



## **CITY OF CARSON**

### **MINUTES CARSON CITY COUNCIL/ SUCCESSOR AGENCY/HOUSING AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 1, 2019**

**5:00 P.M.**

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 P.M. by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Albert Robles 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 Lula Davis-Holmes, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Jawane Hilton, and Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Jim Dear

#### **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 (Items 1-3)**

#### **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – CLOSED SESSION ITEMS ONLY**

##### Bill Smalley, Closed Session - Item No. 3

Spoke on Closed Session Item No. 3 expressing concerns of gentrification and the stress of residents being force to move or sell their property.

Latrice Gwin, Colonial Life Representative – Closed Session Item No. 1

Spoke about a form that was submitted on behalf of City Manager Landers and believed to have been altered. She explained the city's exposure to liability. She provided a redacted copy to the City Manager and City Council.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

City Clerk/Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary Donesia Gause-Aldana announced the Closed Session items.

**RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION**

The meeting was recessed at 5:43 P.M. by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles to Closed Session.

**RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

The meeting was reconvened at 6:41 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. 2019-913 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT / EMPLOYMENT PERFORMANCE EVALUATION / DISCIPLINE / DISMISSAL OR RELEASE (CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation: A closed session will be held, pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 (b) & (b) (1) to conduct an appointment/employment performance evaluation/ discipline/dismissal or release of a public employee for the position of City Manager.

ACTION: No reportable action was taken.

**Item No. 2. 2019-881 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: At 11:16 P.M. City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani reported there was no reportable action taken.

**Item No. 3. 2019-908 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 Assessor's 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: At 11:16 P.M. City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani reported there was no reportable action taken.

**FLAG SALUTE:**

**Item No. 4. 2019-909 JOSHUA DE GUZMAN, FROM THE CITY'S EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM**

**INVOCATION: JAWANE HILTON, COUNCIL MEMBER OF CARSON**

**INTRODUCTIONS**

**Item No. 5. 2019-878 REPORT FROM CAPTAIN SKEEN OF CARSON SHERIFF'S STATION**

Captain Skeen provided a brief report. He noted efforts made toward a traffic collision and distracted driving reduction plan. He introduced Deputy Jani, Traffic Officer.

Captain Skeen responded to Council Member Dear's inquiry and provided an online link for residents to report traffic concerns and request traffic enforcement. He announced National Coffee with a Cop Day at Starbucks on Avalon by California State University Dominguez Hills and South Bay Pavilion.

Mayor Robles requested City residents get warnings in lieu of citations whenever possible and he thanked the deputies.

Council Member Dear inquired if the traffic patrol deputy could patrol the streets where known speeding occurs to mitigate the concerns of residents. In addition to being a solution in lieu of installing speed bumps.

Council Member Davis-Holmes thanked the Deputies in advance for their support at Carson Jazz Festival.

**Item No. 6. 2019-920 PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING OCTOBER AS NATIONAL DOWN SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH**

Mayor and City Council presented representatives from the Willingburg School with a proclamation recognizing October as National Down Syndrome Awareness Month.

Willingburg School representative offered comments regarding inclusion of the Down Syndrome population and the efforts of the Willingburg School.

**Item No. 7. 2019-921      PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 6-12 AS MENTAL ILLNESS AWARENESS WEEK**

Mayor and City Council presented a representative from Heritage Clinic with a proclamation recognizing October 6-12 as mental illness awareness month.

The Heritage Clinic representative offered comments regarding seeking mental health care and assistance for family and friends.

Mayor Pro Tem Hicks announced an upcoming Mental Health Community Resource Fair on November 9th.

**Item No. 8. 2019-910      PRESENTATION BY REY LOPEZ-CALDERON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CALIFORNIA COMMON CAUSE**

Item No. 8 was not taken up.

Council Member Davis-Holmes spoke about Breast Cancer Awareness Month and her being a 27-year breast cancer survivor. She announced the upcoming Women's Health Conference.

Mayor and City Council presented Carson Cultural Arts Foundation and Women's Commission with a proclamation recognizing October as Breast Cancer Awareness month.

Mayor and City Council presented a delegation of Cambodia with a Certificate of Recognition for their visit to Carson promoting business commerce.

