



## **CITY OF CARSON**

### **MINUTES CARSON CITY COUNCIL/ SUCCESSOR AGENCY/HOUSING AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 17, 2019**

**5:00 P.M.**

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:08 P.M. by Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Cedric Hicks 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 Donesia Gause-Aldana noted the roll:

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

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Albert Robles, Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Cedric Hicks, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Jawane Hilton, and Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Jim Dear

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

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Lula Davis-Holmes

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

Donesia Gause-Aldana, City Clerk/Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary, and Monica Cooper, City/Agency/Authority Treasurer

#### **Also Present:**

Sharon Landers, City Manager; Sunny Soltani, City/Agency/Authority Attorney; John Raymond, Assistant City Manager; David Roberts, Assistant City Manager; Maria Williams-Slaughter, Director of Public Works; 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

**CLOSED SESSION (5:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.) (Items 1-2)**

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – CLOSED SESSION ITEMS ONLY – None.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani announced the Closed Session items. She stated Captain Skeen requested to add a subsequent item regarding security measures.

It was moved to add a subsequent need item to the Closed Session agenda regarding public safety that came to the attention of staff after posting of the agenda which requires attention today on motion of Robles, seconded by Dear and unanimously carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles, Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Hicks, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton and Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Davis-Holmes

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles noted the added Closed Session item be added as Item No. 3A.

## **RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION**

The meeting was recessed at 5:11 P.M. by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles to Closed Session.

## **RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

The meeting was reconvened at 6:03 P.M. by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles.

## **REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS**

City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani provided the Closed Session report as follows:

### **Item No. 1. 2019-895 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION (CITY COUNCIL)**

City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani stated Item No. 1 was not taken up and will be considered later in the meeting.

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: Rand Resources, LLC, et al v City of Carson, et al; Case Number BC564093; LA Superior Court.

ACTION: At 11:19 P.M., it was moved to terminate defense fund for Jim Dear on motion of Robles, seconded by Hilton and carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles and Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton

Recused: Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear

Noes: None  
Abstain: Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Hicks  
Absent: Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Davis-Holmes

**Item No. 2. 2019-863 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 one case.

ACTION: No reportable action was taken.

**Item No. 3. 2019-873 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR (CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation: A closed session will be held, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8, to enable the City Council to consider negotiations with Alex G. Hernandez, President, Brandywine Homes, with whom City is negotiating, and to give direction to its negotiators Sharon Landers, City Manager, John Raymond, Assistant City Manager and Saied Naaseh, Director of Community Development, regarding that certain real property known as Assessors Parcel No. 7319 038 900. The City's real property negotiator will seek direction from the City Council regarding the price and terms of payment for the property.

ACTION: No reportable action was taken.

**Item No. 3A. SUBSEQUENT NEED ITEM REGARDING SECURITY MEASURES**

ACTION: No reportable action was taken.

**FLAG SALUTE:**

**Item No. 4. 2019-874 MICAELA DAVIS, SENIOR AT SAN PEDRO HIGH SCHOOL**

**INVOCATION:**

**Item No. 5. 2019-803 CHRISTOPHER O'ROARK, PASTOR, CARSON BIBLE CHURCH**

**INTRODUCTIONS**

**Item No. 6. 2019-855 REPORT FROM CAPTAIN SKEEN OF CARSON SHERIFF'S STATION**

Captain Skeen gave a brief staff report. He noted the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Carson Sheriff Station. He announced Carson's lowest crime rate documented since 1974. He thanked the support of City Council and the residents.

Mayor Robles noted County Sheriff Villanueva attended the barbecue celebrating the 45th Anniversary of the Carson Sheriff Station.

Council Member Dear commended the Captain for his work in the community.

Mayor Pro Tem Hicks commended Captain Skeen and his deputies for their work in the community.

Mayor Robles announced Council Member Dear's birthday.

Mayor Pro Tem Hicks announced City Treasurer Cooper's birthday as well.

