



## CITY OF CARSON

### MINUTES CARSON CITY COUNCIL/ SUCCESSOR AGENCY/HOUSING AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING MAY 16, 2023 5:00 P.M.

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

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

#### **ROLL CALL:**

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

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

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Lula Davis-Holmes, Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman, Dr. Jawane Hilton, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Jim Dear, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Cedric Hicks, and Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Arleen Rojas

#### **Also Present:**

Monica Cooper, City/Agency/Authority Treasurer; David C. Roberts, Jr., City Manager; Sunny Soltani, City/Agency/Authority Attorney; John Raymond, Assistant City Manager; Robert Lennox, Assistant City Manager Dr.; Tarik Rahmani, Deputy City Manager; Saied Naaseh, Director of Community Development; Michael Whittiker, Jr., Director of Community Services; Crystal Williams, Director of Human Resources; and Arlington Rodgers, Director of Public Works

#### **RECESS:**

The meeting was recessed at 5:07 P.M. by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes.

#### **RECONVENE:**

The meeting was reconvened at 5:08 P.M. by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes with all members previously noted present to Item No. 9.

#### **FLAG SALUTE:**

This item was heard after Item No. 9.

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

**INVOCATION:**

**Item No. 1. 2023-0348 PASTOR WALTER R. TUCKER, III OF TRUTH AND LOVE CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

Pastor Walter R. Tucker, III gave the invocation.

**CLOSED SESSION (Items 2- 3)**

Items 2 and 3 were heard after Item No. 9.

**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 INTO CLOSED SESSION:**

The meeting was recessed at 5:29 P.M. by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes to Closed Session.

**RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION:**

The meeting was reconvened at 6:19 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. 2023-0362 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. 3. 2023-0377 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION (CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation: A closed session will be held, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a), to confer with legal counsel regarding pending litigation to which the City is a party. The title of such litigation is as follows: Herbert E. Gleicke Trust, by and through its trustee Loren Miles; and Loren Miles as executor of the Estate of Herbert E. Gleicke v. Altawood Inc., et al.; USDC Case No. 2-17-cv-03262-JFW (AFMx)

ACTION: No reportable action was taken.

## **INTRODUCTIONS (MAYOR)**

### **Item No. 4. 2023-0350 REPORT FROM CAPTAIN JONES OF CARSON SHERIFF'S STATION**

Captain Jones announced/reported the following:

- 29 residents and local business members graduated from the Citizens Academy; thanked Mayor and City Council for their support
- Community Relations staff visited 232<sup>nd</sup> Place Elementary School and Meyler Elementary School; gave refreshments and passed out stickers to the students
- Attended Baseball, Softball, and T-ball Opening Day at Carson Park
- Attended Parent Meeting with Council Member Hicks to discuss bullying and gave out information
- Coffee with a Cop Event on May 24, 2023 in partnership with Boys and Girls Clubs of Carson from 10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.; invited everyone to attend
- Special Olympics Torch Run on June 6, 2023 with Marathon and Arco; invited everyone to support those with special disabilities
- During the first three months of the year, there have been over 303 misdemeanor arrests, 338 felony arrests, and removed 31 guns off the street. The goal is quality of life and peace of mind for the residents.
- Extensive detective investigations; warrants; recovered over 1,000 equipment and made several arrests
- Shooting in February at Denny's Restaurant that resulted in one injury and one death; due to diligence of staff, identified and arrested both suspects
- Reminded everyone to always continue to work hard to bring those responsible with crimes to justice
- Report any additional information contact Homicide Unit at 323-890-5500 or call Crime Stoppers anonymously at 800-222-8477

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes and Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear thanked Captain Jones and his team for their hard work.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### **Item No. 5. 2023-0360 CERTIFICATE PRESENTATION FOR 100TH BIRTHDAY OF CARSON RESIDENT GLORIA HUGHES**

Item No. 5 was heard after Item No. 7.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes recognized and invited everyone to sing the Happy Birthday song to Gloria Hughes.

Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman, Dr. Hilton presented Certificate of Recognition to Gloria Hughes who offered words of gratitude.

Director Williams shared words of recognition.

Marvin Stovall, Vice President of The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Carson/Torrance Branch, congratulated and presented Certificate of Recognition and Appreciation to Gloria Hughes.