Delegate Terry Ann offered comments regarding the promotion of business commerce.

Mayor Robles noted the recent visit from the Ambassadors of Nigeria and Philippines. In addition to, the Mayor and Delegation from Soka, Japan.

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

Patricia Camacho, Representative from Congresswoman Barragan's Office – Non Agenda Item  
Invited veterans and service officers to an event at L.W. Hall in Wilmington, California. She provided a legislative update on bills being introduced by Congresswoman Nanette Barragan related to: offshore drilling; health disparities; and a bill allocating funding for urban and low income cities.

Bob Adams, AFSCME Local 36 - Item No. 24

Inquired about refunding the position back to Principal Analyst position if Council desires to defund the Assistant to the City Manager position.

Robert Lesley - Item No. 23

Spoke in opposition to going to district-based elections. He spoke about ramifications related to AB 182.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR MATTERS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA (MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC) (LIMITED TO ONE HOUR)**

Tommie Williams

Thanked Mayor and City Council for their cleanup efforts at Broadacres Elementary. She hopes the city has enough volunteers to assist with the new voting systems on Election Day.

Vonesha Foisia

Spoke about a "Stop the Violence Movement" in honor of her son Exodus Foisia. She requested the city's partnership for a Benefit Concert at the Carson Community Center in May 2020 launching the Exodus Fatty Foundation. She asked for a fee waiver of all cost associated with hosting the concert.

Mayor Robles directed City Manager Landers to work with the Foisia family to extend the deadline and bring item back at next City Council meeting.

Speaker

Requested consideration for a dog park run that includes off leash and on leash areas.

Jaime Montecarlo

Spoke about Inland Starr and their agreement with the City. He provided a correspondence to City Clerk Gause-Aldana regarding the hazardous materials Inland Starr stores and transports in and out of the City.

Edward Bawsaud

Spoke about a letter from OPC regarding the Closure of the Imperial/Avalon Mobile Home Park. He inquired about the legal rights the residents may have regarding this matter.

Mayor Robles noted the City will do their due diligence to ensure the residents are not deprived of any rights of due process residents are eligible in retaining. He would like the City Council to approve City Attorney Soltani to host a townhall with residents of the mobile home park to address their questions and concerns.

Council Member Dear concurred with Mayor Robles that City Attorney Soltani should meet with residents to discuss their rights.

City Attorney Soltani has already contacted the Homeowners Association President and stated she will schedule a meeting with the park residents.

Council Member Davis- Holmes inquired about the October 9th meeting date listed on the letter Mr. Bawsaud noted.

Darrin Embry, Representing the new Owners of Imperial Avalon LLC

He noted the company is committed to ensuring the park closure is conducted with respect. He stated the park owner's intention of going over and beyond what is required by law. He noted the use proposal for the land after the park closure. Transportation will be provided to the October 9th meeting at the Community Center. The contact person(s) are Danielle and Maritza.

Mayor Robles spoke about their allegiance to residents at various mobile home parks in the City and the City will ensure they will not be taken advantage of.

Kalyi Hall, Ms. Carson 2nd Princess

Spoke about the blue ribbon acknowledging October as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month.

Donesia Gause-Aldana, City Clerk

Announced the success with the Mock Election.

Kim Cortado, Parks and Recreation Commissioner

Announced City and Parks and Recreation events.

Council Member Davis-Holmes inquired about the Halloween Dia De Los Muertos.

Director Al-Oboudi offered comments regarding the Halloween Dia De Los Muertos event on Halloween Night.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Item No. 9.     [2019-897](#)   **APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 6, 2019 CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/HOUSING AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AND THE AUGUST 17, 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 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 Davis-Holmes, and Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear

Noes:               None

Abstain:           Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton

Absent:           None

**CONSENT: (Items 10-22)**

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

Mayor/Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member requested to pull Item No. 12 for discussion.

