



**CITY OF CARSON**

**MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/HOUSING AUTHORITY  
REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 19, 2016  
5:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 5:07 P.M. by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Albert Robles in the Helen Kawagoe Council Chambers, located at 701 E. Carson Street, Carson, California 90745.

**ROLL CALL:**

City Clerk/ Authority Secretary/ Agency Secretary Gause noted the roll:

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

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Albert Robles, Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Lula Davis-Holmes, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Jawane Hilton

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

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Elito Santarina

**Also Present:**

Kenneth C. Farfing, City Manager; Cecil Rhambo, Jr., Assistant City Manager; Sunny Soltani, City/Agency/Authority Attorney; Donesia Gause, City Clerk/Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary; Monica Cooper, City/Agency/Authority Treasurer; Ralph Aranda, Interim Director of Community Services; Maria Williams-Slaughter, Director of Public Works; John Raymond, Director of Community Development; Gail Dixon-McMahon, Director of Human Resources and Risk Management; Kathryn Downs, Director of Finance; Saied Naaseh, Planning Manager; Robert Eggleston, IT Manager; Glenn Turner, Computer Systems Support Technician; and Joy Simarago, Acting Chief Deputy City Clerk

**CLOSED SESSION (5:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.) (Items 1-7)**

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – CLOSED SESSION ITEMS ONLY – None.**

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

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

**RECESS:**

The meeting was recessed at 5:12 P.M. by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles to Closed Session.

**RECONVENE:**

The meeting was reconvened at 6:00 P.M. by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles with all members previously noted present.

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

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

**Item No. 1. 2016-447 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation: A closed session will be held, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(2) or (d)(3) & (e)(1), because there is a significant exposure to litigation in 2 cases.

ACTION: No reportable action was taken.

**Item No. 2. 2016-449 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation: A closed session will be held, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(2) or (d)(3) & (e)(5), because there is a significant exposure to litigation in 1 case.

ACTION: This item was not taken up yet.

**Item No. 3. 2016-480 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY)**

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 3 cases.

ACTION: Item No. 3a, Council provided direction to the City Attorney’s office to draft a cease-and-desist letter for Council to mail with a copy of the letter in the City Clerk’s office.

**Item No. 4. 2016-448 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: Alexy C. Rafael vs. City of Carson, Case No. BC582875, Superior Court of the State of California for the County of Los Angeles.

ACTION: This item was not taken up yet.

**Item No. 5. 2016-464 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: Glenn Ford vs. Carson; Case No. BC566322; Superior Court of the State of California for the County of Los Angeles.

ACTION: This item was not taken up yet.

**Item No. 6. 2016-473 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION (CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation: A closed session will be held, pursuant to Government Code 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: People of the State of California, ex. rel. , City of Carson vs. Shell Oil Company, et al., Case No. BC 499369, Superior Court of the State of California for the County of Los Angeles.

ACTION: No reportable action was taken.

**Item No. 7. 2016-450 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR (CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation: A closed session will be held, pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6, with Kenneth C. Farfsing, City Manager, Sunny Soltani, City Attorney and Gail Dixon-McMahon, Director of Human Resources, its negotiators(s), regarding labor negotiations with AFSCME Local 809 represented part-time employees.

ACTION: This item was not taken up yet.

City/Authority/Agency Attorney Soltani requested an urgency item pursuant to Government Code 54956.9(d)(1) in the matter of Colony Cove vs. City of Carson; Case No. U.S. District Court CV14-03242PSGHEWX. She explained that this item cannot wait until the next meeting because the property owner has communicated a settlement offer through the mediator to the City Attorney's office and the trial starts April 28, 2016.

ACTION: It was moved to add the item as a subsequent need item on motion of Robles, seconded by Hilton and carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles, Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Davis-Holmes, Council

Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Council Member/Agency Member/ Authority Board Member Santarina

It was added to the Closed Session Items as Item No. 7a.

ACTION: No reportable action was taken.

