



CITY OF CARSON

MINUTES CARSON CITY COUNCIL/ SUCCESSOR AGENCY/HOUSING AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 6, 2024 5:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 P.M. by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Lula Davis-Holmes in the Helen Kawagoe Council Chambers, located at 701 E. Carson Street, Carson, California 90745.

ROLL CALL:

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

Council Members/Agency Members/Authority Board Members Present:

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Lula Davis-Holmes, Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman, Dr. 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:

Monica Cooper, City/Agency/Authority Treasurer; David C. Roberts, Jr., City Manager; Sunny Soltani, City/Agency/Authority Attorney; John Raymond, Assistant City Manager; Robert Lennox, Assistant City Manager Dr.; Tarik Rahmani, Deputy City Manager; Saied Naaseh, Director of Community Development; Arlington Rogers, Director of Public Works; Gary Carter, Director of Information Technology and Security; and William Jefferson, Director of Finance

FLAG SALUTE:

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

INVOCATION:

**Item No. 1. 2024-0055 BISHOP BYRON L. SMITH SR. FROM GETHSEMANE
CHRISTIAN LOVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**

Bishop Byron L. Smith, Sr. gave the invocation.

CLOSED SESSION (Item 2)

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. She requested to add a subsequent need storm-related item to discuss in Closed Session of a potential litigation that was brought to her attention after the posting of the agenda and cannot wait until the next City Council meeting.

It was moved to add the Closed Session subsequent need storm-related item to the agenda as requested by the City Attorney 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, Dr. 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

RECESS:

The meeting was recessed at 5:10 P.M. by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes to Closed Session.

RECONVENE:

The meeting was reconvened at 5:54 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. 2024-0075 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 v. Carson Reclamation Authority, City of Carson and Successor Agency to the Carson Redevelopment Agency, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV16461.

ACTION: No reportable action was taken.

Item No. 2A. SUBSEQUENT NEED ITEM - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – POTENTIAL LITIGATION (CITY COUNCIL)

Recommendation: A closed session will be held to confer with legal counsel regarding potential litigation.

ACTION: No reportable action was taken.

INTRODUCTIONS (MAYOR)

Item No. 3. 2024-0050 UPDATE FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS ON THE DOMINGUEZ CHANNEL PROJECT

Item No. 3 was rescheduled to March 5, 2024 by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes with no objection heard.

Item No. 4. 2024-0057 REPORT FROM CAPTAIN JONES OF CARSON SHERIFF'S STATION

Captain Jones reported/announced the following:

- Attended the Quarterly Breakfast hosted by the Carson Chamber of Commerce
- Participated in the Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count on January 24, 2024
- Traffic Office conducted a Traffic Enforcement Operation
- Special Assignment Officers have been busy helping with the Regional Human Trafficking Task Force; they also assisted with narcotic search warrant operation and seized 25 grams of powdered cocaine and ecstasy pills.
- Civilian Advisory Meeting on February 13, 2024
- Coffee with a Cop event on February 20, 2024, from 11:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. at Carson Collab Dance Studio located at 441 E. Carson Street, Carson, California
- Recruitment Unit is looking to hire good men and women. Recruitment workshop on February 17, 2024, from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. at the Carson Event Center. For more information, contact the Recruitment Unit at 1-800-ADEPUTY or website: lasd.org
- Civilian Academy is still accepting applications; for more information, contact Sergeant Armando Hernandez, Deputy Amy Valdez or the Community Relations Office
- Severe weather update: - Use caution and ensure your family is up to speed on emergency preparedness plans
- There's been an uptick in traffic collisions. Slow down and watch your speed. If you hydroplane, take your foot off the accelerator, lightly pump the breaks, and turn your steering wheel in the direction the car is already going in; try to remain calm and do not panic. Do not drive through large puddles of water.
- Although it is a busy time, the Sheriff Department remains available for calls.
- Everyone stay safe

