



## CITY OF CARSON

### MINUTES CARSON CITY COUNCIL/ SUCCESSOR AGENCY/HOUSING AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING APRIL 4, 2023 5:00 P.M.

#### **CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 P.M. by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Lula Davis-Holmes in the Helen Kawagoe Council Chambers, Carson City Hall, located at 701 E. Carson Street, Carson, California 90745.

#### **ROLL CALL:**

City Clerk/Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary, Dr. Khaleah K. Bradshaw noted the roll:

#### **Council Members/Agency Members/Authority Board Members Present:**

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Lula Davis-Holmes, Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Jawane Hilton, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Cedric Hicks, and Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Arleen Rojas

#### **Council Members/Agency Members/Authority Board Members Absent:**

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Jim Dear (Entered during Invocation)

#### **Also Present:**

Monica Cooper, City/Agency/Authority Treasurer; David C. Roberts, Jr., City Manager; Sunny Soltani, City/Agency/Authority Attorney; John Raymond, Assistant City Manager; Robert Lennox, Assistant City Manager; Tarik Rahmani, Deputy City Manager; Saied Naaseh, Director of Community Development; Michael Whittiker, Jr., Director of Community Services; Arlington Rodgers, Director of Public Works; and Crystal Williams, Director of Human Resources

#### **FLAG SALUTE:**

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

#### **INVOCATION:**

**Item No. 1. 2023-0268 REVEREND LAAO LEASIOLAGI FROM SAMOAN CONGREGATIONAL COMMUNITY CHURCH**

Reverend Luaao Leasiolagi gave the invocation.

**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 5:06 P.M. by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes to Closed Session.

**RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION**

The meeting was reconvened at 5:57 P.M. by Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Hilton with all members present.

**REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS (CITY ATTORNEY)**

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

**CLOSED SESSION (Item 2)**

**Item No. 2. 2023-0246 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 two cases.

ACTION: One of the items was not taken up and there was no reportable action taken on the other item.

**INTRODUCTIONS (MAYOR)**

**Item No. 3. 2023-0233 REPORT FROM CAPTAIN JONES OF CARSON SHERIFF'S STATION**

Item No. 3 was heard after Item No. 15.

Captain Jones reported/announced the following:

- Street racing enforcement
- Friendly city basketball game with Parks and Recreation staff; Parks and Recreation won the game and look forward to a rematch
- Attended Ramadan Interfaith Iftar Dinner on March 29, 2023
- Attended the State of the City Address
- Participated in the Baker to Baker Race
- Participating in Easter Program at Dignity Health Sports Park on April 7, 2023
- Citizens Academy continuing, tonight roles of detective, cybercrime, narcotics
- This month is Autism Awareness Month; deputies are receiving training to learn how to

- properly address a situation when it may involve someone with autism
- Sexual Assault Awareness month – resources available
- Timely reporting of sexual assault crimes is crucial to preserving evidence
- National Sexual Assault Hotline (800) 656-4673; YWCA Greater Los Angeles Sexual Assault Crisis Services 1(877) 943- 5778

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes asked who would receive the Sexual Assault proclamation.

Captain Jones introduced Deputy Nguyen, who received the proclamation.

**Item No. 4. 2023-0249 REPORT FROM ASSISTANT CHIEF BENNETT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Item No. 4 was heard after the Closed Session Report.

Assistant Chief Bennett reported/announced the following:

- Announced appointment of Chief Maroni
- Fire Service Day on May 6, 2023, for tours
- Busy service calls due to the rain; 23 fires; 644 EMS calls; 4 hazardous conditions; 6 service calls, 197 good intent calls, 31 false alarm calls
- Apartment fire call received on March 14; Red Cross provided food and clothing for displaced victims
- 30 calls per day plus water emergencies due to rain

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear inquired about the building of a fire station at the vacant lot near the Porsche Driving Center; interested in knowing progress of the additional fire station in the future as it is a good location for a fire station because of access with the new development.

Assistant Chief Bennett stated he would meet and confer with City Manager Roberts, Jr. to develop a presentation for the future fire station.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes returned to the meeting at 6:01 P.M.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**Item No. 5. 2023-0036 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE FROM ASSEMBLYMAN MIKE A. GIPSON**

Item No. 5 was heard after Item No. 7.

