



## **CITY OF CARSON**

### **MINUTES CARSON CITY COUNCIL/ SUCCESSOR AGENCY/HOUSING AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 15, 2020 5:00 P.M.**

#### **CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 P.M. by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Albert Robles via Zoom Teleconference.

#### **ROLL CALL:**

City Clerk/Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary Donesia Gause-Aldana noted the roll:

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

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

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

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; Faye Moseley, Director of Human Resources and Risk Management; Tarik Rahmani, Director of Finance; and Jim Ross, Interim Director of Public Works

#### **CLOSED SESSION (5:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.) (Item 1)**

#### **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – CLOSED SESSION ITEMS ONLY – None.**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani announced the Closed Session items.

#### **RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION**

The meeting was recessed at 5:09 P.M. by Mayor/Agency/Authority Chairman Robles to Closed Session.

#### **RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

The meeting was reconvened at 6:04 P.M. by Mayor/Agency/Authority Chairman Robles with all

members previously noted present.

## **REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS**

City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani provided the Closed Session report as follows:

### **Item No. 1. 2020-593 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation: A closed session will be held, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(2) or (d)(3) & (e)(1), because there is a significant exposure to litigation in 1 case.

ACTION: Settlement was authorized, if accepted and finalized will be available in the City Clerk's Office.

### **FLAG SALUTE:**

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **INVOCATION:**

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

### **INTRODUCTIONS**

### **Item No. 2. 2020-620 REPORT FROM LIEUTENANT TREJO OF CARSON SHERIFF'S STATION**

Lieutenant Trejo gave a report on the following:

- Sheriff recovering from shooting in City of Compton
- 26th Birthday of the Los Angeles Sheriff Department Carson Station

Discussion ensued between City Council regarding the sheriff recovering.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Davis-Holmes directed staff to send a card and a plant expressing the City's sympathies signed with the salutation 'from their Carson Family' with no objections heard.

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

City Clerk/Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary Gause-Aldana presented the following public comments:

Jose, Phone Call Received September 15, 2020 – Item No. 11

Offered comments regarding individuals not wearing masks and requested park staff enforce individuals to wear them.

Janice Schaefer, Website Public Comment Received September 15, 2020 – Item No. 11

Offered comments regarding face covering, social distancing and handwashing requirements, suggesting a penalty is established.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR MATTERS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA (MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC) (LIMITED TO ONE HOUR)**

Brandi Williams-Murdock, Email Received September 8, 2020

Reported that residents in the Presidential track with the zip code of 90810, whom have the city of Long Beach listed on their driver's licenses, are unable to make reservations for Dominguez pool and requested City Council to rectify the situation for City residents in that area.

Chris Chai, Email Received September 15, 2020

Offered comments in opposition to Proposition 16 in the November ballot.

Joshua Semooore, Email Received September 15, 2020

Offered comments in opposition to Proposition 16.

Kally Hall, Website Public Comment Received September 15, 2020

Spoke about October being Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness month. She encouraged everyone to help families affected by pregnancy and infant loss by remembering their babies and participating in the Wave of Light Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day on October 15, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. by lighting a candle and wearing pink and blue. She also encouraged those that have or know someone that has experienced this tragic loss to participate in #saytheirname campaign.

Luz Padua, Email Received September 15, 2020

Noted the City has not reached out to her since she reported at the last Council meeting she was not allowed at the park with her service dog. In addition, she requested the City hold public, socially distant, mayoral debates before the election on November 3, 2020.

Kim Cortado, Website Public Comment Received September 15, 2020

Thanked the Public Works staff for all the work they are doing to keep the parks in the same order in spite of the pandemic.

Antonio, Website Public Comment Received September 15, 2020

Offered comments regarding the City's budget deficit due to decisions made by Council Members and demand police reform and accountability such as body cameras for all Carson Sheriff officers and weekly/bi-weekly/monthly meetings between community activists/residents with Captain Jason Skeen. There is lack of integrity, dishonesty and outright ugly attacks that Council Members are doing to each other just to be re-elected and does not support sales tax on the November ballot.

Website Public Comment Received September 14, 2020 – Non Agendized

Offered comments about uncleanliness of City streets; City needs additional cleaning crews to handle this matter.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles directed the City Manager to reach out to Luz Padua.

Discussion ensued between City Council regarding pool access and Proposition 16.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Item No. 3. 2020-637      APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 23, 2020 CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

Recommendation:      Approve the minutes as listed.

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

Ayes:      Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles, Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Davis-Holmes, 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 4-10)**

City Clerk/Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary Gause-Aldana noted corrections on page 10 of the staff report regarding Item No. 7.