**Item No. 6. 2023-0353 CERTIFICATE PRESENTATION TO ITELIA WALKER AS CARSON'S NOMINEE FOR THE 58TH ANNUAL OLDER AMERICANS RECOGNITION AWARD**

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes presented Certificate of Recognition to Itelia Walker who offered words of gratitude.

**Item No. 7. 2023-0361 CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION TO RALPH FELIX AND CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE**

Item No. 7 was heard after Item No. 4.

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

**Item No. 8. 2023-0226 PRESENTATION BY VICE PRESIDENT OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS, JUAN BAEZ, AT LOS ANGELES HARBOR COLLEGE**

Item No. 8 was heard after Item No. 32.

Juan Baez, Vice President of Academic Affairs from Los Angeles Harbor College, gave a PowerPoint presentation of highlights about the college including the following: Los Angeles Harbor College currently teaching college courses at middle schools and high schools throughout the city creating partnerships such as career technical pathways, liberal arts pathways and real estate; expanding in Adult Education; and free courses open to everyone.

Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman, Dr. Hilton thanked Juan Baez for the incredible work being done at Los Angeles Harbor College and thanked him for attending the meeting and shining light on the possibilities at a community college.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks thanked Juan Baez for the presentation and shared that he is an alumnus of Los Angeles Harbor College.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear thanked Juan Baez for his presentation and shared that he too is an alumnus of Los Angeles Harbor College.

**Item No. 9. 2023-0378 INTRODUCTION AND UPDATE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES, CAROLYN COLEMAN**

Item No. 9 was heard after Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman reconvened the meeting at 5:08 P.M.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes introduced Carolyn Coleman who gave an update of the League of California Cities. She thanked the Mayor, City Council, and staff for their leadership.

Item No. 9 was heard again after Item No. 1.

Mayor and City Council presented a Certificate of Recognition to Carolyn Coleman.

**Item No. 10. 2023-0345 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE FROM KILEY & ASSOCIATES**

Item No. 10 was heard after Item No. 12 at 8:03 P.M.

Consultant gave an update on what is happening in Washington, D.C. and what is being done on behalf of the City:

- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Tour - leaders from DC to tour Carson and other areas in the South Bay such as the Dominguez Channel and provide solutions for other environmental justice issues faced.
- Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) noise concerns from Long Beach Airport; encouraged residents to call the hotline when they are disturbed.
- Earmark of funds - \$1.5 million from Senator Alex Padilla for turf and drought tolerant plants for Avalon Boulevard; hoping that Senator Padilla will push it through despite the budget issues.
- Biden Administration is working on funding for the Olympics that might benefit the city for the medians.
- State earmarks with Josh Lowenthal's Office.
- Lomita Boulevard renovations - \$5 million request, plants and irrigation improvements \$1.5 million, and citywide cameras.
- The County received a Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) for the Dominguez Channel; unknown what the dollar amount will be but need to work with the County and request that it be an earmark as a priority.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes mentioned that Carson was not notified that there were additional routes that fly over the city. The consultant stated the City/residents need to connect with the Long Beach Airport.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear asked how Long Beach residents deal with the airport noise. The consultant responded to his inquiry.

**Item No. 11. 2023-0356 PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MAY 21 - 27, 2023 PUBLIC WORKS WEEK**

Item No. 11 was heard after Item No. 6.

Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman, Dr. Hilton read the proclamation and presented to Director Rodgers and members of the Public Works staff who were present.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes thanked Director Rodgers and his team for their hard work.

**Item No. 12. 2023-0341 PRESENTATION: BUILDING A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE TOGETHER: INSIGHTS FROM THE CALIFORNIA STATE DOMINGUEZ HILLS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF INNOVATION, SUSTAINABILITY & PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT**

Item No. 12 was heard after Item No. 11.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Rojas read Certificate of Appreciation and presented to Jasmine Moreno, Adriana Palafox, Jennifer Rebollo, and Ava Kostka.

**PRESENTATION OF PLAQUES**

Mayor and City Council congratulated and presented a plaque to Assistant City Manager Dr. Robert Lennox for receiving his Doctorate Degree in Education in Organizational Change and Leadership and for his accomplishments.

Mayor and City Council congratulated and recognized Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman, Dr. Hilton for receiving his Doctorate Degree in Ministry.

Item No. 12 was heard again after Item No. 8 at 7:49 P.M.

(Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks exited the meeting at 7:49 P.M.)

Innovation and Sustainability Manager Reata Kulcsar noted the College Corp Fellows and students from California State University Dominguez Hills (CSUDH) which there were four of the six interns present at the meeting. She introduced Adriana Palafox who offered words of gratitude and shared her experience with the City of Carson.

(Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks reentered the meeting at 7:51 P.M.)

Jennifer Rebollo, Jasmine Moreno, and Ava Kostka also shared their experiences with the City of Carson and thanked Innovation and Sustainability Manager Reata Kulcsar for the opportunity to work in the City.

Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman, Dr. Hilton thanked the interns for their service and happy to see internships now flourishing and acknowledged the Mayor's signing of the Town and Gown Promise with CSUDH. He encouraged the interns to stay connected to the City and look for future jobs.

Mayor and City Council congratulated and thanked the students for their work in the City of Carson and for participating in the Earth Day and Children's Day events. They also thanked

Innovation and Sustainability Manager Reata Kulcsar for her hard work.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes noted the next phase will be a Mentorship Program.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR MATTERS LISTED ON THE AGENDA (MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC) (LIMITED TO ONE HOUR)**

This item was heard after Item No. 30.

City Clerk/Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary, Dr. Bradshaw noted public comment cards she received.

The following individuals spoke in support of Item No. 32:

Manuel “Nick” Da Silva  
Dimetrios Vandiegriff  
Brian Raber

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Item No. 13. 2023-0351 APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/HOUSING AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES: APRIL 20, 2023 (SPECIAL) AND MAY 2, 2023 (REGULAR)**

Item No. 13 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

**SUBSEQUENT NEED ITEM**

City Manager Roberts, Jr. requested to add a subsequent need item to the agenda to discuss a letter received from the Mayor of Paranaque, Philippines, which was received after the posting of the agenda. Representatives from the City of Paranaque will be arriving on May 22, 2023, therefore, requesting City Council to consider approval of funding for their visit before the next

City Council meeting of June 6, 2023.

City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani explained the process to add a subsequent need item to the agenda which will require 4/5 vote of the City Council for motion to pass.

It was moved to add the subsequent need item to the agenda as requested by City Manager Roberts, Jr. on motion of Davis-Holmes, seconded by Hilton which failed to carry by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes, Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman, Dr. Hilton, and Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks  
Noes: Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear and Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Rojas  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes directed City Manager Roberts, Jr. to inform the visitors that their visit will not be an official city visit.

**CONSENT: (Items 14 to 29)**

City Manager Roberts, Jr. referred to Item No. 20 and noted he replaced document in Exhibit 2 and provided the updated document to the Mayor, City Council, and staff with no objection heard.

It was moved to approve Consent Items No. 14 to 29 on motion of Davis-Holmes, seconded by Dear.

Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman, Dr. Hilton requested to remove Item No. 29 for discussion.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks requested to remove Item No. 23 for discussion.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear requested to remove Items No. 18 and 27 for discussion.

The motion to approve Consent Items No. 14 to 29, except Items No. 18, 23, 27 and 29, 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. 14. 2023-0363 CONSIDER MONTHLY INVESTMENT AND CASH REPORT FOR THE CITY OF CARSON, CARSON HOUSING AUTHORITY, CARSON SUCCESSOR AGENCY-MONTH ENDING APRIL 30, 2023**

Recommendation: RECEIVE and FILE.

ACTION: Item No. 14 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 15. 2023-0357 Resolution No. 23-088, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON RATIFYING CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,151,175.81, DEMAND CHECK NUMBERS 167439 THROUGH 167651**

ACTION: Item No. 15 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 16. 2023-0358 Resolution No. 23-06-CHA, A RESOLUTION OF THE CARSON HOUSING AUTHORITY RATIFYING CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,557.73, DEMAND CHECK NUMBERS HA-001943 through HA-001945**

ACTION: Item No. 16 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 17. 2023-0359 Resolution No. 23-06-CSA, A RESOLUTION OF THE CARSON SUCCESSOR AGENCY RATIFYING CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,659.30, DEMAND CHECK NUMBERS SA-001895 THROUGH SA-001898**

ACTION: Item No. 17 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 18. 2023-0314 CONSIDER RESCINDING AND REPLACING RESOLUTIONS APPROVING THE SUCCESSOR MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF CARSON AND THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES (AFSCME) UNION, LOCAL 1017 AND THE CARSON PROFESSIONALS AND SUPERVISORS ASSOCIATION - SERVICE EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL UNION, LOCAL 721 (CITY COUNCIL)**

Item No. 18 was heard after vote of Subsequent Need item at 8:37 P.M.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear offered comments in support of the item.

Recommendation: 1. CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 23-083, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 22-225 APPROVING THE SUCCESSOR MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN THE CITY OF CARSON AND THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES UNION, LOCAL 1017, FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2021 to JUNE 30, 2024."

2. CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 23-084, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 22-226 APPROVING THE SUCCESSOR MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF CARSON AND THE CARSON PROFESSIONALS AND SUPERVISORS - SERVICE EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL UNION, LOCAL 721, FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2021 to JUNE 30, 2024."

**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

**Item No. 19. 2023-0366 CONSIDER APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF FIFTEEN NEW PANAVIEW MULTI-SPORT SCOREBOARDS FROM DAKTRONICS, INC. (CITY COUNCIL)**

**Recommendation:** TAKE the following actions:  
1. WAIVE the formal bidding procedures as defined by the Carson Municipal Code (CMC) Section 2610; and  
2. APPROVE the purchase of fifteen (15) new PanaView Multi-Sport Scoreboards and additional accessories/supplies as shown in Exhibit No. 1 from Daktronics, Inc., an authorized dealer, for a total not-to-exceed cost of \$152,458.21, by the Purchasing Manager via a purchase order pursuant to CMC Section 2611(g) (Cooperative Purchasing bidding exemption) and Omnia Partners Cooperative Purchasing Agreement #R220601.

**ACTION:** Item No. 19 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 20. 2023-0380 CONSIDER APPROVING THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO COVENANT AND AGREEMENT FOR CARSON GARDENS APARTMENTS, MODIFYING THE AGE-RELATED OCCUPANCY RESTRICTION FROM 62+ YEARS OF AGE FOR ALL OCCUPANTS TO 62+ YEARS OF AGE FOR ALL HEADS OF HOUSEHOLDS (CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:  
1. APPROVE the first amendment to covenant and agreement for Carson Gardens (Exhibit No. 2); and  
2. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute the first amendment to covenant and agreement for Carson Gardens, following approval as to form by the City Attorney.

ACTION: Item No. 20 was approved on Consent including the updated document (Exhibit 2) provided by the City Manager.

**Item No. 21. 2023-0373 CONSIDER ADOPTION OF CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES (CALOES) FORM 130 DESIGNATING AGENTS NECESSARY TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO STATE AND FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) REIMBURSEMENTS (CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation: ADOPT Cal OES Form 130, "Designation of Sub-recipient's Agency Resolution Hazard Mitigation Grant Program and Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program.

ACTION: Item No. 21 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 22. 2023-0344 CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO CONTRACT SERVICES AGREEMENTS TO PROVIDE ON-CALL ENGINEERING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO THE ENGINEERING DIVISION OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, EXTENDING THE TERMS OF THE CONTRACTS**

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:  
1. APPROVE Amendment No. 5 to On-Call Consultant Agreement with PA Arca Engineering to provide On-Call Engineering Professional Services extending the term by additional six (6) months until December 30, 2023 (Exhibit No. 1).  
2. APPROVE Amendment No. 6 to On-Call Consultant Agreement with John M. Cruikshank Consultant Inc. (JMC2) to provide On-Call Engineering Professional Services extending the term by additional one (1) year until June 30, 2024 (Exhibit No. 2).  
3. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 5 to On-Call Consultant Agreement with PA Arca Engineering following approval as to form by the City Attorney.  
4. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 6 to On-Call Consultant Agreement with John M. Cruikshank Consultant Inc. (JMC2) following approval as to form by the City Attorney.

ACTION: Item No. 22 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 23. 2023-0349 CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE PUBLIC WORKS AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CARSON AND RMF CONTRACTING, INC. (C-22-220) TO PROVIDE ATHLETIC FIELD LIGHT IMPROVEMENTS TO CALAS PARK (CITY COUNCIL)**

Item No. 23 was heard after Item No. 18.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks requested a staff report.

Director Rodgers gave a staff report.

- Recommendation:
1. APPROVE Amendment No.1 to the Public Works Agreement by and between the City of Carson and RMF to (1) increase the contract sum by \$44,355 such that the total cost of the Agreement does not exceed \$251,930 and extend the completion date to July 31, 2023.
  2. AUTHORIZE the expenditure of construction contingency, if necessary, in the amount not to exceed \$4,435.50 for unforeseen underground construction activities that may be encountered during construction.
  3. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 1 following approval as to form by the City Attorney.

**ACTION:** It was moved to approve staff recommendations 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. 24. 2023-0300 CONSIDER APPROVAL OF FUNDING AGREEMENT BETWEEN LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (METRO) AND THE CITY OF CARSON ACCEPTING MEASURE R FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,220,000.00 FOR PROJECT NO. 1657: TRAFFIC SIGNAL UPGRADES - FIGUEROA ST AT 234TH ST, FIGUEROA ST AT 223RD ST, FIGUEROA ST AT VICTORIA ST / 190TH ST, MAIN ST AT 220TH ST, MAIN ST AT ALBERTONI ST, AND MAIN ST AT VICTORIA ST.**

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:  
1. ACCEPT a grant in the amount of \$4,220,000.00 from Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority.  
2. APPROVE the Funding Agreement between Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority and the City of Carson granting \$3,730,000 to the City of Carson to cover the project construction cost.  
3. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute the Funding Agreement between Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority and the City of Carson following approval as to form by the City Attorney.

ACTION: Item No. 24 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 25. 2023-0315 CONSIDER AWARDING AN ON-CALL CONTRACT TO RED WING BRANDS OF AMERICA, INC. FOR AS NEEDED PURCHASE OF UNIFORM SAFETY WORKBOOTS, SHOES, AND ACCESSORIES (CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation: 1. AWARD and APPROVE the On-Call Contract Services Agreement with Red Wing Brands of America, Inc. for as needed purchase of citywide uniform boots, shoes, and accessories, for a three-year term with the option to extend for two additional one-year terms at the City's discretion, for the amount of \$105,000; and  
2. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute the agreement, following approval as to form by the City Attorney

ACTION: Item No. 25 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 26. 2023-0331 CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION NO. 23-086 APPROVING THE PROJECT LIST FOR SB-1 (BEALL) "ROAD REPAIR AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2017" FOR FY 2023-24 (CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation: ADOPT Resolution No. 23-086, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A LIST OF PROJECTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 FUNDED BY SB-1: THE ROAD REPAIR AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2017"

ACTION: Item No. 26 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 27. 2023-0347 CONSIDER AWARDING A PURCHASE ORDER TO WINNER CHEVROLET, COLFAX CA, FOR THE PURCHASE OF FOUR NEW 2024 CHEVROLET COLORADO MID-SIZE TRUCKS FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS LANDSCAPE AND BUILDING MAINTENANCE (LBM) DIVISION**

Item No. 27 was heard after Item No. 23.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear offered comments in support of item.

Recommendation: 1. WAIVE any irregularities or informalities in the bids;  
2. AWARD and APPROVE the Purchase Order with Winner Chevrolet, Inc for the purchase of four (4) 2024 Chevrolet Colorado trucks for \$179,861.85.

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

**Item No. 28. 2023-0336 CONSIDER APPROVING A PUBLIC WORKS AGREEMENT WITH SILVERLINE NEVADA, LTD, DBA CALIFORNIA FENCE & SUPPLY, FOR THE INSTALLATION OF NEW FENCING AND GATES, AND ELIMINATING CALIFORNIA CORNERS FOR PICKLE BALL COURT CONVERSION AT HEMINGWAY PARK (CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:  
1. APPROVE the elimination of California corners to allow for future pickleball tournaments at Hemingway Park.  
2. APPROVE a Public Works Agreement with Silverline Nevada, LTD, dba California Fence & Supply for a total not-to-exceed Contract Sum of \$50,134.04 (Exhibit 1).  
3. AUTHORIZE the expenditure of a construction contingency in the amount of \$5,013 (10% of the not-to-exceed total Contract Sum) for any unforeseen construction work including, but not limited to, substructure conflicts, contaminated soil removal and disposal, and material testing that may be necessary to complete the project.  
4. AUTHORIZE 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. 2023-0368 CONSIDER REJECTION OF BIDS FOR RFP NO. 23-014: CITY-WIDE MEDIAN LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE**

Item No. 29 was heard after Item No. 27.

Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman, Dr. Hilton brought to the attention that he has been tagged on social media about the bid process and why the city is rejecting this bid. City Manager Roberts, Jr. responded to his inquiry.

Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman, Dr. Hilton proposed that the city needs a street work master plan to see if the City can replicate what the City had seven years ago. CalTrans should be held accountable for the work they are supposed to do. If CalTrans does not do their job then maybe the City can send them a bill for doing their work.

Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman, Dr. Hilton called for commissioners to be part of a citywide beautification project.

Assistant City Manager Dr. Lennox noted the Public Works team has been tasked under the direction of Director Rodgers of the existing median issues and Code Enforcement tackling the overgrowths.

Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman, Dr. Hilton recommended an ordinance in place regarding the weeds issue.

Mayor and City Council were in consensus to have lawn cut down at the corner house which may cause a fire hazard and to bill them.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes asked Director Rodgers to work with Assemblyman Mike Gipson for CalTrans to be more responsive.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks noted the median issues before the new Director of Public Works came on board. Director Rodgers noted he made contact with CalTrans and will continue working with them and the Assembly Member to mitigate the median issues.

Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman, Dr. Hilton urged residents to allow staff to complete the work and to not cut the weeds themselves for safety concerns.

Recommendation:            Take the following actions:  
1. REJECT the bids received for RFP 23-014: City-Wide Median Landscape Maintenance  
2. AUTHORIZE staff to re-advertise in an effort to receive competitive and responsive bids with the understanding that there may be multiple awardees.

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

Ayes:            Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes, Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman, Dr. Hilton, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks, and Council Member/Agency

Member/Authority Board Member Rojas  
Noes: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

**SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY: NONE**

**DISCUSSION: (Items 30 to 35)**

**Item No. 30. 2023-0376 CONSIDER A REMINDER REGARDING RESOLUTION 20-139 SOLEMNLY PROCLAIMING SUPPORT FOR THE ELIMINATION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS (CITY COUNCIL)**

Item No. 30 was heard after presentation of plaques to Assistant City Manager Dr. Lennox and Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman, Dr. Hilton.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes presented a video of Council Member Dear's remarks toward the Mayor at a previous meeting.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes wanted the ladies and men of the City know that there will not be an abusive attitude as what was dealt with before.

Recommendation: DISCUSS Resolution 20-139.

**ACTION:** Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes directed the City Manager to work with the Women's Issues Commission on a variety of topics related to gender issues.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes called on City employees that they do not have to feel threatened in any way.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks asked about Rules and Decorum being placed in the Council Chambers. He shared that at the Veterans Administration Hospital they have the Rules of Decorum posted and on how to act appropriate when in the chambers.

Public Comments:

Monette Gavino

Offered comments in support of Council Member Dear

Robert Lesley

Referred to Council Member Dear's behavior as former Mayor

Ricardo Pulido

Offered comments in support of Council Member Dear



Julie Ruiz-Raber, former Mayor Pro Tempore

Referred to Council Member Dear's behavior as former Mayor and offered comments in support of Mayor Davis-Holmes

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Rojas asked to work with City Attorney on proper language of the resolution to ensure that language regarding domestic violence is not used erroneously.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes asked that input from Council Member Rojas, City Attorney, and Women's Issues Commission occur before bringing the item back.

Dr. Vergie Seymour

Referred to the meaning of the word "nasty"

**Item No. 31. 2023-0372 CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION NO. 23-089 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES TO IMPROVE INTERNAL CONTROLS, PROCESSES AND PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE CITY'S SPECIAL EVENTS FUND BASED ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF AUDIT ADVISORY FIRM (CITY COUNCIL)**

Item No. 31 was heard after Item No. 29 at 9:05 P.M.

Tiffany McCoy, Internal Audit Manager with Bakertilly, introduced her team Adrian McCoy, Mike Tamara, Nick Martinez, and Woody Battle who were present.

Tiffany McCoy gave a PowerPoint presentation and their recommendations.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear referred to their recommendations and how staff can have a checklist before the event for a smooth, clearer process for success.

Tiffany McCoy gave comments regarding communal understanding with partnership agreement.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes spoke about the need of an action plan, having a special events checklist in place, meet with staff to get nuts and bolts before approving the resolution, excellent suggestions and how to implement.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear stated he beg to differ with the Mayor and the need to implement the recommendations which the firm worked hard on, and does not agree to continue the item.

Recommendation: WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 23-089, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES TO IMPROVE INTERNAL CONTROLS, PROCESSES AND PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE CITY'S

SPECIAL EVENTS FUND BASED ON RECOMMENDATIONS  
OF AUDIT ADVISORY FIRM"

ACTION: Mayor and City Council took the following actions:

Main Motion

It was moved to continue the item on motion of Davis-Holmes, seconded by Hilton.

