



CITY OF CARSON

MINUTES CARSON CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING DECEMBER 20, 2021 5:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 P.M. by Mayor Lula Davis-Holmes in the Helen Kawagoe Council Chambers, Carson City Hall, located at 701 E. Carson Street, Carson, California 90745.

ROLL CALL:

Deputy City Clerk Joy Simarago noted the roll:

Council Members Present:

Mayor Lula Davis-Holmes, Mayor Pro Tem Jim Dear, Council Member Jawane Hilton, Council Member Cedric Hicks and Council Member Arleen Rojas

Also Present:

Dr. Khaleah Bradshaw, City Clerk; David Roberts, Acting City Manager; Michael George, Assistant to the City Manager; Tarik Rahmani, Director of Finance; and Sunny Soltani, City Attorney via telephone

FLAG SALUTE:

Council Member Rojas led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION:

Dr. Leandrea Fields Robinson Cowens gave the invocation.

REPORT ON ANY PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS (CITY CLERK) – None.

CLOSED SESSION (Item No.1)

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS (CITY ATTORNEY)

Acting City Manager Roberts announced the Closed Session item.

RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION:

The meeting was recessed at 5:07 P.M. by Mayor Davis-Holmes to Closed Session.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION:

The meeting was reconvened at 5:30 P.M. by Mayor Davis-Holmes with all members previously

noted present.

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS (CITY ATTORNEY)

City Attorney Soltani provided the Closed Session report as follows:

Item No. 1. 2021-978 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (CITY COUNCIL)

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

ACTION: No reportable action was taken.

Mayor Davis-Holmes declared a local public holiday on Thursday, December 23, 2021 according to the gesture of goodwill and acknowledgements of the work and dedication of the city employees with pay. The holiday will be compensated a 10-hour increment for both full-time and part-time employees scheduled to work that day. City Hall and all City facilities will be closed.

Mayor and City Council thanked the employees and wished them a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Acting City Manager Roberts thanked the Mayor and City Council for the gesture.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR MATTERS LISTED ON THE AGENDA (MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC) (LIMITED TO ONE HOUR) – None.

DISCUSSION: (Item No. 2)

Item No. 2. 2021-977 CONSIDER APPROVING AN AGREEMENT TO ALLOW SHIPPERS TRANSPORT EXPRESS TO OPERATE ITS CURRENT USE AND TO EXPAND THAT USE TO STORAGE OF CONTAINERS FROM THE PORT AT THE 60 ACRES LOCATION SITE OWNED BY MARATHON ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF SEPULVEDA BLVD JUST EAST OF WILMINGTON AVENUE IN THE CITY OF CARSON (CITY COUNCIL)

Acting City Manager Roberts gave a staff report.

Public Comments:

The following individuals spoke in opposition to the item:

Jeanette Gonzalez

Heidi Romero

Dianne Thomas

Dr. Celia Hernandez Villalpando, Environmental Commissioner

Hourie Taylor, Environmental Commissioner

Fatima Iqbal-Zubair

The following individuals spoke in support of the item:

Dr. Leandrea Fields Robinson Cowens, Vice Chair of the Women's Issues Commission
Christopher Palmer, Vice Chair of the Planning Commission
Shannon Lawrence

City Attorney Soltani discussed the terms of the settlement agreement.

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:
Approve an agreement to allow Shippers Transport Express to operate its current use and to expand that use to storage of containers to the 60 acres location site owned by Marathon.

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

During discussion of the motion, Mayor Davis-Holmes expressed concern about the pollution and environmental condition faced with the residents and noted items discussed on September 30, 2021.

Mayor Davis-Holmes inquired if staff received a letter from Marathon.

Acting City Manager Roberts stated staff has not received the letter and would consult with the City Attorney.

City Attorney Soltani noted she has not received the letter from Marathon and clarified that fees imposed to mitigate the impact that the use will have on the community not compensation.

(Council Member Hilton exited and reentered the meeting at 6:19 P.M.)

Mayor and City Council discussed the terms of the agreement.

The motion was unanimously carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Davis-Holmes, Mayor Pro Tem Dear, Council Member Hilton, Council Member Hicks, and Council Member Rojas
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (COUNCIL MEMBERS)

Mayor and City Council wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Council Member Hicks stated Precious Robinson's husband Ellis Robinson passed away on Friday.

Mayor Davis-Holmes stated Isa Pulido's sister passed away.

Mayor Pro Tem Dear noted Isa Pulido's sister name is Michelle E. Pulido.

Mayor Davis-Holmes offered the following comments:

- Kudos to Council Member Hicks and the Carson Citizens Cultural Arts Foundation for a fabulous toy giveaway at the Winterfest event
- Drawing for giveaway of 25 bikes
- Noted Council Member Rojas also held a toy giveaway
- Announced deadline extended to Friday, December 31, 2021 at 11:59 P.M. to submit receipts to the Los Angeles County related to the Dominguez Channel Odor
- Will provide document to staff declaring the local holiday

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:29 P.M. by Mayor Davis-Holmes.

Lula Davis-Holmes
Mayor

ATTEST:

Dr. Khaleah K. Bradshaw
City Clerk