



**CITY OF CARSON**

**MINUTES**  
**CARSON CITY COUNCIL**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**MARCH 11, 2021**  
**5:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 P.M. by Mayor Lula Davis-Holmes via Zoom teleconference.

**ROLL CALL:**

City Clerk Donesia Gause-Aldana noted the roll:

**Council Members Present via Zoom Teleconference:**

Mayor Lula Davis-Holmes, Mayor Pro Tem Jim Dear, 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; Tarik Rahmani, Director of Finance; Robert Lennox, Director of Community Services; and Eliza Jane Whitman, Director of Public Works

**FLAG SALUTE:**

Council Member Hicks led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**INVOCATION:**

Council Member Hilton gave the invocation.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR MATTERS LISTED ON THE AGENDA (MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC)**

City Clerk Gause-Aldana presented the following public comments:

Katherine Bercasio - Email Received March 10, 2021 – Item No. 1

Offered comments in support of Attorney Jaime G. Monteclaro for appointment to fill the vacant City Council seat.

Virgil San Juan Sy - Email Received March 10, 2021 – Item No. 1

Offered comments in support of Jaime G. Monteclaro for appointment to fill the vacant City Council seat.

Ronnie Updike - Email Received March 10, 2021 – Item No. 1

Offered comments in support of Attorney Jaime G. Monteclaro for appointment to fill the vacant City Council seat.

Atty Roy RV Andal and Maria Carissa Andal - Email Received March 11, 2021 – Item No. 1

Offered comments in support of Attorney Jaime G. Monteclaro for appointment to fill the vacant City Council seat.

Lino Caringal - Email Received March 11, 2021 – Item No. 1

Offered comments in support of Attorney Jaime G. Monteclaro for appointment to fill the vacant City Council seat.

Oscar Manansala - Email Received March 11, 2021 – Item No. 1

Offered comments in support of Attorney Jaime G. Monteclaro for appointment to fill the vacant City Council seat.

Rafael Reyes - Email Received March 11, 2021 – Item No. 1

Offered comments in support of Jaime Monteclaro for appointment to fill the vacant City Council seat, urged the City Council to ensure wider participation of Asian American and Pacific Islander, and to avoid a costly \$200,000 Special Election.

Ferdinand Lustina and 13 other signers - Email Received March 11, 2021 – Item No. 1

Offered comments in support of Jaime Monteclaro for appointment to fill the vacant City Council seat, urged the City Council to ensure wider participation of Asian American and Pacific Islander, and to avoid a costly \$200,000 Special Election.

Jaime Monteclaro - Email Received March 11, 2021 – Item No. 1

Referred to "An Open Letter To Carson City Council" in support of himself for appointment to fill the vacant City Council seat, urged the City Council to ensure wider participation of Asian American and Pacific Islander, and to avoid a costly \$200,000 Special Election.

Gilbert Saturno Castillo - Email Received March 11, 2021 – Item No. 1

Offered comments in support of Attorney Jaime G. Monteclaro for appointment to fill the vacant City Council seat.

Fernandico Q. Gonong Jr. - Email Received March 11, 2021 – Item No. 1

Offered comments in support of Attorney Jaime G. Monteclaro for appointment to fill the vacant City Council seat.

Wilfredo N. Atienza - Email Received March 11, 2021 – Item No. 1

Offered comments in support of Attorney Jaime G. Monteclaro for appointment to fill the vacant City Council seat.

**DISCUSSION: (Item 1)**

**Item No. 1. 2021-183**

**CONSIDER FILLING THE CITY COUNCIL VACANCY OR CALLING FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL THE VACANT CITY COUNCIL SEAT TERM ENDING IN NOVEMBER 2022 (CITY COUNCIL)**

City Manager Landers gave a staff report.

Recommendation: RECEIVE update and DISCUSS any recommendations of the City Council Vacancy Ad Hoc Committee.  
APPROVE the appointment of a candidate to fill the vacant City Council seat term ending in November 2022;  
OR  
APPROVE the calling of a special election held on November 2, 2021 to be consolidated with the County of Los Angeles election;  
OR  
APPROVE the calling of an all-mail special election held on August 31, 2021 to be conducted by the County of Los Angeles;  
OR  
APPROVE the appointment of a candidate to fill the vacant City Council seat until the election results of either the August or November, 2021 are duly certified.

ACTION: The Mayor and City Council took the following actions:

Main Motion

It was moved to appoint Jaime Monteclaro to fill the vacant City Council seat on motion of Hicks, seconded by Davis-Holmes.

Vote on Substitute Motion

Council Member Hilton offered a substitute motion to nominate Elito Santarina to fill the vacant City Council seat, seconded by Dear and failed to carry for lack of majority by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Dear and Council Member Hilton  
Noes: Mayor Davis-Holmes and Council Member Hicks  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

Vote on Main Motion

The main motion failed to carry for lack of majority by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Davis-Holmes and Council Member Hicks  
Noes: Mayor Pro Tem Dear and Council Member Hilton  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

Main Motion

It was moved to appoint Jerry Groomes to fill the vacant City Council seat on motion of Dear, seconded by Hilton and failed to carry for lack of majority by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Dear and Council Member Hilton  
Noes: Mayor Davis-Holmes and Council Member Hicks  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

Substitute Motion

Mayor Davis-Holmes offered a substitute motion to nominate Freddie Gomez to fill the vacant City Council seat, seconded by Hicks and failed to carry for lack of majority by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Davis-Holmes and Council Member Hicks  
Noes: Mayor Pro Tem Dear and Council Member Hilton  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

Main Motion

It was moved to nominate Brandi Williams-Murdock to fill the City Council vacant seat on motion of Hilton, seconded by Dear and failed to carry for lack of majority by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Dear and Council Member Hilton  
Noes: Mayor Davis-Holmes and Council Member Hicks  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

Substitute Motion

Mayor Davis-Holmes offered a substitute motion to nominate Alex Cainglet to fill the vacant City Council seat, seconded by Hicks and failed to carry for lack of majority by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Davis-Holmes and Council Member Hicks  
Noes: Mayor Pro Tem Dear and Council Member Hilton  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

Mayor Pro Tem Dear spoke about the recommendations of the Commissions, Committees and Boards Consolidations Ad Hoc Committee.

Main Motion

It was moved to nominate Isa Pulido to fill the City Council vacant seat on motion of Hilton, seconded by Dear.

Substitute Motion

Council Member Hicks offered a substitute motion to appoint Charles Thomas to fill the City Council vacant seat, seconded by Davis-Holmes and failed to carry for lack of majority by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Davis-Holmes and Council Member Hicks  
Noes: Mayor Pro Tem Dear and Council Member Hilton  
Abstain: None

Absent: None

Vote on Main Motion

The main motion failed to carry for lack of majority by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Dear and Council Member Hilton  
Noes: Mayor Davis-Holmes and Council Member Hicks  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

It was moved to call for a special election held on November 2, 2021 to be consolidated with the County of Los Angeles election on motion of Davis-Holmes, seconded by Dear and unanimously carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Davis-Holmes, Mayor Pro Tem Dear, Council Member Hilton, and Council Member Hicks  
Noes: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

Mayor Pro Tem Dear read the resolution regarding the Special Municipal Election for the record.

City Clerk Gause-Aldana confirmed that the resolution number that was approved in the previous vote is Resolution No. 21-033.

City Attorney Soltani clarified that there will be further resolutions that will need to come back to the City Council for the setting of the election which City Clerk Gause-Aldana confirmed.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (COUNCIL MEMBERS)**

Mayor and City Council spoke about their justification for approving a special election to fill the City Council vacancy.

Council Member Hilton spoke about residents receiving a postcard reminder of the second vaccination and to remind residents to bring their vaccination card.

Mayor Davis-Holmes announced that the Prevailing in Christ Ministries Church located at 1609 E. Del Amo Boulevard is hosting a vaccination site for 65 years and older on March 20, 2021 from 10:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. The contact number is 310-604-9939 to sign up.

In addition, a mobile vaccine program will be sponsored by Mayor Davis-Holmes and Council Member Hicks. Mayor Davis-Holmes noted that she will provide more information at the next City Council meeting.

Council Member Hilton offered a special prayer for Council Member Hicks' father.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 P.M. by Mayor Davis-Holmes.

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Mayor Lula Davis-Holmes

ATTEST:

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City Clerk Donesia Gause-Aldana