Mayor Robles invited everyone to sing Happy Birthday.

**Item No. 7. 2019-838 UNION/SOUTHBAY CONSTRUCTION UPDATE**

Mayor Robles continued Item No. 7 to the next Council meeting.

**Item No. 8. 2019-790 PRESENTATION BY SHELL FOR NATIONAL ENERGY EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT (NEED)**

Item No. 8 was heard after Item No. 14.

Jennifer McClain, teacher, gave a presentation on Shell's National Energy Education Development (NEED) program. She invited teachers 4 through 12 to a NEED workshop on Thursday, October 3, 2019 at DoubleTree Hotel from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

(Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear exited and reentered the meeting.)

**Item No. 9. 2019-841 PRESENTATION BY SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON ON ELECTRIC TRANSPORTATION AND BUILDING DECARBONIZATION**

Mayor Robles noted that Senator Steven Bradford was in the audience.

Joshua Torres, Southern California Edison, gave a presentation on Electric Transportation and Building Decarbonization.

Council Member Hilton inquired about the SCE billing error related to Clean Power Alliance.

Mayor Pro Tem Hicks inquired about EV charging stations.

Council Member Dear thanked Mr. Torres for his presentation and noted he would like to see charging stations installed throughout the city. He inquired about the SCE Billing and whether or not residents can opt out.

Mr. Torres explained how SCE bills are itemized.

**Item No. 10. 2019-856 PRESENTATION BY REY LOPEZ-CALDERON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CALIFORNIA COMMON CAUSE**

Item No. 10 was not taken up.

**Item No. 11. 2019-861 PRESENTATION TO COUNCIL BY CULTURAL EXCHANGE STUDENTS**

Item No. 11 was heard after Item No. 17.

Kanesha Pompey, Chaperone for the 2019 Delegation to Soka, Japan, noted delegates in attendance.

Micaela Davis, delegate, spoke about her experience while visiting Soka, Japan.

Isabelle Perez, delegate, spoke about her experience while visiting Soka, Japan and offered words of gratitude.

Devaney Roland (representing her Son, Royal Roland) read a text from her son acknowledging his experience and gratitude while in Soka City, Japan.

**Item No. 12. 2019-857 PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER AS PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

Item No. 12 was heard after Item No. 6.

Mayor and City Council presented Mr. Johnson with a proclamation acknowledging September as Prostate Cancer Awareness. Mr. Johnson offered comments.

**Item No. 13. 2019-875 PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER AS HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH**

Mayor and City Council presented Karen Ruen with a proclamation acknowledging September as Hispanic Heritage month.

Ms. Ruen offered comments and words of gratitude.

**Item No. 14. 2019-887 PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE EFFORTS AND SACRIFICES OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL WHO RESPONDED ON 9/11: AND REMEMBERING THOSE WHO LOST THEIR LIVES ON THAT DAY**

Mayor and City Council presented Public Safety Commissioners and Captain Skeen with a Proclamation recognizing the efforts and sacrifices of first responders on 9/11.

Captain Skeen thanked City Council for their acknowledgment.

Item No. 14 was heard again after Item No. 11.

**Item No. 15. 2019-888 PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE FIRST LABOR DAY HELD IN 1882**

Mayor and City Council presented Julian Jimenez, Tommy Fa'avae and Louie Diaz with a proclamation acknowledging Labor Day.

Tommy Fa'avae thanked City Council for the acknowledgement.

Julian Jimenez recognized all the men and women of all trades.

Louie Diaz acknowledged the working men and women and noted the 40th Annual Solidarity Parade on Labor Day.

**Item No. 16. 2019-889 PROCLAMATION FOR MEXICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY, WHICH WAS FIRST RECOGNIZED SEPTEMBER 16, 1821**

Mayor and City Council presented Ricardo Pulido with a proclamation recognizing Mexican Independence Day.

Mr. Pulido offered words of acknowledgement in Spanish and English.