**FLAG SALUTE: MYRA GUTIERREZ**

**INVOCATION:**

**Item No. 8. 2016-454 PASTOR CEDRIC NELMS, CHOSEN GENERATION FELLOWSHIP CHURCH**

**INTRODUCTIONS**

**Item No. 9. 2016-421 REPORT FROM CAPTAIN MARKS OF CARSON SHERIFF'S STATION**

Capt. Marks announced/reported:

- Encouraged those that may have any information on a crime to call the sheriff's station or remain anonymous and call Crime Stoppers
- Dep. Fred Noya of the Diversion Program had a successful event at UC Irvine with 46 students of the Diversion Program

**Item No. 10. 2016-420 PRESENTATION BY JOHN FAIRBANK OF FAIRBANK, MASLIN, MAULLIN, METZ & ASSOCIATES ON THE CITY'S CUSTOMER SATISFACTION SURVEY**

Item No. 10 was heard after Oral Communications for Matters Listed on the Agenda.

John Fairbank presented the results of the Customer Satisfaction Survey.

Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Davis-Holmes thanked John Fairbank for conducting the survey.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles thanked John Fairbank for continued interest and support in the City of Carson for over 10 years.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton

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

Dr. Rita Boggs – Item No. 15, 16, and 24

- Concerned about the City's budget with regard to hiring another employee and the mobile home park moratorium

- Offered comments and prayers for the gentleman that was killed

Speaker – Item No. 26

- Commented on diversifying Council

Speaker – Item No. 17

- Offered support for Louis Diaz as the next council member

Speaker, family member of Justin Hoy

- Requested a reward be put in place for the apprehension of the person responsible

Family of Justin Hoy

- Requested assistance from Council and encouraged any person that has any knowledge of the situation to please come forward

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles offered thoughts and prayers to the Hoy family.

Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Davis-Holmes asked for an emergency agenda item requesting a \$20,000 reward for the capture and conviction.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton offered prayers for Justin and thanked members of Carson High for standing with the family.

**ACTION:** It was moved to add an Emergency Agenda Item with the recommendation of a \$20,000 reward for the capture and conviction of the assailant on motion of Hilton, seconded by Davis-Holmes and carried by the following vote:

**Ayes:** Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles, Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Davis-Holmes, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton

**Noes:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** Council Member/Agency Member/ Authority Board Member Santarina

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles suspended Oral Communication and added the Emergency Agenda Item as Item No. 11a.

**ACTION:** It was moved to approve Item No. 11a carried by the following vote:

**Ayes:** Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles, Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Davis-Holmes, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton

**Noes:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** Council Member/Agency Member/ Authority Board Member Santarina

Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Davis-Holmes requested

to staff to place the information on all social media accounts and will contact Carson High to have the information posted on their marquee.

Renee Powell – Non-Agenda Item

- Invited Council to a Night of Prayer for the City of Carson on May 2, 2016 at 7 P.M. at Central Baptist Church

Resident – Non-Agenda Item

- Offered comments on needing public safety on the streets of Carson and requested more patrolling by the sheriff's

Marcus Mousonti, candidate for Congress

- Commented on the crimes in Carson

Doreen Waymire – Non-Agenda Item

- Offered comments on the noise level of the circus at StuHub Center

Bill Smolley – Non-Agenda Item

- Commented on the circus noise disturbance

Speaker – Item No. 11a

- Commented on the need for a reward to bring the individual to justice

Tina Serafin – Non-Agenda Item

- Offered comments on the struggles of small businesses in the Albertsons shopping plaza on Carson St. and Main St.

Robert Lesly – Item No. 26

- Offered condolences to the Hoy family and commented on the selection for the council seat

Shalamar Lane – Item No. 26

- Commented on support for Brandi Murdock

Ivy Holden, Attorney

- Offered comments on crime in the community

Speaker – Item No. 26

- Offered support for Cedric Hicks

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Item No. 11. 2016-476      TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2016 (SPECIAL) MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2016 (SPECIAL)**

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

Ayes: Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles, Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Davis-Holmes, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton  
Noes: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Council Member/Agency Member/ Authority Board Member Santarina

**CONSENT: (Items 12-19)**

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

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles requested to pull Item No. 16.

The motion to approve Consent Items No. 12-19, except Item No. 16, was carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles, Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Davis-Holmes, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton  
Noes: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Council Member/Agency Member/ Authority Board Member Santarina

**Item No. 12. 2016-459 Resolution No. 16-042, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON RATIFYING CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$592,970.95, DEMAND CHECK NUMBERS 128743 THROUGH 129144**

ACTION: Item No. 12 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 13. 2016-469 Resolution No. 16-10-CSA, A RESOLUTION OF THE CARSON SUCCESSOR AGENCY RATIFYING CLAIMS AND DEMAND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,049.40, DEMAND CHECK NUMBER SA-001654**

ACTION: Item No. 13 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 14. 2016-470 Resolution No. 16-10-CHA, A RESOLUTION OF THE CARSON HOUSING AUTHORITY RATIFYING CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,727.10, DEMAND CHECK NUMBERS HA-001549 THROUGH HA-001553**

ACTION: Item No. 14 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 15. 2016-305 CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CONSULTANT RETAINER**

**AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE STAFF AUGMENTATION TO IMPLEMENT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROJECTS AND VARIOUS DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS; AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 16-038 (CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:

1. APPROVE a Consultant Retainer Agreement with W.G. Zimmerman Engineering Inc. to provide staff augmentation for the term of April 20, 2016 through June 30, 2017, in the amount of \$70,000.00.
2. APPROPRIATE \$70,000.00 from the unreserved, undesignated general fund balance to cover the cost of professional staff extension services.
3. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute the Consultant Retainer Agreement following approval as to form by the City Attorney.
4. WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 16-038, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CARSON CITY COUNCIL AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2015-16 BUDGET IN THE GENERAL FUND."

ACTION: Item No. 15 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 16. 2016-383 CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT & RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS WITH FRANK LINDSAY (CITY COUNCIL)**

City/Authority/Agency Attorney Soltani gave the report.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles thanked the Council for continued protection of the residents and the City Attorney's office for their hard work.

Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Davis-Holmes thank the City Attorney's office for their hard work.

Recommendation: APPROVE the terms and conditions in the attached SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT & RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS with FRANK LINDSAY and AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE SAME following approval as to form by the City Attorney.

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

Ayes: Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles, Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Davis-Holmes, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Council Member/Agency Member/ Authority Board Member Santarina



**Item No. 17. 2016-445      CONSIDER AN AWARD OF PURCHASE ORDER FOR THE ROOF REPAIR AND RELATED COMPONENTS TO ANDERSON PARK PROJECT (CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation:      TAKE the following actions:  
1. AWARD a purchase contract to 4 Seasons Roofing, Inc., in the amount of \$110,040.00 from the Cooperative Agreement Bond Proceeds Fund.  
  
2. AUTHORIZE the expenditure of a construction contingency, if necessary in the amount of 11,004.00.

ACTION:      Item No. 17 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 18. 2016-468      CONSIDER OPTING OUT OF THE LOS ANGELES REGIONAL INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATION SYSTEM (LA-RICS) JOINT POWER AUTHORITY (JPA) (CITY COUNTY)**

Recommendation:      APPROVE staff recommendation and opt-out of the LA-RICS JPA.

ACTION:      Item No. 18 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 19. 2016-479      CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE CONTRACT SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CARSON AND MUNITEMPS TO PROVIDE A CONSULTANT, RALPH ARANDA, TO SERVE AS INTERIM DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES (CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation:      1. APPROVE contract services agreement between the City of Carson and MuniTemps to provide a consultant to serve as Interim Director of Community Services.  
2. Authorize the Mayor to execute the contract services agreement after approval as to form by the City Attorney.

ACTION:      Item No. 19 was approved on Consent.

**SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY: (None)**

**DISCUSSION: (Items 20-26)**

**Item No. 20. 2016-282      CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THREE FULL-TIME CITY EMPLOYEES TO PERFORM PARKING ENFORCEMENT SERVICES, INCLUDING APPROVAL FOR VEHICLES AND UNIFORMS (CITY COUNCIL)**

Interim Director Aranda gave the staff report.

Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Davis-Holmes questioned whether the City has been incorrectly policing vehicle traffic control. City Manager Farfsing responded the issue was brought to his attention from the City Attorney's office.

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:  
1. APPROVE the job description for Parking Control Officer with a Salary Range 326 (\$3,375.00 - \$4,298.00) of the AFSCME MOU.  
2. AUTHORIZE the City Manager or his/her designee to initiate recruitment for the Parking Control Officer positions.  
3. DISCONTINUE the contract with American Guard Services, once the City positions are filled.

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

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

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Council Member/Agency Member/ Authority Board Member Santarina

**Item No. 21. 2016-327 REORGANIZATION AND CONSOLIDATION OF CITY COUNCIL SUB-COMMITTEES (CITY COUNCIL)**

City Manager Farfsing gave a presentation.

Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Davis-Holmes asked where refuse was placed as it is still outstanding. City Manager responded to place it in the budget committee. She commented that the fireworks committee has not met and asked staff the process of making changes. Director Downs responded.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles asked for Council to provide their preference of committees to be announced at the next council meeting.

Recommendation: DISCUSS and PROVIDE direction to staff.

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

Ayes: Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles, Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Davis-Holmes, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton, Council

Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Council Member/Agency Member/ Authority Board Member Santarina

**Item No. 22. 2016-429 LOS ANGELES COUNTY OPEN SPACE GRANT UPDATE  
(CITY COUNCIL)**

City Manager Farfsing gave the staff report.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton asked who seeks grants within the staff. City Manager Farfsing responded.

Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Davis-Holmes asked how much Townson has generated in grants for the City. City Manager Farfsing answered the inquiry.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks inquired about making grants CEQA or deed restrictions. City/Authority/Agency Attorney Soltani responded.

Recommendation: AUTHORIZE staff to submit to Los Angeles County Regional Park Open Space District a request for an extension of six months in order to complete construction and file all closing documents for all projects not yet completed.

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

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

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Council Member/Agency Member/ Authority Board Member Santarina

**Item No. 23. 2016-460 CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS INVESTMENT  
ADVISOR TO ASSIST THE CITY TREASURER IN MANAGING  
INVESTMENTS (CITY COUNCIL)**

City Manager gave the staff report.

City/Authority/Agency Treasurer Cooper communicated concern about the action of requesting an investment advisor. She requested a quarterly meeting with the Finance Director and City Manager.

Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Davis-Holmes showed concern with not knowing the current financial advisors and wants the Finance Director to be

involved. She recommended that the City Treasurer is involved in the process.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton discussed the advantages of continuing the process.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles asked City/Authority/Agency Treasurer Cooper to provide a list of the current investors.

Recommendation: In consultation with the City Treasurer, DIRECT staff to prepare a Request for Qualifications for an investment advisor, solicit and REVIEW proposals and return to the City Council, Housing Authority Board and Successor Agency Board with a recommendation.

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

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

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Council Member/Agency Member/ Authority Board Member Santarina

**Item No. 24. 2016-461 UPDATE ON MOBILEHOME PARK CLOSURE MORATORIUM - PUBLIC OUTREACH (CITY COUNCIL)**

City/Authority/Agency Attorney Soltani gave the staff report.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles proposed a change to City Manager Farfsing in the letter that invites the public to contact Director Raymond to contact another staff member.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton asked staff to put the information in layman's terms.

Bill Smolley gave a testimony.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton asked if Mr. Smolley had any other documentation. Mr. Smolley responded.

Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Davis-Holmes asked if the organization, HAARD, was defunct. Mr. Smolley answered.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks reassured residents of the mobile home park that the City Council in working towards ensuring their homes remain in

Carson.

Recommendation:            CONSIDER Staff's Report on the Mobilehome Park Closure Ordinance

ACTION:        It was moved to send the letter and change the meeting date to May 10<sup>th</sup> as well as appointing another staff member to be the contact person on motion of Robles, seconded by Hilton and carried by the following vote:

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

Noes:        None

Abstain:     None

Absent:     Council Member/Agency Member/ Authority Board Member Santarina

**Item No. 25. 2016-471        FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION, SENIOR CASINO BRUNCH AND CITY ANNIVERSARY/MISS CARSON EVENTS (CITY COUNCIL)**

City Manager Farfsing gave the staff report.

Director Aranda explained the planning schedule.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles explained that due to the financial situation, the events will not be funded. He stated if the UUT tax passes, there may be funding for the Senior Casino Brunch and Miss Carson Pageant.

Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Davis-Holmes agreed with the Mayor. She stated she would rather put efforts into celebrating the City's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. She asked Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks if the senior programs still had \$10,000 that was allocated in the budget for events they selected. Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks responded the senior's program and activities has a donations account with approximately \$23,000 that could be used to fund their events.

Recommendation:            CONSIDER and PROVIDE direction to staff on whether or not to begin planning and promoting the annual Fourth of July Celebration, Senior Casino Brunch, and City Anniversary/Miss Carson Pageant events.

ACTION:        It was moved to defund the events and/or postpone to a later date until the budget is finalized on motion of Robles, seconded by Davis-Holmes and carried by the following vote:

Ayes:        Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles, Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Davis-Holmes, Council

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Council Member/Agency Member/ Authority Board Member Santarina

**Item No. 26. 2016-453      CONSIDER AMENDING PROCESS, BECAUSE OF A TIE, FOR SELECTION OF CANDIDATES FOR SECOND ROUND OF INTERVIEWS TO FILL VACANT CITY COUNCIL SEAT; CONSIDER CONDUCTING SECOND ROUND OF INTERVIEWS TO FILL VACANT CITY COUNCIL SEAT; CONSIDER MAKING APPOINTMENT TO FILL VACANT CITY COUNCIL SEAT (CITY COUNCIL)**

Item No. 26 was heard after Item No. 16 without objection.

City/Authority/Agency Attorney Soltani explained the process for selecting the candidates for the second round of interviews.

Jane Osuna gave her candidate speech and answered the questions of the Council.

Louis Diaz was the next candidate, followed by Cedric Hicks, Sr. and Brandi Murdock all responding to the questions of the Council.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles asked of each candidate what assurance they have that they will seek re-election and the probability of succeeding. Each candidate responded to the question.

Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Davis-Holmes asked of each candidate what they thought would be the major challenges in the city in the next 2-5 years. Each candidate answered the question.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton inquired to each candidate their thoughts on the number of services, whether increase or decrease based on the budget, the city provides to its residents. Each candidate responded to the question.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles nominated Cedric Hicks, Sr. to fill the vacancy.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton seconded the Mayor's nomination.

City Clerk/Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary Gause administered the oath.

Recommendation:                    1. ADOPT MOTION to amend previously adopted procedure for conducting interviews tonight, whereby the top three nominees who tied for a second round of interviews, being Cedric L. Hicks, Sr., Brandi S. Murdock and Louis Diaz, are interviewed, along with

Jane C. Osuna.

2. INTERVIEW Cedric L. Hicks, Sr., Brandi S. Murdock, Louis Diaz, and Jane C. Osuna for appointment to the vacant City Council seat.
3. CONSIDER making an appointment to the vacant City Council seat.

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

**Ayes:** Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles, Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Davis-Holmes, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton

**Noes:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** Council Member/Agency Member/ Authority Board Member Santarina

**ACTION:** It was moved to nominate Cedric Hicks, Sr. on motion of Robles, seconded by Hilton and carried by the following vote:

**Ayes:** Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles, Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Davis-Holmes, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton

**Noes:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** Council Member/Agency Member/ Authority Board Member Santarina

**ORDINANCE SECOND READING: (None)**

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR MATTERS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA (MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC) – None.**

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

City Manager Farfsing forwarded a request for Council Member/Agency Member/ Authority Board Member Santarina to add an item regarding SB1246.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (COUNCIL MEMBERS)**

Memorial Adjournments

Eric William D. Martino

Lulacito Lopez

Romulo Alcancio

Johnny Lee Young

Joyce Arleen Young

Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Davis-Holmes wished her aunt a Happy 102<sup>nd</sup> Birthday.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton requested prayers for the City of Houston.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks thanked the Council for selecting him as the new Council member.

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

City/Authority/Agency Attorney Soltani previously announced the items.

**RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION**

The meeting was recessed at 10:50 P.M. by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles to a continued Closed Session.

**RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

The meeting reconvened from the continued Closed Session at 12: 45 A.M. by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles.

**REPORT OF ACTIONS ON UNFINISHED OR CONTINUED CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

City/Authority/Agency Attorney Soltani reported:

Closed Session Item No. 1

No reportable action was taken.

Closed Session Item No. 2

No reportable action was taken.

Closed Session Item No.3b & 3c

No reportable action was taken on either item.

Closed Session Item No. 4

No reportable action was taken.

Closed Session Item No. 5

Council provided direction for settlement and authorized City Manager Farfsing to execute the settlement. A copy of the settlement agreement will be available in the City Clerk's office.

Closed Session Item No. 6

No reportable action was taken.

Closed Session Item No. 7

No reportable action was taken.



## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:14 A.M. by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles.

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Albert Robles  
Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman

ATTEST:

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City Clerk/Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary