents, youth and their families access to the games when games are not sold out.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks thanked Dena Freeman-Patton for joining CSUDH. He requested tickets to the university sports games for community engagement and inform the city through the Parks and Recreation Department and/or the Public Information Office of the game times to disseminate information to the residents. He thanked Dr. Parham for the selection process, Dr. Khaleah Bradshaw, and David Gamboa for being a part of the team.

Dena Freeman-Patton inquired what is the best way to get information to the community.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks responded to contact the City Manager who will convey to the Director of Community Services.

David Gamboa suggested to provide the game schedule in the next issue of the Carson magazine. He announced that Dena Freeman-Patton is the first female Athletics Director in the history of CSUDH and excited for joining the team.

Mayor Davis-Holmes thanked Dena Freeman-Patton and David Gamboa.

**Item No. 10. 2021-542 PRESENTATION FROM SHERITA COFFELT, SENIOR
DIRECTOR OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS FROM THE CLEAN
POWER ALLIANCE**

City Manager Landers introduced Sherita Coffelt, Senior Director of External Affairs from the Clean Power Alliance (CPA). She gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Clean Power Alliance Quarterly Update.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear asked about an instruction sheet to take advantage of or number to call for the various programs.

Sherita Coffelt responded to communicate for information; trying blanket approach to communicate in very clear terms; yes there will be tips for how to use electricity outside 4:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. in several different languages, ability to go to a website or call Southern California Edison's customer service and call CPA customer service which will all be available on all customer communications, social media and will work with the member agency in the cities such as Carson to provide the tool kit.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear inquired about the electric billing breakdown. Sherita Coffelt responded to his inquiry.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks inquired about the community benefits that should have come back to the City which was part of the original contract.

Sherita Coffelt stated she would take back to Ted. The Power Ready Program is one of the community benefit programs which will launch early next year and will provide backup power to essential facilities at no additional cost within all member agency cities. She stated would check with Ted if there are other programs that were discussed three years ago.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks requested Sherita Coffelt to bring back other programs to the city.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton stated CPA needs to show residents some tangible benefits and why they are paying more. Sherita Coffelt stated she would come back to report the programs.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes stated residents can opt out any time. Sherita Coffelt responded in the affirmative.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear understands to even out the power demand; income category who may not qualify; needs to be a balance; public perception of programs offered.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes and Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear thanked Sherita for her presentation and thanked the board members.

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

William Koons called in – Item No. 8

Spoke about the following:

- Importance of Rule 1109.1
- Hydrogen sulfide
- Town Hall Meeting hosted by SCAQMD on October 26, 2021, at 5:00 P.M. via Zoom; meeting flyer was provided to the City Council and Assistant to the City Manager Michael George to disseminate the information
- Community monitors

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Item No. 11. 2021-809 APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 2, 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 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

SUBSEQUENT NEED ITEM

City Manager Landers requested the City Council to add a subsequent need item to the agenda related to the Dominguez Channel odor to make adjustments to the resolution which came to the attention of staff after the posting of the agenda.

City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani stated the City Council needs to vote to add a subsequent need item and once the City Council agrees that they would like to add the item to the agenda then can discuss the item.

It was moved to add the subsequent need item regarding the Dominguez Channel as described by the City Manager and City Attorney as Item No. 36 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

CONSENT: (Items 12 to 29)

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

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton requested to remove Item No. 22 for discussion.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear requested to remove Item No. 26 for discussion.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks requested to remove Item No. 25 for discussion.

The motion to approve Consent Items No. 12-29, except Items No. 22, 25 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. 12. 2021-776 CONSIDER MONTHLY INVESTMENT AND CASH REPORT FOR THE CITY OF CARSON, CARSON HOUSING AUTHORITY, CARSON SUCCESSOR AGENCY-MONTH ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

Recommendation: RECEIVE and FILE.

