



**CITY OF CARSON**

**MINUTES  
CARSON CITY COUNCIL/  
SUCCESSOR AGENCY/HOUSING AUTHORITY  
REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 1, 2022  
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 via Zoom teleconference.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**Council Members/Agency Members/Authority Board Members Present via Zoom teleconference:**

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 Jim Dear, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Cedric Hicks, and Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Arleen Rojas

**Also Present via Zoom teleconference:**

Monica Cooper, City/Agency/Authority Treasurer; David Roberts, Acting City Manager; Sunny Soltani, City/Agency/Authority Attorney; John Raymond, Assistant City Manager; Saied Naaseh, Director of Community Development; Tarik Rahmani, Director of Finance; Robert Lennox, Director of Community Services; and Eliza Jane Whitman, Director of Public Works

**FLAG SALUTE:**

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

**INVOCATION:**

**Item No. 1. 2021-963 PASTOR JIMMY ORELLANA, CALVARY CHAPEL OF SOUTH BAY**

Pastor Jimmy Orellana 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 item.

**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 6:36 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:

**CLOSED SESSION (Items 2 to 3)**

**Item No. 2. 2022-070 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.  
Property: E. 223rd Street (APN 7315-012-900, 7315-012-804)  
Agency negotiator: David Roberts, Acting City Manager  
Negotiating parties: City of Carson and All Offerors Meeting Price and Terms of Payment Criteria To Be Determined by City Council.  
Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment.

ACTION: No reportable action was taken.

**Item No. 3. 2022-066 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

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

ACTION: The City Council unanimously authorized a settlement agreement with the City Manager which will be finalized and available for inspection in the City Clerk’s Office by the end of the week. In addition, the City Council instructed the City Attorney to negotiate a contract for appointment of Mr. David Roberts as the City Manager and will be brought back to the next City Council meeting for formal approval and consideration by the City Council.

**INTRODUCTIONS (MAYOR)**

**Item No. 4. 2021-905 REPORT FROM CAPTAIN JONES OF CARSON SHERIFF’S STATION**

Captain Jones gave an update/report on the following:

- Met with Block Club representatives
- Explorer Academy Graduation
- Annual Battle of the Badges Blood Drive on February 9, 2022, at the Carson Community Center
- Virtual Coffee with the Captain on February 22, 2022
- Catalytic Converter Etching Event and Vehicle Safety Event on March 5, 2022
- Introduced Kim Guerrero, new Operations Lieutenant, who offered comments

**Item No. 5. 2021-906 REPORT FROM ASSISTANT CHIEF BENNETT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Assistant Chief Bennett introduced Rosemary Vivero, Community Service Liaison, who offered comments.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**Item No. 6. 2022-031 UPDATE ON DOMINGUEZ CHANNEL ODOR INCIDENT**

Acting City Manager Roberts continued this item for two weeks.

**Item No. 7. 2022-032 UPDATE FROM LOS ANGELES COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICTS REGARDING SEWER SPILL IN CARSON**

Robert Ferrante, Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts, provided an update on the 12/30/21 Sewer Spill and Response.

**Item No. 8. 2022-044 PRESENTATION FROM WASTE MANAGEMENT REGARDING RECENT UPGRADES TO THE TRANSFER STATION IN THE CITY OF CARSON**

Doug Corcoran gave a PowerPoint presentation of the Waste Management Carson Transfer Facility Improvements.

**Item No. 9. 2021-945 PRESENTATION FROM CALTRANS DISTRICT 7 DIRECTOR TONY TAVARES**

Tony Tavares expressed his appreciation on the partnership between Caltrans and the City of Carson. He gave an update on the adoption process of Route 47.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear requested a follow up meeting with Tony Tavares, Mayor Davis-Holmes, and Director Whitman.

Questions were asked and answered.

**Item No. 10. 2022-061 PRESENTATION FROM SOUTH SANTA MONICA BAY WATERSHED COORDINATOR ON STORM WATER MANAGEMENT**

Nancy Shrodes, Watershed Coordinator, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the South Santa Monica Bay Stormwater and the Safe, Clean Water Program.

**Item No. 11. 2021-053 PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 4, 2022 AS NATIONAL WEAR RED DAY IN RECOGNITION OF WOMEN'S HEART HEALTH**

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes read the proclamation which was received by Sparkale Ross on behalf of Dr. Paluda.

**Item No. 12. 2022-048 PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY AS BLACK HISTORY MONTH (CITY COUNCIL)**

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks read the proclamation which was received by Dr. Mia McNulty, President of the Carson/Torrance NAACP, who offered words of gratitude.

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

(Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes exited the meeting at 8:35 P.M.)

William Koons, Vice Chair of the Environmental Commission – Item No. 29

Spoke about the removal of Rick Pulido from the Environmental Commission which was not done correctly and requested he be reinstated immediately.

(Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes reentered the meeting at 8:37 P.M.)

Rick Pulido – Item No. 28 and Item No. 29

Item No. 28 - Offered comments in support of the draft maps

Item No. 29 – Read a letter requesting an investigation for illegally being removed from the Environmental Commission. He requested his position as Environmental Commissioner be confirmed and acknowledged as soon as possible and if matter is not addressed that he will pursue legal matters.

Latia Suttle – Item No. 9 and Item No. 12

Item No. 9 – Referred to Tony Tavares presentation regarding customer service online; spoke about pending tickets that are not being addressed; referred to the fire that occurred on January 28, 2022 at the homeless encampment along the 110 freeway; requested housing be provided to the homeless and cleanup of encampments which has become dangerous putting lives, health and safety at risk for the homeless and the community

Item No. 12 – Spoke in support of the NAACP; noted the Carson/Torrance NAACP on Google has a non-working number of 310-885-3500

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes directed Acting City Manager Roberts to contact Latia Suttle regarding her request and pending tickets with Caltrans.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear offered his contact number and assistance to obtain the correct number for the NAACP to Latia Suttle.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Item No. 13. 2022-064      APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 20, 2021 CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

Recommendation:            Approve the minutes as listed.

ACTION:      It was moved to approve staff recommendation on motion of Hilton, seconded by Dear 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 14 to 26)**

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

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

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear referred to Item No. 25 and inquired if the continuing emergency request is for one month or ongoing.

Acting City Manager Roberts and Assistant City Manager Raymond responded to his inquiry.

The motion to approve Consent Items 14 to 26, except Item No. 22, 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. 14. 2022-071      Resolution No. 22-019, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON RATIFYING CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,978,991.46, DEMAND**

**CHECK NUMBERS 161215 THROUGH 161363**

ACTION: Item No. 14 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 15. 2022-072 COVID-19 UPDATE (CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation: 1. RECEIVE and FILE.

ACTION: Item No. 15 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 16. 2022-033 CONSIDER AN UPDATE ON CITY PROJECTS (CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation: RECEIVE and FILE this informational update.

ACTION: Item No. 16 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 17. 2022-047 CONSIDER AN UPDATE ON CITY COMMISSIONS (CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation: RECEIVE and FILE this report.

ACTION: Item No. 17 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 18. 2022-034 SENATE BILL 1383 INITIAL AND ANNUAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS (CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation: Receive and File.

ACTION: Item No. 18 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 19. 2021-816 CONSIDER AWARDING A CONTRACT TO BIG ANDY'S TROPHIES & PLAQUES AND TO GBROS, INC. FOR ON-CALL PURCHASE OF TROPHIES, PLAQUES, AND MEDALS AS NEEDED (CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation:

1. WAIVE any irregularities in the proposals received, pursuant to CMC 2611(b)(4); and
2. AWARD and APPROVE a three-year on-call contract services agreement, with two (2) one-year extensions at the City's discretion, to BIG ANDY'S TROPHIES & PLAQUES, for the provision of youth sports trophies, plaques, and medals, at a not-to-exceed contract sum of \$90,000.00 for the initial three-year contract term (Exhibit 4); and
3. AWARD and APPROVE a three-year on-call contract services agreement, with two (2) one-year extensions at the City's discretion, to GBROS INC for the provision of youth sports youth sports trophies, plaques, and medals, at a not-to-exceed contract sum of \$90,000.00 for the initial three-year contract term (Exhibit 5); and

4. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute the Big Andy's Trophies & Plaques contract and Gbros Inc. contract, following approval as to form by the City Attorney.

ACTION: Item No. 19 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 20. 2021-970**      **CONSIDER AWARD OF A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO PALP, INC. FOR PROJECT NO. 1413-4: CITY-WIDE ANNUAL RUBBERIZED SLURRY SEAL AND CRACK SEAL PROJECT AND CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 22-010 "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CARSON CITY COUNCIL AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 BUDGET IN THE SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS" (CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:

1. AWARD a Construction Contract for Project No. 1413-4: City-wide Annual Rubberized Slurry Seal, and Crack Seal program, in the amount of \$1,129,211.00, to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Palp, Inc.
2. AUTHORIZE the expenditure of construction contingencies in the amount of \$169,381.65 (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 following approval as to form by the City Attorney.
4. WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 22-010, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CARSON CITY COUNCIL AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 BUDGET IN THE SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS" for Project No. 1413-4: City-wide Annual Rubberized Slurry Seal, and Crack Seal program (Exhibit No. 3)

ACTION: Item No. 20 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 21. 2022-021**      **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO CONSULTANT ON CALL AGREEMENTS TO PROVIDE ON-CALL ENGINEERING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AND ON-CALL ARCHITECTURAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO THE ENGINEERING DIVISION OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AND EXTENDING THE CONTRACT THROUGH AUGUST 30, 2022; AND CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 22-009 AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 BUDGET IN THE GENERAL FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$400,000 (CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:

1. APPROVE Amendment No. 3 to Consultant On-Call Agreement with KOA Corporation to provide On-Call Engineering

- Professional Services increasing the not-to-exceed amount from \$750,000.00 to \$850,000.00 and extending the term by additional two (2) months until August 30, 2022 (Exhibit No. 1).
2. APPROVE Amendment No. 3 to Consultant On-Call Agreement with John M. Cruikshank Consultant Inc. (JMC2) to provide On-Call Engineering Professional Services increasing the not-to-exceed amount from \$750,000.00 to \$850,000.00.00 and extending the term by additional two (2) months until August 30, 2022 (Exhibit No. 2).
  3. Approve Amendment No. 3 to Consultant On-Call Agreement with Westberg and White, Inc. to provide On-Call Architectural Professional Services increasing the not-to-exceed amount from \$750,000.00 to \$850,000.00 and extending the term by additional two (2) months until August 30, 2022 (Exhibit No. 3).
  4. Approve Amendment No. 2 to Consultant On-Call Agreement with BOA Architecture to provide On-Call Architectural Professional Services increasing the not-to-exceed amount from \$250,000.00 to \$350,000.00 and extending the term by additional two (2) months until August 30, 2022 (Exhibit No. 4).
  5. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute each proposed Amendment to the Consultant On-Call Agreements following approval as to form by the City Attorney.
  6. WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 22-009, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CARSON CITY COUNCIL AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 BUDGET IN THE GENERAL FUND AND SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS" appropriating \$400,000 from the unassigned General Fund Balance to augment the current amount budgeted for each on-call Consultant (Exhibit No. 5)

ACTION: Item No. 21 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 22. 2022-056      CONSIDER AWARD OF A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO HARDY & HARPER, INC. FOR PROJECT NO. 1625: WILMINGTON AVENUE STREET IMPROVEMENT FROM CARSON STREET TO DEL AMO BOULEVARD, PROJECT NO. 1669: GLENN CURTISS STREET IMPROVEMENT FROM CENTRAL AVENUE TO WILMINGTON AVENUE, AND PROJECT NO. 1670: GLENN CURTISS STREET IMPROVEMENT FROM CENTRAL AVENUE TO WILMINGTON AVENUE (CITY COUNCIL)**

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

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks noted the progress of street improvements and more will be forthcoming.

