



CITY OF CARSON

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

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 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; William Jefferson, Director of Finance; and Joshua Boudreaux, Director of Human Resources

FLAG SALUTE:

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

INVOCATION:

**Item No. 1. 2024-0609 PASTOR DONALD R. COOK II OF FIRST LUTHERAN OF
CARSON AND HARVEST TABERNACLE BIBLE CHURCH**

Pastor Donald R. Cook II gave the invocation.

CLOSED SESSION (Items 2 to 7)

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 6:40 P.M. by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes with all members previously noted present.

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS (CITY ATTORNEY)

City Manager Roberts, Jr. provided the Closed Session report as follows:

Item No. 2. 2024-0651 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, regarding labor negotiations with AME, CPSA, and AFSCME Local 809 and 1017 as well as Unclassified Management.

ACTION: Not taken up.

Item No. 3. 2024-0653 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. 2024-0673 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION (CITY COUNCIL)

Recommendation: A closed session will be held, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1), to confer with legal counsel regarding pending litigation to which the City is a party. The title of such

litigation is as follows: Candler, Danny v. City of Carson, Workers' Comp. Appeals Board, Van Nuys. (WCAB) Case No. ADJ14785335.

ACTION: No reportable action was taken.

Item No. 5. 2024-0689 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION (CITY COUNCIL)

Recommendation: A closed session will be held, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1), to confer with legal counsel regarding pending litigation to which the City is a party. The title of such litigation is as follows: Pulido, Isaias v. City of Carson, Workers' Comp. Appeals Board, Van Nuys. (WCAB) Case No. ADJ18022950.

ACTION: No reportable action was taken.

Item No. 6. 2024-0686 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 one case.

ACTION: No reportable action was taken.

Item No. 7. 2024-0649 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 two potential cases.

ACTION: No reportable action was taken.

INTRODUCTIONS (MAYOR)

Item No. 8. 2024-0461 REPORT FROM ASSISTANT CHIEF KANE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT – Absent

Item No. 9. 2024-0468 REPORT FROM LT. AIELLO, ACTING CAPTAIN OF CARSON SHERIFF'S STATION

Acting Captain/Lieutenant Aiello reported/announced the following:

- July 23, 2024 - Participated in an Emergency Response Training with CalWater
- July 23, 2024 - Attended Town Hall meeting at Carson Park
- July 24, 2024 – Attended with Sergeant Hernandez, Community Relations Sergeant, the

third quarter Carson Station Community Advisory Committee Meeting

- July 25, 2024 - Sergeant Hernandez and the Community Relations Office conducted an Employee Safety Training with Herbal Life Nutrition Company (Active Shooter Training)
- August 1, 2024 - Special Assignment Sergeant Berg and Sergeant Draper participated in a Carson Town Hall Meeting
- August 7, 2024 - Hosting the Annual Community Night Out, from 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. at the Carson Sheriff Station; invited everyone to the event

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear asked if the constituent request regarding the homeless issue was dealt with today. Acting Captain/Lieutenant Aiello responded to his question.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks asked about the recent street takeover that occurred on Del Amo Boulevard and Wilmington Avenue. Acting Captain/Lieutenant Aiello responded to his question.

PRESENTATIONS

Item No. 10. 2024-0681 PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CITY OF CARSON LA28 PLANNING COMMITTEE IN PREPARATION FOR THE 2028 OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC GAMES

Item No. 10 was heard after Oral Communications For Matters Not Listed on the Agenda (Members of the Public).

The Mayor and City Council read the proclamation.

Dianne Thomas and members of the Carson Citizens Cultural Arts Foundation presented a gift of a framed Certificate of Leadership to Mayor Davis-Holmes.

The Mayor and City Council presented a proclamation each to the following organizations:

- Carson Citizens Cultural Arts Foundation
- Carson Women's Club
- Philippine Independence Day Foundation

Fred Docdocil and members of the Philippine Independence Day Foundation presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the Mayor and City Council.

- Richard Bis
- Carson African American Empowerment Coalition
- Carson Chamber of Commerce

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

This item was heard after Item No. 9.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes shared highlights of the LA '28 Olympic games coming to Los Angeles County including Carson's role as a host city.

The following members of the community expressed their excitement about the Mayor's trip to Paris, France, representing Carson for the anticipation and support of the LA '28 Olympic events in Carson with additional comments:

Elizabeth Dantus, representing Stevenson Village and President of the Stevenson Park Volunteer Association

Thanked the Mayor and City Council for supporting youth sports and City parks

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes clarified that Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass will be accepting the Olympic flag as the official host on stage in Paris and will be bringing it home.

DeAnthony Langston – Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Commissioner

Thanked the Mayor and City Council for supporting the Nike Real Run; invited everyone to the Championship Day on Sunday, August 11, 2024 at Veterans SportsComplex; Women's League at 12:00 P.M. and Men's League at 2:00 P.M.; thanked his fellow Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Commissioners who were present at the meeting; thanked the Mayor and City Council for keeping the parks safe

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes thanked Commissioner DeAnthony Langston for supporting the youth and his Nike Real Run program.

Alfreda Bell - Secretary, Carson African American Empowerment Coalition

Offered comments in support of Mayor Davis-Holmes on her mission to guide and uplift the city

RJ Wicks – spoke on behalf of Carson African American Empowerment Coalition (CAAEC)

Stated he is one of the recipients of the 2024-2025 CAAEC scholarship; recently graduated from Pepperdine University and pursuing his education in New York

Del Huff

Offered comments in support of Mayor Davis-Holmes

Karey Perez, representing Carson Women's Club

Offered comments in support of Mayor Davis-Holmes trip to Paris and look forward to hosting, volunteering, and planning the LA '28 Olympics

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes noted she and Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman, Dr. Hilton are members of the LA '28 Olympic Ad Hoc Committee.

Fred Docdocil, representing Philippine Independence Day Foundation

Thanked the Mayor, City Council, and staff for their work

City Manager Roberts, Jr. noted there will be four confirmed events to be held in Carson: Cycling in the Velodrome at California State University Dominguez Hills (CSUDH), Men's Rugby,

Women's Rugby, Tennis and not to slight the Dignity Health Sports Park but will be listed globally as the Carson Sports Park. There will be potentially 13-15 total events that will be hosted in the City and excited to see coming forward.

Dianne Thomas, representing Carson Citizens Cultural Arts Foundation

Offered comments in support of the LA '28 Olympics

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes thanked Dianne Thomas and the Carson Citizens Cultural Arts Foundation for the decorations in the Helen Kawagoe Council Chambers. She thanked the LA '28 Olympics Committee for inviting her to Paris along with other public officials.

Rick Pulido

Suggested staff to be frugal when traveling to Paris; first meeting of the Carson Neighborhood Council (CNC) on August 29, 2024 at Ted Burgers located on 220th Street and Main Street

Claudio Bovell

Followed up with the City Manager and Assistant City Manager regarding a matter he previously called for

Julie Ruiz-Raber, representing Carson Women's Club

Thanked the Mayor and City Council for ensuring the recognition in Paris and excited for the city; recognized members of the Carson Women's Club who were in attendance at the meeting; expressed continued positivity in the city and in the country

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Item No. 11. 2024-0490 APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/HOUSING AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES: JULY 16, 2024 (REGULAR)

Item No. 11 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 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. 12. 2024-0671 APPROVAL OF 2016 BACKLOG OF CITY
COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/HOUSING AUTHORITY
MEETING MINUTES**

Recommendation: Approve the minutes as listed.

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

Ayes: Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes, Mayor Pro 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 33)

It was moved to approve Consent Items No. 13 to 33 on motion of Dear, seconded by Hilton.

City Manager Roberts, Jr. noted amended staff report to Item No. 25 and provided a hard copy at the meeting with no objection heard.

Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman, Dr. Hilton requested to remove Item No. 19 for discussion.