**Item No. 17. 2019-890 CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION TO BE PRESENTED TO FRANCES SUAVILLO WHO ATTENDS CARSON HIGH SCHOOL AND HAS BEEN APPOINTED AS A STUDENT LAUSD SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER**

Mayor and City Council presented Frances Suavillo with a certificate of recognition for her appointment as Student LAUSD School Board member.

Frances Suavillo introduced her family and offered words of gratitude.

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

Speaker - Item No. 30

Encouraged City Council to oppose the item.

Ricardo Pulido, Item No. 29

Spoke about districts; in favor of gun control and reform. In addition, he spoke about Inland Starr.

Jack Brandhouse (Red Rifle) - Item no. 30

Spoke in opposition of item citing he will lose his business in the city.

Speaker - Item No. 30

Spoke in opposition of item. In addition, he spoke about the delay of Sheriff Deputy response time.

Speaker - Item No. 30

Spoke in opposition of item citing infringement upon the 2nd amendment.

Jun Aglipay – Item No. 30

On behalf of Assemblyman Mike Gipson, spoke in support of item.

Mayor Robles acknowledged Assemblyman Mike Gipson support of item.

Michael Gaspon – Item No. 30

Spoke in opposition of item.

Dean Solvan – Item No. 30

Spoke in opposition of item.

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

Clifford Black - Item No. 30

Spoke in opposition of item.

Douglas Chaney - Item No. 30

Spoke in opposition of item.

Robert Lesley

Spoke in opposition of district-based voting.

Michael Collins - Item No. 30

Spoke in opposition of item.

Teresa Stanford - Item No. 30

Spoke in opposition of item.

Trini representing Peace HWPL – Item No. 30

Spoke in support of item.

Speaker - Item No. 30

Spoke in opposition of item.

Christian - Item No. 30

Spoke in opposition of item.

Jose Love - Item No. 30

Noted he is ambivalent on the item.

Lee Takaguchi - Item No. 30

Spoke in opposition of item.

Speaker - Item No. 30

Spoke in opposition of item.

Speaker - Item No. 30

Spoke in opposition of item.

Speaker - Item No. 30

Spoke in opposition of item.

Ana Meni - Item No. 29 and Item No. 30

Spoke in support of keeping the current demographer; spoke in opposition of Item No. 30

Mila Boyer - Item No. 30

Spoke in support of item.

Speaker – Item No. 30

Spoke in opposition of item.

Speaker

Spoke about the 24-Hour Fitness dirty and unhealthy conditions.

Council Member Hilton noted he also believes the 24-Hour Fitness needs cleaning.

Council Member Dear acknowledged the speaker.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Item No. 18. 2019-834 APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 18, 2019 CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/HOUSING AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING MINUTES; JULY 2, 2019 CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/HOUSING AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING MINUTES; JULY 16, 2019 CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/HOUSING AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING MINUTES; AND JULY 23, 2019 CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

Recommendation: Approve the minutes as listed.

ACTION: The minutes were approved as submitted on motion of Robles, seconded by Hilton and unanimously carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles, Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Hicks, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton, and Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Davis-Holmes



## **CONSENT: (Items 19-28)**

It was moved to approve the Consent items on motion of Robles and seconded by Dear.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton recused himself from voting on Item No. 20.

City Manager Landers noted the typographical error on Item No. 24. The account number should be corrected as account number 255, both in the staff report and resolution.

The motion, as amended, with Council Member Hilton abstaining on Item No. 20 only, was carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles, Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Hicks, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton, and Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Davis-Holmes

**Item No. 19. 2019-859 CONSIDER MONTHLY INVESTMENT AND CASH REPORT FOR THE CITY OF CARSON, CARSON HOUSING AUTHORITY, CARSON SUCCESSOR AGENCY-MONTH ENDING AUGUST 31, 2019 (CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation: RECEIVE and FILE.