Assemblyman Mike A. Gipson gave a legislative update as follows:

- Recognized Mayor, City Council, and staff for the magnificent State of the City Address
- Announced his main pillars of focus are public safety, collaboration with law enforcement, economic development, and elevating community concerns.

- Expressed he will never digress from leading on sensible gun legislation.
- Change in district - Now, it has been reformed and 32% of his district is brand new and went into effect in January.
- Still represents Watts and Willowbrook, where he was born and raised
- Continues to represent Carson and Compton, which he shares with Josh Lowenthal
- Continues to represent Compton, Wilmington (north and south), all north Long Beach, Harbor City, Harbor Gateway, San Pedro
- Thanked those who voted for him and hereto serve
- Continue to bring resources to Carson
- Promises to keep essential services alive and well such as public safety and education, despite state's \$24–38 billion budget deficit
- Government, legislature, and Democratic Caucus chair are committed to ensuring no services are cut or diminished in California despite having a \$60 billion reserve
- Reappointed to serve as democratic caucus chair
- Announced several committees that he serves on
- Introduced 28 bills, with 23 of them being introduced in regular session
- Police reform – banning excited deliria, which has been debunked by health world organization and other medical associations.
- State Bill 360
- Plans to mandate all schools in California to reintroduce shops in both middle school and high school again
- Nursing shortage – bringing nurses from other countries and traveling nurses from other states to California to avoid 2 to 3 year waiting list for nursing school
- Autism Run/Walk on April 8, 2023, at Wilmington Waterfront Park at 8:00 a.m.
- Summer leadership conference for young girls called BLUSH (Building Leaders and Uplifting Sisterhood)

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Rojas and Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Hilton thanked Gipson for his presentation and good energy.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks thanked Gipson for his efforts to instill programs for carpenters, electricians, and plumbers back into schools.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear thanked Gipson for his update and his efforts to bring shop classes back at junior high school and high school. He also expressed that this is a very great idea.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear expressed concerns about the huge budget deficit in California and requested Gipson's perspective on the cause and potential solutions.

Assemblyman Gipson responded to Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear by stating the possible causes of the budget deficit which include: the legislature pushing back people's filing of income tax, the current economy, and the stock market, which all have a direct hit to the general fund. Moving forward, he looks forward to passing a balanced budget without cutting vital services and putting money away due to the recent storms and floods. Assemblyman Gipson also suggested using the emergency reserve as a funding option to help

those in need.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear inquired about Gipson's assessment on a new type of redevelopment agency program dealing with brownfields and land fields.

Assemblyman Gipson responded by announcing his desire to bring back redevelopment for cities doing things the right way to receive money, which was met with opposition. He expressed announced there are a need for bills to assist with this matter and addressing a CEQA reform would also be beneficial.

Assemblyman Gipson thanked Mayor and City Council for the opportunity and their standing relationship.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear addressed housing crisis and requested that issue be made a part of the return of redevelopment.

Mayor also encouraged Gipson to visit the Carson Global Business Academy at Carson High School and expressed the importance of trades in schools.

**Item No. 6. 2023-0266 PRESENTATION FROM RAY LAWSON REGARDING TAX FRAUD IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY**

Jorge Quintero, representative for the Southwest Regional State Carpenters, introduced himself and two other speakers.

The first speaker spoke about awareness tax fraud; announced April 10-18, 2023, Local 562 of Long Beach and Local 323 of Carson and the United Brotherhood of Carpenters will be participating in the National Tax Fraud Days of Action

The second speaker also spoke about construction industry tax fraud.

Jorge Quintero also spoke about tax fraud and thanked Mayor and City Council for allowing them the opportunity to attend the meeting. He concluded by announcing a future tour of their Local 323 Carson facility.

Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Hilton announced the opening of Local 323's new facility.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes will be placing a resolution regarding project labor agreements on the May 1, 2023, agenda and invited the carpenters to come back. Mayor also thanked everyone who attended.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear thanked all carpenters for attending the meeting.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks asked for carpenter's contact number.

Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Hilton mentioned the Brotherhood's webpage and QR scan code if anyone wanted to contact them. He also provided phone number (323) 335-7323 and their office hours Monday-Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes invited those present for a photo with Mayor and City Council.