Item No. 5. 2024-0063 REPORT FROM ASSISTANT CHIEF BENNETT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Martin Maher stated he is attending the meeting in place of Chief Munoz and reported the January statistics as follows:

- 17 fires
- 718 emergencies (rescues or medical emergencies)
- 7 hazardous conditions
- 9 service calls
- 234 good intent calls
- 39 false alarm or false calls
- 10 special incident type calls

PRESENTATIONS

Item No. 6. 2024-0083 CERTIFICATE PRESENTATIONS FROM THE OFFICES OF CONGRESSWOMAN NANETTE DIAZ BARRAGAN, SENATOR STEVEN BRADFORD, ASSEMBLYMEMBER MIKE GIPSON, ASSEMBLYMEMBER JOSH LOWENTHAL AND LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERVISOR HOLLY MITCHELL RECOGNIZING MAYOR LULA DAVIS-HOLMES AS THE FIRST ELECTED FEMALE AFRICAN AMERICAN MAYOR IN THE CITY OF CARSON

Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman, Dr. Hilton stated Mayor Davis-Holmes is recusing herself on this item to be presented with certificates recognizing her as the first elected female African American Mayor in the city of Carson.

The following individuals presented Mayor Lula Davis-Holmes a Certificate of Recognition:

Kasie Hervey from the Office of Congresswoman Nanette Diaz Barragan
Cheo Leslie from Senator Steven Bradford's Office
Lizeth Chimal from Assemblymember Josh Lowenthal's Office
Jun Aglipay from Assemblymember Mike Gipson's Office

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes accepted the certificates with words of gratitude.

Item No. 7. 2024-0051 PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY AS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman, Dr. Hilton read the proclamation.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes presented a proclamation to each of the following students:

- Damaris Gough, high school student, first place winner of the essay writing contest during the Tribute to Martin Luther King, Jr., who offered words of gratitude
- Jhala Angelique who read her speech and offered words of gratitude

- Dallas Philips who offered words of gratitude

Item No. 8. 2024-0052 PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY AS AMERICAN HEART MONTH

Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman, Dr. Hilton read the proclamation and presented to Carl, owner of Fight to Fitness (FTF) who offered comments and provided address of FTF, 1145 E. Dominguez Street, Suite E, Carson, California.

Item No. 9. 2024-0053 PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 1 - 7, 2024 AS WOMEN'S HEART WEEK

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks read the proclamation and presented to Faye Newman, Senior Development Manager for Venice Family Clinic, formerly South Bay Family Health Care. She offered words of gratitude.

Item No. 10. 2024-0054 PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 27, 2024 AS DOMINICAN REPUBLIC INDEPENDENCE DAY

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Rojas read the proclamation and presented to Marisol Vargas Perez, Margaret Mendoza, and Queen Natalie Hunter. Marisol Vargas Perez offered words of gratitude on behalf of the Dominican community in the West Coast. Queen Natalie Hunter also offered words of gratitude.

Item No. 11. 2024-0079 PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING CONSUL GENERAL EDGAR B. BADAJOS OF THE PHILIPPINE CONSULATE GENERAL

Item No. 11 was rescheduled to February 20, 2024 by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes with no objection heard.

Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman, Dr. Hilton and Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes wished the city photographer a Happy Birthday.

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

B.J. Douglas – Item No. 7

Introduced his guest Rodney Allen Rippy; stated he is the President of the United Rangers of America (children's group that was created to motivate children to attend school), actor, director, life time member of the Screen Actors Guild; and only two time KCOP Kroger community service year award winner; stated Council Member Dear has been working with him since 2001 and that they will be honoring Yes Academy at Sofi Stadium on February 7, 2024. Council Member Dear will be the speaker.

Rodney Allen Rippy

Stated he has known Council Member Dear for some time and been involved with the same organizations such as the Carson Coordinating Council, American Cancer Society, Relays For Life, and School for Mental Health; offered comments in support of B.J. Douglas; starting the

Rippy Foundation; works with at-risk youth, senior citizens, and veterans; asked the City's support of the United Rangers of America

Michael Courtland - Non agenda item

Stated he will be petitioning for a bullet train and asked for City Council's support

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Item No. 12. 2024-0059 APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/HOUSING AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES: JANUARY 23, 2024 (REGULAR)

Recommendation: Approve the minutes as listed.

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 Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman, Dr. 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 13 to 22)

It was moved to approve Consent Items No. 13 to 22 on motion of Hicks, seconded by Dear.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear requested to remove Items No. 16 and 21 for discussion.

The motion to approve Consent Items No. 13 to 22, except Items No. 16 and 21, was unanimously carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes, Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman, Dr. 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. 13. 2024-0069 Resolution No. 24-017, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON RATIFYING CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,434,083.91, DEMAND CHECK NUMBERS 171360 THROUGH 171566

ACTION: Item No. 13 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 14. 2024-0064 CONSIDER AN UPDATE ON CITY COMMISSIONS (CITY COUNCIL)

Recommendation: RECEIVE and FILE this report.

ACTION: Item No. 14 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 15. 2024-0065 CONSIDER AN UPDATE ON CITY PROJECTS (CITY COUNCIL)

Recommendation: RECEIVE and FILE this informational update.

ACTION: Item No. 15 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 16. 2024-0071 CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO, 24-014 AMENDING THE CLASSIFICATION PLAN, RESOLUTION NO. 77-111, BY ADOPTING THE REVISED JOB CLASSIFICATION SPECIFICATIONS AND SALARY ALLOCATION FOR ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER (CITY COUNCIL)

Item No. 16 was heard after approval of the Consent items.

Assistant City Manager, Dr. Lennox gave an update.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear thanked staff for this item. He believes this is needed in the city. He stated about a year and a half ago the Animal Control Officer was lost. The city was previously contracted with the Los Angeles County for animal control services but opted to move in house.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear asked Assistant City Manager, Dr. Lennox to elaborate about the job specification, how long it has been vacant, and when the position will be filled.

Assistant City Manager, Dr. Lennox shared the position has been vacant for over one year and that was due in part to the job description needing to be enhanced. The job no longer requires a certain license that allows for arresting or citation writing but instead will rely on the Sheriff Department to assist if needed.

Recommendation: WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 24-014:
"A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE CLASSIFICATION PLAN, RESOLUTION NO., 77-111, BY ADOPTING THE REVISED JOB CLASSIFICATION SPECIFICATIONS AND SALARY ALLOCATION FOR ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER."

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 Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman, Dr. 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 Manager Roberts, Jr. introduced the new Human Resources Director, Joshua Boudreaux. Joshua Boudreaux shared a few words and stated he was excited to be at the meeting and is looking forward to guiding the staff and the city in the right direction.

Item No. 17. 2024-0032 CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 24-015 AMENDING AND CORRECTING THE SALARY TABLE FOR UNCLASSIFIED, PART-TIME, UNREPRESENTED, HOURLY CLASSIFICATIONS, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2024.

Recommendation: WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 24-015:
"A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, AMENDING THE SALARY RANGES FOR PART-TIME, UNCLASSIFIED, UNREPRESENTED EMPLOYEES TO INCREASE THE HOURLY MINIMUM WAGE TO \$16.00, AND TO REFLECT A 2.5% STEP INCREMENT INCREASES THAT WILL TAKE EFFECT ON JANUARY 1, 2024."

ACTION: Item No. 17 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 18. 2024-0037 CONSIDER AWARDING AND APPROVING CONTRACT SERVICES AGREEMENTS WITH STAFFORD HR CONSULTING, ATKINSON ANDELSON LOYA RUUD ROMO, AND SHAW LAW GROUP FOR PROVISION OF ON-CALL EMPLOYEE RELATIONS INVESTIGATION SERVICES (CITY COUNCIL)

Recommendation:

1. APPROVE the proposed Contract Services Agreement with Stafford HR Consulting, LLC for a not-to-exceed Contract Sum of \$85,000 over an initial three-year contract term, with two optional one-year extension periods available to City thereafter, for the provision of on-call employee relations investigation services (Exhibit No. 1; Stafford Contract");
2. APPROVE the proposed Contract Services Agreement with Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo, a Professional Law Corporation, for a not-to-exceed Contract Sum of \$85,000 over an initial three-year contract term, with two optional one-year extension periods available to City thereafter, for the provision of on-call employee relations investigation services (Exhibit No. 3; "AALRR Contract");

3. APPROVE the proposed Contract Services Agreement with Shaw Law Group, PC for a not-to-exceed Contract Sum of \$85,000 over an initial three-year contract term, with two optional one-year extension periods available to City thereafter, for the provision of on-call employee relations investigation services (Exhibit No. 5; "Shaw Law Group Contract"); and
4. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute the Stafford Contract, the AALRR Contract, and the Shaw Law Group Contract, after approval as to form by the City Attorney.

ACTION: Item No. 18 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 19. 2024-0074 CONSIDER RATIFICATION OF CLOSING DOCUMENTS RELATED TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS OWNED AND OPERATED BY ENTITIES CONTROLLED BY THOMAS SAFRAN AND ASSOCIATES, REFINANCING AND REHABILITATING VILLAGGIO I AND II AND EXTENDING THE MATURITY DATES OF THE LOANS, AND THE SIXTH AMENDMENT TO THE DISPOSTION AND DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR AVALON COURTYARD, ALL AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION NO. 22-08-CHA APPROVED BY THE HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD ON JUNE 21, 2022 (HOUSING AUTHORITY)

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:
RATIFY THE APPROVAL AND EXECUTION OF the following agreements entered into by the Housing Authority pursuant to Resolution No. 22-08-CHA on June 21, 2022:

1. Villaggio I (owner is Grace Housing Limited Partnership):
 - a. Third Amendment to Redevelopment Agreement
 - b. First Amendment to Regulatory Agreement
 - c. HUD Subordination Agreement
 - d. Substitution of Trustee and Reconveyance
 - e. First Amendment to Regulatory Agreement (CHFA Development No. 97-004-S)
2. Villaggio II (owner is Carson Housing Limited Partnership):
 - a. Third Amendment to Redevelopment Agreement
 - b. First Amendment to Regulatory Agreement
 - c. HUD Subordination Agreement
 - d. First Amendment to Regulatory Agreement (CHFA Development No. 97-015-S)
 - e. Substitution of Trustee and Reconveyance
3. Avalon Courtyard:
 - a. Sixth Amendment to Disposition and Development Agreement

ACTION: Item No. 19 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 20. 2023-0962 CONSIDER (1) ADOPTING RESOLUTION NO. 24-004 AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2023/24 BUDGET AND (2)

AWARDING A PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACT TO JESUS BLUMENKRON, DBA KRON'S PRO PAINTING, FOR REPAIRS TO THE HEMINGWAY PARK MAIN BUILDING FLOORS FUNDED BY A LOS ANGELES COUNTY PROPOSITION A MAINTENANCE & SERVICING ALLOCATIONS GRANT ON A REIMBURSEMENT BASIS (CITY COUNCIL)

Recommendation:

TAKE the following actions:

1. ADOPT Resolution No. 24-004, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 BUDGET IN THE SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS";
2. AWARD and APPROVE the attached Public Works Agreement between the City of Carson and Jesus Blumenkron, dba Krons Pro Painting, a sole proprietorship (Exhibit No. 2; "Agreement");
3. AUTHORIZE the Mayor and/or City Manager to execute the Agreement following approval as to form by City Attorney; and
4. AUTHORIZE the City Manager or designee to submit and execute all documents necessary to ensure and obtain RPOSD reimbursement to the City for the Agreement work out of the Proposition A Maintenance & Servicing grant funding.

ACTION: Item No. 20 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 21. 2024-0067 CONSIDER AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO MDG ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR CONTRACT SERVICES FOR THE CITY'S COMMERCIAL FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND THE PERMANENT LOCAL HOUSING ALLOCATION (PLHA) SINGLE-FAMILY HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM (CITY COUNCIL)

Item No. 21 was heard after Item No.16.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear thanked staff for this item. He asked staff to provide some insight into the steps being taken to encourage more project initiation under the program.

Director Naaseh responded to Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear's concerns about businesses not taking advantage of this project in the past. He further explained that the business has to be ready and be in the position to actually begin a project. The amendment to the contract is to take this project beyond the design stage.

Recommendation:

TAKE the following actions:

1. APPROVE Amendment No. 1 to the MDG Associates, Inc. contract to provide Facade Program services by increasing the contract amount by \$168,250, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$768,250.
2. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 1 for MDG Associates, Inc. contract following approval as to form by the City Attorney.

ACTION: It was moved to approve staff recommendations on motion of Dear, seconded by Hilton.

During discussion of the motion, Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes suggested staff to address all the stores in the entire strip mall.

The motion was unanimously carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes, Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman, Dr. 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. 22. 2023-0953 CONSIDER ESCROW AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CARSON, COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 2, A SPECIAL DISTRICT, AND U.S. BANK TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, A NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATION, IN ITS CAPACITY AS ESCROW AGENT FOR A SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT (CALAS PARK STORMWATER AND WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENTS)

Recommendation: 1. APPROVE an Escrow Agreement between the City of Carson, County Sanitation District No. 2, a Special District, and U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, a National Banking Association, in its capacity as escrow agent for a Supplemental Environmental Project (Calas Park Stormwater and Water Quality Improvements)
2. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute the Escrow Agreement approved as to form by the City Attorney and all associated documents.

ACTION: Item No. 22 was approved on Consent.

DISCUSSION: (Items 23 to 26)

Item No. 23. 2024-0072 CONSIDER INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING, BY TITLE ONLY, OF ORDINANCE NO. 24-2401, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTION 2955.1 (BUDGET TRANSFERS) OF CHAPTER 9.5 (FISCAL ADMINISTRATION) OF ARTICLE II (ADMINISTRATION) THE CARSON MUNICIPAL CODE TO: (1) REMOVE THE \$25,000 LIMIT ON THE CITY MANAGER'S AUTHORITY TO APPROVE INTRADEPARTMENTAL BUDGET TRANSFERS, EXCEPT FOR PERSONNEL-RELATED

TRANSFERS; (2) AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS TO APPROVE INTRADEPARTMENTAL BUDGET TRANSFERS WITHIN THEIR RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENTS, EXCEPT FOR PERSONNEL-RELATED TRANSFERS AND SUBJECT TO RESTRICTION AS MAY BE DEEMED NECESSARY BY THE CITY MANAGER; AND (3) REQUIRE MONTHLY REPORTS TO CITY COUNCIL OF ALL CITY MANAGER OR DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR-APPROVED INTRADEPARTMENTAL BUDGET TRANSFERS" (CITY COUNCIL)

Item No. 23 was heard after Item No. 21.

City Manager Roberts, Jr. gave a report.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks asked for clarification about line item budgets and overspending a line item budget. The question is about bottom line budgeting versus line item budgeting, to ensure the process, and everyone is on the same page.

City Manager Roberts, Jr. stated that any transfer within the same budget still requires documentation and justification. The only change is that it is no longer required to come back to the City Council.

Director Jefferson reiterated that salaries and benefits will be excluded to ensure compliance with labor and non-employment related policies and reports of all budget transfers will be submitted to the City Council on a monthly basis.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear stated this is placing the city more in line with other cities and seems to be efficient and logical.