ACTION: Item No. 19 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 20. 2019-871 CONSIDER APPROVING THE FIFTH AMENDMENT TO THE PURCHASE AND SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND JOINT ESCROW INSTRUCTIONS FOR A 1.6 ACRE PARCEL AT 1007 EAST VICTORIA STREET (APN 7319-038-900) BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CENTER, INC. AND CITY OF CARSON (JOINTLY SELLER) AND BRANDYWINE ACQUISITIONS GROUP, LLC (BUYER) (CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation: 1. APPROVE the Fifth Amendment to the Agreement for Purchase and Sales of Real Property and Joint Escrow Instructions ("Fifth Amendment").  
2. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute the Fifth Amendment following approval as to form by the City Attorney.

ACTION: Item No. 20 was approved on Consent with Council Member Hilton abstaining on Item No. 20.

**Item No. 21. 2019-862 CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE AGREEMENT WITH HR&A ADVISORS, INC. FOR ON-CALL FISCAL AND ECONOMIC ANALYSIS CONSULTING SERVICES (CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:  
1. APPROVE Amendment No. 1 to the agreement with HR&A Advisors, Inc. for a one-year extension for on-call fiscal and economic analysis consulting services, from June 19, 2019 through June 18, 2020, at a cost not-to-exceed \$100,000.  
2. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute the amendment, following approval as to form by the City Attorney.

ACTION: Item No. 21 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 22. 2019-829 CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE AGREEMENT WITH ILLUMINAS CONSULTING, LLC FOR ON-CALL FISCAL AND ECONOMIC ANALYSIS CONSULTING SERVICES (CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:  
1. APPROVE Amendment No. 1 to the agreement with Illuminas Consulting, LLC for a one-year extension for on-call fiscal and economic analysis consulting services, from June 19, 2019 through June 18, 2020, at a cost not-to-exceed \$100,000.  
2. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute the agreement, following approval as to form by the City Attorney.

ACTION: Item No. 22 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 23. 2019-876 CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 4 TO THE AGREEMENT WITH CSG CONSULTANTS, INC. TO PROVIDE ON-CALL PLANNING SERVICES (CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:  
1. APPROVE Amendment No. 4 to the agreement with CSG Consultants, Inc. for a six-month extension from November 1, 2019 through April 30, 2020 to provide on-call planning services primarily to enable a smooth transition of complex projects at an additional cost of not to exceed \$170,000.  
2. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute the amendment, following approval as to form by the City Attorney.  
3. ADOPT Resolution No. 19-157 to amend the FY2019/20 budget in account number 101-70-780-290-6004.

ACTION: Item No. 23 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 24. 2019-877 CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH WESTERN ECONOMIC SERVICES, LLC TO ASSIST IN THE PREPARATION OF A FIVE-YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND AN ANALYSIS OF IMPEDIMENTS TO FAIR HOUSING CHOICE AND ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 19-158 TO AMEND THE HOUSING AUTHORITY'S FY2019-20 BUDGET (HOUSING AUTHORITY)**

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:

1. APPROVE a contract services agreement with Western Economic Services, LLC, to provide professional services in the preparation of the Five-Year Consolidated Plan, One-Year Annual Action Plan, and Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice from through June 30, 2020, at a cost not to exceed \$74,505.00.
2. AUTHORIZE the Chairman to execute the agreement following approval as to form by the City Attorney.
3. ADOPT Resolution No. 19-158 to amend the Housing Authority's FY2019-20 budget in account number 225-70-720-964-6004.

ACTION: Item No. 24 was approved on Consent.

City Manager Landers noted during approval of the Consent items the typographical error of the account number which was corrected as account number 255 in the staff report and resolution.

**Item No. 25. 2019-883 CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 19-162, AMENDING THE CLASSIFICATION PLAN, RESOLUTION NO. 77-111, BY ADOPTING NEW OR REVISED JOB CLASSIFICATION SPECIFICATION FOR BUYER ASSISTANT (PT) (CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation: WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 19-162, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA AMENDING THE CLASSIFICATION PLAN, RESOLUTION NO. 77-111. BY ADOPTING THE REVISED JOB CLASSIFICATION SPECIFICATION FOR BUYER ASSISTANT (PT)."