**Item No. 7. 2023-0244 PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING APRIL AS SEXUAL ASSAULT/VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH (CITY COUNCIL)**

Item No. 7 was heard after Item No. 3.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Member Dear read proclamation which was accepted by Deputy Nguyen who offered comments.

City Manager recognized Captain Jones and his wife who are SDSU alumni and his family who are Aztecs alumni from SDSU.

**Item No. 8. 2023-0243 PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING APRIL AS DONATE LIFE MONTH (CITY COUNCIL)**

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

Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Hilton read the proclamation and noted an article and introduced Raquel Gonzales, who accepted the proclamation with words of gratitude.

**Item No. 9. 2023-0241 PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING APRIL AS AUTISM AWARENESS/ACCEPTANCE MONTH (CITY COUNCIL)**

Item No. 9 was heard after Item No. 10.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Rojas read the proclamation and provided a brief biography of recipient Ms. Saitaua Wilson, who offered words of gratitude.

**Item No. 10. 2023-0242 PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING APRIL AS ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH (CITY COUNCIL)**

Item No. 10 was heard after Item No. 6.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks read the proclamation which was accepted by Florina R. with words of gratitude.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Item No. 11. 2023-0182 APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/HOUSING AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES: FEBRUARY 21, 2023 (REGULAR)**

Item No. 11 was heard after Item No. 27.

Recommendation: Approve the minutes as listed.

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 Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Hilton, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks and Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Rojas

Noes: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

**CONSENT: (Items 12 to 26)**

It was moved to approve Consent Items No. 12 to 26 on motion of Hilton, seconded by Dear.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes requested to remove Item No. 15 for discussion.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks requested to remove Item No. 18 for discussion.

City Manager Roberts, Jr. instructed Mayor and City Council to strikethrough Resolution No. 23-061 for Item No. 20 regarding Accounting Manager job specification and to approve item as edited.

The motion to approve Consent Items No. 12 to 26, except Items No. 15, 18 and 20 was unanimously carried by the following vote:

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

Noes: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

**Item No. 12. 2023-0238      Resolution No. 23-066, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON RATIFYING CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,634,721.52, DEMAND CHECK NUMBERS 166783 THROUGH 166982**

ACTION:      Item No. 12 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 13. 2023-0178      CONSIDER AN UPDATE ON CITY PROJECTS (CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation:      RECEIVE and FILE this informational update.

ACTION:      Item No. 13 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 14. 2023-0179      CONSIDER AN UPDATE ON CITY COMMISSIONS (CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation:      RECEIVE and FILE this report.

ACTION:      Item No. 13 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 15. 2023-0236      CONSIDER ESTABLISHING A \$100,000.00 REWARD FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO THE SAFE RETURN OF ALINKA ANGELINE CASTANEDA FOR THE ARREST AND CONVICTION OF THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR HER DISAPPEARANCE (CITY COUNCIL)**

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

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes offered comments in support of item.

Moses Castillo, advocate for the victim and family, offered comments in support item and gratitude.

Mother of victim offered comments in Spanish which were translated by Moses Castillo in support and gratitude. She also requested the city to communicate with other cities to help conduct a wider search.

Mayor for Castillo and mother of victim to meet with City Manager Roberts, Jr. to discuss what can and cannot be done.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes encouraged mother of victim to send letters to other policing agencies in other jurisdictions since those letters are more effective.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear inquired any responses from the FBI.



Moses Castillo informed Mayor and council that the U.S. Marshall reached out to family

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear expressed deep concern and offered comments of support.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks encourages everyone to speak up if they have any information about this case.

Captain Jones provided an update on the Alinka case. He informed mayor and council of his recent communication with the U.S. Marshall and other partners; also ensured that the case information was entered in the National Crime Information Center.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear inquired whether the reward is nationwide as well.

Captain Jones ensured that the reward has been publicized in different media outlets using website links.

Recommendation: APPROVE the establishment of a \$100,000 reward.

ACTION: It was moved to approve staff recommendation 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 Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Hilton, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks, and Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Rojas

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

**Item No. 16. 2023-0262 CONSIDER APPROVAL OF DESTRUCTION OF CITY CLERK RECORDS PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION NO. 20-144 AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF SPECIFIED RECORDS WITHIN THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE**

Recommendation: Approve the destruction of the recommended twenty boxes.

ACTION: Item No. 16 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 17. 2023-0227 CONSIDER APPROVAL OF FORMS, AGREEMENTS AND RESOLUTION NO. 23-071 ALLOWING THE CITY OF CARSON TO PARTICIPATE IN ADDITIONAL NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENTS WITH TEVA, ALLERGAN, WALMART, WALGREENS AND CVS (CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:  
1. APPROVE Settlement Agreements and Participation Forms for

the City's participation in the National Opioid Settlement Agreements with Teva, Allergan, Walmart, Walgreens, and CVS.  
2. APPROVE the California State-Subdivision Agreements Regarding Distribution and Use of Settlement Funds relating to the National Opioid Settlement Agreements with Teva, Allergan, Walmart, Walgreens, and CVS.  
3. ADOPT Resolution No. 23-071 approving and authorizing the City Manager to carry out all necessary acts such that the City can participate in the National Opioid Settlements with Teva, Allergan, Walmart, Walgreens, and CVS, including signing necessary documents and transmittal thereof as necessary.

ACTION: Item No. 17 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 18. 2023-0230 CONSIDER TAKING A POSITION OF SUPPORT AND SENDING A CORRESPONDING LETTER REGARDING ASSEMBLY BILL 1538 TO CREATE A PROGRAM TO INCENTIVIZE GETTING CLEAN, ZERO-CARBON CAPACITY RESOURCES ONLINE TO DECREASE ELECTRICITY RATES AND INCREASE POWER GRID RELIABILITY (CITY COUNCIL)**

Item heard after Approval of Minutes Item No. 11.

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

Recommendation: TAKE a position of SUPPORT for Assembly Bill 1538 and DIRECT staff to transmit a corresponding letter.

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 Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Hilton, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks, and Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Rojas

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

**Item No. 19. 2023-0248 CONSIDERATION OF PURSUING THE NEXT STEPS TO ESTABLISH A SISTER CITY AFFILIATION WITH AWKA, NIGERIA (CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:  
1. DIRECT staff to meet with the Carson Sister Cities Association's (CSCA) Nigeria subcommittee to appraise the benefits of creating a sister city relationship. This partnership should be strategic and

mutually beneficial.

2. DIRECT staff to draft a formal letter that will be sent to Awka, Nigeria to establish a direct line of communication.

ACTION: Item No. 19 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 20. 2023-0190 CONSIDERATION OF MULTIPLE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTING AMENDED JOB SPECIFICATIONS FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MANAGER, ACCOUNTING MANAGER, AND PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES MANAGER**

City Manager Roberts, Jr. instructed Mayor and Council to strikethrough Resolution No. 23-061, for the Accounting Manager job specification.

Recommendation: Resolution No. 23-059, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CARSON CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE CLASSIFICATION PLAN, RESOLUTION NO. 77-111, BY AMENDING THE JOB SPECIFICATION FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MANAGER" Resolution No. 23-060, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CARSON CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE CLASSIFICATION PLAN, RESOLUTION NO. 77-111, BY AMENDING THE JOB SPECIFICATION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES MANAGER" ~~Resolution No. 23-061, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CARSON CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE CLASSIFICATION PLAN, RESOLUTION NO. 77-111, BY AMENDING THE JOB SPECIFICATION FOR ACCOUNTING MANAGER"~~

ACTION: Item No. 20 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 21. 2023-0223 CONSIDER THE CARSON HOUSING AUTHORITY'S ANNUAL REPORT AS REQUIRED BY STATE SENATE BILL 341 (HOUSING AUTHORITY)**

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:  
1. RECEIVE and FILE.

ACTION: Item No. 21 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 22. 2023-0234 CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 23-064, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2023 TO BE "FAIR HOUSING MONTH" (CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation: APPROVE Resolution No. 23-064, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2023 TO BE "FAIR

HOUSING MONTH."

ACTION: Item No. 22 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 23. 2023-0224 CONSIDER THE CITY OF CARSON COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2018-01 (MAINTENANCE AND SERVICES) ANNUAL REPORT AS REQUIRED BY STATE SENATE BILL 165 (CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation: TAKE the following action:  
1. RECEIVE and FILE.

ACTION: Item No. 23 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 24. 2023-0252 CONSIDER ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 23-069 TO APPROVE FILING OF GRANT PROJECT APPLICATIONS AND RELATED ACTIONS AS NECESSARY FOR ACCEPTANCE AND USE OF \$7,000,000 IN GRANT FUNDS AWARDED TO THE CITY FROM THE STATE ASSEMBLY BUDGET ACT OF 2022, AB 179, FOR CITY FACILITIES, PARKS, AND COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE (CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation: ADOPT Resolution No. 23-069, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON APPLICATION(S) FOR SPECIFIED GRANT FUNDS FROM BUDGET ACT OF 2022, AB179, CHAPTER 249, CONTROL SECTION 19.56, ITEM 3790-101-0001(K) OTHER COMMUNITY SERVICES, (20) \$7,000,000 TO THE CITY OF CARSON FOR THE CITY FACILITIES, PARKS, AND COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE".

ACTION: Item No. 24 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 25. 2023-0192 CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH JA URBAN, INC. PROVIDING FUNDS AND TIME EXTENSION FOR ADDITIONAL WORK FOR PROJECT NO.1656 -COMMUNITY CENTER UPGRADE**

Recommendation:  
1. APPROVE Amendment No. 1 to the Construction Contract with JA Urban, Inc. for Project No. 1656 - Community Center Upgrade, to cover the cost of the additional work and the construction delays caused by design changes due to site conditions and supply chain issues.  
2. AUTHORIZE the expenditure of construction contingency in the amount of (2%) \$37,137.00 for any other work that may be necessary to complete the project.  
3. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute proposed Amendment No. 1 to the Construction Contract with JA Urban, Inc. following approval as to form by the City Attorney.

ACTION: Item No. 25 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 26. 2023-0197 CONSIDER APPROVING AN INCREASE IN THE NOT-TO-EXCEED PURCHASING LIMIT PURSUANT TO THE COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT WITH AMAZON BUSINESS FROM THE PREVIOUSLY-APPROVED LIMIT OF \$40,000 PER FISCAL YEAR TO A NEW LIMIT OF \$100,000 PER FISCAL YEAR (CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:  
1. WAIVE the formal bidding procedures as defined by Carson Municipal Code (CMC) Section 2610, as allowed by CMC Section 2611(g) (cooperative purchasing).  
2. AUTHORIZE the City to make purchases of materials, supplies and equipment from Amazon Business in a cumulative amount not to exceed \$100,000 per fiscal year (representing an increase of \$60,000 per fiscal year from the previously-approved limit of \$40,000 per fiscal year), effective from March 21, 2023, to May 5, 2025, and for each fiscal year contained within said effective period, pursuant to Omnia Partners Contract No. MA3457, and APPROVE form purchase orders to be used as needed to effectuate such purchases pursuant to CMC Section 2605 in the determination of the Purchasing Manager.

ACTION: Item No. 26 was approved on Consent.

**SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY: (Item 27)**

**Item No. 27. 2023-0251 PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 23-062, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON APPROVING AND CERTIFYING THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT, ADOPTING THE MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM, ADOPTING THE CEQA FINDINGS AND STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS, AND ADOPTING GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 115-23, THE CITY OF CARSON 2040 GENERAL PLAN UPDATE (CITY COUNCIL)**

Item was heard after Item No. 8

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear recused himself out of abundance of caution.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes opened the Public Hearing at 7:35 p.m.

Director Naaseh gave a staff report and additional clarification on the topics of the property located on the northwest corner of Wilmington and University, non-conforming uses, and truck

terminals in the flex district, as they were not listed in the resolution.

City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani referred to comment letters as she stated they were sent in ill faith and received late, which limited the time to review. She briefly summarized that the letters mainly focused on the arguments about land uses and economic perspective issues, which are all speculative. City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani ensured Mayor and City Council that the existing code categorically prohibits truckyards and cargo container storages in the ML manufacturing light zone.

Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Hilton expressed concerns about existing truckyard usage.

Director Naaseh confirmed that they would remain consistent with existing zoning codes for light and heavy industrial areas.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes inquired about the maximum size for the flex district.