ACTION: Item No. 12 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 13. 2021-797 Resolution No. 21-137, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON RATIFYING CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,986,176.07, DEMAND CHECK NUMBERS 159811 THROUGH 159978

ACTION: Item No. 13 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 14. 2021-798 Resolution No. 21-09-CHA, A RESOLUTION OF THE CARSON HOUSING AUTHORITY RATIFYING CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$22,057.50, DEMAND CHECK NUMBERS HA-001868 through HA-001871

ACTION: Item No. 14 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 15. 2021-799 Resolution No. 21-09-CSA, A RESOLUTION OF THE CARSON SUCCESSOR AGENCY RATIFYING CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$37,603.17, DEMAND CHECK NUMBERS SA-001836 THROUGH SA-001839

ACTION: Item No. 15 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 16. 2021-778 CONSIDER AWARD OF A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO JA URBAN, INC. FOR PROJECT NO. 1656 COMMUNITY CENTER UPGRADE (CITY COUNCIL)

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:

1. AWARD a Construction Contract to JA Urban, Inc., the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, for Project No. 1656: Community Center Upgrade, in the amount of \$1,561,857.00.
2. AUTHORIZE the expenditure of construction contingencies in the amount of \$234,278.55 (15%) for any unforeseen construction work such as substructure conflicts, contaminated soil removal and disposal, material testing, and other work that may be necessary to complete this project.
3. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute a Construction Contract with JA Urban, Inc., following approval as to form by the City Attorney.

ACTION: Item No. 16 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 17. 2021-779 CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES, AND AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR CONSTRUCTION BIDS FOR PROJECT NO. 1625: WILMINGTON AVENUE STREET IMPROVEMENT FROM CARSON STREET TO DEL AMO BOULEVARD (CITY COUNCIL)

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:
1. APPROVE the plans, specifications and estimates, and order the work for Project No. 1625: Wilmington Avenue Street Improvement for FY 2021/22.
2. AUTHORIZE staff to advertise the work and call for construction bids for Project No. 1625: Wilmington Avenue Street Improvement.

ACTION: Item No. 17 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 18. 2021-780 CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES, AND AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR CONSTRUCTION BIDS PROJECT NO. 1669: GLENN CURTISS STREET IMPROVEMENT FROM CENTRAL AVENUE TO WILMINGTON AVENUE (CITY COUNCIL)

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:
1. APPROVE the plans, specifications and estimates, and order the work for Project No. 1669: Glenn Curtiss Street Improvement for FY 2021/22.
2. AUTHORIZE staff to advertise the work and call for construction bids for Project No. 1669: Glenn Curtiss Street Improvement.

ACTION: Item No. 18 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 19. 2021-781 CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES, AND AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR CONSTRUCTION BIDS FOR PROJECT NO. 1670: CHARLES WILLARD STREET IMPROVEMENT FROM CENTRAL AVENUE TO WILMINGTON AVENUE (CITY COUNCIL)

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:
1. APPROVE the plans, specifications and estimates, and order the work for Project No. 1670, Charles Willard Street Improvement for FY 2021/22.
2. AUTHORIZE staff to advertise the work and call for construction bids for Project No. 1670, Charles Willard Street Improvement.

ACTION: Item No. 19 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 20. 2021-782 CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE EXCHANGE AGREEMENT AND ASSIGNMENT OF FEDERAL HIGHWAY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAMS FUNDS BETWEEN THE CITY OF CARSON AND THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (LACMTA) FOR PROJECT NO. 1612: TRAFFIC SIGNAL INSTALLATION AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE CORPORATE YARD

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:
1. APPROVE the Exchange Agreement with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (METRO) exchanging the total allocation of \$435,283 of City's HIP Funds that METRO approved on April 22, 2021 for a like total amount of \$435,283 of Metro Local Transportation Funds.
2. Authorize the City Mayor to sign the Agreement after approval as to form by the City Attorney.