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

The motion to approve Consent Items No. 13 to 33, except Items No. 19 and 22, including amended staff report to Item No. 25, 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. 2024-0664 Resolution No. 24-073, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON RATIFYING CLAIMS
AND DEMANDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,194,906.49, DEMAND
CHECK NUMBERS 174197 THROUGH 174396**

ACTION: Item No. 13 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 14. 2024-0449 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. 2024-0455 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. 2024-0693 CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL TO INITIATE A HOME BUSINESS AMNESTY POLICY/PROGRAM (CITY COUNCIL)

Recommendation: AUTHORIZE the Mayor and City Council to give staff direction to look further into the opportunity to provide a Home Business Amnesty Program to those affected financially due to the Covid-19 virus.

ACTION: Item No. 16 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 17. 2024-0697 CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL TO INITIATE A HOMELESS EMPLOYMENT INITIATIVE PROGRAM (CITY COUNCIL)

Recommendation: AUTHORIZE the Mayor and City Council to give staff direction to look further into the opportunity of a Homeless Employment Initiative Program in collaboration with the SouthBay Work Investment Board.

ACTION: Item No. 17 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 18. 2024-0683 CONSIDER APPROVAL OF FORMS, AGREEMENTS AND RESOLUTION NO. 24-079 ALLOWING THE CITY OF CARSON TO PARTICIPATE IN ADDITIONAL NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT WITH KROGER CO. (CITY COUNCIL)

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:
1. APPROVE Settlement Agreement and Participation Form for the City's participation in the National Opioid Settlement Agreement with Kroger Co.
2. APPROVE the California State-Subdivision Agreement Regarding Distribution and Use of Settlement Funds relating to the National Opioid Settlement Agreement with Kroger Co.
3. ADOPT Resolution No. 24-079 approving and authorizing the City Manager to carry out all necessary acts such that the City can participate in the National Opioid Settlement with Kroger Co.,

including signing necessary documents and transmittal thereof as necessary.

ACTION: Item No. 18 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 19. 2024-0528 CONSIDER CANCELING THE AUGUST 20, 2024, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING (CITY COUNCIL)

Item No. 19 was heard after Item No. 34.

Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman, Dr. Hilton stated he pulled Item No. 19 for discussion to make residents aware that there is no meeting on August 20, 2024.

Recommendation: 1. APPROVE canceling the August 20, 2024, Regular City Council Meeting by minute order.

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

During discussion of the motion, Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes expressed concern with cancelling the meeting in case a matter were to come up.

Discussion ensued whether or not the August 20, 2024 meeting should remain on schedule or should there be a special meeting.

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. 20. 2024-0687 CONSIDER AN UPDATE REGARDING ENFORCEABILITY OF CITY MUNICIPAL CODE RESTRICTIONS AGAINST CAMPING ON PUBLIC PROPERTY IN LIGHT OF THE RECENT U.S. SUPREME COURT DECISION IN CITY OF GRANTS PASS, OREGON V. JOHNSON (CITY COUNCIL)

Recommendation: 1. RECEIVE and FILE this report.

ACTION: Item No. 20 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 21. 2024-0646 CONSIDER RESOLUTION 24-070 AMENDING THE CLASSIFICATION PLAN, RESOLUTION NO. 71-111, BY ADOPTING A REVISED SALARY STRUCTURE FOR BOTH

THE NETWORK ADMINISTRATOR AND GIS ADMINISTRATOR; IN ADDITION, REMOVING THE GIS ADMINISTRATOR FROM THE AME BARGAINING UNIT TO THE CPSA BARGAINING UNIT (CITY COUNCIL)

Recommendation: WAIVE further reading and ADOPT:
Resolution 24-070, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE CLASSIFICATION PLAN, RESOLUTION NO. 77-111, BY ADOPTING A REVISED SALARY STRUCTURE FOR BOTH THE NETWORK ADMINISTRATOR AND GIS ADMINISTRATOR; IN ADDITION, TRANSFERRING THE GIS ADMINISTRATOR CLASSIFICATION FROM THE AME BARGAINING UNIT TO THE CPSA BARGAINING UNIT."