Director Naaseh confirmed the maximum size is 30,000 square feet for the flex district.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks asked City Attorney Soltani if there were any issues that needed to be addressed regarding late submission.

City Attorney Soltani stated that she did try to address all issues and her position is correct as the letters are not of legal importance, however, they have been reviewed and responded to.

City Clerk/Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary, Dr. Khaleah K. Bradshaw gave Public Hearing report and announced receipt of all written communications from the following:

Jacqui Stewart of Del Amo Highlands Community Group (2)  
Hanson Bridget LLP (2)  
NAIOP SoCal (2)  
Anonda Marcalonda

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes asked to see speaker cards received by the City Clerk.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes called up Loren Miles to speak.

Loren Miles trustee of HEG trust

Thanked City Council for connecting with all Carson stakeholders in a positive direction; all members of the Carson community will benefit to this decision; acknowledged council's concerns; offered his time and expertise; thanked Mayor and Council for their consideration.

DJ Ariano – representing Prologis

Thanked staff for their diligent plan on the General Plan; appreciate efforts of staff; land use in the flex district warehouse size is primary concern; respectfully recommend small scale warehouse and distribution facilities are permitted in the flex district with a size limited to 75,000 square feet, with larger facilities requiring a development agreement warehouse have reduced

better utilization; asked staff for clarification on the new residential component for property of northwest corner of Wilmington and University and its boundaries

Jose Cornejo, representing NAIOP

Expressed concerns about job opportunities and the economic impact that zoning has on Carson and the Los Angeles.

Arnold Ng, commercial real estate broker speaking on behalf of client on Anelo Ave.

Requested clarity on non-conforming use of property zoning code.

Director Naaseh confirmed that all the non-conformity issues that have been discussed only refer to non-conformity uses that are created by this General Plan.

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Thanked everyone on behalf of his client.

Jacqui Stewart, representing Del Amo Highlands Community Group

Requested more clarification regarding container trucks suitable for heavy industrial zones and container storage and informed Mayor and City Council that the Del Amo Highlands Community Group is in full support of passing the solution.

Director Naaseh confirmed that the property on the northwest corner of Wilmington and University is a flex district, and the flex district does not allow truck yards or container yards. It is also light industrial and is maxed out at 30,000 square feet.

Socorro (spoke in Spanish)

Using a translator from the Rancho Dominguez Mobilehome Park, Socorro requested information on when the Mobilehome zoning would be addressed or placed on the agenda.

City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani informed Socorro that the mobilehome overlay zoning issues are currently being addressed and once following the adoption of the General Plan Amendment, zoning changes will be addressed at the April 18, 2023, or May 2, 2023, council meeting.

Socorro also requested Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Hilton to come look at street and water damages that need repairs.

Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Hilton informed her that the Mobilehome park is private property and to notify the HOA of these issues.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes instructed Socorro to inform residents that she and Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Hilton will be sending a letter notifying residents that they will not have to relocate.

City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani informed Mayor that she has been waiting to receive that letter to review appeal period for the lawsuit for the judgment to run, therefore residents will know if any appeals are made. She also instructed residents to contact the Housing Community Department for street issues at the mobilehome park.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes opened the Public Hearing at 8:17 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Hilton commended staff for meeting needs of stakeholders.

- Recommendation:
1. OPEN the Public Hearing, TAKE public testimony, and CLOSE the Public Hearing.
  2. WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 23-062, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AND CERTIFYING THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT, ADOPTING THE MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM, ADOPTING THE CEQA FINDINGS AND STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS, AND ADOPTING GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 115-23, THE CITY OF CARSON 2040 GENERAL PLAN UPDATE"

ACTION: It was moved to approve staff recommendation as amended by Director Naaseh, on motion of Hilton, seconded by Hicks and unanimously carried by the following vote:

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

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes thanked staff and Director Naaseh.

City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani thanked Ben Jones for working with Director Naaseh on the General Plan.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes also thanked Assistant City Manager Raymond.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes asked Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear to return to the meeting at 8:22 P.M.