The motion to approve Consent Items 10-22, except Item No. 12, was 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 Davis-Holmes, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton, and Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

**Item No. 10. [2019-912](#) Resolution No. 19-09-CHA, A RESOLUTION OF THE CARSON HOUSING AUTHORITY RATIFYING CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$23,770.00, DEMAND CHECK NUMBERS HA-001786 through HA-001788**

ACTION: Item No. 10 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 11. [2019-914](#) Resolution No. 19-164, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON RATIFYING CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,918,144.63, DEMAND CHECK NUMBERS 147760 THROUGH 148336**

ACTION: Item No. 11 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 12. [2019-854](#) CONSIDER AWARDING A CONTRACT TO BRIGHTLIFE DESIGNS, LLC TO INSTALL AND REMOVE HOLIDAY DECORATIONS THROUGHOUT THE CIVIC CENTER, AND LIGHT POLE BANNERS AT SELECT STREET MEDIANS (CITY COUNCIL)**

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles inquired why the contract amount is in excess of the bid amount.

Adrian Reynosa, Community Center Manager, noted the base package of \$61,000 and clarified the need for the not-to-exceed amount of \$120,000 that is budgeted for the project. He provided a presentation of the bidding proposal base package and discussed options for the project.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles inquired about the enhancements that were not included in the bidding proposal and concerned if allowable.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton inquired about what will the \$120,000 entail.

Joe Castro, Owner, Brightlife Designs, LLC, discussed his RFP submission and design enhancements.

City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani stated she would have to look at details of the RFP in order to provide a legal opinion.

Recommendation: Take the following actions:

1. AWARD a contract to BrightLife Designs, LLC to install and remove holiday decorations throughout the Civic Center, and light pole banners at select street medians for the 2019 holiday season for a total contract sum not-to-exceed \$120,500.
2. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute the contract, following approval as to form by the City Attorney.

ACTION: It was moved to award contract for \$61,000 and staff to bring back bid for enhancements on motion of Davis-Holmes and seconded by Robles.

During discussion of the motion, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Davis-Holmes inquired about the services that will be rendered for the \$61,000.

Adrian Reynosa, Community Center Manager, discussed the scope of work.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton offered a substitute motion for contractor to bring back items to be added before approving contract and seconded by Robles.

Director Al-Oboudi offered additional comments related to the scope of work.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton withdrew his substitute motion.

The main motion 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 Davis-Holmes, and Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear
Noes:	Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton
Abstain:	None
Absent:	None

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Davis-Holmes stated she would like to meet with staff to address decoration enhancements.

**Item No. 13. [2019-880](#) CONSIDER APPROVAL TO REINSTATE THE HOME GRANT FUND IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 BUDGET (CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:

1. APPROVE reinstatement of the HOME grant funds in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020.



2. APPROPRIATE \$500,000 from the undesignated general fund to account number 214-70-720-964 to pay for Home grant activities.
3. ADOPT Resolution No. 19-159 to amend the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 budget in the account number 214-70-720-964.

ACTION: Item No. 13 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 14. [2019-882](#) **CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 19-160, AMENDING THE CLASSIFICATION PLAN, RESOLUTION NO. 77-111, BY ADOPTING NEW OR REVISED JOB CLASSIFICATION SPECIFICATION FOR SENIOR BUYER (CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation: WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 19-160, "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 SENIOR BUYER."

ACTION: Item No. 14 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 15. [2019-884](#) **CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 19-161, AMENDING THE CLASSIFICATION PLAN, RESOLUTION NO. 77-111, ADOPTING NEW OR REVISED CLASSIFICATION SPECIFICATIONS FOR CODE ENFORCEMENT SUPERVISOR (CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation: WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 19-161, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA AMENDING THE CLASSIFICATION PLAN, RESOLUTION NO. 77-111. BY ADOPTING REVISED CLASSIFICATION SPECIFICATION FOR CODE ENFORCEMENT SUPERVISOR."

ACTION: Item No. 15 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 16. [2019-903](#) **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE AGREEMENT WITH MARINE RESEARCH SPECIALISTS TO PROVIDE ON-CALL ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING SERVICES (CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:  
1. APPROVE Amendment No. 1 to the agreement with Marine Research Specialists for a one-year extension for on-call environmental consulting services, from October 18, 2019 through October 17, 2020, at a cost not-to-exceed \$250,000.  
2. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute the agreement, following approval as to form by the City Attorney.