ACTION: Item No. 21 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 22. 2024-0672 CONSIDER APPROVING AN INCREASE TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL (LADACC) CONTRACT (C19-104) BUDGET FOR FY 2023-24 IN PUBLIC SAFETY (CITY COUNCIL)

Item No. 22 was heard after Item No. 19.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks asked if the contract addresses the coyote control and for a contact number residents can call if they see sightings of a coyote.

City Manager Roberts, Jr. stated there is the Coyote Tracker which is separate from the Los Angeles County contract and the contact information is posted on the City website.

Recommendation: APPROVE an increase to the Animal Care and Control Contract budget for FY 2023/24 in the amount of \$61,187.57.

ACTION: It was moved to approve staff recommendation on motion of Hicks, 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. 23. 2024-0680 CONSIDER APPROVING A PURCHASE AND SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH JOHNSON CONTROLS, INC., TO PURCHASE AUDIO VISUAL SYSTEM MATERIALS FOR

PROJECT NO. 1731: CITY HALL BASEMENT / EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER RENOVATION (CITY COUNCIL)

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:
1. AWARD and APPROVE the proposed Purchase and Services Agreement with Johnson Controls to purchase the specialized materials required for the Emergency Operations Center - Audio Visual Systems and provide five-year of equipment services in the amount not to exceed \$1,022,321.75; and
2. AUTHORIZE Mayor to execute the Purchase and Services Agreement following approval as to form by the City Attorney.

ACTION: Item No. 23 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 24. 2024-0675 CONSIDER REJECTION OF ALL BIDS RECEIVED FOR INVITATION FOR BIDS ("IFB") 24-15 FOR CROSSING GUARD SERVICES (CITY COUNCIL)

Recommendation: REJECT all bids received for Invitation for Bids ("IFB") 24-15 for Crossing Guard Services.

ACTION: Item No. 24 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 25. 2024-0684 CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS FOR MICROSOFT SOFTWARE LICENSES, MAINTENANCE, AND SUPPORT WITH DELL MARKETING L.P. (CITY COUNCIL)

City Manager Roberts, Jr. noted amended staff report to Item No. 25 and provided a hard copy at the meeting with no objection heard.

Recommendation: 1. APPROVE a contract with Dell Marketing L.P. for software licenses, including software maintenance, and software support for a total contract amount not to exceed \$853,295.16, for a term of 3 years.
2. APPROVE Microsoft Enterprise Enrollment Agreement.
3. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute the contracts with Dell Marketing L.P. and Microsoft after approval as to form by the City Attorney.

ACTION: Item No. 25 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 26. 2024-0669 CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR DARK FIBER WITH CROWN CASTLE FIBER LLC (CITY COUNCIL)

Recommendation: 1. APPROVE a contract with Crown Castle Fiber LLC for Dark Fiber Licenses for an amount not to exceed \$1,062,000 for a total term of 10 years; and
2. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute the contract after approval as to form by the City Attorney.

ACTION: Item No. 26 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 27. 2024-0670 CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AMENDMENT FOR DATA CENTER COLOCATION AND MANAGED SERVICES (CITY COUNCIL)

Recommendation: 1. APPROVE and RATIFY the Agreement with EvoDC, LLC for Data Center Colocation and Managed Service that was approved by City Council on April 2, 2024, for \$207,628.28.
2. APPROVE Amendment No.1 to Agreement with EvoDC, LLC for Data Center Colocation and Managed Services.
3. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute the amendment after approval as to form by the City Attorney.

ACTION: Item No. 27 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 28. 2024-0659 CONSIDER AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR GENERAL LIABILITY THIRD PARTY CLAIMS ADMINISTRATION SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2024 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2027 WITH TWO OPTIONAL ONE-YEAR EXTENSIONS THEREAFTER, TO CARL WARREN & COMPANY, LLC (CITY COUNCIL)

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:
1. AWARD and APPROVE the Agreement for Contract Services between the City of Carson and Carl Warren & Company, LLC, attached as Exhibit No. 1 (the "Agreement"); and
2. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute the Agreement following approval as to form by the City Attorney.

ACTION: Item No. 28 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 29. 2024-0654 CONSIDER ACCEPTING A \$10,000 PARKS CALIFORNIA GRANT THAT WOULD SUPPORT THE CITY OF CARSON'S URBAN WILDLIFE ADVENTURES PROGRAM

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:
1. ACCEPT the Parks California grant award in the amount of \$10,000 to support the City of Carson's Urban Wildlife Adventures Project;
2. APPROVE the proposed Grant Agreement between the City of Carson and Parks California (Exhibit No. 1), and AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute the agreement following approval as to form by the City Attorney; and
3. ADOPT Resolution No. 24-075, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CARSON CITY COUNCIL AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 BUDGET IN THE GENERAL FUND TO ACCEPT A \$10,000 PARKS CALIFORNIA GRANT THAT WILL SUPPORT

THE CITY'S URBAN WILDLIFE ADVENTURES PROJECT"
(Exhibit No. 2).

ACTION: Item No. 29 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 30. 2024-0571 CONSIDER AWARDING A THREE-YEAR CONTRACT TO WEST COAST ARBORISTS (WCA) FOR TREE MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2024 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2027 (CITY COUNCIL)

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:
1. AWARD a three-year Contract Services Agreement to West Coast Arborists, Inc. (WCA) in a total amount not-to-exceed \$2,700,000.00 for tree maintenance services for the period of October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2027, with the option to extend for two additional one-year terms.
2. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute a Contract Services Agreement following approval as to form by the City Attorney.

ACTION: Item No. 30 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 31. 2024-0634 CONSIDER RECORDING A "NOTICE OF EXEMPTION" IN THE OFFICE OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CLERK AND WITH THE STATE CLEARING HOUSE FOR PROJECT NO. 1636 (MILLS PARK IMPROVEMENTS), PURSUANT TO SECTION 15301(E)(1), 15303(E) AND 15323 OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT GUIDELINES (CITY COUNCIL)

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:
1. AUTHORIZE staff to advertise the work and call for construction bids for Project No. 1636: Mills Park Improvement Project.
2. MAKE the California Environmental Quality Act finding that the proposed Mills Park Improvement Project is categorically exempt pursuant to Sections 15301(e)(1) 15303(e) and 15323 of the California Environmental Quality Act guidelines.
3. AUTHORIZE staff to record the "Notice of Exemption" in the office of the Los Angeles County Clerk and with the State Clearing House at the Governor's Office of Planning and Research for Project No. 1636: Mills Park Improvement.

ACTION: Item No. 31 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 32. 2024-0637 CONSIDER ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 24-072, APPROVING A FUNDING AGREEMENT BETWEEN LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (METRO) AND THE CITY OF CARSON ACCEPTING MEASURE M FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$350,000; AND RECORDING A "NOTICE OF EXEMPTION" IN THE OFFICE OF THE LOS

ANGELES COUNTY CLERK AND WITH THE STATE CLEARING HOUSE PURSUANT TO SECTION 15301 OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT GUIDELINES FOR PROJECT NO. 1667: UPGRADE EXISTING TRAFFIC SIGNAL - AVALON BOULEVARD AT GARDENA BOULEVARD (CITY COUNCIL)

Recommendation:

TAKE the following actions:

1. ACCEPT grant funds from Metro in the amount of \$350,000.
2. WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution 24-072, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING MEASURE M AGREEMENT 9200000000M550710 FOR PROJECT 1667: UPGRADE EXISTING TRAFFIC SIGNAL - AVALON BOULEVARD AND GARDENA BOULEVARD, LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY PROJECT ID No. MM5507.10 AND FTIP No. LA9919284 (Exhibit No. 3).
3. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute the Funding Agreement following approval as to form by the City Attorney.
4. MAKE the California Environmental Quality Act finding that the proposed Traffic Signal Upgrade at Avalon Boulevard and Gardena Boulevard is categorically exempt pursuant to Section 15301 of the California Environmental Quality Act guidelines.
5. AUTHORIZE staff to record the "Notice of Exemption" in the office of the Los Angeles County Clerk for Project 1667: Upgrade Existing Traffic Signal - Avalon Boulevard at Gardena Boulevard (Exhibit No. 4).

ACTION: Item No. 32 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 33. 2024-0648 CONSIDER ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 24-078, APPROVING THE SUBAWARD AGREEMENT BETWEEN GREEN LATINOS AND THE CITY OF CARSON, ACCEPTING USDA FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000,000.00 FOR URBAN FOREST MASTER PLAN AND IMPLEMENTATION (CITY COUNCIL)

Recommendation:

TAKE the following actions:

1. ACCEPT the USDA grant funds in the amount of \$1,000,000.00.
2. WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution 24-078, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING SUBAWARD AGREEMENT WITH GREEN LATINOS TO ACCEPT USDA FOREST SERVICE URBAN & COMMUNITY FORESTRY INFLATION REDUCTION ACT GRANT FUNDS FOR THE URBAN FORESTRY MASTER PLAN & IMPLEMENTATION"

ACTION: Item No. 33 was approved on Consent.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY: (Item 34)

Item No. 34. 2024-0660 PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF AN UNCODIFIED ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA: (1) ADOPTING MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM WITH RESPECT TO APPROVAL OF DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT NO. 32-22; AND (2) APPROVING DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT NO. 32-22 BETWEEN THE CITY OF CARSON AND AVOCET ENERGY STORAGE, LLC FOR A PROPOSED BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM (BESS) PROJECT AT 23320 ALAMEDA STREET (APN 7315-020-022) (CITY COUNCIL)

Item No. 34 was heard after approval of the Consent items.

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

Director Naaseh gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Mitigated Negative Declaration/MMRP Development Agreement No. 23-22 – Avocet Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) 23320 Alameda Street.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks asked what plans are in place to address the BESS which is next to the Dominguez Channel.

Richard Stillwagon, Fire Marshall for County of Los Angeles Fire Department, responded to his question.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear asked where they are buying the electricity since there are two facilities.

John Meinecke, representative from Avocet, responded to his question.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes stated she was concerned with the point of sale and asked about the sales tax and use of the energy. John Meinecke responded to her questions.

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

(Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman, Dr. Hilton exited the meeting at 8:15 P.M.)

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes thanked staff for all their hard work and implementing the policy they set.

(Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman, Dr. Hilton reentered the meeting at 8:18 P.M.)

John Meinecke, representing the Avocet Energy Storage Project
Offered comments in support of the project

Public Testimony

The following individuals offered comments in support of the item:

Eddie Alvarez – Council Representative for the L.A. County Orange County Building and Construction Trades Council

Lena Whittaker – representing the Carson Chamber of Commerce

Michael Stewart – representing the Carson Chamber of Commerce

City Manager Roberts, Jr. thanked Director Naaseh and Senior Planner McKina Alexander for their work on the project.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes closed the Public Hearing at 8:30 P.M.

Recommendation: TAKE the following action:
1. OPEN the public hearing, TAKE public testimony, and CLOSE the public hearing;
2. INTRODUCE for first reading, by title only and with full reading waived, Ordinance No. 24-2412, entitled "AN UNCODIFIED ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA: (1) ADOPTING MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM WITH RESPECT TO APPROVAL OF DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT NO. 32-22; AND (2) APPROVING DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT NO. 32-22 BETWEEN THE CITY OF CARSON AND AVOCET ENERGY STORAGE, LLC FOR A PROPOSED BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM (BESS) PROJECT AT 23320 ALAMEDA STREET (APN 7315-020-022)."

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

During discussion of the motion, Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman, Dr. Hilton added that he is excited about the project. He thanked Director Naaseh and Senior Planner McKina Alexander on their great work. He also acknowledged that McKina Alexander received her Master’s Degree from the University of Southern California (USC) Price School of Public Policy.