Recommendation: WAIVE further reading and INTRODUCE for first reading, by title only, Ordinance 24-2401, entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTION 2955.1 (BUDGET TRANSFERS) OF CHAPTER 9.5 (FISCAL ADMINISTRATION) OF ARTICLE II (ADMINISTRATION) THE CARSON MUNICIPAL CODE TO: (1) REMOVE THE \$25,000 LIMIT ON THE CITY MANAGER'S AUTHORITY TO APPROVE INTRADEPARTMENTAL BUDGET TRANSFERS, EXCEPT FOR PERSONNEL-RELATED TRANSFERS; (2) AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS TO APPROVE INTRADEPARTMENTAL BUDGET TRANSFERS WITHIN THEIR RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENTS, EXCEPT FOR PERSONNEL-RELATED TRANSFERS AND SUBJECT TO RESTRICTION AS MAY BE DEEMED NECESSARY BY THE CITY MANAGER; AND (3) REQUIRE MONTHLY REPORTS TO CITY COUNCIL OF ALL CITY MANAGER OR DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR-APPROVED INTRADEPARTMENTAL BUDGET TRANSFERS"

ACTION: It was moved to waive further reading and introduce Ordinance No. 24-2401, 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, Dr. 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. 24. 2024-0013 **CONSIDER INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 24-2402, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CARSON CITY COUNCIL AMENDING THE CITY OF CARSON MUNICIPAL CODE BY MODIFYING ARTICLE III ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE 2023 LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE CODE (TITLE 32) AND ARTICLE VIII ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE 2023 LOS ANGELES COUNTY BUILDING CODE (TITLE 26), ELECTRICAL CODE (TITLE 27), PLUMBING CODE (TITLE 28), MECHANICAL CODE (TITLE 29), RESIDENTIAL CODE (TITLE 30), EXISTING BUILDING CODE (TITLE 33), WITH CERTAIN AMENDMENTS, ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS THERETO" (CITY COUNCIL)**

Director Naaseh gave a report.

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:
1. WAIVE further reading and introduce for first reading Ordinance No. 24-2402, entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CARSON CITY COUNCIL AMENDING THE CITY OF CARSON MUNICIPAL CODE BY MODIFYING ARTICLE III ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE 2023 LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE CODE (TITLE 32) AND ARTICLE VIII ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE 2023 LOS ANGELES COUNTY BUILDING CODE (TITLE 26), ELECTRICAL CODE (TITLE 27), PLUMBING CODE (TITLE 28), MECHANICAL CODE (TITLE 29), RESIDENTIAL CODE (TITLE 30), EXISTING BUILDING CODE (TITLE 33), WITH CERTAIN AMENDMENTS, ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS THERETO"; AND
2. DIRECT staff to schedule a public hearing on February 20, 2024, to consider adoption and second reading of the Ordinance 24-2402

ACTION: It was moved to waive further reading and introduce Ordinance No. 24-2402, as read by title only, and approve staff recommendation no. 2 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, Dr. 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. 25. 2024-0008 CONSIDER SELECTION OF THE MAYOR PRO-TEMPORE (CITY COUNCIL)

City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani presented the record of the City Charter as it relates to the selection of the Mayor Pro Tempore biennially. She stated there is an ordinance that states the length of the Mayor Pro Tempore is only one year and needs to be updated. The City Charter always trumps an ordinance.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Rojas stated that because we are doing so great things should not change.

Recommendation: SELECT the next Mayor Pro Tempore for the City of Carson by a majority vote of the members of the City Council.

ACTION: It was moved to select Dr. Jawane Hilton as Mayor Pro Tempore on motion of Rojas, 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, Dr. 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

Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman, Dr. Hilton thanked the Mayor and City Council for selecting him again as Mayor Pro Tempore.