Substitute Motion and Vote on Substitute Motion

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear offered a substitute motion to approve staff recommendation, seconded by Rojas which failed to carry by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear and Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Rojas  
Noes: Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes, Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman, Dr. Hilton, and Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

Vote on Main Motion

The main motion was carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes, Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman, Dr. Hilton, and Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks  
Noes: Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear and Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Rojas  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

**Item No. 32. 2023-0279 CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 23-081, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, PROCLAIMING CITY'S SUPPORT FOR VETERANS HOUSING WITHIN THE CITY OF CARSON**

Item No. 32 was heard after Oral Communications for Matters Listed on the Agenda (Members of the Public).

Recommendation: ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 23-081, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, PROCLAIMING CITY'S SUPPORT FOR VETERANS HOUSING WITHIN THE CITY OF CARSON"

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

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

Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks, and Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Rojas

Noes: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

**Item No. 33. 2023-0367 CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED GUARANTEE LETTER FROM THE CITY OF CARSON TO LA28 REGARDING THE 2028 OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC GAMES BEING HELD AT DIGNITY HEALTH SPORTS PARK IN THE CITY OF CARSON (CITY COUNCIL)**

Item No. 33 was heard after Item No. 31.

City Manager Roberts, Jr. gave a staff report.

Recommendation: APPROVE the proposed Guarantee Letter included as Exhibit 1.

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. 34. 2023-0343 FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 BUDGET WORKSHOP NO. 3**

Item No. 34 was heard after Item No. 33 at 9:39 P.M.

Senior Budget Analyst Ralston Turner stated he would present aspects of the Proposed Operating Budget Update. Director Whittiker, Jr. to present the Special Events Budget and Director Rodgers to present the Capital Improvement Program Budget.

Senior Budget Analyst Ralston Turner gave a PowerPoint presentation on the following:

- General Fund Reserve - \$88 million surplus
- Projected Revenue by Category: \$121.9 million
- FY 2023-2024 Proposed General Fund Expenditures
- Personnel Positions Increase Comparison
- Part-Time Staff: 442 Employees
- Measure C and K Budget Oversight Committee Recommendations
- Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Position Additions
- City Clerk Budget

- Los Angeles Sheriff Contract: \$24.6 million

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes asked that staff obtain the desired number from Captain Jones for an actual cost of the increase for the Sheriff's Contract for the next fiscal year.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes asked that the Reserve be used to make the payments to the County for the 2021 election annually instead of the General Fund.

Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman, Dr. Hilton spoke in favor of a one-time payment to Los Angeles County instead of incremental payments. Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes recommended annual payments.

Senior Budget Analyst Ralston Turner continued the PowerPoint presentation:

- FY 2023-2024 Proposed General Fund Expenditures
- General Fund Proposed Budget Has \$518K Surplus

Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman, Dr. Hilton commended and thanked Senior Budget Analyst Ralston Turner for his thorough presentation. He thanked him for the three excellent workshops and a job well done.

Deputy City Manager Rahmani thanked the Mayor and City Council for their questions and commended Senior Budget Analyst Ralston Turner for his work.

Director Whittiker, Jr. gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Proposed Special Event 244 Budget.

Director Rodgers gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) – 5 Year CIP Funding.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes asked about the budgeted \$56 million and where that money is coming from. Director Rodgers responded that the money is coming from a variety of resources such as SB funds. Deputy City Manager Rahmani responded that the budget staff report includes where the funds are coming from.

Motion

It was moved to continue the agenda until completion by 11:30 P.M. or sooner on motion of Dear, seconded by Davis-Holmes and carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear, and Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Rojas  
 Noes: Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman, Dr. Hilton and Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks  
 Abstain: None  
 Absent: None

Recommendation: Take the following actions:  
1. Provide direction to staff on any expenditure line item that will be used to build the proposed draft Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget  
2. Approve Measure C and K Budget Oversight Committee Recommendations  
3. Approve Proposed Fiscal Year 2023-2024 CIP 5 Year Plan

ACTION: It was moved to approve staff recommendations 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

**Item No. 35. 2023-0352 CONSIDERATION OF ONLY LOCAL UNCONTESTED APPOINTMENTS TO THE CITY'S COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES AND BOARDS BY MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL AND CONSIDER ALL (CONTESTED AND UNCONTESTED) APPOINTMENTS TO ALL COMMISSIONS EXCEPT PLANNING COMMISSION, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 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, Economic Development Commission and Environmental Commission;  
3. DIRECT the City Clerk to notify all affected appointments of this action in writing;  
4. IF APPLICABLE, DIRECT the City Clerk to post and publish in accordance with the Maddy Act.