ACTION: Item No. 16 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 17. [2019-904](#) CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE AGREEMENT WITH DUDEK TO PROVIDE ON-CALL ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING SERVICES (CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:  
1. APPROVE Amendment No. 1 to the agreement with Dudek for a one-year extension for on-call environmental consulting services, from October 18, 2019 through October 17, 2020, at a cost not-to-exceed \$250,000.  
2. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute the agreement, following approval as to form by the City Attorney.

ACTION: Item No. 17 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 18. [2019-905](#) CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE AGREEMENT WITH MICHAEL BAKER INTERNATIONAL TO PROVIDE ON-CALL ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING SERVICES (CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:  
1. APPROVE Amendment No. 1 to the agreement with Michael Baker International for a one-year extension for on-call environmental consulting services, from October 18, 2019 through October 17, 2020, at a cost not-to-exceed \$250,000.  
2. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute the agreement, following approval as to form by the City Attorney.

ACTION: Item No. 18 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 19. [2019-907](#) CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 3 TO THE AGREEMENT WITH ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATES TO PROVIDE ON-CALL ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING SERVICES (CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:  
1. APPROVE Amendment No. 3 to the agreement with Environmental Science Associates for a one-year extension for on-call environmental consulting services, from October 18, 2019 through October 17, 2020, at a cost of \$250,000.  
2. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute the agreement, following approval as to form by the City Attorney.

ACTION: Item No. 19 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 20.    [2019-900](#)    **CONSIDER ENTERING INTO DISCUSSIONS WITH LONG BEACH TRANSIT FOR FIXED-ROUTE BUS SERVICES (CITY COUNCIL)****

Recommendation:        AUTHORIZE Staff to enter into discussions and work toward developing an interagency agreement with Long Beach Transit to provide fixed-route bus services to the City of Carson.

ACTION:                Item No. 20 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 21.    [2019-919](#)    **CONSIDER ENTERING INTO DISCUSSIONS WITH LYFT, INC. FOR ON-DEMAND RIDESHARE SERVICES (CITY COUNCIL)****

Recommendation:        AUTHORIZE staff to enter into discussions with Lyft, Inc. to provide on-demand rideshare services to the City of Carson.

ACTION:                Item No. 21 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 22.    [2019-922](#)    **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF LETTER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CARSON AND MV TRANSPORTATION, INC., REGARDING THE REFUND OF UNAUTHORIZED PAYMENTS UNDER FIXED ROUTE TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT SERVICES AGREEMENT (CITY COUNCIL)****

Recommendation:        1. APPROVE the attached proposed Letter Agreement between the City and MV Transportation, Inc. Re: Request for Refund of Unauthorized Payments Regarding that Certain Fixed Route Transportation Contract Services Agreement dated January 1, 2016, by and between the City of Carson and MV Transportation, Inc. (the "Letter Agreement").  
2. AUTHORIZE the City Manager to execute the Letter Agreement.

ACTION:                Item No. 22 was approved on Consent.

**SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY: (Item 23)**

**Item No. 23.    [2019-911](#)    **CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING (PUBLIC HEARING NO. 7) 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, CONSIDERATION OF ADDITIONAL MAPS CREATED PURSUANT TO COUNCIL DIRECTION FROM SEPTEMBER 17, AND REVIEW OF POTENTIAL ELECTION SEQUENCING (CITY COUNCIL)****

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles declared the continued public hearing open.

City Clerk/Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary Gause-Aldana reported the Notice of the continued 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 brief staff report.

David Ely gave a brief presentation.

#### Public Testimony

##### Robert Lesley

Spoke in opposition to drawing districts.

##### William Koons

Spoke about map submissions.

##### Tommie Williams

Spoke in opposition to drawing districts.

##### Latrice Carter

Spoke in opposition to drawing districts.

##### Jamie Montecarlo

Stated he was concerned about gerrymandering which will divide the city.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles spoke about the rationale of the lawsuit and how he believes the city should proceed with the process in hopes of avoiding litigation.

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

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear inquired about 5% standard deviation and whether or not it could be rejected in court.

(Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles exited the meeting.)