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:  
 1. AWARD a Construction Contract for Project No. 1625:



Wilmington Avenue Street Improvement from Carson Street to Del Amo Boulevard, Project No. 1669: Glenn Curtiss Street Improvement from Central Avenue to Wilmington Avenue, and Project No. 1670: Charles Willard Street Improvement from Central Avenue to Wilmington Avenue, in the amount of \$1,811,000.00, to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Hardy & Harper, Inc.

2. AUTHORIZE the expenditure of construction contingencies in the amount of \$271,650.00 (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 following approval as to form by the City Attorney.

**ACTION:** It was moved to approve staff recommendations 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. 23. 2022-052** **CONSIDER AN AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR A MEDICAL SERVICES PROVIDER FOR EMPLOYMENT AND PRE-EMPLOYMENT RELATED EXAMINATIONS AS WELL AS WORK RELATED INJURIES AND ILLNESSES TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PERMANENTE MEDICAL GROUP, A PARTNERSHIP WITH KAISER FOUNDATION HEALTH PLAN, KAISER FOUNDATION HOSPITALS (CITY COUNCIL)**

**Recommendation:** TAKE the following actions:  
1. AWARD a three-year contract for a work-related medical services provider in an amount not to exceed \$105,000.00, to Southern California Permanente Medical Group, a partnership with Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Kaiser Foundation Hospitals (KP) for the period of March 1, 2022 through February 28, 2025 with two one-year extension options.  
2. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute the contract, following approval as to form by the City Attorney.

**ACTION:** Item No. 23 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 24. 2022-057** **CONSIDER ADOPTING A RESOLUTION RE-AUTHORIZING THE MEETINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE BODIES OF THE CITY**

**TO BE CONDUCTED VIA REMOTE TELECONFERENCING IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953(E) FOR A CONTINUED 30-DAY PERIOD (CITY COUNCIL, SUCCESSOR AGENCY, HOUSING AUTHORITY)**

Recommendation:

ADOPT Resolution No. 22-014, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, THE CARSON HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD, AND THE CARSON SUCCESSOR AGENCY BOARD, MAKING FINDINGS RELATED TO THE CONTINUED EXISTENCE OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO COVID-19 AND RE-AUTHORIZING THE MEETINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE BODIES OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CARSON SUCCESSOR AGENCY AND CARSON HOUSING AUTHORITY TO BE CONDUCTED VIA REMOTE TELECONFERENCING IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953(e) FOR A CONTINUED 30-DAY PERIOD." (Exhibit No. 1)"

ACTION: Item No. 24 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 25. 2022-058      CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION NO. 22-015 CONTINUING IN EFFECT THE PROCLAIMED LOCAL EMERGENCY RELATED TO THE DOMINGUEZ CHANNEL ODOR (CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation:

ADOPT Resolution No. 22-015, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, CONTINUING IN EFFECT THE PROCLAIMED LOCAL EMERGENCY PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION NO. 21-147 RELATED TO THE DOMINGUEZ CHANNEL ODOR (Exhibit No. 1)."

ACTION: Item No. 25 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 26. 2022-068      CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 22-017 APPROVING THE CITY OF CARSON'S APPLICATION FOR LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND CARRIAGE CREST PARK PROJECT AND RESOLUTION NO. 22-018 APPROVING THE CITY OF CARSON'S APPLICATION FOR LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND FOISIA PARK PROJECT (CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation:

1. WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 22-017, "RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND CARRIAGE CREST PARK PROJECT."  
2. WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 22-018, "RESOLUTION OF CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR LAND AND WATER

CONSERVATION FUND FOISIA PARK PROJECT."

ACTION: Item No. 26 was approved on Consent.

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

**Item No. 27. 2022-046 PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 22-016, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA ADOPTING A NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR AND APPROVING GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT 22-01 FOR THE 2021-2029 GENERAL PLAN HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE (CITY COUNCIL)**

Item No. 27 was heard after the Closed Session Report.

City Clerk/Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary, Dr. Khaleah K. Bradshaw gave the Public Hearing Report.

Director Naaseh gave a staff report.

Ratif Bhatia, Consultant, gave a PowerPoint presentation of the Draft 2021-2029 Housing Element. He introduced Matt Alvarez who continued the PowerPoint presentation related to changes of the program timeline.

