



CITY OF CARSON

MINUTES CARSON CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING JULY 23, 2019

10:00 A.M.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 A.M. by Mayor Pro Tem Cedric Hicks in the Helen Kawagoe Council Chambers, Carson City Hall, located at 701 E. Carson Street, Carson, California 90745.

ROLL CALL:

City Clerk Gause-Aldana noted the roll:

Council Members Present:

Mayor Pro Tem Cedric Hicks, Council Member Lula Davis-Holmes, Council Member Jawane Hilton (exited the meeting at 10:24 A.M.) and Council Member Jim Dear

Council Members Absent:

Mayor Albert Robles

Other Elected Officials Present:

Donesia Gause-Aldana, City Clerk and Monica Cooper, City Treasurer

Also Present:

Sharon Landers, City Manager; Chris Neumeyer, Assistant City Attorney; John Raymond, Assistant City Manager; David Roberts, Assistant City Manager; Maria Williams-Slaughter, Director of Public Works; Saied Naaseh, Director of Community Development; Idris Al-Oboudi, Director of Community Services; Faye Moseley, Director of Human Resources and Risk Management; and Tarik Rahmani, Director of Finance.

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

DISCUSSION: (Items 1-4)

Item No. 1. 2019-717 CONSIDER CO-SPONSORSHIP OF THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY RELAY FOR LIFE EVENT SCHEDULED FOR JULY 26-27, 2019

Assistant City Manager Raymond deferred staff report to Director Al-Oboudi.

Director Al-Oboudi provided a brief staff report.

Mayor Pro Tem Hicks inquired about the cost for equipment.

Mike Whittiker, Human Services Manager, noted that Relay for Life has not been sponsored by the City for the past two years. He was not aware of the event taken place in Carson this year until 2 months ago. In addition, he noted the specifics related to the equipment rental, and noted only the funds to cover staff cost is what is being requested.

Council Member Davis-Holmes noted the city has co-sponsored Relay for Life events in the past. She stated the reason for the special meeting was because Mayor Pro Tem Hicks request to be added on the last regular City Council meeting agenda was denied and the event is scheduled to take place on July 26th -27th.

Assistant City Attorney Neumeyer stated City Attorney Soltani requested the City Attorney's Office be directed to review for exposures to liabilities regarding waivers and indemnifications.

Council Member Davis-Holmes added a friendly amendment to include future Relay for Life funding allocation as part of the Budget process.

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:
CO-SPONSOR the American Cancer Society - Carson Relay for Life event scheduled for July 26 - 27, 2019

ACTION: It was moved for City Attorney to ensure waiver and indemnification is added and funding allocation to be part of the budget process in the future on motion of Hicks, seconded by Dear and carried by the following vote:

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

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles, and Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton

Item No. 2. 2019-711 CONSIDER AND UPDATE SMP 1.67 FEE WAIVERS FOR CITY ASSOCIATED SPECIAL EVENTS (CITY COUNCIL)

Assistant City Manager Raymond deferred the staff report to Assistant City Manager Roberts.

Assistant City Manager Roberts provided a brief staff report.

Mayor Pro Tem Hicks noted the process for fee waivers has changed many times over the years and that the staff report reflects the original process for fee waivers.

Council Member Dear inquired about if co-sponsorships are included in the proposed policy.

Assistant City Manager Roberts noted the proposed policy is for room rental and equipment. It does not include co-sponsorship.

Council Member Davis-Holmes noted the rationale for fee waivers and the City Manager's authority to provide fee waivers to community groups.

Recommendation: TAKE the following action:
CONSIDER and PROVIDE direction on draft policy 01.01.07.

It was moved to approve staff recommendation on motion of Davis-Holmes, seconded by Hicks and carried by the following vote:

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

Item No. 3. 2019-718 CONSIDER FEE WAIVER FOR SOPHISTICATED DANCE STUDIO FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019/2020

Assistant City Manager Raymond deferred staff report to Director Al-Oboudi.

Director Al-Oboudi, Manager Mike Whittiker and Senior Services Coordinator Dani Cook provided a brief staff report.

Council Member Dear inquired about the number of city events Sophisticated Dance provides services for free.

Staff noted Sophisticated Dance will participate in approximately ten city events this year.

Council Member Davis-Holmes inquired about the Cultural Arts grants. She requested recommendations from Director Al-Oboudi.

Director Al-Oboudi recommended City Council allow him to speak with Sophisticated Dance, regarding the possibility of contracting with the organization to provide direct service to the City.

Council Member Davis-Holmes requested a report on contracting classes and issues related to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). She wanted to ensure there would be no lapse coverage in granting fee waivers.

Director Al-Oboudi confirmed there would be no lapse in coverage for Sophisticated Dance.

Discussion ensued about the process of contracting as it relates to the IRS rules.

Recommendation: DISCUSS and PROVIDE direction regarding a fee waiver for Sophisticated Dance.

Item No. 4. 2019-719 CONSIDER AND DISCUSS A PROCESS FOR GROUNDBREAKING AND RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONIES

Assistant City Manager Raymond provided a brief staff report.

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:
1. CONSIDER and PROVIDE direction.
2. DIRECT staff to review City procedures for Ground Breaking and Ribbon Cutting events in which the City is a participant and return to the City Council with a recommended policy if warranted.

ACTION: It was moved to direct staff to review City procedures for Ground Breaking and Ribbon Cutting events in which the City is a participant and return to the City Council with a recommended policy if need be on motion of Davis-Holmes, seconded by Dear and unanimously carried by the following vote:

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

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles and Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (COUNCIL MEMBERS)

Mayor Pro Tem Hicks

Wished his son a Happy Birthday.

Council Member Davis-Holmes

Requested to adjourn the meeting in memory of Bobby Johnson.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 A.M. by Mayor Pro Tem Hicks.

Mayor Albert Robles

ATTEST:

City Clerk Donesia Gause-Aldana