**DISCUSSION: (Item 28)**

**Item No. 28. 2023-0253 CONSIDERATION OF ONLY LOCAL UNCONTESTED APPOINTMENTS TO THE CITY'S COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES, AND BOARDS BY MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL AND CONSIDER ALL (CONTESTED AND UNCONTESTED) APPOINTMENTS TO THE YOUTH COMMISSION AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION (CITY**



## **COUNCIL)**

Item No. 28 was heard after Item No. 18

City Clerk/Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary, Dr. Khaleah K. Bradshaw gave an update of the Commissions, Committees and Boards vacancy notification.

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:

1. CONSIDER and only APPOINT uncontested members to the City Commissions, Committees, and Boards;
2. CONSIDER and APPOINT all (contested and uncontested) members to the Youth Commission and Public Works Commission; and
3. DIRECT the City Clerk to notify all affected appointments of this action in writing;
4. 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:

### Public Works Commission

Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Hilton appointed Daniel Wilson as his uncontested appointment to the Public Works Commission for the term ending November 30, 2024.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes continued this item to the next City Council meeting.

### **ORDINANCE SECOND READING: (NONE)**

### **MEMORIAL ADJOURNMENTS**

This item was heard after Oral Communications for Matters Not Listed on the Agenda.

City Clerk/Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary, Dr. Khaleah K. Bradshaw presented the following Memorial Adjournment Requests:

Kenneth Brown  
Wayne Spencer  
Clark Stanton

City Manager Roberts, Jr. informed Mayor and City Council that the family of Clark Stanton requested to adjourn the meeting with a moment of silence on his behalf.

Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Hilton gave a prayer.

A moment of silence is taken for Clark Stanton and his family.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks mentioned that April 4<sup>th</sup> is also the day Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated, and it is recognized as a day in history for the nation.

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

This item was heard after Item No. 28.

### Humberto Anthony Barrera

Requested Mayor and City Council to consider the \$250,000 Local Jurisdiction Retail Access Grant that would aid in the development of cannabis retail businesses and its possible benefits in Carson. The deadline to apply is April 28, 2023.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear inquired about where the grant is being supplied from.

Barrera informed Mayor and City Council that it is a state grant, and the requirements are as follows:

- Carson cannot have a retail storefront
- Develop a plan that brings tax revenue

City Manager Roberts, Jr. provided Barrera with a copy of the City Charter.

Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Hilton informed Barrera that the City Charter does not permit retail cannabis.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear informed Barrera that he would have to file a petition for a charter amendment.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes suggested Barrera review the City Charter and State of the City Address.

### Debra Williams

Expressed concerns about the lack of response and action taken by the police following recent break ins into her car and home.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes referred Williams to Assistant City Manager Lennox, who will work with Captain Jones on this matter.

## **COUNCIL MEMBER REQUESTS TO ADD ITEMS TO FUTURE AGENDAS**

This item was heard after Memorial Adjournments.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear expressed that he looks forward to having the mobilehome park zoning on the April 18, 2023, or May 2, 2023, agenda.

## **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (COUNCIL MEMBERS)**

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks announced that on April 29, 2023, a Self-Care Health Fair will be held at the Carson Community Center, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and will include mobile immunization for children, diabetes check, health and wellness, nutrition, blood check, and other screenings. Contact the Events Center at (310) 835-0212 ext. 1471 for more information.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Rojas announced her and Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks recent attendance at the Congressional National League of Cities in Washington, D.C. She expressed that it was nice to meet and collaborate with other Council Members from other states and that the opioid and fentanyl crisis remain as top concerns of public safety.

Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Hilton announced he passed his oral defense for his doctoral degree.

Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Hilton announced a jazz festival that will be held on April 29, 2023, at Dignity Health Sports Park in support of the Dymally Fellows Program.

Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Hilton wished everyone a Happy Easter.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes thanked everyone for good meeting and wished a Happy Resurrection Day. She thanked all staff for doing a phenomenal job with State of the City Address and expressed gratitude for Kevin Kennedy's hard work.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear expressed his appreciation for the professionalism displayed at the State of the City Address. He also inquired about providing a dinner for volunteers at future events.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes expressed that she would like to show appreciation to event volunteers more frequently.

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

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

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 P.M. by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes.

Lula Davis-Holmes  
Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman

ATTEST:

Dr. Khaleah K. Bradshaw  
City Clerk/Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary