



## **CITY OF CARSON**

### **MINUTES CARSON CITY COUNCIL/ SUCCESSOR AGENCY/HOUSING AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 21, 2021 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:**

Chief Deputy City Clerk/Chief Deputy Agency Secretary/Chief Deputy Authority Secretary John W. Carroll, Sr. noted the roll:

#### **Council Members/Agency Members/Authority Board Members Present via Zoom Teleconference:**

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Lula Davis-Holmes, Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Jim Dear, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Jawane Hilton, and Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Cedric Hicks

#### **Also Present via Zoom Teleconference:**

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

#### **FLAG SALUTE:**

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

#### **INVOCATION:**

**Item No. 1. 2021-676 PASTOR ED LALAU, CARSON SAMOAN ASSEMBLY OF GOD – Not present**

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton gave the invocation.

## **CLOSED SESSION (Items 2-5)**

**REPORT ON ANY PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS (CITY CLERK) -**  
None

## **ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS (CITY ATTORNEY)**

City Manager Landers announced the Closed Session items.

## **RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION**

The meeting was recessed at 5:05 P.M. by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes to Closed Session.

## **RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

The meeting was reconvened at 6:14 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:

### **Item No. 2. 2021-714 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 of Carson is a party. The title of such litigation is as follows:  
CAM-CARSON, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, Plaintiff, v. CARSON RECLAMATION AUTHORITY, a California joint powers authority; the CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, a municipal corporation; RE | SOLUTIONS, LLC., a Colorado limited liability company; and DOES 1 through 50, inclusive, Defendants, Case Number 20STCV16461, Superior Court.

ACTION: No reportable action was taken.

### **Item No. 3. 2021-728 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:  
Carter-Spencer Enterprises, LLC v. City of Carson, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCP02987.

ACTION: No reportable action was taken.

### **Item No. 4. 2021-730 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (CITY COUNCIL)**

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 one case.

ACTION: The City Council authorized litigation by City of Carson against Carter-Spencer Enterprises LLC.

**Item No. 5. 2021-642 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR (CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation: A closed session will be held, pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6, with Sharon Landers, City Manager and Faye Moseley, Director of Human Resources & Risk Management of City, its negotiators, regarding labor negotiations with AME, CPSA affiliated with SEIU Local 721, AFSCME 1017 and AFSCME Local 809.

ACTION: No reportable action was taken.

**INTRODUCTIONS (MAYOR)**

**Item No. 6. 2021-690 REPORT FROM CAPTAIN JONES OF CARSON SHERIFF'S STATION**

Captain Jones reported/announced the following:

- Station celebrated its 47<sup>th</sup> anniversary; broke ground September 16, 1974
- Met with other city leaders at the Educational Summit
- Driving under the influence (DUI) Checkpoint held Friday, September 10, 2021
- Continued meetings with Emergency Services Manager Raymond Cheung and staff for planning and ready Carson alert meetings
- Participating in the Leaders of Preparedness Academy Crime Prevention Discussion on September 22, 2021, at the Carson Community Center
- Participating in the Block Captain Appreciation event on Saturday, 25, 2021
- Carson Coffee with the Station on Tuesday, September 28, 2021
- Contact the Community Relations Office for information
- Deputies continue to patrol neighborhoods
- Felt earthquake last week and reminded everyone on the importance of being prepared – secure your hazardous and movable items, strap water heater, etc. to avoid catastrophe and minimize damage; identify location of your gas and water shut off valves and have proper tool (wrench) nearby; have a disaster plan; organize and check disaster supplies and important documents

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear complimented the Sheriff Department for their quick response during the earthquake.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes thanked Captain Jones and the Sergeant who was Acting Captain and for his leadership while he and the Mayor were away at

a conference.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton spoke about an incident that occurred at Stevenson Park with kids at the park. Residents were upset with the response time and asked Captain Jones to explain why the response time took the time that it did. Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton stated he would like to work with the city to provide counseling for the children having questions. Captain Jones gave an overview of the incident that occurred and his Deputies response to the incident.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes asked the City Manager to identify the kids who were at the park to offer them counseling. Captain Jones stated he would like to join in the counseling with the parents and children. City Manager Landers responded in the affirmative.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks thanked Captain Jones for their response during the earthquake. He reported individuals speeding at high speeds along University Drive between Avalon Boulevard and Wilmington Avenue. There were crashes of hitting the control box and recently a power pole causing issues with AT&T. City Manager to contact Southern California Edison to repair expeditiously. He suggested more traffic lights on University Drive to curtail speed of traffic which has been going on for some time and inquired about the status of the speed apparatus. Captain Jones responded to his inquiry.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks reported street takeovers that are still occurring on Dominguez Street and Santa Fe Avenue. He asked the City Manager to look into cameras at intersections and hotspots. He also reported there are a lot of abandoned vehicles at Matcool Street and Sepulveda Boulevard at the 405 Freeway underpass location. Captain Jones stated he would look into the abandoned vehicles.

**Item No. 7. 2021-670 REPORT FROM CHIEF BENNETT, LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Chief Brian Bennett introduced himself stepping in for Chief Scott Hale who will be retiring after 35 years of service. He gave a report through August for run totals and response times. He spoke about the recent earthquake, surveyed the district, and found no major infrastructure damage. Preparation is key.

Chief Bennett stated he visited City Hall to pick up the clocks to be presented for the Baby Maddy Run. He stated local firefighters responded to a near drowning of Maddy. He thanked the city for the recognition and accolades on behalf of all the firefighters who were on the rescue call. He stated he would personally present the clocks to each of the six firefighters who were on the call.

Mayor and City Council thanked the Fire Department for the service they provide to the Carson area and saving Maddy's life a few weeks ago.

City Manager Landers acknowledged Chief Scott Hale's upcoming retirement and will invite him to a future City Council meeting.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks asked about the fundraiser for Fill the Boot. Chief Bennet responded the fundraiser is usually held in February and decided not

to go forward in 2021 and will possibly be held in February of 2022.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### **Item No. 8. 2021-718 PRESENTATION ON THE SOUTH BAY FIBER NETWORK BY JACKI BACHARACH OF SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

Item No. 8 was heard after Item No. 26.

Jacki Bacharach of South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) gave an overview of South Bay Fiber Network.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks stated he is a delegate (Vice Chair) for the SBCCOG. He thanked Jacki Bacharach for bringing the South Bay Fiber Network to the South Bay Area which includes the City of Carson.

Mayor and City Council offered comments in support of the item.

### **Item No. 9. 2021-729 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE FROM THE OFFICE OF ASSEMBLYMEMBER MIKE A. GIPSON**

Moises “Jun” Aglipay, representative from the Office of Assemblymember Mike A. Gipson, gave a legislative update as follows:

- Assembly Bill (AB) 490 – Angelo’s Law
- AB 958 – Ban Law Enforcement Gangs
- AB 342 – Eliminating Cost Sharing for Colonoscopy
- \$3 million towards Carriage Crest Park forthcoming to the City of Carson for improvements in existing facilities and renovations of the recreational building
- Additional \$3 million forthcoming to the City of Carson
- \$10 million for Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Hospital
- \$50 million for Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and science of infrastructure development
- \$1.5 billion for the new Educator Effectiveness Block Grant Program to support teacher and staff professional development
- AB 520 – Diversifying the Teacher Workforce
- Five pending assembly bills
- September is National Suicide Prevention Month, event on Saturday, September 25, 2024, from 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M., at East Rancho Dominguez Park, 15116 Atlantic Avenue, East Compton, California
- Vacs to Pack Event this past weekend
- Next Vacs to Pack Event in October
- Virtual Town Hall Meeting last week
- Contact office at (310) 324-6408 or website [a65.asmdc.org](http://a65.asmdc.org)

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes stated she will be working on a wish list with the City Manager and staff for Assemblymember Gipson.

Mayor and City Council thanked Moises “Jun” Aglipay for his presentation. They also thanked and applauded Assemblymember Gipson for his work and providing funds to the City of Carson.

**Item No. 10. 2021-671      RECOGNITION FOR CARSON SCHOOL TEACHERS FOR WINNING THE SHELL SCIENCE LAB REGIONAL CHALLENGE: MATTHEW MEDRANO (CARSON HIGH SCHOOL), DAN BONN (TOWNE AVENUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL), AND BRENDAN LEYDEN (ANDREW CARNEGIE MIDDLE SCHOOL)**

Item No. 10 was heard after Item No. 7.

Superintendent Michael Romero acknowledged his presence.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes acknowledged and presented a Certificate of Recognition to Matthew Medrano from Carson High School, Dan Bonn from Towne Avenue Elementary School, and Brendan Leyden from Andrew Carnegie Middle School, for winning the Shell Science Lab Regional Challenge.

Superintendent Michael Romero thanked Mayor Davis-Holmes, Mayor Pro Tem Dear, and Council Member Hicks for their leadership and support of the youth and schools. He introduced the winning exemplar teachers: Daniel Bonn, Brendan Leyden, and Matthew Medrano. He introduced Dr. Afia Hemphill, Carson community School Administrator with the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD). She offered comments.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes announced the schools won \$15,000.00.

**Item No. 11. 2021-107      PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 15 THROUGH OCTOBER 15 AS HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH**

Item No. 11 was heard after Item No. 9.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes read the Proclamation and presented it to Commissioner Freddie Gomez who accepted with words of gratitude.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear stated he was unaware of the event held last Saturday at Foisia Park and would have attended if he had known.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton echoed the sentiment of Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear.

**Item No. 12. 2021-723      GOVERNMENT CONTACT INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS**

Director Naaseh gave a PowerPoint presentation on Aircraft Noise Concerns and Odor Concerns.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear inquired about vehicles that release smoke should be cited. Director Naaseh responded to his inquiry.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks thanked staff for the item and encouraged residents to report aircraft noise at 562-570-2665 and to report strong odor at 1-800-288-7664.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes requested staff to include the contact numbers in the Recreation Guide publication to the residents. City Manager Landers responded in the affirmative.

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

Chief Deputy City Clerk/Chief Deputy Agency Secretary/Chief Deputy Authority Secretary Carroll, Sr. presented the following comments that were submitted electronically:

### Kay Campbell - Item No. 26

Asked the City Council to enlighten the community if the Emergency Operations Plan will include how plans/communication flows between the Sheriff's Station, the local Fire Department and City Hall once a local emergency (such as fire or earthquake) is declared?

City Manager Landers noted Kay Campbell's request has been addressed by staff.

### Ricardo Pulido, Environmentalist/Commissioner/Long time Carson Homeowner - Item No. 11

Reminded Mayor Lula Davis-Holmes that when Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated to not "politicize" and turn celebration into an illegal political event clearly in violation of the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) laws and Carson Code of Ethics. No political propaganda can be handed out on public property; stated he witnessed and has evidence of Freddie Gomez and his team illegally handing out to him and the audience a green political brochure at Foisia Park on September 18, 2021. He requested the City Attorney, the City Clerk's office, and the City Council to investigate this violation by the next City Council Meeting. He stated Freddie Gomez does not deserve the proclamation.

### Ricardo Pulido, Environmentalist/Commissioner/Long time Carson Homeowner/Community Advocate - Item No. 18

Need to include community residents, pillars of the community, stakeholders, and not continue to Gerrymander any Carson districts; must have open townhall meetings, zoom meetings, and community surveys with responses that must be presented from the community that will include input and best representation that will have true, fair, and honest representation for Carson. The Ad-hoc Committee needs to be ethnically diverse, equitable, and inclusive; appoint more residents now.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear noted staff will be hosting several community meetings regarding redistricting.

### Ricardo Pulido, Commissioner/Homeowner over 35 years - Item No. 19

Requested a comprehensive review and evaluation of the Public Works Office. What is Director Eliza Jane Whitman and her team currently working on for all, i.e., street slurries, tree trimming,

identifying safe infrastructure plan, curb, and sidewalk repairs? The city is top heavy and needs more union rank and file workers from the city (residents) who can get the job done. Do not hire and outsource any more work to consultants/contractors.

Ricardo Pulido, Activist - Item No. 22

City needs to extend and expand the tree trimming services in Carson; need to create jobs for youth to be trained and paid part-time and full-time in landscaping, gardening, planting Carson trees and beautify Carson; need to reactivate the Environmental Commission to plan a fair and inclusive Beautification Public Arts Project for all of Carson.

Liz Foisia - Non Agenda Item

Inquired if the City sponsored the Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration at Foisia Park on Saturday, September 18, 2021. If so, did the City also sponsor the candidacy of Freddie Gomez who is running for the City Council seat in District 4? There was a definite appearance of City Council endorsement for Mr. Gomez who had free rein to campaign at the Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration at Foisia Park. Especially since there was public notice for this event distributed by the City with the entire City Council photos on the notice; referred to the Mayor's behavior at the September 7, 2021 City Council meeting violating the Council Rules of Decorum despite the City Attorney's attempt to intervene the Mayor Pro Tem's and Mayor's comments to each other.

Natalie B. – Non Agenda Item

Offered comments regarding the Mayor condoning the behavior of the City Manager and Director of Human Resources

Carlos Garcia, Resident of District 4 - Non Agenda Item

Offered comments regarding the Mayor's support of candidate Freddie Gomez

Diwa Aquino – Non Agenda Item

Asked for assistance from Mayor Davis-Holmes, Council Member Hilton, and Council Member Hicks

Darnell Thomas - Non Agenda Item

Offered comments regarding the Mayor's support of candidate Freddie Gomez

Lupita Arozco – Non Agenda Item

Asked why the City hasn't acknowledged Hispanic Heritage month; we will fight and defend our rights to be recognized as part of this wonderful community by those who truly represent the Latino people.

Linda Rondstadt – Non Agenda Item

Offered comments regarding the Mayor, City Manager, and Director of Human Resources and asked Council Member Hicks to not allow discrimination and bullying in the City.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Item No. 13. 2021-711      APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 2, 2021 CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/HOUSING AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING MINUTES; AND FEBRUARY 4, 2021 CITY**



## COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Recommendation: Approve the minutes as listed.

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

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

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

### CONSENT: (Items 14-22)

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

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

The motion to approve Consent Items No. 14-22, except Item No. 22, was unanimously carried by the following vote:

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

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

**Item No. 14. 2021-715 Resolution No. 21-123, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON RATIFYING CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,276,995.66, DEMAND CHECK NUMBERS 159437 THROUGH 159635**

ACTION: Item No. 14 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 15. 2021-716 Resolution No. 21-08-CHA, A RESOLUTION OF THE CARSON HOUSING AUTHORITY RATIFYING CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$44,323.75, DEMAND CHECK NUMBERS HA-001863 through HA-001867**

ACTION: Item No. 15 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 16. 2021-717 Resolution No. 21-08-CSA, A RESOLUTION OF THE CARSON SUCCESSOR AGENCY RATIFYING CLAIMS AND**

**DEMANDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18,123.40, DEMAND CHECK NUMBERS SA-001834 THROUGH SA-001835**

ACTION: Item No.16 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 17. 2021-633 FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 YEAR-END CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS (CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation: Waive further reading and adopt:  
1. RESOLUTION NO. 21-106, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CARSON CITY COUNCIL AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 BUDGET TO CONTINUE UNSPENT APPROPRIATIONS TO FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022; and  
2. RESOLUTION NO. 21-107, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CARSON CITY COUNCIL AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 BUDGET TO CONTINUE UNSPENT APPROPRIATIONS FROM FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021.

ACTION: Item No. 17 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 18. 2021-703 CONSIDER AN UPDATE FROM CITY COUNCIL REDISTRICTING AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE (CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation: RECEIVE AND FILE.

ACTION: Item No. 18 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 19. 2021-695 CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 21-120 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, REORGANIZING THE REPORTING STRUCTURE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation: WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution NO. 21-120, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, REORGANIZING THE REPORTING STRUCTURE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT".

ACTION: Item No. 19 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 20. 2021-696 CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 21-108, AMENDING THE CLASSIFICATION PLAN, RESOLUTION NO. 77-111, BY ADOPTING A REVISED JOB CLASSIFICATION SPECIFICATION AND FUNDING A POSITION FOR PUBLIC WORKS OPERATIONS MANAGER (CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation: WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 21-108, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE CLASSIFICATION PLAN, RESOLUTION NO. 77-111, BY ADOPTING REVISED

JOB CLASSIFICATION SPECIFICATION AND FUNDING A  
POSITION FOR PUBLIC WORKS OPERATIONS MANAGER."

ACTION: Item No. 20 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 21. 2021-722** **CONSIDER AWARD OF A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO HARDY & HARPER, INC. FOR PROJECT NO. 1655: CARSON STREET PAVEMENT REHABILITATION AND CONCRETE REPLACEMENT PROJECT FROM RECREATION ROAD TO SANTA FE AVENUE AND CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 21-124: "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CARSON CITY COUNCIL AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 BUDGET IN THE GENERAL FUND AND SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS" (CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:

1. AWARD a Construction Contract for Project No. 1655: Carson Street Rehabilitation from Recreation Road to Santa Fe Avenue, in the amount of \$2,434,000.00, to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Hardy & Harper, Inc.
2. AUTHORIZE the expenditure of construction contingencies in the amount of \$365,100.00 (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. WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 21-124: "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 \$753,744.00 from the unassigned SB-1 fund balance to augment the current amount budgeted for Project No. 1655: Carson Street Rehabilitation from Recreation Road to Santa Fe Avenue (Exhibit No. 3).
4. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute the Construction Contract and the Resolution following approval as to form by the City Attorney.

ACTION: Item No. 21 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 22. 2021-727** **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 2, TIME EXTENSION, TO THE AGREEMENT (18-097) WITH WEST COAST ARBORIST, INC., FOR TREE MAINTENANCE SERVICES TO THE CITY (CITY COUNCIL)**

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

Director Whitman gave a report.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks stated when this item is brought back through the request for proposals (RFP) process, if staff can look at separating more than just one team working on the trees because it has been too many years of deferred maintenance. Director Whitman responded to his inquiry.

Recommendation: Take the following actions:  
1. APPROVE Amendment No. 2 to Agreement 18-097 with West Coast Arborist, Inc. to provide tree maintenance services for the period of October 1, 2021 through November 30, 2021; and  
2. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute the amendment following approval as to form by the City Attorney (Exhibit No. 1).

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

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

#### **SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY: (Items 23-24)**

**Item No. 23. 2021-645 PUBLIC HEARING TO ORDINANCE NO. ~~188-2021~~ 21-2120, AMENDING CHAPTER 1 (ZONING) OF ARTICLE IX (PLANNING AND ZONING) OF THE CARSON MUNICIPAL CODE, MODIFYING DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES FOR SITE PLAN REVIEW AND DESIGN REVIEW (CITY COUNCIL)**

Chief Deputy City Clerk/Chief Deputy Agency Secretary/Chief Deputy Authority Secretary Carroll, Sr. noted correction to the ordinance number as Ordinance No. 21-2120.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes also noted ordinance number to be corrected in the staff recommendation as well with no objection heard.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes declared the Public Hearing open at 8:15 P.M.

Chief Deputy City Clerk/Chief Deputy Agency Secretary/Chief Deputy Authority Secretary Carroll, Sr. gave the Public Hearing Report. He presented the following comment that was submitted electronically:

Ricardo Pulido, Commissioner/Homeowner/Gulf Avenue Block Captain - Item No. 23

Asked if staff is following State law on the new modifications for Additional Dwelling Units (ADU) residents, commercial, RS, RA, RM Zoning laws? Do we really want to give that much authority to a Director to make the final decisions on residential and commercial development? This

approval would bypass the Planning Commission process. City Council think about long term ramifications to residents? We need more study on this issue, state law needs to be addressed, and the ordinance has flaws in its explanations to the community.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes closed the Public Hearing at 8:17 P.M.

Planning Manager Alvie Betancourt gave a PowerPoint presentation of the Zone Text Amendment Ordinance No. 21-2120.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton inquired if staff has taken Senate Bill 9 (SB 9) into consideration for this item. Planning Manager Alvie Betancourt responded to his inquiry.

City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani offered comments regarding SB 9.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes requested her colleagues to direct staff to bring this item back to the Planning Commission.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear asked when the item was approved by the Planning Commission before or after SB 9. Planning Manager Alvie Betancourt responded to his question.

Director Naaseh requested clear direction on what to present to the Planning Commission.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes requested staff to revisit 9121, 9126.11, 9163.1 (confusion about commercial and residential), and 91723.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear stated the issue of the walls not being chain linked is a good improvement and staff should not approve any new chain link fences in residential areas and on main thoroughfares in the city.

Discussion ensued regarding development standards and procedures.

Recommendation:

1. OPEN the Public Hearing.
2. TAKE public testimony.
3. CLOSE the Public Hearing.
4. CONSIDER introduction, for first reading by title only and with full reading waived, of "ORDINANCE NO. 488-2021 21-2120, AMENDING CHAPTER 1 (ZONING) OF ARTICLE IX (PLANNING AND ZONING) OF THE CARSON MUNICIPAL CODE, MODIFYING DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES FOR SITE PLAN REVIEW AND DESIGN REVIEW" (Exhibit 1).

ACTION: It was moved to refer the item back to the Planning Commission to vote separately on each of the standards on motion of Davis-Holmes, seconded by Hilton and unanimously carried by the following vote:

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

**Item No. 24. 2021-719 PUBLIC HEARING ON 2020-2021 CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT (CAPER) FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM (CITY COUNCIL)**

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

Chief Deputy City Clerk/Chief Deputy Agency Secretary/Chief Deputy Authority Secretary Carroll, Sr. gave the Public Hearing Report.

There being no public testimony, Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes closed the Public Hearing.

Director Naaseh gave a report.

Recommendation: 1. OPEN the Public Hearing, TAKE public testimony, and CLOSE the Public Hearing.  
2. APPROVE the final version of the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) and DIRECT staff to submit the CAPER to HUD by the required deadline of September 28, 2021.

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

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

**DISCUSSION: (Items 25 -27)**

**Item No. 25. 2021-691 COVID-19 UPDATE (CITY COUNCIL)**

Emergency Services Manager Raymond Cheung gave a PowerPoint presentation on Trends of COVID-19, Health Order on 9/17/21, and Assembly Bill 361 (AB 361).

Discussion ensued regarding AB 361.

Recommendation: 1. APPROVE staff recommendation to activate the Human Relations Commission in October 2021.  
2. DISCUSS and PROVIDE any further direction.

ACTION: It was moved to reactive the Human Relations Commission in October 2021 on motion of Dear, seconded by Davis-Holmes.

During discussion of the motion, Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes directed staff to notify the Human Relations Commissioners of the City Council's action with no objection heard.

The motion was unanimously carried by the following vote:

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

Emergency Services Manager Raymond Cheung continued with the PowerPoint presentation on free COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear inquired about the COVID-19 booster vaccinations. Emergency Services Manager Raymond Cheung responded to his inquiry. City Manager Landers offered comments regarding the COVID-19 booster vaccinations.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks inquired about COVID-19 vaccination for ages 5 to 11. Emergency Services Manager Raymond Cheung responded to his inquiry.

Director Lennox gave a PowerPoint presentation on Community Services – COVID testing.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear reminded staff to review the Brown Act, guidelines, etc. with the commissioners, committee, and board members. She also requested staff to assign a representative of each commission, committee, and board to give a progress report of their respective commission, committee, or board at a future City Council meeting.