ACTION: Item No. 20 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 21. 2021-783 CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES, AND AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR CONSTRUCTION BIDS FOR PROJECT NO. 1413-4: CITYWIDE ANNUAL RUBBERIZED SLURRY SEAL, AND CRACK SEAL PROGRAM (CITY COUNCIL)

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:
1. APPROVE the plans, specifications and estimates, and order the work for Project No. 1413-4: Citywide Annual Rubberized Slurry Seal, and Crack Seal Program for FY 2021/22.
2. AUTHORIZE staff to advertise the work and call for construction bids for Project No. 1413-4: Citywide Annual Rubberized Slurry Seal, and Crack Seal Program for FY 2021/22.
3. MAKE the finding that the proposed Citywide Annual Rubberized Slurry Seal Program is categorically exempt pursuant to Section 15301, 15301(c), and 15301(d) of the California Environmental Quality Act guidelines.
4. AUTHORIZE staff to record the "Notice of Exemption" in the office of the Los Angeles County Clerk for the Citywide Annual Rubberized Slurry Seal Program.

ACTION: Item No. 21 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 22. 2021-701 CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 21-129, AMENDING THE CLASSIFICATION PLAN, RESOLUTION NO. 77-111, BY ADOPTING AMENDED JOB CLASSIFICATION SPECIFICATION FOR ASSOCIATE PLANNER (CITY COUNCIL)

Item No. 22 was heard after approval of the Consent items.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton requested to bring back this item at the next City Council meeting to allow time to meet with the City Manager with no objection heard.

Recommendation: WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 21-129, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE CLASSIFICATION PLAN, RESOLUTION NO. 77-111, BY ADOPTING AMENDED JOB CLASSIFICATION SPECIFICATION FOR ASSOCIATE PLANNER."

ACTION: Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes continued this item to the next City Council meeting with no objection heard.

Item No. 23. 2021-804 **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF: (1) AMENDED AND RESTATED CITY OF CARSON PUBLIC AGENCY RETIREMENT SYSTEM ALTERNATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM (PARS-ARS) AMENDED AND RESTATED PLAN DOCUMENT EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2021; AND (2) AMENDMENT TO THE PARS ALTERNATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM PLAN, IN RESPONSE TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CARES ACT AND SECURE ACT (CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation: TAKE all of the following actions:
1. APPROVE the "CITY OF CARSON PUBLIC AGENCY RETIREMENT SYSTEM ALTERNATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM AMENDED AND RESTATED PLAN DOCUMENT EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2021" (Exhibit No. 1; the "Plan Document"). Upon approval, the Director of Human Resources & Risk Management, as Plan Administrator, would execute the Plan Document pursuant to the Plan Administrator's authority set forth in Resolution No. 00-058.
2. APPROVE the "AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF CARSON PARS ALTERNATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM" (Exhibit No. 3; the "Plan Amendment"). Upon approval, the Director of Human Resources & Risk Management, as Plan Administrator, would execute the Plan Amendment pursuant to the Plan Administrator's authority set forth in Resolution No. 00-058.

ACTION: Item No. 23 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 24. 2021-790 **CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 21-138, AMENDING THE CLASSIFICATION PLAN, RESOLUTION NO. 77-111, BY ADOPTING REVISED JOB CLASSIFICATION SPECIFICATIONS FOR RECREATION PERMITS COORDINATOR JOB SERIES AND A TITLE CHANGE TO**

RECREATION RESERVATIONS COORDINATOR (CITY COUNCIL)

Recommendation: WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 21-138, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE CLASSIFICATION PLAN, RESOLUTION NO. 77-111, BY ADOPTING REVISED JOB CLASSIFICATION SPECIFICATIONS FOR RECREATION PERMITS COORDINATOR JOB SERIES AND A TITLE CHANGE TO RECREATION RESERVATIONS COORDINATOR."

ACTION: Item No. 24 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 25. 2021-692 CONSIDER THE REESTABLISHMENT OF THE CARSON CIRCUIT FIXED-ROUTE BUS SERVICE (CITY COUNCIL)

Item No. 25 was heard after Item No. 22.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks noted the circuit buses do not show the City logo.