City Manager Landers noted an updated staff report for Item No.10.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles requested to remove Item No. 6 for discussion.

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

The motion to approve Consent Items 4-10, except Item No. 6 and amendments to Item Nos. 7 and 10, was unanimously carried by the following vote:

Ayes:      Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles, Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Davis-Holmes, 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. 4. 2020-635      Resolution No. 20-147, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON RATIFYING CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,691,670.82, DEMAND**

**CHECK NUMBERS 154807 THROUGH 155122**

ACTION: Item No. 4 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 5. 2020-589      CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 20-140 AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-21 BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$115,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF CARSON ENHANCED INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING DISTRICT (EIFD) FORMATION AND AUTHORIZE CERTAIN OTHER ACTIONS RELATED THERETO (CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:

1. DIRECT staff to proceed with EIFD formation under new AB 116 procedures without initial County participation; and
2. WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 20-140, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-21 BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$115,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF CARSON ENHANCED INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING DISTRICT (EIFD) FORMATION".

ACTION: Item No. 5 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 6. 2020-609      FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 YEAR-END CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS (CITY COUNCIL)**

Item No. 6 was heard after approval of the Consent calendar.

Director Rahmani gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Continuing Appropriation Year End Fiscal Year 2019-2020.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Davis-Holmes spoke about appropriations for the Community Center renovation.

Interim Director Jim Ross gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Community Center Renovation and cost appropriations.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles noted the roof inspection and HVAC system is overhauled.

City Manager Landers summarized the City Council's direction with no objections heard.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and adopt:

1. RESOLUTION NO. 20-145, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CARSON CITY COUNCIL AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 BUDGET TO CONTINUE UNSPENT APPROPRIATIONS TO FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021; and
2. RESOLUTION NO. 20-146, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CARSON CITY COUNCIL AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021

BUDGET TO CONTINUE UNSPENT APPROPRIATIONS FROM  
FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020.

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

Ayes: Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles, Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Davis-Holmes, 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. 7. 2020-639      CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 20-144  
AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF SPECIFIED  
RECORDS WITHIN THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE (CITY  
COUNCIL)**

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:

WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 20-144, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF SPECIFIED CITY RECORDS WITHIN CITY CLERK'S OFFICE."

ACTION: Item No. 7 was approved, as amended, on Consent.

**Item No. 8. 2020-628      CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO  
CONTRACT SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ALBERT  
GROVER & ASSOCIATES, INC., ASSIGNING THE  
CONTRACT TO AGA ENGINEERS, INC. AND EXTENDING  
THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT, FOR PROJECT NO. 1534:  
ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM INFRASTRUCTURE  
IMPROVEMENTS (CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation:

1. APPROVE Contract Amendment No. 2 with AGA Engineering, Inc. for Project No. 1534: Active Transportation Program Infrastructure Improvements.
2. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute Contract Amendment No. 2 following approval as to form by the City Attorney.

ACTION: Item No. 8 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 9. 2020-630      CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT IN  
THE MATTER OF CITY OF CARSON V. CARCOM CENTER,  
LLC, ET AL, LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT CASE NO.  
19STCV20812 (CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation:

TAKE the following actions:

1. Approve the Settlement Agreement, General Release of All Claims, and Escrow Instructions (Exhibit 1).
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute the settlement agreement, and any related documents, to resolve the litigation.

ACTION: Item No. 9 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 10. 2020-641**

**APPROVE CONTRACT AMENDMENT NO. 1 FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CARSON AND PHASE II SYSTEMS D/B/A PUBLIC AGENCY RETIREMENT SERVICES ("PARS")**

Recommendation:

WAIVE further reading and APPROVE THE PHASE II SYSTEMS D/B/A PUBLIC AGENCY RETIREMENT SERVICES ("PARS") ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AGREEMENT CONTRACT AMENDMENT NO. 1; AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENTS UPON APPROVAL AS TO FORM BY THE CITY ATTORNEY.

ACTION: Item No. 10 was approved, as amended, on Consent.

**SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY (None)**

**DISCUSSION: (Items 11-15)**

**Item No. 11. 2020-622 COVID-19 UPDATE (CITY COUNCIL)**

City Manager Landers shared a video of the COVID-19 Task Force. In addition, she announced special events that are taking place in the City by the Parks and Recreation team.

Mayor and Council Members commended the COVID-19 Task Force for their excellent work.

City Manager Landers gave a PowerPoint presentation on Trends of COVID-19.

Discussion ensued between City Council about City programs.