**Item No. 26. 2021-618      CONSIDER ADOPTION OF THE CITY OF CARSON  
EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN (CITY COUNCIL)**

Item No. 26 was heard after Item No. 10.

Emergency Services Manager Raymond Cheung thanked Chief Bennett and Captain Jones for their assistance with the earthquake last Friday and gave a PowerPoint presentation of the

incident. He thanked the Emergency Operations Center Team for activating the center and working to assist the citizens of Carson. He also gave a PowerPoint presentation of the Emergency Operations Plan.

Mayor and City Council thanked Emergency Services Manager Raymond Cheung and the Emergency Operations Center Team.

Mayor, City Council, Captain Jones, and Chief Bennett offered comments in support of the item.

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:  
1. ADOPT the City of Carson Emergency Operations Plan

ACTION: It was moved to approve staff recommendation on motion of Dear, seconded by Hicks and unanimously carried by the following vote:

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

**Item No. 27. 2021-710 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)**

Item No. 27 was heard after Item No. 25.

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: Mayor and City Council took the following actions:

Relocation Appeals Board

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes appointed Matthew Arnold to the



Relocation Appeals Board. She will provide his contact information to the City Clerk's Office.

It was moved to ratify the Mayor's appointment on the Relocation Appeals Board on motion of Dear, seconded by Davis-Holmes and unanimously carried by the following vote:

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

#### **ORDINANCE SECOND READING: (Item 28)**

**Item No. 28. 2021-693      ORDINANCE NO. 21-2118: ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE ADDING CHAPTER 11 (TEMPORARY EVENTS) TO ARTICLE III (PUBLIC SAFETY) OF THE CARSON MUNICIPAL CODE TO ESTABLISH A REGULATORY PERMIT PROCESS FOR TEMPORARY EVENTS (CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation: CONDUCT a Second Reading by title only and with further reading waived, and ADOPT Ordinance No. 21-2118, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, ADDING CHAPTER 11 (TEMPORARY EVENTS) TO ARTICLE III (PUBLIC SAFETY) OF THE CARSON MUNICIPAL CODE TO ESTABLISH A REGULATORY PERMIT PROCESS FOR TEMPORARY EVENTS."

ACTION: It was moved to adopt Ordinance No. 21-2118, 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 Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton, and Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks  
Noes: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

#### **MEMORIAL ADJOURNMENTS**

Chief Deputy City Clerk/Chief Deputy Agency Secretary/Chief Deputy Authority Secretary Carroll, Sr. presented the following Memorial Adjournment Requests:

Betty Karnette  
Melvin Craig  
Helen Ervin  
Maxine C. Kemp

Manuel Miramontes

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton gave a prayer.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR MATTERS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA (MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC)**

This item was heard during the Oral Communications For Matters Listed On The Agenda (Members of the Public) portion of the meeting.

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

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear requested to bring back an ordinance to rescind the amendment that requires a super majority of 2/3 to add items to the agenda by City Council.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (COUNCIL MEMBERS)**

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks thanked everyone who attended the Prostate Cancer Walk on Saturday at California State University Dominguez Hills (CSUDH). He thanked Cal Water and West Basin Municipal Water for their support through Director Williams. He also thanked Alonso Williams who assisted in hosting the first Prostate Cancer Walk in the City of Carson.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton informed the residents who lost power Sunday night and yesterday that he contacted Southern California Edison and apologized for the delay they experienced.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear requested a zoning ordinance to create a mobilehome park zone in the City of Carson.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes announced the following:

- Jazz Festival on October 2, 2021
- Women's Conference
- Requested staff to prepare flyers at least 30 days before an event, provide copies to the Mayor and City Council, and post on the City website
- Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks is on the Executive Board for Contract Cities
- Emailed the City Manager a web link regarding SB 9

**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 9:18 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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John W. Carroll, Sr.  
Chief Deputy City Clerk/Chief Deputy Agency Secretary/  
Chief Deputy Authority Secretary

APPROVED BY CARSON CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/ HOUSING AUTHORITY	
09-17-2024	
Approved as Submitted	CH/JH 5/0