ACTION: Item No. 25 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 26. 2019-885 SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN USA WASTE OF CALIFORNIA, INC. ("USA WASTE"), THE CITY OF CARSON AND WASTE RESOURCES TECHNOLOGIES, INC./WASTE RESOURCES, INC. ("WRT"). AMENDMENT TO WRT FRANCHISE AGREEMENT TO ACCOMMODATE TERMS OF SETTLEMENT (CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation: CONSIDER TAKING the following actions:

1. RECEIVE AND FILE the following documents, all as collectively presented in Exhibit "A" hereto:
  - a. That global "Settlement Agreement and Releases" and all exhibits thereto between USA Waste of California, Inc. ("USA Waste"), the City

of Carson and Waste Resources Technologies, Inc. / Waste Resources, Inc. ("WRT") settling and releasing all litigation pending between said parties, attached hereto at Exhibit "A" (all such instruments collectively referred to as the "Settlement"). The terms of the Settlement were approved by the Council in closed session and the Settlement was reported out by the City Attorney from closed session on September 3, 2019; and

b. That "Carson Transfer Station Agreement" between the City and USA Waste, which is attached and incorporated into the above-referenced Settlement, and is also separately attached hereto as Exhibit "B". In consideration for the Settlement, the Carson Transfer Station Agreement provides for: 1) payment of \$1.2 Million Dollars to the City, (2) at least \$5 Million Dollars of improvements to be installed by USA Waste at the Carson Transfer Station (i.e., enclosing the Station, landscaping and developing state of the art ventilation systems), and (3) a new and increased schedule of "host fees" to be paid by USA Waste to the City for Transfer Station operations. The terms of the Carson Transfer Station Agreement were approved by the Council in closed session and reported out by the City Attorney on September 3, 2019; and

c. Such other instruments and exhibits attendant to the Settlement at Exhibit "A". The terms of the Settlement, including the Carson Transfer Station Agreement, were approved by the Council in closed session on September 3, 2019.

2. APPROVE that "First Amendment to Exclusive Franchise Agreement for Integrated Solid Waste Management Services" (the "Amendment") in order to harmonize the terms of WRT's solid waste handling services with the terms of the Settlement. The Amendment is attached and incorporated into the above-referenced Settlement, and is also separately attached hereto as Exhibit "C" for Council approval.

3. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute all instruments attendant to the Settlement that require City execution, subject to City Attorney approval as to form.

Notably, instruments attendant to the Settlement that require approval and execution by the Carson Reclamation Authority ("CRA") will be brought to the CRA at its upcoming regular meeting on October 1, 2019.

ACTION: Item No. 26 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 27. 2019-891 CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO AGREEMENT WITH SDI (SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT INTEGRATION) PRESENCE, LLC TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL PROJECT MANAGEMENT SERVICES (TYLER MUNIS) (CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation: Approve the proposed amendment to professional services agreement with SDI Presence LLC not to exceed \$371,250

ACTION: Item No. 27 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 28. 2019-896 CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE CONTRACT SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MEDIASTAR, INC. FOR MAINTENANCE, PROGRAMMING, EQUIPMENT REPAIRS AND REPLACEMENT OF THE AUDIO VISUAL SYSTEM SERVING THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS (CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:

1. WAIVE the bidding requirements in Chapter 6 ("Purchasing System") of Title II of the Carson Municipal Code, pursuant to Carson Municipal Code Section 2611(e) ("Sole Source Purchasing"); and
2. APPROVE a contract services agreement with MediaStar Inc., for repairing and replacing equipment and to provide support services for the AV Room in the City Council Chambers in the amount of \$146,892.00 ("Agreement"); and
3. APPROPRIATE an additional \$146,892.00 from the unallocated Public/Education/Government (PEG) fees balance to cover the cost of this contract.
4. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute the Agreement upon approval as to form by the City Attorney.