City Manager Landers stated she would follow up with staff on the City logo.

Recommendation: APPROVE staff recommendation to reestablish the Carson Circuit fixed-route bus service.

ACTION: It was moved to approve staff recommendation 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. 26. 2021-725 CONSIDER APPROVING A SERVICE CONTRACT WITH TEAM LEGAL, INC. TO PROVIDE PROCESS SERVER SERVICES (CITY COUNCIL)

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear asked the rationale for process server services. City Manager Landers explained the rationale and stated it is related to illegal fireworks violations and business license violations.

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:
1. AWARD a three-year service contract, plus two one-year extensions to Team Legal, Inc. not to exceed contract total of \$96,300 for the first three years.

2. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute the contract following approval as to form by the City Attorney.

ACTION: It was moved to approve staff recommendations 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. 27. 2021-749 CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 21-126 AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO CONTINUE DATA SHARING OF TAX REVENUE WITH THE FRANCHISE TAX BOARD (CITY COUNCIL)

Recommendation: APPROVE the resolution 21-126 with the Franchise Tax Board for the continued data sharing agreement

ACTION: Item No. 27 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 28. 2021-762 CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO SOFTWARE LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH ZOHIO CORPORATION FOR CITY'S HELPDESK SOFTWARE LICENSE (CITY COUNCIL)

Recommendation: 1. RECEIVE and FILE the report for emergency purchases.
2. APPROVE Amendment No. 2 to the Zoho Corporation contract increasing the contract sum to a total amount of \$37,159.
3. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 2 to the Zoho Corporation contract after approval as to form by the City Attorney.

ACTION: Item No. 28 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 29. 2021-788 CONSIDER APPROVING RESOLUTION NO. 21-135, AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT BUDGET TO ADD FUNDING FOR THE SERVICES OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HOUSING RIGHTS CENTER AND THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF CARSON

Recommendation: WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 21-135, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CARSON CITY COUNCIL AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT BUDGET TO ADD FUNDING FOR THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HOUSING RIGHTS CENTER AND

THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF CARSON".

ACTION: Item No. 29 was approved on Consent.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY: (Item 30)

Item No. 30. 2021-646 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)

Item No. 30 was heard after Item No. 26.

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

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

There being no persons wishing to speak, Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes closed the Public Hearing.

Recommendation: 1. INTRODUCE, for first reading by title only and with full reading waived, "ORDINANCE NO. 21-2120, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTION 9141.1 (USES PERMITTED) OF DIVISION 1 (USES PERMITTED) OF PART 4 (INDUSTRIAL ZONES) OF CHAPTER 1 (ZONING) OF ARTICLE IX (PLANNING AND ZONING) OF THE CARSON MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING PERMITTED USES IN THE INDUSTRIAL (MANUFACTURING-HEAVY AND MANUFACTURING-LIGHT) ZONES FOR REGULATED AND NONREGULATED SUBSTANCES AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS, AND ADDING SECTION 9182.46 (NONCONFORMITY FOR USE OR STORAGE OF REGULATED SUBSTANCES AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS) TO DIVISION 2 (NONCONFORMITIES) OF PART 8 (IMPLEMENTING PROVISIONS) OF CHAPTER 1 (ZONING) OF ARTICLE IX (PLANNING AND ZONING) REGARDING NONCONFORMITIES FOR USE OF REGULATED SUBSTANCES." (Exhibit No. 1).

ACTION: It was moved to continue the item to November 16, 2021 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

DISCUSSION: (Items 31 to 35)

Item No. 31. 2021-720 CONSIDER AN UPDATE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE AD HOC COMMITTEE REGARDING CITY OF CARSON ADVOCACY EFFORTS DURING THE 2021 LEGISLATIVE SESSION (CITY COUNCIL)

Assistant to the City Manager Michael George gave a report.

