



## **CITY OF CARSON**

### **MINUTES CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING JUNE 9, 2016 8:30 P.M.**

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

The meeting was called to order at 8:38 P.M. by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Albert Robles in the Helen Kawagoe Council Chambers, located at 701 E. Carson Street, Carson, California 90745.

#### **ROLL CALL:**

Deputy City Clerk/Deputy Agency Secretary/Deputy Authority Secretary Simarago noted the roll:

#### **Council Members/Agency Members/Authority Board Members Present:**

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Albert Robles, Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Lula Davis-Holmes, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Jawane Hilton, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Elito Santarina, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Cedric Hicks

#### **Council Members/Agency Members/Authority Members Absent:**

#### **Also Present:**

Kenneth C. Farfsing, City Manager; Sunny Soltani, City/Agency/Authority Attorney; Donesia Gause, City Clerk/Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary; Monica Cooper, City/Agency/Authority Treasurer; Gail Dixon-McMahon, Director of Human Resources and Risk Management; Robert Eggleston, IT Manager; Glenn Turner, Computer Systems Support Technician; and Joy Simarago, Deputy City Clerk/Deputy Agency Secretary/Deputy Authority Secretary

#### **CLOSED SESSION (Item 1)**

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

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

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

#### **RECESS:**

The meeting was recessed at 8:44 P.M. by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman

Robles.

**RECONVENE:**

The meeting was reconvened at 9:26 P.M. by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles with all members previously noted present.

**REPORT OF ACTIONS ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS (CITY ATTORNEY)**

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

**Item No. 1. 2016-679 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani gave a report from Closed Session discussions regarding Item No. 3.

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

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

Speaker – Item No. 2 and Item No. 3

- Offered comments regarding the lack of information within staff reports

Speaker

- Commented on disappointments regarding the calling of the special meeting

Denise Hunt, President of AFSCME

- Commented on the meeting being a personal issue for Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Davis-Holmes against City Clerk/Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary Gause

Ms. Vasquez

- Commented on the lack of professionalism of the Mayor and Council members

Speaker

- Commented on the lack of organization within the city because of city official disorganization

Margaret Hernandez

- Commented on lack of city officials working together

Robert Lesly

- Commented about concerns regarding the City Clerk’s salary being reduced

**DISCUSSION: (Items 2-6)**

**Item No. 2. 2016-678 PROPOSAL TO REDUCE THE CITY CLERK'S SALARY (CITY COUNCIL)**

City Clerk/Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary Gause gave a presentation.

Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Davis-Holmes recommended to tie the delinking to the elected officials' salaries and send it to the Reorganization Subcommittee to decide on the best way to handle it.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles declared the order without objection.

Recommendation: DISCUSS and PROVIDE direction.

**Item No. 3. 2016-677 CONSIDER MAKING THE CHIEF DEPUTY CITY CLERK POSITION AN AT-WILL POSITION (CITY COUNCIL)**

City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani stated the Council can bring the appropriate resolutions forth at a subsequent council meeting and act.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton asked if council would need to go to a bargaining unit. City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani explained that council members can create a new position by resolution without conferring with bargaining units.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles declared the order without objection.

City Clerk/Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary Gause expressed she agrees with the item being held to a subsequent meeting.

Recommendation: DISCUSS and PROVIDE direction.

**Item No. 4. 2016-682 CONSIDER ELIMINATING THE TWO BUDGETED PART-TIME POSITIONS FOR THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE (CITY COUNCIL)**

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks stated the deficit is not reduced even with the passage of Measure C for two budgeted part-time positions. He requested to send it back to the Reorganization Subcommittee for review.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles recommended that the two part-time positions be maintained because the office generated \$70,000 under the direction of City Clerk/Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary Gause.

After the motion was seconded, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks asked City Clerk/Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary Gause if that is what she wanted. City Clerk/Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary Gause stated that she wanted one part-time position for passport services and notary to generate revenue that would offset the cost of a Records Management Coordinator.

Recommendation: DISCUSS and PROVIDE direction.

ACTION: It was moved to maintain two budgeted thirty-hour part-time positions for the City Clerk's office on motion of Robles, seconded by Hilton and unanimously carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles, Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Davis-Holmes, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton, Council Member/Agency Member/ Authority Board Member Santarina, Council Member/Agency Member/ Authority Board Member Hicks

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

**Item No. 5. 2016-681 CONSIDER ELIMINATING THE RECORDS MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR POSITION FOR THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE FROM ANY FURTHER CONSIDERATION (CITY COUNCIL)**

Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Davis-Holmes asked for discussions to be held when discussing other city positions as well as a report from the City Clerk on the revenue the position needs to sustain the salary.

Council Member/Agency Member/ Authority Board Member Hicks reminded the Council of the budget deficit. City manager Farfing explained that one part-time position and Records Management Coordinator is more cost effective than two part-time positions.

Council Member/Agency Member/ Authority Board Member Hilton voiced support for the needs of the City Clerk.

Recommendation: DISCUSS and PROVIDE direction.

ACTION: It was moved to discuss the position during the mid-year budget review on motion of Davis-Holmes, seconded by Hicks.

A substitute motion was made by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles.

It was moved to reconsider the action taken on Item No. 4, seconded by Santarina and unanimously carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles, Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Davis-Holmes, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton, Council Member/Agency Member/ Authority Board Member Santarina, Council Member/Agency Member/ Authority Board Member Hicks

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

It was moved to combine Item No. 4 and Item No. 5, authorize one part-time position, and create the Records Management Coordinator on motion of Robles, seconded by Hilton. A substitute motion was made by Council Member/Agency Member/ Authority Board Member Hicks.

It was moved to authorize the City Clerk's recommendation for the reinstatement of the part-time office clerk position at 960 hours at \$15,400 and to reinstate the Records Management Coordinator position at \$100,548, seconded by Santarina and carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Davis-Holmes, Council Member/Agency Member/ Authority Board Member Santarina, Council Member/Agency Member/ Authority Board Member Hicks

Noes: Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton

Abstain: None

Absent: None

**Item No. 6. 2016-683 REORGANIZATION OF THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE (CITY COUNCIL)**

Council discussed the reorganization.

Recommendation: DISCUSS and PROVIDE direction.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (COUNCIL MEMBERS)**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 P.M. by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles.

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Albert Robles  
Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman

ATTEST:

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Donesia Gause  
City Clerk/Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary