



CITY OF CARSON

MINUTES CARSON CITY COUNCIL/ SUCCESSOR AGENCY/HOUSING AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING MAY 7, 2024 5:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 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; Dr. Robert Lennox, Assistant City Manager; Tarik Rahmani, Deputy City Manager; Saied Naaseh, Director of Community Development; Michael Whittiker, Jr., Director of Community Services; Dr. Arlington Rodgers, 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. 2024-0295 PASTOR E. WAYNE GADDIS OF GREATER ST. AUGUSTINE
MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**

Pastor E. Wayne gave the invocation.

CLOSED SESSION (Items 2 to 6)

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 items.

RECESS:

The meeting was recessed at 5:11 P.M. by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes to Closed Session.

RECONVENE:

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. 2024-0276 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR (CITY COUNCIL)

Recommendation: A closed session will be held, pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6, with City Manager, Assistant City Manager, and Human Resources Officer, its negotiators(s), regarding labor negotiations with AME, CPSA, and AFSCME Local 809 and 1017 as well as Unclassified Management.

ACTION: No reportable action was taken.

Item No. 3. 2024-0277 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. 4. 2024-0331 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) and (e)(1), because there is a significant exposure to litigation in two cases.

ACTION: No reportable action was taken.

Item No. 5. 2024-0353 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 litigations are as follows: Tesoro Refining & Marketing Company, LLC; Tesoro Logistics Operations LLC v. City of Carson, Los Angeles Superior Court, Central District, Case No. 23STCV14351; Court of Appeals, Second Appellate District Case No. B-335686 & Phillips 66 Company v. City of Carson, Los Angeles Superior Court, Central District, Case No. 23STCV14355.

ACTION: No reportable action was taken.

Item No. 6. 2024-0354 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 potential case.

ACTION: No reportable action was taken.

INTRODUCTIONS (MAYOR)

Item No. 7. 2024-0141 REPORT FROM CAPTAIN JONES OF CARSON SHERIFF'S STATION

Item No. 7 was heard after Item No. 11.

Captain Jones reported/announced the following:

- Partnering with Masada Homes, local entity in the city
- Community Engagement Events held at Starbucks, Calvary Chapel and Chuck E. Cheese
- Civilian Academy Graduation – 23 graduates
- Attended Career Day at Bonita Elementary School and Dominguez Elementary School
- Community Relations Team participated in the Active Shooter Training at Ekklesia of Christ Apostolic Church
- Joined the Nuclear Detonation Training at the Carson Event Center last week
- Informed by family of former Deputy Sheriff Rudy Rodriguez who died of a stroke who received a recognition award back in 2010 for his heroic efforts
- Memorial held last week for Reserve Deputy Constance Worland who died 43 years ago and Deputy Walter Hannan who died 46 years ago, both died in the line of duty
- Participated in the Eat, Shop, Local event at the Carson Event Center yesterday
- Civilian Advisory Meeting

- Memorial Torch Relay and Memorial Peace Officer Event next weekend and on May 22, 2024 – honoring the memory of those who sacrificed their lives in the line of duty

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes reminded Captain Jones about the wall outside of the Helen Kawagoe Council Chambers to add names of the fallen Deputies and honor them with a ceremony. Captain Jones stated he would work with the City Manager's Office.

Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman, Dr. Hilton asked about the increase of graffiti. Captain Jones responded to his question.

Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman, Dr. Hilton commended and thanked Captain Jones on his action handled at one of the local high schools.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks reported on the increase of graffiti which has become an eyesore along the area of the elementary school, high school, and park. He requested more patrol in the neighborhood. Captain Jones responded in the affirmative.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear commented about the uptick in graffiti in the City and in the unincorporated county area. The City had a great program to eradicate graffiti in the past which he suggested to be reinstituted with the Public Works Department.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes spoke about the former graffiti tracker. Graffiti has become a problem in the city. Also, there is an increase of car break-ins and burglary in the Caroldale tract. Captain Jones stated he would obtain more information.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes asked about the Catalytic Converter Program.