Jason Gonsalves, with lobbying firm Joe A. Gonsalves & Son, gave an update.

Mayor and City Council thanked Jason Gonsalves for his report.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear spoke about the \$3 million funding allocation from Assemblymember Mike Gipson; Senator Steve Bradford obtained zero dollars for Carson.

Jason Gonsalves stated he sent letters of communication support to both the Assembly and Senate Budget Committees depending on the house lead; work with both members of legislature.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear stated the Mayor and City Council follows what staff tells them and to make sure Jason Gonsalves' report is in sync with staff.

City Manager Landers confirmed the allocation is \$6 million.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear noted at the time during the ribbon cutting at Carriage Crest Park the allocation was \$3 million and asked why the City Council was not informed.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes stated the City Council was informed and Assemblymember Gipson was going to do a presentation.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear informed now \$3 million more and glad it is \$6 million.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes also noted the City Council was informed by Assemblymember Gipson's representative Jun Aglipay who announced the additional \$3 million at a past meeting.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton stated the State Senator allocated \$60 million for the CSUDH campus for new construction on the buildings. He would like to include the new infrastructure to be part of Carson and make the community better.

Jason Gonsalves stated he had no intention of contradicting; trying to make clear the legislative process of member requests.

Recommendation: CONSIDER the information presented and PROVIDE direction if desired.

ACTION: The Mayor and City Council considered the information presented.

Item No. 32. 2021-800 CONSIDER AN UPDATE ON CITY PROJECTS (CITY COUNCIL)

City Manager Landers gave a report.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes asked how often staff will provide an update on city projects.

City Manager Landers responded staff will provide an update at the first meeting of each month.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks requested staff to highlight streets going to slurry seal and street repairs.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes requested highlight of tree trimming.

City Manager Landers noted Item No. 33 will address slurry seal, street repairs, and tree trimming.

Recommendation: CONSIDER this update and PROVIDE input or direction as desired.

ACTION: It was moved to direct staff to provide an update on city projects at the first meeting of each month and to bring back item at the next meeting 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

Item No. 33. 2021-767 UPDATE ON PUBLIC WORKS' MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES: CONCRETE, ASPHALT, CRACK AND SLURRY SEAL, GRIND AND OVERLAY, AND TREE MAINTENANCE (CITY COUNCIL)

Director Whitman gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Public Works Maintenance Activities.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks thanked Director Whitman and staff. He asked which type of trees are being trimmed first and if all trees can be trimmed immediately.

Director Whitman responded she would come back with an analysis to get all trees trimmed.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear commented on concrete and asphalt on streets causing bumps when driven over. He stated he would provide a list of constituent service requests to Director Whitman.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes referred to Wilmington Avenue which is great and now working on Central Avenue. She thanked Director Whitman and staff and would like to see the streets like Disneyland. She inquired about other areas for traffic lights.

Director Whitman stated there are planned location of traffic lights this year and going out to request for proposals (RFP).

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton suggested staff to make sure to include Planning with new/improvement projects; removing old trees and placing new ones.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes stated that there are trees that come up missing instead of fixing concrete and to save a tree.

Recommendation: RECEIVE AND FILE

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

Item No. 34. 2021-801 COVID-19 UPDATE (CITY COUNCIL)

City Manager Landers presented the item.

Assistant City Manager Roberts gave a PowerPoint presentation on Trends of COVID-19; requiring employees of the mandated COVID-19 testing every other Wednesday; secured Pfizer Vaccine and Booster available every other Wednesday from 1:00 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.

He gave a PowerPoint presentation on potential opening in hybrid options possibly in November.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear stated he supports the hybrid approach.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton noted Governor's order and to rotate people.

Assistant City Manager Roberts noted option to speak from the Carson Community Center and can rotate speakers.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear noted screen in the Council Chambers. Assistant City Manager Roberts responded yes.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton stated he would come back to the Council Chambers.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks stated his concern to show vaccination card or tested to enter the Council Chambers and at the Carson Community Center.