ACTION: Mayor and City Council took the following actions:

Environmental Commission

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes appointed Dr. Celia Villalpando from Alternate 2 to the vacant regular position.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes appointed Bryan Ford from Alternate 3 to the other vacant regular position

Public Relations Commission

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes appointed Lilibeth Lustina as Alternate 3 to the Public Relations Commission, thereby, creating a vacancy of the Alternate 2 position on the Women’s Issues Commission.

Public Safety Commisison

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes appointed Michael Wilson, Alternate 2, to the vacant Alternate 1 position.

Senior Citizens Advisory Commission

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes appointed Patricia Patterson, Alternate 1, to the vacant regular position.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes appointed Delia Lopez, Alternate 3, to the other vacant regular position.

It was moved to ratify the Mayor’s appointments 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:

- Songye Sue Parker
- Alex Lewis
- Antonio Anaya Mendoza
- Gloria Molina
- Bishop Clarence M. Adams

Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman, Dr. Hilton requested to add Lady Mae Waller to the Memorial Adjournment Requests.

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 Announcement of Closed Session Items.

### Adrianus "Hans" Hoogendam

Reported slurry seal was cancelled on Belshaw Avenue; informed of streets to be painted on Monday which he felt does not make sense to paint then slurry; left voicemail with Public Works Department and talked to Mayor Pro Tempore Hilton who advised him to call Public Works which he already did; inquired why 192<sup>nd</sup> Street was named Martin Luther King, Jr. Street and suggested the name be removed and the street be fixed before renaming

This item was heard again after Item No. 10.

### Gerard Gaidos

Requested exemption to Carson Municipal Code (CMC) Section 9126.23, 24, 25/29 regarding his fence.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes asked City Manager Roberts, Jr. to follow up with Gerard Gaidos regarding the matter and find a solution.

### Robert Lesley

Offered comments regarding code violations about former Mayor Jim Dear; requested Rick Pulido to explain his extortion with a restaurant in 2008

### Kim Cortado

Reported/announced the following City events/activities:

- Self Care Fair
- 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Blood Drive that was a success
- Cinco de Mayo event at Carson Park; good event, staff did a great job
- Junior Oscars
- Participated in Pancake Breakfast
- Opening Day at Carson Park
- Memorial Day Event on Thursday, May 25, 2023, from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. at the Carson Community Center
- Working for YMCA with the Senior Nutrition Program at the Carson Community Center; thanked staff for their assistance
- Wished everyone a great night

### Rick Pulido

Offered comments in response to claims that Robert Lesley made about him being arrested. He stated that he was arrested by over zealous officers who in turn were disciplined and removed from the City; he was acquitted; referred to the Mayor who is in violation of the Code of Ethics, and threatened a recall this summer.

### Dan Valdez

Offered comments asking for peace in the City

## **COUNCIL MEMBER REQUESTS TO ADD ITEMS TO FUTURE AGENDAS**

This item was heard after Memorial Adjournments.

Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman, Dr. Hilton asked the City Attorney for an ordinance on the grass being cut by residents particularly for those lawns that pose a fire hazard. Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes asked that item come back by second City Council meeting in June.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Rojas asked for an update on Foisia Park construction plans and upgrades. Assistant City Manager Dr. Lennox shared that it is currently in design and will be an RFP soon.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks asked for an update on Mills Park construction. Assistant City Manager Dr. Lennox shared that Mills Park and Carriage Crest Park are currently in design.

## **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (COUNCIL MEMBERS)**

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear requested the City Attorney to address seating on the dais as it relates to COVID-19 protocol having been ended some time ago.

City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani stated that COVID-19 restrictions have been lifted, therefore, Council Members can return to sitting next to each other.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks stated he attended an Antibullying Rally.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes requested staff to work on an antibullying policy.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear brought up that he and Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Rojas names are not shown on television. City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani asked City Manager Roberts, Jr. to review the video for all names to be viewed on television.

City Manager Roberts, Jr. viewed the angle from the audio visual room. He stated that from the wide angle shot, no one's name is seen.

**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 10:52 P.M. by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes.

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Lula Davis-Holmes  
Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman

ATTEST:

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