ACTION: Item No. 28 was approved on Consent.

**SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY: (Item 29)**

**Item No. 29. 2019-733 PUBLIC HEARING NO. 6 RELATED TO CHANGING FROM AN AT-LARGE TO A BY-DISTRICT SYSTEM FOR ELECTION OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS, PURSUANT TO THE CALIFORNIA VOTING RIGHTS ACT: CONSIDERATION OF DEMOGRAPHER'S RECOMMENDED MAPS AND REVIEW OF POTENTIAL ELECTION SEQUENCING (CITY COUNCIL)**

This item was heard after Item No. 30

Mayor/Agency/Authority Chairman Dear opened the public hearing.

City Clerk/Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary Gause-Aldana reported the Notice of Public Hearing and postings have been given pursuant to applicable law. Other mailings, as requested, were provided to individuals and organizations. The affidavits attesting to mailing such notice are on file in the City Clerk's Office. One written communication was received.

Assistant City Manager Raymond gave a presentation.

Public Testimony

Mitchell Guerra, Governmental Affairs Committee, urged the City Council to move steadfast on this issue in hopes of limiting the City's liability.

Roy Love

Inquired about timing considerations related to the 2020 Census Data and new developments.

William Koons

He noted changes to the Presidential 2020 election process. In addition, he stated he would like to hear comments from the second demographer on his map submissions.

Tommie Williams

Spoke in opposition of districts.

There were no additional person(s) wishing to speak.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Hicks inquired about the election timetable.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear inquired about the deadline for adopting maps. City Clerk/Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary Gause-Aldana addressed Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear's questions.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear directed staff to draft pros and cons to drafting maps prior to presenting to the voters with a ballot measure.

City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani addressed Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear's question.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles spoke about the importance of moving forward with Districts.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton noted the process in Torrance with addressing maps from the demographer, in addition to maps submitted by the residents.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Hicks inquired about when the drafting of maps may be approved to meet election deadlines.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear noted he would like the demographer to propose a map that considers mobile home parks.

David Ely noted that he has addressed mobile home parks on all the maps submissions.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Hicks inquired if the demographer will accept paper maps.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles noted his number one priority is to keep neighborhoods intact. He offered suggestions for a map submission.

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:  
1. OPEN the public hearing, and

2. TAKE public testimony and
  3. MAKE a recommendation on a preferred Council District Map; and
  4. MAKE a recommendation on a preferred Council District Election Sequencing Schedule; and
  5. CONTINUE the public hearing to October 1, 2019 for Introduction of the City Council Districting Ordinance.
- OR
6. CONTINUE the public hearing to October 1, 2019 for discussion of new maps by NDC and further discussion on Council District Election Sequencing Schedule based on NDC maps as well.

**ACTION:** Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles continued the public hearing to October 1, 2019.

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

**Item No. 30. 2019-865 CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 19-163 FOR IMPOSITION OF NEW AND ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS ON THE SALE AND POSSESSION OF FIREARMS IN THE CITY OF CARSON (CITY COUNCIL)**

Item No. 30 was heard after Oral Communications – Members of the Public.

This Item was heard before Item No. 18

Ben Jones, City Attorney, gave a brief staff report.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles noted the specifics of the proposal, citing the considerations for storage at homes and the transport of firearms.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles offered his rationale for supporting this item, citing three students being arrested today for plans of a mass shooting. In addition, LAUSD approval to conduct two active shooter drills at their schools. He spoke to the business owner and said if the item were to pass, his business will become nonconforming and that laws are in place to ensure due process.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Hicks noted that while he supports gun reform, he will not support any measure that will violate the 2nd amendment. He would also add a provision if a gun is stolen, it be reported within 24 hours with stricter background checks.

