



CITY OF CARSON
MINUTES
CARSON CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
APRIL 14, 2020
5:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 5:12 P.M. by Mayor Albert Robles via Zoom Teleconference.

ROLL CALL:

City Clerk Donesia Gause-Aldana noted the roll:

Council Members Present via Zoom Teleconference:

Mayor Albert Robles, Mayor Pro Tem Jim Dear, Council Member Lula Davis-Holmes, Council Member Jawane Hilton, and Council Member Cedric Hicks

Also Present via Zoom Teleconference Telephone:

Monica Cooper, City Treasurer; Sharon Landers, City Manager; Sunny Soltani, City Attorney; David Roberts, Assistant City Manager; John Raymond, Assistant City Manager; Saied Naaseh, Director of Community Development; Faye Moseley, Director of Human Resources and Risk Management; and Tarik Rahmani, Director of Finance; and Captain Skeen, Carson Sheriff Station.

Mayor Robles requested a brief moment of silence in honor of retired City Clerk Helen Kawagoe.

Mayor Pro tem Dear announced that he and City Clerk Gause-Aldana are planning a public memorial service in Helen Kawagoe's honor.

Mayor and City Council offer words and condolences for Helen Kawagoe, retired City Clerk.

City Clerk Gause-Aldana offered words and condolences for Helen Kawagoe, retired City Clerk.

City Manager Landers offered comments.

Captain Skeen offered words and condolences for Helen Kawagoe, retired City Clerk.

City Attorney Soltani offered words and condolences for Helen Kawagoe, retired City Clerk.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

City Clerk Gause-Aldana presented the following public comments:

Email from Liz Foisia

Clarified her letter that was read into the record at the Council meeting on April 7, 2020 regarding Item No. 14.

Email from Gerardo Yap

Noted a list of items that essential workers should have.

City Hall Comment Box from Jim Dally

Requested information on masks for residents.

City Hall Comment Box from Concerned Carson Resident

Offered comments in support of general public wearing face masks.

Website Email from Kenneth Shin

Requested the city to utilize a market value appraisal for valuation of mobile home park homes and postponing all public hearings related to the sale of property until the Governor lifts the "Stay at Home" order.

Email from Luz Padua

Thanked the Mayor and Council for their response to her message on March 31, 2020 regarding refunds from Parks and Recreation.

Website Email from Antonio

Asked about the following: 1) When will a drive thru testing site open in Carson; 2) Who will enforce the face mask policy; and 3) When is the city providing face masks/coverings and gloves to Carson residents.

Mayor Robles announced that a Press Conference will be held at City Hall on Thursday, April 16, 2020 at 10:00 A.M.

Mayor and City Council addressed comments made during oral communication addressing plans and ideas to assist with concerns of the residents.

Captain Skeen reported on the following:

- Deputies responded to the first death related to COVID-19 in the community. The deceased was elderly.
- The Sheriff ordered that all department personnel take every precaution to wearing face masks/coverings while interacting with the public on duty.
- Face Mask issuance program led by the City in collaboration with LASD.

DISCUSSION: (Item 1)

Item No. 1. 2020-233

COVID-19 UPDATE (CITY COUNCIL)

Recommendation: 1. DISCUSS and PROVIDE direction.

City Manager Landers gave a PowerPoint presentation on the trends related to COVID-19 Pandemic.

City Clerk Gause-Aldana provided a PowerPoint summarizing actions taken by the Disaster Council.

Human Services Manager Mike Whittiker gave a PowerPoint presentation of the COVID-19 Task Force services and an update on the Grab and Go and Carson's Essentials To Go programs.

Assistant City Manager Roberts provided an update and distribution plan for distributing the city issued face masks.

Assistant City Manager Raymond spoke about the lending program, loans and grants to assist Carson small businesses.

Director Naaseh stated notices will be sent to business owners regarding price gouging protections for tenants against unwarranted rent increases for residential and commercial tenants. In addition, a notice will be sent to all mobile home residents advising that the City will not grant any rent increases during the declared local emergency. Lastly, the notices will include information about the Carson Essentials Grocery program.

Mayor and Council offered comments.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (COUNCIL MEMBERS) – None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 P.M. by Mayor Robles.

Mayor Albert Robles

ATTEST:

City Clerk Donesia Gause-Aldana