Assistant City Manager Roberts stated staff is prepared to handle for the public/residents to show vaccination status card showing proof of vaccination or show proof of negative test result within 72 hours of the meeting. Also, secured opportunity to provide a rapid test and obtain results within 10-15 minutes after taking the rapid test before allowed entry if the other two options are not available.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks asked if the Mayor and City Council are willing to enter the Council Chambers and to allow 18 people to enter and asked where staff will be located.

Assistant City Manager Roberts responded staff will be in their City Hall offices and will be notified when their item is presented.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks stated he can call in and come to the Council Chambers.

Recommendation: 1. APPROVE Disaster Council recommendation to resume In-Person City Council Meetings in November subject to the monitoring of COVID-19 numbers for safety.
 2. DISCUSS and PROVIDE any further direction.

ACTION: It was moved to approve staff recommendation and resume City Council meetings starting November 16, 2021 on motion of Davis-Holmes, 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. 35. 2021-805 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: The Mayor and City Council took the following actions:

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Commission

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes appointed Marco Aguilera as Alternate 3 to the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Commission.

Human Relations Commission

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes removed Teresita Junio from the Relocation Appeals Board, thereby created a vacancy and subsequently appointed her as Alternate 3 to the Human Relations Commission.

Public Safety Commission

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear appointed Dobard as his uncontested appointment to the Public Safety Commission.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton inquired about his appointee Frankie Stewart on the Senior Citizens Advisory Commission if a conflict of interest since she is an employee.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes requested the City Manager to investigate if a conflict of interest or not.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks inquired if the Youth Commission is meeting.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes noted the commissions are not meeting until January 2022.

City Manager Landers confirmed commissions are not meeting until January 2022 except for those already approved to meet.

Measure C and Measure K Budget Oversight Committee

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes appointed Nora Momoli as Alternate 1 to the Measure C and Measure K Budget Oversight Committee.

ACTION: It was moved to ratify the Mayor's appointments 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

SUBSEQUENT NEED ITEM

Item No. 36. UPDATE ON LOCAL RESPONSE TO DOMINGUEZ CHANNEL ODOR ISSUE AND CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 21-145 AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE AN ADDITIONAL \$200,000 FOR THE LOCAL CARSON RESPONSE TO THE DOMINGUEZ CHANNEL ODOR CRISIS

City Manager Landers gave a report.

Assistant City Manager Raymond elaborated on the report.

City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani asked the City Council to also authorize the City Manager to enter into a Reimbursement Agreement with the County that pays for all of the hard costs of the City as described by Assistant City Manager Raymond which is consistent with the County program and all City staff time in implementing the program to help the County. She has a draft Reimbursement Agreement and circulated to the Los Angeles County and emailed to the City Council as part of the record. The County has sent back comments deleting provisions that dealt with costs associated with staff time and the cost that the City's incurring in connection with implementing the program. Staff's recommendation is that the City Council puts it back in and forward to the County because staff is working over the weekends and holidays and if staff is not there helping the County, the county would presumably have to staff with their own people and would cost them.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes asked City/Agency/Authority Soltani to clarify the recommendation.

City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani stated staff's recommendation is for the City Council to authorize the City Manager to enter into the Reimbursement Agreement which covers the program the City is currently implementing that is open to all residents.

City Manager Landers stated the Mayor is referring to the resolution that was brought in last Thursday does not allow staff to work with all the residents and would like to make it clear that we are broadening that authority in addition to the Reimbursement Program.

