



## **CITY OF CARSON**

### **MINUTES CARSON CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING JUNE 11, 2019**

**10:00 A.M.**

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

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 A.M. by Mayor Pro Tem Cedric Hicks in the Helen Kawagoe Council Chambers, Carson City Hall, located at 701 E. Carson Street, Carson, California 90745.

#### **ROLL CALL:**

City Clerk Gause-Aldana noted the roll:

#### **Council Members Present:**

Mayor Pro Tem Cedric Hicks, Council Member Lula Davis-Holmes, and Council Member Jim Dear

#### **Council Members Absent:**

Mayor Albert Robles and Council Member Jawane Hilton

#### **Other Elected Officials Present:**

Donesia Gause-Aldana, City Clerk and Monica Cooper, City Treasurer

#### **Also Present:**

Sharon Landers, City Manager; Teresa Chen, Assistant City Attorney; John Raymond, Assistant City Manager; David Roberts, Assistant City Manager; Maria Williams-Slaughter, Director of Public Work; Saied Naaseh, Director of Community Development; Idris Al-Oboudi, Director of Community Services; Faye Moseley, Director of Human Resources and Risk Management, and Tarik Rahmani, Director of Finance.

#### **RECESSED**

The meeting was recessed at 10:05 A.M. by Mayor Pro Tem Hicks to attend a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.

#### **RECONVENED**

The meeting was reconvened at 11:32 A.M. by Mayor Pro Tem Hicks.

City Clerk Gause-Aldana noted all Council Members present previously noted.

City Manager Landers mentioned Council Member Hilton was present for the meeting but had a scheduling conflict which prevented him from staying until 11:15 A.M.

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

### Paz Villanueva-Velasquez, Community Civic Engagement Board Member

Spoke about the Community Civic Engagement Board focus on voter's registration, voter turnout and the 2020 Census. She spoke about the challenges with voter turnout from the Latino & 20-36 year old demographics because they are not civically engaged. She requested a budget allocation of \$5000 for voter registration and 2020 Census Initiative.

Council Member Dear inquired about past Community Civic Engagement Board budget allocations.

Council Member Davis-Holmes noted that she and the Women's Issues Commission raise money for the "All About Me" Conference.

Director Rahmani responded to Council Member Dear's inquiry and Council Member Davis-Holmes comment.

Mayor Pro Tem Hicks inquired about Community Civic Engagement Board Member expected deliverable accomplishments from the \$5000. He also directed the Board Member to address her request with Manager Mike Whittaker to submit her request.

Board Member Villanueva-Velasquez responded to Mayor Pro Tem Hicks inquiry.

## **DISCUSSION: (Item 1)**

### **Item No. 1. 2019-592 FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 BUDGET WORKSHOP #4**

City Manager Landers provided a brief staff report and requested budget policy questions from City Council.

Council Member Davis-Holmes inquired if staff had what was needed to adopt the 2019-2020 budget and what information she requested regarding the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

Director Rahmani, noted Council Member Davis-Holmes requested the following:

1. Passport Services – expenditures versus revenues.
2. Kids Club – expenditures versus revenues.
3. Summary of City Council policy decisions.

He provided hand outs and a power point presentation regarding budget allocations.

Council Member Davis-Holmes moved to defund the \$5,000 for Community Friendship Day, seconded by Council Member Dear and unanimously carried by the following vote:

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

Mayor Pro Tem Hicks moved to add an additional \$5,000 for White Linen Party, seconded by Council Member Davis-Holmes, and unanimously carried by the following vote:

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

Council Member Davis-Holmes moved to reduce the Winter Fest to \$10,000, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hicks and unanimously carried by the following vote:

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

Discussion ensued regarding approved budget allocations.

Council Member Davis-Holmes directed staff to provide a quarterly report regarding efforts to receive additional funding from outside sources.

City Manager Landers noted a memo will be composed for City Council.

City Manager Landers provided a report on self-sustaining classes.

Discussion ensued regarding Kids Club revenues, self-sustaining classes, renovation of the Community Center, Citywide Excursion Programs and the replacement of the Citywide excursion buses.

Council Member Dear commended City Manager Landers on her efforts and accomplishments thus far as City Manager. He also requested staff to present revenue generators and saving opportunities to City Council for consideration.

Mayor Pro Tem Hicks inquired about the Transportation Study he requested for bus ridership study and a traffic study pertaining to traffic signal timing. He also inquired about an update on the bus stop renovations.

Director Rahmani noted a report will be presented at a later time addressing Mayor Pro Tem Hicks inquiries.

Discussion ensued regarding preliminary recommendations to transfer the City's bus service to Long Beach, Gardena or Torrance bus lines.

Council Member Davis-Holmes inquired about Parks and Recreation revenues.

Director Al-Oboudi responded a report will be presented at a later time addressing Council Member Davis-Holmes inquiries.

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:  
1. PROVIDE direction for each budget policy question, which will be used to build the draft budget  
2. APPROVE budget  
3. TAKE whatever action the City Council deems appropriate.

Council Member Davis-Holmes moved to defund two full-time Senior Clerk positions and find comparable positions in the next 45 days, seconded by Council Member Dear.

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

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

### Council Member Dear

Reiterated the City should avoid a structural deficit and not spend more than we take in so that the City may build up its reserves for capital improvement projects and emergencies.

### Council Member Davis-Holmes

Thanked Aleshire and Wynder for collecting \$3,000,000 for the City's general fund.

## **ANNOUNCEMENT OF UNFINISHED OR CONTINUED CLOSED SESSION ITEMS (AS NECESSARY) - NONE**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 P.M. by Mayor Pro Tem Hicks.

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Mayor Albert Robles

ATTEST:

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City Clerk Donesia Gause-Aldana