Mr. Bhatia continued the PowerPoint presentation.

Public Testimony

Rick Pulido

Urged the City Council to ensure community outreach; requested staff to address low-income housing and affordable housing; requested staff to reach out to the City commissioners and key leaders of the community; and compliance with State law.

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

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:  
1. OPEN the public hearing;  
2. TAKE public testimony and accept any written and/or oral communications;  
3. CLOSE the public hearing; AND  
4. WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 22-016, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA ADOPTING A NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR AND APPROVING GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT 22-01 FOR THE 2021-2029 GENERAL PLAN HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE"

ACTION: It was moved to adopt Resolution No. 22-016, as read by title only, on motion of Dear, 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

**DISCUSSION: (Items 28 to 29)**

**Item No. 28. 2022-051 CONSIDER THE REDISTRICTING OF ESTABLISHED CITY COUNCIL DISTRICTS BASED ON THE RESULTS OF THE 2020 DECENNIAL CENSUS ON REDISTRICTING, AND REVIEW OF DRAFT MAP #3 AND DRAFT MAP #4**

Item No. 28 was heard after Item No. 22.

Assistant City Manager Raymond gave a staff report.

Recommendation: 1. CONSIDER Draft Map #3 and Draft Map #4.  
2. PROVIDE direction to Staff and the Demographer on Draft Maps #1 through Draft Map #4.

ACTION: Presentation was made and direction given to staff and the demographer as follows:

Andrew Westall, Demographer, gave a PowerPoint presentation and updates on Draft Map #3 and Draft Map #4.

The Mayor and City Council agreed to promote more community input and that each host their own town hall meeting in-person or virtually if time permits with the assistance of staff and Andrew Westall and use of Walkman with no objection heard.

Assistant City Manager Raymond noted upcoming workshops on February 8, 2022 and February 9, 2022.

Andrew Westall noted upcoming workshops on February 16, 2022 at Anderson Park and February 22, 2022 at Carson Park.

City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani discussed the city mailing policy.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear stated he would be willing to host his own workshop or cohost with another Council Member.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes recommended staff work with Andrew Westall for additional costs and coordinate additional dates.

**Item No. 29. 2022-012      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:

Economic Development Commission

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear appointed Nasser Watar as his unchallenged appointment to the Economic Development Commission.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Rojas appointed Trini Jimenez as her unchallenged appointment to the Economic Development Commission.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes appointed Ted Cordova as Alternate 1 to the Economic Development Commission.

It was moved to ratify the Mayor's appointment of Ted Cordova as Alternate 1 to the Economic Development Commission on motion of Dear, seconded by Rojas 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

City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani noted point of order and clarified that the intent of the City Charter is for the uncontested appointments to be uncontested, therefore, there is no need for the vote of the City Council.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes clarified the Mayor's removal of Rick Pulido from the Environmental Commission on November 16, 2021 was her uncontested appointee.

Subsequently, she appointed Rick Pulido as her uncontested appointment to the Environmental Commission and removed him as her uncontested appointment to the Environmental Commission.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear referred to the letters submitted by William Koons and Rick Pulido via email regarding Rick Pulido's removal from the Environmental Commission on November 16, 2021. He noted that since Rick Pulido has been her appointee and voted on and ratified by the City Council for more than a year, therefore, the Mayor was not in a position to remove Rick Pulido without a motion and a vote of the City Council.

City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani confirmed receipt of Rick Pulido's letter which he read earlier in the meeting. She noted the Mayor appointed five regular members to the Environmental Commission on January 14, 2021 and did not clarify if any of them were her uncontested appointees at that time. She stated she will need to develop an implementation ordinance and guidelines going forward to avoid issues. Furthermore, she asked staff to research whether there is a practice of the Mayor noting her uncontested appointees are and staff confirmed the Mayor does not typically declare who her uncontested appointees are which needs to be corrected going forward for clarity.