City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani stated she would bring back an amendment to the resolution at the next City Council meeting to ratify what staff has done.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton mentioned to Mark Pestrella that the Hyperion Spill was \$600 and that Mark Pestrella would look into.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks encouraged staff with \$600 for the air purifiers per 1,000 square foot up to \$1,200; they capped the city at \$800 and willing to push equity across the board; appreciate the County and also think that this is extra that the City can do; need to call for an independent investigation what the smell really is; concern about the lingering and long-term effects of the smell.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes stated the Los Angeles County is providing the City 500 portable air filters and will purchase the rest which the City is not absorbing costs which will be delivered tomorrow and another 500 in their warehouse and will be ordering more which will cut the City costs. She commended staff for making the decision for the Los Angeles County to absorb all the costs to cut down on City reimbursement.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear stated he appreciates the report on all activities and intervention and to see what happens the next couple of days. The County is expecting three to five days treatment be effective by Sunday.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks concurred with his colleagues and is skeptical what is actually in the channel causing smell; cleanup started Friday, today is Tuesday and smell is still there.

City Manager Landers stated they had very limited supply of the epoleon today and would get adequate supply.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton stated it is unacceptable; take responsibility; how run out of supply; and working on for 15 days later.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks stated today is Tuesday and tired of misinformation, innuendos of being said one thing then turns out to be a lie.

Recommendation:

TAKE the following actions:

1. CONSIDER the amendments made to the City's assistance program in the area of resident qualifications due to changed circumstances since the adoption of Resolution No. 21-136; and
2. APPROVE Resolution No. 21-145 Amending the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget to Appropriate an Additional \$200,000 for the Local Carson Response to the Dominguez Channel Odor Crisis

ACTION: The Mayor and City Council took the following actions:

It was moved to 1) Enter into a Reimbursement Agreement with the Los Angeles County making sure they incur the City's hard costs, soft costs, all costs; 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute the Reimbursement Agreement and the program be expanded to all residents; and 3) Approve Resolution No. 21-145 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

City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani stated she, City Manager Landers and Assistant City Manager Raymond will discuss tomorrow regarding the independent investigator; have experts in mind can retain immediately and look into issue independently; can enter into a contract under the City Manager's signing authority to get them started and develop the scope and bring back at the next City Council meeting if necessary if it is beyond the \$25,000 and will start tomorrow.

It was moved for the City Attorney to start the process for an independent investigator on October 20, 2021 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

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton commended the Emergency Operations Center team who worked this week and response of Assistant City Manager David Roberts doing great work as Assistant City Manager John Raymond indicated. He appreciates all staff who worked hard.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman commended Assistant City Manager Raymond who stepped to the plate and did a good job in the absence of the City Manager. Keep moving forward and plan for the Los Angeles County to start paying the costs to free up resource and reimbursement.

ORDINANCE SECOND READING: (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 noted there were no names submitted for the Memorial Adjournment Requests. She asked the Mayor and City Council if they had any names to add to the Memorial Adjournment Requests.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton requested to add Prophet Roger G. DeCuir to the Memorial Adjournment Requests.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks requested to add Collin Powell to the Memorial Adjournment Requests.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes stated she will adjourn tonight's meeting in memory of the names mentioned.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear requested the City Manager to have the United States flag flown at half-staff.

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

This item was heard after Item No. 36.

Robert Lesley called in

Offered comments in support of meeting coming back live; stated concern to address the City Clerk candidate issue with Ms. DeWitt and Ana Meni who each filed a lawsuit; referred to a document of sworn affidavit or testimony from an individual with serious implication regarding Mayor Pro Tem Dear and candidate Ms. Gavino of an immigration matter which needs to be investigated; Carson needs someone to be honest with integrity

Isa Pulido called in

Expressed concern for children and senior citizens in Carson; stop all mobilehome park closures; need to have masks; environmental emergency resources donated to Carson residents; need to act in the interest of the public always; need to build an environmental 24-hour resource center; need leaders and not followers; do not need developer advocates; do not need liars in office; do not need convicted criminals in office; it is time to clean up City Hall and clean up the City; I am the change that Carson needs; working for all residents and asked to vote for him

Malanie McIntosh called in

Offered comments regarding the Dominguez Channel; Council Member Hicks mentioned at the previous City Council meeting smelling the odor prior to it was officially recognized; asked the AQMD how many individuals need to make complaints regarding air quality or smell for them to investigate; what is the threshold; inquired if only test during regular business hours; supports the third party investigation and would be good to find out the factors that contributed to the odor; and how about individuals who work in the City but do not live in Carson; will they be compensated; recommended adding the AQMD contact number to the Carson quarterly report newsletter and on the City website for visibility

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear stated others may have the same questions. He requested the City Manager to contact Malanie McIntosh, address concerns, and provide information to the general public.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes advised the speaker to contact the City Manager at 310-952-1728.