Item No. 26. 2024-0061 CONSIDERATION OF ONLY LOCAL UNCONTESTED APPOINTMENTS TO THE CITY'S COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES, AND BOARDS, AND CITY AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS BY MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL AND CONSIDER ALL (CONTESTED AND UNCONTESTED) APPOINTMENTS TO ALL COMMISSIONS EXCEPT PLANNING COMMISSION AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION (CITY COUNCIL)

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:
1. CONSIDER and only APPOINT uncontested members to the

- City Commissions, Committees, and Boards;
2. CONSIDER and APPOINT all (contested and uncontested) members to all commissions except Planning Commission and Environmental Commission;
 3. CONSIDER and APPOINT members to City Affiliated Organizations;
 4. DIRECT the City Clerk to notify all affected appointments 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

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes appointed Victor Ybarra as Alternate 2 and Danielle O’Leary as Alternate 3 to the Economic Development Commission.

It was moved to ratify the Mayor’s appointments to the Economic Development Commission on motion of Dear, seconded by Hicks and unanimously carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes, Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman, Dr. 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

Human Relations Commission

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes appointed Teresita Junio, Alternate 3, to her regular uncontested position, thereby, creating a vacancy of the Alternate 3 position.

Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman, Dr. Hilton asked if his appointee Karimu Rashad from the Planning Commission submitted his resignation letter.

City Clerk/Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary, Dr. Bradshaw stated she would confirm with staff. Director Naaseh stated he did not receive the resignation letter from Karimu Rashad.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes requested a prayer for Commissioner Tina Keely who is in the hospital.

MEMORIAL ADJOURNMENTS

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

Mary Alaimalo
Mrs. Dannie B. French
Ignacio "Jun" M. Fanega, Jr.
Florendo Pagatpatan
Jerry Haywood
Sundra Braud

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks requested to add Alvin Williams to the Memorial Adjournment Requests.

Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman, Dr. Hilton requested to add Robert Ruben to the Memorial Adjournment Requests and gave a prayer.

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

This item was heard during 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

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear asked about the ordinances that need to be adjusted to correspond with the City Charter be brought sooner rather than later.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (COUNCIL MEMBERS)

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear requested the Public Works Department look into grants and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funds for assistance with damage due to weather.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Rojas reported/announced the following:

- Attended the Independent Cities Association (ICA) Conference in Santa Barbara and shared that public safety was the main topic and cameras. There was discussion of the Brown Act, demeanor of individuals, staff, and Council Members at City Council Meetings
- Requested the City Attorney to review the policy addressing disruptive behavior and conduct of guests and Council Members in City Council Meetings.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks reported/announced the following:

- Constituents in District 3 having mudslides and Southern California Edison poles in their backyards. He stated he would contact Public Works staff to address them.
- Requested an announcement made about license plate readers in the city

Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman, Dr. Hilton reported/announced the following:

- Hosting a Town Hall Meeting on February 13, 2024, at 7:00 P.M. at Stevenson Park to address the unhoused situation taking place at Extended Stay
- Asked who has relationship with the Los Angeles County to ensure that people who are housed are actually Carson residents
- Next Town Hall Meeting will be held at Hemingway Park in two weeks
- Conducting a listening tour to hear from the residents of District 1 and would like the voices heard and all questions to be taken back to the appropriate people.

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

- Thanked the residents and her colleagues for their support over the last three and a half years
- Thanked staff for their hard work
- Attending the Spring Career and Internship Fair on February 22, 2024 from 12:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. at California State University Dominguez Hills
- State of the City Address on March 21, 2024, in partnership with the Carson Chamber of Commerce, from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.; more information to follow
- All street repairs and resurfacing will begin in March in all four districts (Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4). If work missed to contact the Director of Public Works Arlington Rodgers or Assistant City Manager, Dr. Robert Lennox at (310) 830-7600

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 8:03 P.M. by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes.

Lula Davis-Holmes
Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman

ATTEST:

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