City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani noted she understands the Mayor is not arguing her removal of Rick Pulido from the Environmental Commission and appointed him as her uncontested appointment and removed him as her uncontested appointment from the Environmental Commission. The Mayor and City Council have the discretion to appoint uncontested to their vacancy which is okay but removing Rick Pulido on the same evening she will review the City Charter. She does not recall seeing placing a time limit as to how long a commissioner has to stay on the commission they serve. This highlights the need for the City Council to develop clear guidelines and will work with the Acting City Manager and bring back a policy or an ordinance since the language of the City Charter is proving problematic on the uncontested appointee issue.

Discussion ensued regarding the Mayor and City Council appointments requiring City Council body to remove if voted to approve the appointment.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear inquired if the City Clerk received correspondence from William Koons regarding the removal of Rick Pulido from the Environmental Commission. The City Clerk confirmed receipt of his written communication.

City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani suggested that since Rick Pulido has threatened legal action that it is not wise to have discussion publicly in light of his threat of suing the city and to continue this issue to have an opportunity to discuss with the City Council in Closed Session under protection of the Brown Act and come up with a solution at the next meeting.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Rojas inquired if there is a process on how to remove an uncontested appointee and City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani noted

there is not. She suggested the City Council instruct Acting City Manager Roberts and the City Attorney to develop a policy regarding the removal of uncontested appointees and bring back to the City Council.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes directed staff to bring back and continue the Environmental Commission item regarding Rick Pulido.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear requested staff to recognize Rick Pulido as a current Environmental Commissioner and not removed.

#### Motion

It was moved to deem Rick Pulido as an Environmental Commissioner and never removed properly and remain as an Environmental Commissioner on motion of Dear.

During discussion of the motion, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear acknowledged Rick Pulido as a current commissioner then his litigation would go away completely and no longer be a threat.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Rojas seconded the motion.

City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani preferred to have dialogue in Closed Session because of the threat of litigation and suggested the Environmental Commission be continued for two weeks from the date of the commission meeting for the issue to be resolved by then.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear stated the avoidance of an investigation and litigation if Rick Pulido is allowed to remain a member of the Environmental Commission and if removed to be removed properly. He was not removed properly, therefore, he should be considered currently a member of the Environmental Commission.

Mayor/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Davis-Holmes reiterated that Rick Pulido was her unchallenged appointee and abide what the City Attorney requested.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton inquired if Rick Pulido is allowed to stay as a commissioner and what is the difference if he stayed on and Mayor removed him.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear stated the issue is he was not designated uncontested when he was appointed and was appointed with a group of others and the Mayor and City Council confirmed the appointments, therefore was not the uncontested appointment. The Mayor claimed Rick Pulido as her uncontested appointment and cannot retroactively claim a year later.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Rojas inquired if the terms contested, uncontested, unchallenged are mentioned in the City Charter.

City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani referred to the City Charter that, the mayor and each member of the city council may appoint one member to a position on each city board, committee or commission and the remaining membership position shall be appointed by the mayor and approved by majority of the city council. Although the word uncontested is not there but if you

look at the legislative history of the City Charter the discussions that took place coming up with the provision, the intent was clearly for each council person to have an uncontested appointment.

Upon inquiry, she referred to Section 605 of the City Charter, any member of an advisory board, committee or commission shall serve at the pleasure of the city council and may be removed at any time upon recommendation/nomination for removal by Mayor and a vote of a majority of the membership of the city council.

#### Substitute Motion

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear offered a substitute motion to accept Council Member and Mayor Pro Tempore's suggestion that we approve this motion keeping Rick Pulido on the Environmental Commission and two weeks from now bring up to Closed Session to discuss what to do going forward, and seconded by Rojas.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear noted a Closed Session discussion in two weeks under potential litigation and also place item in open session.

City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani clarified Council Member Dear's motion for City Council to pause the Mayor's removal of Commissioner Rick Pulido pending the investigation of the matter and report to the City Council in Closed Session about the legality of the removal and what the process will be going forward.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear noted to also include in the February 15, 2022 City Council agenda to set the policy the way it should be regarding uncontested appointments. He supports the Mayor's policy to have uncontested appointments for the Mayor and City Council that do not require a ratification vote.