City Manager Landers stated she would prepare a question and answer for the general public.

Rick Pulido called in

Announced Modesta Pulido received the Mexican-American Leadership Award on October 5, 2021 for co-founding the Social Justice Committee, Mariachi Academy, Tribute to Cesar Chavez, and Quilt Unity Day at Diana's Restaurant; Happy Hispanic Heritage month; there are still cracks in the Gulf area track; shame on Director Eliza Jane Whitman for doing an unprofessional job of not responding to his calls and emails; commended Congresswoman Nanette Barragan for declaring a state of emergency through the Governor's Office; upset with the City Manager for not being available; reported on the eye sores on Gulf Avenue of the street cracks for seven months; requested to start slurry in the south area of the City and not just the north area; asked why the delay to activate the Environmental Commission

Jesse Marquez called in, Founder and Executive Director of a Coalition for a Safe Environment servicing the Harbor Area

Spoke about the hydrogen sulfide issue misrepresenting information; no truth told of the source of odor; need to ask AQMD refineries emissions of the truths and facts; his organization prepared a six-page detailed fact sheet on hydrogen sulfide; asked who he can deliver the document to in the City

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes advised Jesse Marquez to deliver the document to the City Manager.

COUNCIL MEMBER REQUESTS TO ADD ITEMS TO FUTURE AGENDAS

This item was heard after Memorial Adjournments.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton shared that large businesses would like to assist city residents how they can help; reached out to the city and city has its own foundation and write to the 501c3 but was told the city does not have a foundation. He asked for confirmation.

City Manager Landers stated the City had a foundation and no longer part of the city and when used in the past for donations it took up to a year to have the money transferred to the city.

Assistant City Manager Raymond referred to IRS Code Section 170c1 which allows for the deductibility of a donation of government for public purpose.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear recalled years ago that corporations would donate to the city on a regular basis and receive a tax write off and five years later to be told the city is no longer a 501c3 so could not receive a tax write off any longer. He asked confirmation under 170c1 of the IRS Code.

City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani referred to the Carson Community Foundation and there was an issue with the city providing tax write off letters to the donors. She stated she would look into the matter, verify, and get back to the City Council.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes stated anyone who would like to make a donation to contact the City Manager.

City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani clarified that the Carson Community Foundation is an independent foundation that had two Council Members who were members. The Mayor is currently a member and business stakeholder members who are on it as well. Watson Land Company and Marathon each have a representative on it. It is an independent body formed to assist the city in raising funds for charitable events.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes stated she resigned from the Carson Community Foundation.

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

- Zoning Ordinance to create an amendment to the Zoning Code to have mobilehome park zone in existence
- Recission of the Council agenda ordinance that requires 2/3 vote of Council Members; would like to bring amendment back to be removed

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks asked what the plan of action is dealing with PSA (public service announcements) when there is an event, disaster or emergency for disseminating information to the residents.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes requested a report back regarding Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks' request. City Manager Landers responded in the affirmative.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (COUNCIL MEMBERS)

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton stated we are all in this struggle together; for assistance call city staff working Monday through Sunday from 7:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear echoed the Council colleague's comments about working together as a team; make sure with other agencies in association with are relevant to solving the problem and the idea of a plan of action that could be laid out with transparency that needs to publicly brought forward to show them the plan; referred to caller with the questions and would like answers disseminated as well. God bless and work together in unity.

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 10:43 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

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