Captain Jones spoke about the Catalytic Converter Etching Event and is working on finalizing the date.

Item No. 8. 2024-0147 REPORT FROM CHIEF KANE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Acting Assistant Chief Brian Kane gave a stats report for the month of April.

PRESENTATIONS

Item No. 9. 2024-0347 PRESENTATION ON SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS' (SBCCOG) GENERAL ASSEMBLY: RECOGNIZING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE'S ROLE IN GOVERNMENT POLICY AND RECOGNIZING SBCCOG BOARD CHAIR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBER CEDRIC L. HICKS SR.

Jacki Bacharach, Executive Director of SBCCOG, shared photos of the SBCCOG General Assembly held on March 28, 2024. She acknowledged Chair Cedric Hicks and Council Aide Cac

Le for her assistance. She gave a report on the SBCCOG General Assembly recognizing Artificial Intelligence's Role in Government Policy and Recognizing SBCCOG Board Chair and City Council Member Cedric L. Hicks, Sr.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes commended SBCCOG Chair Hicks.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks thanked Jacki Bacharach and her staff for their outstanding work.

Jacki Bacharach presented a video of the SBCCOG General Assembly recognizing Artificial Intelligence's Role in Government Policy.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes thanked Jacki Bacharach and Chair/Council Member Hicks for their work.

Item No. 10. 2024-0296 PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MAY AS ASIAN-AMERICAN & PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Rojas read the proclamation. She gave a bio and introduced Arlene Meilei Batula Laimana who offered comments and words of gratitude.

Item No. 11. 2024-0299 PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MAY AS TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK (MAY 6 - 10)

Item No. 11 was heard after Item No. 23.

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

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes read the Certificate of Appreciation. Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Rojas called each teacher to receive their certificate from the Council Members.

There was a photo opportunity with the teachers and the principals joined in as well.

Item No. 12. 2024-0310 RECOGNITION OF CARSON RESIDENT MS. CHARLIZE POWELL ON BEING AWARDED A COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FROM SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON (CITY COUNCIL)

Item No. 12 was heard after Item No. 10.

Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman, Dr. Hilton recognized Charlize Powell who was awarded a college scholarship from Southern California Edison. She will be attending Spellman College. He presented a Certificate of Recognition to Charlize Powell who accepted with words of gratitude. Connie Turner, Local Government Relations Manager, offered comments.

Item No. 13. 2024-0352 RECOGNITION HONORING SUNNY SOLTANI AND PAM LEE FOR THE RECENT COURT RULING STRIKING DOWN SENATE BILL 9 (2021) AS UNCONSTITUTIONAL IN FAVOR OF FIVE CALIFORNIA CHARTER CITIES, INCLUDING THE CITY OF CARSON

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes continued this item with no objection heard.

Item No. 14. 2024-0300 PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MAY AS MUNICIPAL CITY CLERKS WEEK (MAY 5- 11)

Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman, Dr. Hilton read the proclamation and presented to City Clerk/Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary, Dr. Bradshaw who recognized her team and offered words of gratitude.

Item No. 15. 2024-0298 PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MAY AS PUBLIC WORKS WEEK (MAY 19 - 25)

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks read the proclamation and presented to Director Dr. Arlington Rodgers who offered comments and words of gratitude. He recognized his team.

Item No. 16. 2024-0319 PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY AS SMALL BUSINESS MONTH

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes read the proclamation and acknowledged Deputy City Manager Tarik Rahmani and Innovation and Business Liaison LaToya Butler for their work.

Michael Stewart, Vice Chair of Economic Development Carson Chamber of Commerce, offered comments. He introduced Vice Chair of Special Events Lena Whittaker and Economic Development Committee Member Mary Isaiah. He presented a Certificate of Recognition to the City for an outstanding Eat, Shop, Local Carson event in support of the small businesses in the City.

LaToya Butler, Innovation and Business Liaison, offered words of gratitude and thanked her Manager, Public Information Office team, and Council Aides for their assistance.

Deputy City Manager Rahmani thanked the Public Information Office team, Council Aides, Mayor and City Council for their support.

A video was presented of the Eat, Shop, Local Carson event.

Item No. 17. 2024-0297 PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MAY AS LUPUS AWARENESS MONTH

Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman, Dr. Hilton stated there was no recipient available to receive the proclamation.

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

Rudy Mendoza, Regional Director for the Carson Community of Schools, representing Los Angeles Unified District (LAUSD) Region South - Item No. 24

Offered comments in support of the item

Se'An Newton - Item No. 36

Requested the City Council consider allocating funds for a reputable grocery store and improvements at the corner of University Drive and Avalon Boulevard

Frances Feliciano- Item No. 36

Stated she agrees with the previous speaker for a grocery store; expressed concern of safety, lighting and loitering near the liquor store at the shopping center on the corner of University Drive and Avalon Boulevard; requested Sheriff patrol

City Manager Roberts, Jr. stated the Sheriff will continue to patrol the area and staff is looking into the matter.

Brandi Lewin- Item No. 36

Urged the City Council to allocate funds for façade improvements at the University/Avalon complex

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

**Item No. 18. 2024-0153 APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING CITY
COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/HOUSING AUTHORITY
MEETING MINUTES: APRIL 16, 2024 (REGULAR)**

Item No. 18 was heard after Oral Communications For Matters Not Listed on the Agenda (Members of the Public).

Recommendation: Approve the minutes as listed.

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

Ayes: 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: Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes

Absent: None

CONSENT: (Items 19 to 34)

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes moved up Item No. 23 earlier in the meeting.

It was moved to approve Consent Items No. 19 to 34 on motion of Dear, seconded by Hicks.

The motion to approve Consent Items No. 19 to 34, except Item No. 23, 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. 19. 2024-0343 Resolution No. 24-037, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON RATIFYING CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,661,098.53, DEMAND CHECK NUMBERS 172605 THROUGH 172967

ACTION: Item No. 19 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 20. 2024-0159 CONSIDER AN UPDATE ON CITY COMMISSIONS (CITY COUNCIL)

Recommendation: RECEIVE and FILE this report.

ACTION: Item No. 20 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 21. 2024-0163 CONSIDER AN UPDATE ON CITY PROJECTS (CITY COUNCIL)

Recommendation: RECEIVE and FILE this informational update.

ACTION: Item No. 21 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 22. 2024-0359 CONSIDER SHIFTING THE MAY 21, 2024, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING TO MAY 22, 2024, BY MINUTE ORDER (CITY COUNCIL)

Recommendation: APPROVE a one-time shift of the May 21, 2024, Regular City Council meeting to May 22, 2024, by minute order.

ACTION: Item No. 22 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 23. 2024-0321 CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE GAMES AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE CITY OF CARSON AND THE LOS ANGELES
ORGANIZING COMMITTEE FOR THE OLYMPIC AND
PARALYMPIC GAMES (OCOG) IN PREPARATION FOR THE
2028 GAMES (CITY COUNCIL)**

Item No. 23 was heard after the Closed Session Report.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes moved up this item with no objection heard.

City Manager Roberts, Jr. gave a report.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes offered comments in support of the item.

Vic Noll, Director of Venue Cities Relations at L.A. 28, introduced himself and expressed excitement to partner with the city moving forward towards the games. His team introduced themselves – Kevin Masutti, Managing Counsel with L.A. 28 and Rachel Dawson, part of the Athlete Fellows Program with L.A. 28 and three-time Olympian in the sport of field hockey. On behalf of the athlete community, she thanked the Mayor and City Council for welcoming the 2028 games into the City of Carson and expressed excitement.

Recommendation: 1. APPROVE the proposed Games Agreement, attached as Exhibit 1.
 2. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute the Games Agreement after approval as to form by the City Attorney.

ACTION: It was moved to approve staff recommendations on motion of Davis-Holmes, 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

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes invited the City Council and L.A. 28 team for a photo opportunity.

**Item No. 24. 2024-0323 CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN EDUCATION COMPACT
BETWEEN THE CITY OF CARSON AND LOS ANGELES
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation: APPROVE the proposed Education Compact included as Exhibit 1.

ACTION: Item No. 24 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 25. 2024-0330 CONSIDER SELECTION AND AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR UNDERWRITING SERVICES RELATED TO LEASE REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2024, FOR THE CITY OF CARSON (CITY COUNCIL)

Recommendation: 1. AWARD a two-year professional services contract to Samuel A. Ramirez & Company, Inc. at a discount (fee) of \$5.00/bond of the total amount of bonds sold (bonds are sold in \$1,000 denominations) for an anticipated not-to-exceed amount of \$500,000.00.
2. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute the contract after approval as to form by the City Attorney.

ACTION: Item No. 25 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 26. 2024-0326 ANNUAL REPORT - REGISTERED LOBBYISTS (CITY COUNCIL)

Recommendation: RECEIVE and FILE.

ACTION: Item No. 26 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 27. 2024-0312 CONSIDER CARSON'S 2023 ANNUAL HOUSING ELEMENT PROGRESS REPORT (CITY COUNCIL)

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:
1. REVIEW Carson's 2023 Annual Housing Element Progress Report.
2. RECEIVE and FILE.

ACTION: Item No. 27 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 28. 2024-0285 CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF SPECIFIED RECORDS WITHIN THE CITY'S FINANCE DEPARTMENT (CITY COUNCIL)

Recommendation: AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF SPECIFIED CITY RECORDS WITHIN THE CITY'S FINANCE DEPARTMENT

ACTION: Item No. 28 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 29. 2024-0341 CONSIDER APPROVING AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO AN AGREEMENT WITH HDL COREN & CONE TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL AUDIT AND ANALYSIS OF CITY PROPERTY TAX (CITY COUNCIL).

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:
1. APPROVE Amendment No. 1 Agreement for contract services by and between the City of Carson and HDL Coren & Cone for professional audit and analysis of City's property tax revenues.

ACTION: Item No. 29 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 30. 2024-0318 CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO AN AGREEMENT WITH HINDERLITER, DE LLAMAS AND ASSOCIATES ("HDL") TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL AUDIT AND ANALYSIS OF THE CITY'S SALES AND USE TAX AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 24-043 AUTHORIZING EXAMINATION OF SALES OR TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX RECORDS (CITY COUNCIL).

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:
1. APPROVE Amendment No. 2 to Agreement for contract services by and between the City of Carson and Hinderliter, de Llamas and Associates ("HDL") for professional audit and analysis of City's sales and use taxes.
2. ADOPT Resolution No. 24-043 authorizing examination of sales or transactions and use tax records.

ACTION: Item No. 30 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 31. 2024-0327 APPROVAL OF A SIDE LETTER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CARSON AND AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES UNION ("AFSCME"), COUNCIL 36, LOCAL 809 REGARDING THE MOW AND BLOW CONTRACT (CITY COUNCIL)

Recommendation: APPROVE a Side Letter Agreement between the City of Carson and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Union ("AFSCME"), Council 36, Local 809 regarding the mow and blow contract.

ACTION: Item No. 31 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 32. 2024-0328 CONSIDER AWARDING A CONTRACT SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH SWAYZER CORPORATION FOR MOWING AND LANDSCAPE SERVICES AT CITY PARKS AND FACILITIES (CITY COUNCIL)

Recommendation: Take the following actions:
1. Approve an initial one-year Contract Services Agreement, with two (2) one- year extensions at the City's discretion, with Swayzer Corporation to provide mowing and landscape services to the City of Carson for a total not to exceed contract amount of \$411,352.68.

2. Authorize the expenditure of a 10% contingency in the amount of \$41,135.27 for the one-year term of the contract for any unforeseen circumstances that will require additional work.
3. Authorize the Mayor to execute the contract, following approval as to form by the City Attorney.

ACTION: Item No. 32 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 33. 2024-0316 CONSIDERATION TO ACCEPT AS COMPLETE PROJECT NO. 1388: NEW VETERANS PARK - ELECTRONIC MARQUEE (CITY COUNCIL)

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:
1. ACCEPT as complete Project No. 1388: New Veterans Park - Electronic Marquee
2. AUTHORIZE staff to file a Notice of Completion

ACTION: Item No. 33 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 34. 2024-0188 CONSIDERATION TO ACCEPT THE PROJECT AS COMPLETE, PROJECT NO.1735: CIVIC CENTER LANDSCAPE RENOVATION PROJECT (CITY COUNCIL)

ACTION: Item No. 34 was approved on Consent.

Recommendation: Take the following actions:
1. ACCEPT as complete, Project No. 1735, Civic Center Landscape Renovation Project.
2. AUTHORIZE Staff to file a Notice of Completion.

ACTION: Item No. 34 was approved on Consent.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY: (Items 35 to 36)

Item No. 35. 2024-0242 PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSED ALLOCATION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024/25, AND ADOPTION OF THE 2024-2025 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN (CITY COUNCIL)

Recommendation: 1. OPEN the Public Hearing, TAKE public testimony, and CLOSE the Public Hearing.
2. ALLOCATE CDBG public service funding for FY 2024/25 (PY 2024) as designated by City Council.
3. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute agreements with the public service providers as designated by City Council following negotiation and approval as to form by the City Attorney
4. APPROVE the proposed FY 2024/25 (PY 2024) draft CDBG budget.

5. APPROVE the submission of the City's 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

ACTION: Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes continued the item with no objection heard.

Item No. 36. 2024-0311 PUBLIC HEARINGS TO CONSIDER MULTIPLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SUBSIDIES (COMMERCIAL FACADE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM GRANT AGREEMENTS - ROUND 1) TO PROVIDE CERTAIN COMMERCIAL BUSINESSES WITH GRANT FUNDING (CITY COUNCIL)

City Clerk/Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary, Dr. Bradshaw gave the Public Hearings Report.

Director Naaseh gave a report.

James Nguyen, Special Projects Manager, gave a PowerPoint presentation of the six applicants being considered for the Commercial Façade Improvement Program.

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

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

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear thanked Director Naaseh and Special Projects Manager Nguyen for a job well done and mentioned how bad it makes the community look when centers are old and dilapidated. Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes agreed with his comments.

Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman, Dr. Hilton reiterated the importance of identifying funding for the University Drive shopping center as brought up earlier by residents who spoke during public comments.

Director Naaseh stated staff has been doing a lot of outreach and every time they speak, it creates a need for more money including the shopping center where Walmart Shopping Center is located. There is a need for more money and the city will need to be more creative. With the support of City Council, the program will need additional funding. Director Naaseh asked for a list of centers he would like staff to review.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear asked if all six recommendations could be voted all at once. City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani stated that is fine as long as everyone is aware that if they are not in agreement on one in particular, they would have to announce it.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks asked about the project timeline. Director Naaseh stated six to twenty-four months depending on each construction project.