He inquired about the imposition when cities attempt to impose a law, and whether or not the state supersedes. He asked if this measure has been vetted procedurally.

City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani noted the City Attorney's Office will look at the statutes and present legislation that will not deprive anyone of their 2nd amendment rights, but looking at stricter prohibitions.

City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani noted court judgements related to the 2nd Amendment. She stated intent of City's using its Land Use Powers through the City Charter.

Recommendation: WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 19-163 "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, PROVIDING DIRECTION TO CITY STAFF AND THE CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO EXPEDITIOUSLY MOVE TO IMPLEMENT NEW OR ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS TO SEVERELY RESTRICT THE POSSESSION AND SALE OF FIREARMS IN THE CITY OF CARSON TO PROTECT PUBLIC SAFETY"

ACTION: It was moved to defer this initiative to the Public Safety Commission with a consideration of not banning any gun sales in the City and strengthen the Carson Municipal Code on motion of Hicks, seconded by Dear.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles offered a substitute motion to approve Resolution No. 19-163 with the amendment that it covers commercial retailers, and having a gun at home protecting your family is not subject to this resolution, seconded by Hilton.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton offered a friendly amendment to the motion to include a no-profiling provision and exercise land use powers which was accepted by the maker of the substitute motion.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear stated this item will restrict law abiding citizens, and he is not sure how it will deter criminals. He inquired about the practical effect of having a one-mile radius provision. He does not believe this initiative will reduce crime. He stated the need for statewide legislation is required first.

City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani addressed Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear's question.

The main motion failed to carry by the following vote:

Ayes:	Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles and Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton
Noes:	Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Hicks and Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Davis-Holmes

**Item No. 31. 2019-868 AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SEND A LETTER TO THE PORT OF LONG BEACH AND THE PORT OF LOS ANGELES URGING THEM TO CONSIDER MITIGATION OF PORT TRAFFIC-RELATED IMPACTS IN THE CITY OF CARSON WHEN DESIGNING THEIR GRANT PROGRAMS (CITY COUNCIL)**

Assistant City Manager Raymond gave a brief staff report.



(Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Hicks exited the meeting.)

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles stated he supports the Port expansion efforts. However, he believes it is unfair to the City of Carson to absorb the traffic impacts while not being able to apply for grants or receiving monies from city of Los Angeles or Long Beach to mitigate the city impacts.

(Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Hicks reentered the meeting.)

Recommendation: DIRECT Staff to prepare a letter for the Mayor's signature addressed to both the Port of Los Angeles and Port of Long Beach, urging them to open up funding to affected municipalities in the area of street improvements and other traffic-related infrastructure.

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

Ayes: Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles, Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Hicks, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton, and Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Davis-Holmes

**Item No. 32. 2019-801 CONSIDER APPOINTMENTS TO THE CITY'S COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES AND BOARDS BY MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL (CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:  
1. CONSIDER and APPOINT, REAPPOINT or REMOVE members to the Commission, Committees and Boards;  
2. DIRECT the City Clerk to notify all affected appointments, reappointments or removed members of this action; and  
3. IF APPLICABLE, DIRECT the City Clerk to post and publish in accordance with the Maddy Act.  
Or:  
1. TAKE another action the City Council deems appropriate.

ACTION: Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles took the following actions:

Bullying Prevention Commission

Removed Dr. Dinesa Thomas-Whitman

Citywide Advisory Commission

Moved Dennis Morales, Alternate 2, to vacant Regular Member position

Cultural Arts Commission

Removed Sylvia Cardona  
Removed Melanie Morales  
Removed Rick Ramirez

Economic Development Commission

Appointed Trini Jimenez, Watson Land Company, to vacant Regular Member position  
Moved Dobard, Alternate 1 to vacant Regular Member position  
Appointed Gary Polk, Alternate 2, to vacant position

Environmental Commission

Removed Poh Koon Ang

Human Relations Commission

Moved Monique Espiritu, Youth Member to vacant Alternate 2 position  
Appointed Stephanie Akinfolarin, to vacant Youth Member position