Discussion ensued between Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear and David Ely about standard deviation that is allowable in a court of law.

(Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles reentered the meeting.)

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear inquired if two Council Members live in a district, how will an election resolve the two representatives.

Discussion ensued between City Council about the proper way of rolling out district-based elections with considerations for the current City Council members.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton noted the steps of getting district-based elections approved by the City Council. He commended the demographer for providing maps that was balanced.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton inquired if Demographer is confident his map proposals will hold up in court. David Ely stated he is confident, explaining the difference between his maps and submissions presented by the residents.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles inquired if Demographer knows of any jurisdictions that successfully won a California Voting Rights Act litigation. David Ely noted he did not know of one, highlighting certain cases where there were settlements.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Davis-Holmes stated she would like to meet with the demographer and directed staff to schedule a meeting.

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:

1. OPEN the public hearing, and
2. TAKE public testimony and
3. CONTINUE the public hearing to October 15, 2019 for consideration of additional maps produced by NDC, and any other new citizens' maps, and further discussion on Council District Election Sequencing Schedule based on these maps and the NDC maps as well.

ACTION: Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Dear continued the public hearing to October 15, 2019.

#### **DISCUSSION: (Item 24)**

**Item No. 24. [2019-853](#) CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 19-166 TO DEFUND AND ELIMINATE THE ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER POSITION AND RESCIND ANY PROVISIONS IN ANY AND ALL RESOLUTIONS ESTABLISHING THE POSITION (CITY COUNCIL)**

Director Moseley noted a typographical error listed as Resolution No. 19-666 but should be Resolution No. 19-166.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles noted the majority of the City Council Members previously wanted to eliminate the position. However, now that there is a vacancy he believes it should go back to Principal Administrative Analyst to avoid potential litigation.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Davis-Holmes inquired about any potential legal ramifications with funding the Assistant to the City Manager position.

City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani noted there is no exposure to litigation provided the employee voluntarily separated from the city.

Recommendation:           CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 19-166 TO DEFUND AND ELIMINATE THE ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER POSITION AND RESCIND ANY PROVISIONS IN ANY AND ALL RESOLUTIONS ESTABLISHING THE POSITION (CITY COUNCIL).

ACTION:           It was moved to approve Resolution No. 19-166, as read by title only, on motion of Robles and seconded by Hilton.

During discussion of the motion, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear inquired about the cost savings if the position was defunded.

Director Moseley noted \$135,000.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles included in his motion to restore the Principal Administrative Analyst position which was accepted by the seconder of the motion.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Davis-Holmes offered a substitute motion to direct staff to move forward with the recruitment for the Assistant to the City Manager position and seconded by Hicks.

The substitute motion failed to carry by the following vote:

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

The main motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Discussion ensued between Director Moseley, City Council, and Bob Adams regarding the process related to the job specification and the meet and confer process.

City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani clarified if the job specification remained the same as before, then a meet and confer is not required.

Bod Adams, AFSCME representative, confirmed.

It was moved to allow the meeting to not go beyond 11:30 P.M. on motion of Dear, seconded by Robles 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 Davis-Holmes, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton, and Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear  
Noes: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

**ORDINANCE SECOND READING: -.None**

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

Latrice Carter

Requested upgraded technology for viewer accessibility to the City Council Meetings.

City Manager Landers spoke about efforts to improve viewer accessibility to the City Council Meetings.

**COUNCIL MEMBER REQUESTS TO ADD ITEMS TO FUTURE AGENDAS - None**

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (COUNCIL MEMBERS)**

City Clerk/Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary Gause-Aldana

Offered prayers and condolences to the families who lost their loved ones and requested that this meeting be adjourned in memory of the following individuals:

Joy Andrade  
Bettye Bonner Jones  
Lynne Anderson  
Daisy Backstrom  
Bishop Grate Shipp  
Ruth Mitchell  
Carol Bybee  
Mother Gaddis

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

**RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION**

The meeting was recessed at 10:44 P.M. by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles to Closed Session.

**RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

The meeting was reconvened at 11:16 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**

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

Council Item No. 2

No reportable action was taken.

Council Item No. 3

No reportable action was taken.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:16 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