Recommendation:

TAKE the following actions:

1. For Ky and Ky LLC, 302 E. Carson Street;
 - a. OPEN the public hearing; TAKE public testimony and accept any written and/or oral communications; and CLOSE the public hearing;
 - b. APPROVE the funding Agreement; AND
 - c. AUTHORIZE the City Manager to execute all documents including the funding agreement in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

2. For Backic Trust (Victoria Park Plaza), 18409 S. Avalon Blvd:
 - a. OPEN the public hearing; TAKE public testimony and accept any written and/or oral communications; and CLOSE the public hearing;
 - b. APPROVE the funding Agreement; AND
 - c. AUTHORIZE the City Manager to execute all documents including the funding agreement in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

3. For Tambuli Corporation, 22200 S. Main Street:
 - a. OPEN the public hearing; TAKE public testimony and accept any written and/or oral communications; and CLOSE the public hearing;
 - b. APPROVE the funding Agreement; AND
 - c. AUTHORIZE the City Manager to execute all documents including the funding agreement in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

4. For Reynaldo Z. Roxas, Jr. (Manila Sunrise), 21828 S. Main St.:
 - a. OPEN the public hearing; TAKE public testimony and accept any written and/or oral communications; and CLOSE the public hearing;
 - b. APPROVE the funding Agreement; AND
 - c. AUTHORIZE the City Manager to execute all documents including the funding agreement in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

5. For AMI Enterprises Inc., DBA Tony Roma's, 20720 Avalon Blvd:
 - a. OPEN the public hearing; TAKE public testimony and accept any written and/or oral communications; and CLOSE the public hearing;
 - b. APPROVE the funding Agreement; AND
 - c. AUTHORIZE the City Manager to execute all documents including the funding agreement in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

6. For Manila Business Center Inc., 198 E. Carson Street:

- a. OPEN the public hearing; TAKE public testimony and accept any written and/or oral communications; and CLOSE the public hearing;
- b. APPROVE the funding Agreement; AND
- c. AUTHORIZE the City Manager to execute all documents including the funding agreement in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

ACTION: It was moved to approve staff recommendations 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

DISCUSSION: (Items 37 to 40)

Item No. 37. 2024-0342 CONSIDER ADOPTING AN URGENCY ORDINANCE AND INTRODUCING A REGULAR ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, ADDING CHAPTER 12 (INTERFERENCE WITH SPECIAL EVENTS) TO ARTICLE III (PUBLIC SAFETY) OF THE CARSON MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROHIBIT INTERFERENCE WITH SPECIAL EVENTS (CITY COUNCIL)

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes asked if the urgency ordinance meets the guidelines as an urgency ordinance.

City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani stated it is special events season and staff wanted to bring it forward as an urgency ordinance. The City Charter requires to have findings that is necessary to have an urgency item. Standards are different than State law. She clarified that just because it meets the qualification for an urgency item does not mean that it has to be considered that way.

Recommendation:

1. ADOPT, by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the City Council, Ordinance No. 24-2409-U, "AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, ADDING CHAPTER 12 (INTERFERENCE WITH SPECIAL EVENTS) TO ARTICLE III (PUBLIC SAFETY) OF THE CARSON MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROHIBIT INTERFERENCE WITH SPECIAL EVENTS;" and
2. INTRODUCE for first reading, by title only and with further reading waived, Ordinance No. 24-2410, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA,

ADDING CHAPTER 12 (INTERFERENCE WITH SPECIAL EVENTS) TO ARTICLE III (PUBLIC SAFETY) OF THE CARSON MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROHIBIT INTERFERENCE WITH SPECIAL EVENTS."

ACTION: It was moved to move forward with Ordinance No. 24-2409-U as an urgency ordinance on motion of Davis-Holmes, 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

City Manager Roberts, Jr. gave a report.

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

ACTION: It was moved to 1) Adopt Ordinance No. 24-2409-U, as read by title only, and 2) Introduce Ordinance No. 24-2410, as read by title only, 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

Item No. 38. 2024-0243 **CONSIDER INTRODUCING ORDINANCE NO. 24-2403 THAT WOULD AMEND SECTION 3301 (ADDITION TO ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE) OF CHAPTER 3 (POUND REGULATIONS) OF ARTICLE III (PUBLIC SAFETY) OF THE CARSON MUNICIPAL CODE TO CLARIFY AND UPDATE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTRY AND LEASHING OF DOGS IN PUBLIC PARKS (CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation: INTRODUCE for first reading, by title only and with full reading waived, Ordinance No. 24-2403, entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTION 3301 (ADDITION TO ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE) OF CHAPTER 3 (POUND REGULATIONS) OF ARTICLE III (PUBLIC SAFETY) OF THE CARSON MUNICIPAL

CODE TO CLARIFY AND UPDATE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTRY AND LEASHING OF DOGS IN PUBLIC PARKS." (Exhibit No. 1)

ACTION: Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes continued the item to the next meeting with no objection heard.

Item No. 39. 2024-0259 FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 BUDGET WORKSHOP NO. 1

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes asked about an analysis of the part time employees since McDonald's is paying \$20 an hour and the city is paying \$14 an hour.

City Manager Roberts, Jr. reminded the mayor that the analysis has already been completed and would bring back to her again.

Recommendation:

1. PROVIDE direction to staff which will be used to build the draft for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget.
2. PROVIDE direction to staff which will be used to build the draft for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Special Events Budget.
3. PROVIDE direction to staff which will be used to build the draft for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 CIP 5 Year Plan.

ACTION: The budget workshop was held as follows:

Director Jefferson gave a PowerPoint presentation of the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget Workshop No. 1.

City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani requested Director Jefferson to increase her budget for the anticipated budget for the next fiscal year because of the two lawsuits.

Deputy City Manager Rahmani gave a PowerPoint presentation on Innovation, Sustainability & Performance Management (ISPM) – Scaling Up: Fostering Innovation through Pilot Projects.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear thanked the City Manager and ISPM staff for a great job that they are doing in Carson.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks requested the Community Development budget be increased by \$1 million for the Façade Improvement Program.

Director Dr. Rodgers gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Capital Improvement Projects (CIP).

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes asked about the status of the Foisia Park and Carriage Crest Park funding from Assemblymember Gipson.

Assistant City Manager, Dr. Lennox responded that both projects are currently in design and will go out to bid by early summer. He clarified the design is completed and working on construction drawings and the bid documents.

City Manager Roberts, Jr. stated he will send informational flyers to the residents near Foisia Park and Carriage Crest Park when near the construction phase.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear stated he would like to review the plans again of Carriage Crest Park because of input from residents on the dog park and request for a pickle ball court. Assistant City Manager, Dr. Lennox stated they are already included in the conceptual design.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks referred to the CIP slide and noted roadway towards end of freeway there are several large potholes toward end of District 3 near Long Beach. Director Dr. Rodgers stated he would look and reach out to the City of Los Angeles.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes asked for a list of traffic signals and location of projects to be completed. Director Dr. Rodgers responded in the affirmative.

Item No. 40. 2024-0169 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)

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes asked about her appointees on the Youth Commission who have not been attending the meetings for her to vacate to make new appointments.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear inquired about the term expiration of the Youth Commissioners.

Director Whittiker, Jr. stated he provided a list of Youth Commissioners in which two of the eleven commissioners were able to be part of the commission; some have aged out and has been two to three years since the last commission meeting; two commissioners wanted to continue with the commission. He provided a list of recommendations and submitted eleven names Thursday of last week.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes asked about the Youth Conference. Director Whittaker, Jr. responded the first part of the Youth Conference is later this month and another in June.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear stated he would like to see the list as well.

Director Whittiker, Jr. stated there has not been a quorum for the last two years. There were two Youth Commissioners who were able to attend the meetings. Matthew Castillo and Michaela Louise Santos stated they would like to continue as commissioners. The others have not responded.

Subsequently, Mayor and City Council vacated their appointees on the Youth Commission except Council Member Dear who will contact his appointee.