Recommendation:

1. DISCUSS and PROVIDE direction

ACTION: Presentations made, discussion was held and direction provided to staff.

**Item No. 12. 2020-627**

**CONTINUE EMERGENCY ACTION CONCERNING NEW AIR FILTRATION AND HVAC SYSTEMS AT CITY FACILITIES (CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation:

REVIEW the emergency action authorized during its August 4, 2020 meeting and determine by four-fifths vote that there is a need to continue the emergency action.

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

**Ayes:** Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles, Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Davis-Holmes, 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. 13. 2020-631 CENSUS 2020 UPDATE - CARSON COUNTS (CITY COUNCIL)**

Assistant City Manager Roberts gave a staff report.

Discussion ensued regarding the Census count.

**Recommendation:** DISCUSS and PROVIDE direction from the City Council regarding the Census Count 2020 - Carson Counts Campaign.

**ACTION:** Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles ordered Item No. 13 received and filed with no objection heard.

Item No. 13 was heard again after Item No. 15.

It was moved to augment the previously allocated resources for the Census Count and to increase funding up to \$20,000 for advertising the Census Count effort on motion of Robles, seconded by Dear.

During discussion of the motion, Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear inquired about the \$40,000 budget for the Census Count Campaign. City Manager Landers responded to his inquiry.

The motion was unanimously carried by the following vote:

**Ayes:** Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles, Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Davis-Holmes, 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. 2020-632 CONSIDER INCREASING LITTERING VIOLATIONS IN THE CITY DUE TO INFLUX OF PERSONAL PROTECTION EQUIPMENT BEING DISPOSED OF IN THE CITY (CITY**

## **COUNCIL)**

Assistant City Manager Roberts gave a staff report and PowerPoint presentation.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks spoke about reasons he brought this item forward.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear requested an item be brought at the next Council meeting regarding Mask and Dog Waste.

Recommendation: **CONSIDER the request to increase littering violations in the City.**

**ACTION:** It was moved to increase littering fines to \$250 for first violation, \$350 for second violation, and \$500 for third violation on motion of Hicks, seconded by Hilton and unanimously carried by the following vote:

**Ayes:** Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles, Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Davis-Holmes, 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. 15. 2020-636** **LETTER FROM CITY ATTORNEY IN RESPONSE TO THE HOWARD JARVIS TAXPAYERS FOUNDATION REGARDING CARSON'S PLANNED SALES TAX EDUCATIONAL EFFORT (CITY COUNCIL)**

City Manager Landers gave a staff report.

Recommendation: **RECEIVE and FILE**

**ACTION:** It was moved to allocate funds previously allocated for the sales tax increase (Measure K) and redirect the funds to assist with the Census Count campaign on motion of Robles which died for lack of a second.

Discussion ensued regarding the Census Count efforts.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Davis-Holmes recommends not diverting funds previously allocated for the sales tax increase and to appropriate additional funds for the Census Count campaign.

Item No. 13 was heard again at this time.

Item No. 15 was heard again after Item No. 13.

**ACTION:** Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles ordered Item No. 15

received and filed with no objection heard.

Mayor and City Council wished Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman  
Dear a Happy Birthday.

**ORDINANCE SECOND READING: (None)**

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

**COUNCIL MEMBER REQUESTS TO ADD ITEMS TO FUTURE AGENDAS – None.**

**MEMORIAL ADJOURNMENTS**

City Clerk/Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary Gause-Aldana noted the Los Angeles Clippers lost game 7.

City Clerk/Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary Gause-Aldana offered prayers and condolences to the families who lost their loved ones and requested this evening's meeting be adjourned in memory of the following:

Wilma Wilson  
Kellen Givens  
Demetrius Mallory

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (COUNCIL MEMBERS)**

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Davis-Holmes announced the following:

- Successful food giveaway.
- Backpack giveaways.
- Partnership with churches regarding Wifi and other services to provide to children and seniors.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks offered the following comments:

- Spoke about his unpleasant experience with AT&T.
- Wished his father a Happy Birthday who is turning 82.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton offered the following comment:

- Spoke about a food drive he sponsored along with virtual tutoring program he is spearheading.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear offered the following comments:

- Spoke about local events he attended.
- Wished everyone a happy Hispanic Heritage month.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles offered the following comments:

- Announced the Rental Assistance Program and deadline.
- Requested the City Manager to bring an item to City Council to discuss the program statistics.
- Requested a status report on the Small Business Program at the next meeting.

**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 8:52 P.M. by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles.

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Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman  
Albert Robles

ATTEST:

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City Clerk/Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary  
Donesia Gause-Aldana