Parks and Recreation Commission

Removed Roderick Brown  
Removed Rick Ramirez, Alternate 3

Public Safety Commission

Moved Marvin Stovall, Alternate 2 to vacant Regular Member position

Public Works Commission

Appointed Loveth Amakor, Alternate 1, vacant position

Senior Citizens Advisory Commission

Removed Maria Pilapil

Veterans Affairs Commission

Moved Manuel DaSilva, Alternate 1 to vacant Regular Member position  
Removed Arturo Docuyan, Sr.  
Removed Smith Mamoe  
Removed Lonnie Pittmon

Women's Issues Commission

Moved Juanita Smith, Alternate 1 to vacant Regular Member position

Youth Commission

Removed Paola Szabo

Mobilehome Park Rental Review Board

Moved Peggy Anderson, Resident Homeowner Alternate 1 to vacant Resident Homeowner position

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles requested the Council Members to provide him with recommendations to consider for appointments.

He directed the City Clerk to post notice of vacancies.

**ACTION:** It was moved to ratify the Mayor's appointments and removals on motion of Robles, seconded by Hilton and unanimously carried by the following vote:

**Ayes:** Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles, Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Hicks, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton, and Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear

**Noes:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Davis-Holmes

**Item No. 33. 2019-892 CONSIDERATION FOR REPLACING THE CURRENT CITY DEMOGRAPHER FIRM WITH NDC DEMOGRAPHERS WHO WERE PREVIOUSLY PART OF THE CITY'S INFORMAL BID PROCESS ON THE DEMOGRAPHER CONTRACT (CITY COUNCIL)**

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles inquired about his motion for reconsideration.

**Recommendation:** CONSIDER TAKING the following action:  
1. DIRECT STAFF regarding the reselection of a demographer

**ACTION:** Item No. 33 was not reconsidered.

**Item No. 34. 2019-893 UPDATE ON THE FILLING OF THE VACANT ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER POSITION (CITY COUNCIL)**

**Recommendation:** Receive and File.

**ACTION:** Item No. 34 was not reconsidered.

**Item No. 35. 2019-894 DISCUSS THE PROPOSED SALARY RANGE FOR THE PART-TIME COUNCIL AIDE POSITIONS (CITY COUNCIL)**

**Recommendation:** Receive and file.

**ACTION:** Item No. 35 was not reconsidered.

**ORDINANCE SECOND READING: (None)**

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR MATTERS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA (MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC)**

Kim Cortado, Parks and Recreation Commissioner  
Announced city events for September and October.

Tommie Williams

Inquired if the City could provide for the mock election flyer to be distributed throughout the city by walkman.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles directed the City Manager to look into Ms. Williams inquiry.

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

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (COUNCIL MEMBERS) – None.**

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF UNFINISHED OR CONTINUED CLOSED SESSION ITEMS (AS NECESSARY)**

City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani announced the Closed Session items earlier in the meeting.

**RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION**

The meeting was recessed at 10:59 P.M. by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles to Closed Session.

**RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

The meeting was reconvened at 11:19 P.M. by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles with all members previously noted present.

**REPORT OF ACTIONS ON UNFINISHED OR CONTINUED CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles provided the Closed Session report as follows:

Closed Session Item No. 1

Noted Council Member Dear was excused because he is the named defendant in this case.

City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani reported the vote as follows:

**ACTION:** It was moved to terminate defense fund for Jim Dear on motion of Robles, seconded by Hilton and carried by the following vote:

<b>Ayes:</b>	Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles and Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton
<b>Recused:</b>	Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear
<b>Noes:</b>	None
<b>Abstain:</b>	Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Hicks
<b>Absent:</b>	Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Davis-Holmes

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 P.M. by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles.

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Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman  
Albert Robles

ATTEST:

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City Clerk/Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary  
Donesia Gause-Aldana