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

DISCUSSION: (Item 35 to 36)

**Item No. 35. 2024-0658 CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE CLASSIFICATION AND
COMPENSATION STUDY PHASE I RECOMMENDATIONS
AND ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 24-076 AMENDING THE
FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 BUDGET IN THE GENERAL FUND AND
SPECIAL REVENUE (CITY COUNCIL)**

Item No. 35 was heard after Item No. 22.

Director Boudreaux gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Classification and Compensation Study 2024 completed thus far in partnership with the Segal Company.

(Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes exited the meeting at 8:48 P.M. and reentered the meeting at 8:49 P.M.)

Discussion ensued regarding salaries and benefits.

(Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman, Dr. Hilton exited the meeting at 9:04 P.M. and reentered the meeting at 9:05 P.M.)

Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman, Dr. Hilton added that he would like to see staff fill positions opposed to bringing in contractors to fill them. He stated there are many people in the community looking for work for us to have many contractors taking City money.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes commended Director Boudreaux for his work.

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:
1. APPROVE the Classification and Compensation Study Phase I recommendations; and
2. WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 24-076 "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CARSON CITY COUNCIL AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 BUDGET IN THE GENERAL FUND."

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

City Manager Roberts, Jr. commended Director Boudreaux and the Human Resources Department team for all their work done on the study.

Item No. 36. 2024-0480 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:

Public Safety Commission

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Rojas appointed Lawrence Flinton as her uncontested appointment to the Public Safety Commission.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear appointed Louis Cogut as his uncontested appointment to the Public Safety Commission.

Environmental Commission

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes appointed Ezekiel Swayzer to the Environmental Commission.

Human Relations Commission

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes appointed Hector Calidonio as Alternate 3 to the Human Relations Commission.

Public Works Commission

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes appointed Ryan McNichols as her uncontested appointment to the Public Works Commission and appointed Emmanuel Obiora as Alternate 1 to the Public Works Commission.

Senior Citizens Advisory Commission

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes appointed Pauline Davis as Alternate 3 to the Senior Citizens Advisory Commission.

Veteran Affairs Commission

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes appointed Romeo Galeon as her uncontested appointment to the Veterans Affairs Commission, thereby, creating a vacancy of the Alternate 1 position on the Veterans Affairs Commission.

Women's Issues Commission

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes appointed Veronica Johnson as Alternate 3 to the Women’s Issues Commission.

Mobilehome Park Rental Review Board

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes appointed Sheila Richardson as Resident Homeowner Alternate 2 to the Mobilehome Park Rental Review Board.

ACTION: It was moved to ratify the Mayor’s appointments on the Environmental Commission, Human Relations Commission, Public Works Commission, Senior Citizens Advisory Commission, Women’s Issues Commission, and the Mobilehome Park Rental Review Board 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

ORDINANCE SECOND READING: None

MEMORIAL ADJOURNMENTS

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

Solomon "Mo" Solomona
Noberto Javier
Barbara Cole
Dr. Manuel Baculi
Jimmie Louis Stephens
Roy Leonard Stern
Melody Persley-Moses

Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman, Dr. Hilton requested to add Bishop Robert Douglass and Reggie Webb to the Memorial Adjournment Requests.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes asked that Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman, Dr. Hilton's name be added to the agenda for the prayer.

Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman, Dr. Hilton 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.)

(Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Rojas exited the meeting.)

Robert Lesley

Thanked the City Attorney for her efforts for working on Senate Bill 9 and all that she has done; dittoed the comments recognizing the Mayor; thanked her for her service to the city; wished her an outstanding trip to Paris; encouraged everyone to be conscious about the local and national election coming up and the proposed Project 2025 collectively

(Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Rojas reentered the meeting.)

Moises "Jun" Aglipay, representing the Office of State Assembly Member Mike Gipson

Thanked Council Member Hicks for his partnership on last month's Expungement Event; hosting a Fatherhood Conference, Saturday, August 10, 2024, from 7:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. at CSUDH, for more information contact via email mark.fuentes@asm.ca.gov; greeted bonsoir, merci beaucoup, and bonsoir Carson translated as Good Evening Carson and Thank You and Have a Good Night.

