

Ordinance No. 19-1919,

"AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, ADDING SUBSECTION E TO CARSON MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 2403 (COUNCIL SEATING) OF CHAPTER 4 (CITY OFFICES - COUNCIL CHAMBERS - MEETINGS) OF ARTICLE II OF THE CARSON MUNICIPAL CODE TO ESTABLISH THE ORDER OF SEATING OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS ON THE DAIS DURING ALL CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS IN THE HELEN KAWAGOE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS OR AT OTHER LOCATIONS (CITY COUNCIL)"

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Carson ("City") approved Council Policy 1.02.03 on September 16, 2015, which affirmed that the Mayor will determine the individual elected officials seating assignments, including the City Clerk and City Treasurer, for all meetings held in the Helen Kawagoe City Council Chambers or alternate location should a meeting be held outside of the Council Chambers; and

WHEREAS, Council Policy 1.02.03 superseded Standard Management Procedure (SMP) 1.65, which was adopted on September 1, 2009, which granted the Mayor similar authority with respect to the City Council but not the other elected officials; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has requested a standardized seating arrangement for the City Council, fixing the location of the Mayor and the Mayor Pro Tem and arranging others' by seniority based on total number of years served.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The forgoing recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

SECTION 2. Section 2403 of Article II (Administration) of the Carson Municipal Code is hereby amended to include the following:

Section E. Seating on the Dais. The purpose of this Section is to amend Council Policy 1.02.03, the policy of the City Council that designates the Mayor as the authority on the seating assignments of all elected officials in the Council Chambers, including the City Clerk and City Treasurer. Upon the effectiveness of this section, the order of seating shall be determined as follows:

- a. For all meetings in the Helen Kawagoe City Council Chambers:
 - i. The Mayor shall be seated in the center seat, with two members on each side, and
 - ii. The Mayor Pro Tem shall be seated to the Mayor's immediate left; and

- iii. The Councilmember with the most years served (by total tenure) shall be seated to the Mayor's immediate right; and
 - iv. The next most tenured member shall be seated to the most tenured member's right; and
 - v. The least tenured member shall be seated to the Mayor Pro Tem's left; and
 - vi. The City Treasurer shall be seated to the left of the least tenured Council member; and
 - vii. The City Clerk shall be seated below the dais in a seat most accessible to members of the public; and
- b. For all meetings in alternate locations:
- i. The Mayor shall be seated in the center seat, with two members on each side, and
 - ii. The Mayor Pro Tem and other Council members shall be seated in the same order as in Council Chambers; and
 - iii. The City Treasurer and City Clerk shall be seated in a location that is visible and accessible to members of the public.

SECTION 3. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances, is, for any reason, held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect any other provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable. The City Council hereby declares that it would have adopted this ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, part or portion thereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, phrases, parts or portions thereof be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect thirty (30) days after its adoption.

SECTION 5. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Ordinance, and shall cause the same to be posted and codified in the manner required by law.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council on this _____ day of February, 2019.

MAYOR ALBERT ROBLES

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK DONESIA GAUSE-ALDANA

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CITY ATTORNEY SUNNY K. SOLTANI