City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani noted it is an appropriate motion.

#### Vote of Substitute Motion

The substitute motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Upon inquiry, City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani clarified only the mayor has the authority to appoint and Council Member Dear's motion is to pause the removal of Rick Pulido from the Environmental Commission pending the investigation and a Closed Session on the issue because there is threat of litigation and not appointing him.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Rojas noted to also review Section 605 of the City Charter.

City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani noted there are other issues with respect to removals and will work on implementation guidelines with Acting City Manager Roberts and City Clerk



Bradshaw.

Planning Commission

Council Member Rojas appointed Richard Hernandez as her uncontested appointment to the Planning Commission as Regular Member, thereby creating a vacancy of Alternate 2.

Public Safety Commission

Council Member Rojas appointed Louis Cogut as her uncontested appointment to the Public Safety Commission as Regular Member, thereby creating a vacancy of Alternate 2.

Senior Citizens Advisory Commission

Council Member Rojas appointed Dan Cole as her uncontested appointment to the Senior Citizens Advisory Commission.

Veterans Affairs Commission

Council Member Rojas appointed Karl Wilvert as her uncontested appointment to the Veterans Affairs Commission.

Women's Issues Commission

Council Member Rojas appointed Dr. Greta Price as her uncontested appointment to the Women's Issues Commission as Regular Member, thereby creating a vacancy of Alternate 1.

Mobilehome Park Rental Review Board

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear suggested that the uncontested regular members of the Mobilehome Park Rental Review Board should only be in the category of regular members to provide an opportunity for Council Member Rojas to appoint a regular member to the board. Each Council Member should have one regular member to be discussed at a future meeting and requested the City Attorney to correct the deficiency which she acknowledged.

Relocation Appeals Board

Council Member Dear appointed Tancredo "Jun" Guray, Jr. as his uncontested appointment to the Relocation Appeals Board.

**MEMORIAL ADJOURNMENTS**

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

Rodolfo "Rudy" Asis  
Juana Marina Francisco  
Hakim Mendez  
James B. Marriott  
Ernie Enesi  
Roberts Woods, Sr.  
Rosa Maria De Vera Javier  
Darna Umayam  
Estepan Torres  
Gloria Elaine Cooper

Wanda Moore  
Jessie Beatrice Jones

Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Hilton requested to add Charna Sansberry to the Memorial Adjournments.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks requested to add Richard Dunning to the Memorial Adjournments.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Rojas requested to add Vicente Diaz and Rodquee Beezer to the Memorial Adjournments.

Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Hilton requested to add Joyce Govan to the Memorial Adjournments.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear requested to add Richard Close to the Memorial Adjournments.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes requested a prayer from Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Hilton.

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

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

Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Hilton requested the process of designating a tennis court at Hemingway Park as a Pickle Ball court.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes referred Mayor Pro Tempore Hilton to Director Lennox and Acting City Manager Roberts for the tennis court designation.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear requested to consider reestablishing the system of having the majority of the Council Members the ability to place an item on the agenda which currently takes a super majority and would like an ordinance to remove the amendment to the Council ordinance agenda system currently in place.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Rojas requested the following:

- Staff to research or develop a proposal to establish a City of Carson Building and Safety division. Acting City Manager Roberts acknowledged her request.
- Review the agenda ordinance as Council Member Dear requested.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes directed Acting City Manager Roberts to provide Council Member Rojas a copy of the current agenda ordinance which he confirmed.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks inquired about reviewing the governance policy affecting the districts since there is one person remaining who is not in the district. Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes recommended the City

Council Redistricting Ad Hoc Committee come back with a recommendation to the City Council.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (COUNCIL MEMBERS)**

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks thanked the South Western Carpenters Union 562 for their support, donation and manpower who provided KN95 masks at four mobilehome parks in District 3 – Vera Carson Mobilehome Park, Country Estates Mobilehome Park, Park Villa Mobilehome Park and Paradise Trailer Lodge on Saturday. He noted there will be a second mask distribution in each area within District 3.

**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 10:55 P.M. by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes.

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Lula Davis-Holmes  
Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman

ATTEST:

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