Kim Cortado - Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Commissioner

Announced/reported the following:

- Senior Resource Fair, August 7, 2024, from 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M., at the Carson Event Center
- Flag Football and Soccer Sign-Ups are until August 17th
- Girls Soccer available for 1A, 2A and 3A
- Girls Flag Football available in Girls 3A
- Registration and uniforms are free to Carson residents

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes clarified sports registration fees are free; uniforms are free if you qualify as a needy family and volunteer work in the Snack Bar/Park which staff will determine.

- Fam Fest, Saturday, August 24, 2024, from 12:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. at Stevenson Park
- Cajun & Blues White Linen Event, Saturday, September 7, 2024; from 5:30 P.M. to 11:00 P.M.; tickets are \$65
- Heroes Day, September 11, 2024, commencing at 6:00 P.M., at the Carson Event Center
- Country Western Fair, September 13, 2024, from 5:30 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.
- Mariachi Festival, September 27, 2024, from 6:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M., at the Carson Event Center

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (COUNCIL MEMBERS)

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

- Thanked the Soka Japan students and their host families. Last night's Farewell Dinner was wonderful. He thanked staff LaToya Butler, Danielle Hasley, Erica Guico, Margie Revilla, and Kent Tran who all worked hard to make the program a success. Their efforts are greatly appreciated and thanked them for being a part of this memorable experience.
- Fam Fest, Saturday, August 24, 2024, from 12:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. at Stevenson Park
- Stevenson Village Volunteer Association Meeting
- Stevenson Park Volunteers
- Expressed traveling grace to the Mayor on her travels to Paris, France, and appreciates the Mayor's efforts and representing the City well

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

- Thanked Director Rodgers for providing the traffic signal update on the Dimondale and Central Avenue installation, Del Amo Boulevard to Stamps Drive
- Asked for a report on all traffic signals that were completed and for those in the process of being completed
- Asked about Phase Four of the Street Pavement Project. City Manager Roberts, Jr. responded the residents will be receiving a letter of who will be impacted and the Mayor asked that Council receive a copy of the letter as well.
- Kudos to Director Rodgers for a job well done
- Expressed concern about the sidewalk sweeper
- Asked status of the city purchasing their own machine to keep the outside streets clean.

Assistant City Manager, Dr. Lennox responded to her question

- Need to address dogs pooping on the sidewalks
- Career Job Fair, August 30, 2024, from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. at the Carson Event Center
- Women's Health Conference, October 18, 2024, at the Carson Event Center; tickets on sale on August 7, 2024, at 9:00 A.M.; early registration \$50.00; for more information contact Council Aide Myeshia Horton or Council Aide Ravynne Staine; encouraged all the lady participants to wear pink

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

- Soka City Delegation Farewell Dinner was held last night
- Backpack Giveaway in conjunction with the Carson Community Victory Outreach, August 10, 2024, from 11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.; Car Show and other activities at the Carson Event Center East Parking Lot
- Annual Town Hall Meeting, August 15, 2024, at 6:30 P.M. at Perry Mini Park
- Annual Cajun & Blues White Linen Affair, September 7, 2024, at the Carson Event Center
- Annual Prostate Cancer 5K Walk, September 14, 2024, at 8:00 A.M. at California State University Dominguez Hills
- Wished Mayor Davis-Holmes godspeed to Paris, France, and to make sure to obtain all the information for Carson to be the world class representation for the City of Carson for the 2028 Olympics

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes thanked staff for their great energy with the Soka City Delegation. She requested that any time a youth delegation is visiting Carson that staff also have youth with them and must involve the Recreation and Community Services staff, Youth Commission or two youths from each city park. Lead staff to partner with Director of Recreation and Community Services.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear wished everyone a good night and wished Mayor Davis-Holmes a great trip to France.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Rojas suggested the Mayor check on receiving the Olympic flag in which every host city receives one.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF UNFINISHED OR CONTINUED CLOSED SESSION ITEMS (AS NECESSARY) – None.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION – None.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION – None.

REPORT OF ACTIONS ON UNFINISHED OR CONTINUED CLOSED SESSION ITEMS – None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:49 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