City Clerk/Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary, Dr. Bradshaw confirmed that all positions will be vacated on the Youth Commission with the exception of Council Member Dear's appointee Miguel Domingo. She asked Council Member Dear to contact her office upon confirmation of his appointee.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes asked Director Whittiker, Jr. to provide a list of recommendations to the Youth Commission for the next City Council meeting.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes asked for the staff person of the Environmental Commission. City Clerk/Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary, Dr. Bradshaw responded to her question and for staff to contact Mayor Davis-Holmes because the Environmental Commission has not had a quorum for the past few meetings.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes asked for a list of Environmental Commissioners who have not been attending the meetings.

City Clerk/Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary, Dr. Bradshaw noted the three alternate positions on the Environmental Commission are vacant.

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:

Public Relations Commission

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Rojas appointed Jeretta Sandoz as Community Representative on the Public Relations Commission as her uncontested appointment.

It was moved to 1) Vacate all the positions on the Youth Commission except for Council Member Dear's appointee Miguel Domingo and 2) Ratify Council Member Rojas' uncontested appointment of Jeretta Sandoz on the Public Relations Commission 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 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

ORDINANCE SECOND READING – None.

MEMORIAL ADJOURNMENTS

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

Marietta Vidal
Theodore “Teddy” Pajaud
Dr. Loretha “Toby” Earles
James P. Winston
Tamika Karen Nelson-Stewart
Catherine Marcucci
Diane Hawthorne Faulks
Darius Morris

Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman, Dr. Hilton requested to add Pastor Randy Allison 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 after Oral Communications For Matters Listed on the Agenda (Members of the Public).

Michael Thomas

Expressed concern about a nearby vape shop with flashing lights on the window next to Carnegie Middle School. Also, he shared his concern with the grade point average (GPA) requirement to play video games; not sure if this is related to LAUSD; has concerns with use of red dye number 40; excessive use of running on cement two miles per week during physical education; shared he hosted two kite festivals and asked the city to collaborate with him to host a kite festival

Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman, Dr. Hilton mentioned that he too has been concerned with the location of the vape store and has already alerted Public Safety. He asked staff to look into whether or not they have a business license in the city.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes stated she will coordinate a meeting with Mr. Mendoza, Principal of Carnegie Middle School, and staff.

Jaime Rodriguez

Expressed concern with his neighbors that live on east 220th Street between Vera Street and Martin Street which there is too much speeding and the need for speed bumps.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes referred Jaime Rodriguez to coordinate with Assistant City Manager, Dr. Lennox.

City Manager Roberts, Jr. stated Traffic Engineer John Merrill has made contact with the resident and will conduct a traffic study and when concluded will notify Jaime Rodriguez and Council Member Hicks of the results of the survey and plan of action.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks encouraged Jaime Rodriguez to attend the upcoming town hall meeting on June 29, 2024, but would like to meet with the residents as soon as possible regarding the matter.

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (COUNCIL MEMBERS)

This item was heard after Item No. 40.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks announced the Mental Health Fair on May 18, 2024, from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. at the Carson Event Center located at 801 E. Carson Street, Carson. For more information, call (310) 952-1782, extension 1671 or 1471.

This item was heard again after Memorial Adjournments.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear shared that the City Manager and his team did a great job with the Cinco de Mayo event. The park is clean and the grass is healthy.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes echoed the sentiments of Council Member Dear regarding the park maintenance.

Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman, Dr. Hilton offered the following comments:

- Attended the Southern California Association of Governments Conference in Palm Springs in which he is a delegate; it was a successful conference and heard lots of positive buzz about the economic impact in Carson
- Wished Mayor Davis-Holmes a Happy Birthday (May 11th)

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

- Wished all mothers and fathers who are dual purpose parents a Happy Mother's Day
- Wished Mayor Davis-Holmes a Happy Birthday

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes offered the following comments:

- Announced her birthday month in May
- Thanked her daughter for planning her birthday event
- Requested staff to ask Marathon for a dog park next to Friendship Park
- Requested staff to plan a Carousel Town Hall Meeting and big celebration at the Carson Event Center

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 10:01 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