



CITY OF CARSON

MINUTES CARSON CITY COUNCIL/ SUCCESSOR AGENCY/HOUSING AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 4, 2020 5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 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 Jim Dear, 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 Cedric Hicks.

Also Present:

Sharon Landers, City Manager; Sunny Soltani, City/Agency/Authority Attorney; David Roberts, Assistant City Manager; Saied Naaseh, Director of Community Development; Idris Al-Oboudi, Director of Community Services; Faye Moseley, Director of Human Resources and Risk Management; Tarik Rahmani, Director of Finance; and Maria Williams-Slaughter, Director of Public Works

CLOSED SESSION (5:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.) (Items 1-3)

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – CLOSED SESSION ITEMS ONLY – None.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

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

City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani requested the City Council to consider adding a Subsequent Need Item. A matter has come to the City Attorney's attention after the posting of the agenda and could not wait until the next City Council meeting. The matter is a Potential Litigation under Government Code Section 54956.9(e)(1).

It was moved to add the Subsequent Need Item, Potential Litigation, to the agenda 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 Dear, 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 Hicks
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION

The meeting was recessed at 5:34 P.M. by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles to Closed Session.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The meeting was reconvened at 6:40 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. 2020-038 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION (CITY COUNCIL)

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:

City of Carson vs. Carcom Center, LLC, and California Processing, LLC, Case Number 19STCV20812, Los Angeles Superior Court

ACTION: No reportable action was taken.

Item No. 2. 2020-049 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 Young Kim of KL Fenix, with whom City is negotiating, and to give direction to its negotiator(s) Sharon L. Landers, City Manager, John Raymond, Assistant City Manager and Saied Nasseh, Director of Community Development, City negotiator(s), regarding that certain real property known as 20601 Main Street. The City's real property negotiator will seek direction from the City Council regarding terms of the development agreement.

ACTION: Item No. 2 was not considered.

Item No. 3. 2020-071 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (CITY COUNCIL)

Recommendation: A Closed Session will be held, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(e)(1) because there is a significant exposure to litigation in one case.

ACTION: No reportable action was taken.

FLAG SALUTE:

Item No. 4. 2020-055 CYNTHIA HUNTER, TEACHER AT GLENN CURTISS MIDDLE SCHOOL

(Council Member Hicks entered the meeting.)

(Council Member Davis-Holmes entered the meeting.)

INVOCATION:

Item No. 5. 2020-073 PASTOR QUENTIN ODEN SR., TRIEDSTONE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH - Not present.

Reverend Baker offered the invocation.

INTRODUCTIONS

Heather Korets, President of the L.A. Wildcats, gave a presentation.

Mayor and City Council presented Heather Korets with a proclamation who accepted with gratitude. Coach of the L.A. Wildcats offered comments.

Item No. 6. 2020-045 REPORT FROM CAPTAIN SKEEN OF CARSON SHERIFF'S STATION

(Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Davis-Holmes exited the meeting.)

Captain Skeen announced the Blood Drive on February 5, 2020, from 10:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. at the Carson Sheriff Station. He reported on the Coronavirus hoax that was disseminated to the public and press conference held.

Captain Skeen introduced Fuji, Crime Analyst, who assisted to identify a robbery suspect. He also introduced Detective Jenny Sierra.

(Mayor Pro Tem Dear exited the meeting.)

Item No. 7. 2020-048 PRESENTATION IN RECOGNITION OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Mayor and City Council presented various commissioners and members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. with a proclamation acknowledging Black History Month.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR MATTERS LISTED ON THE AGENDA (MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC) (LIMITED TO ONE HOUR) – None.

(Mayor Pro Tem Dear reentered the meeting.)

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

(Council Member Davis-Holmes reentered the meeting.)

Drexel Johnson (Black Union Trades)

Thanked the City Manager for her assistance; invited the public and City Council to attend a meeting on Thursday, February 6, 2020 at 11:00 A.M. at Tony Romas Restaurant to discuss the trade.

Mila Boyer

Congratulated the Mayor on his candidacy for Board of Supervisor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

CONSENT: (Items 8-14)

It was moved to approve the Consent items 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 Dear, 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 Hicks

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Item No. 8. 2019-786 CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF THREE NEW 2020 FORD F 150 (X1C) XL 2WD SUPERCAB 6.5' BOX 145" WB TRUCKS THROUGH A PURCHASE ORDER WITH NATIONAL AUTO FLEET GROUP (WATSONVILLE, CA); OR A LOCAL DEALERSHIP, IF THE PRICE IS EQUAL TO OR LESSER THAN THE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT PRICE (CITY COUNCIL)

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:

1. WAIVE the formal bid process defined in the Carson Municipal Code, Section 2607, as allowed by Section 2605 (1) (ii).
2. AUTHORIZE the Purchasing Division Manager to utilize Cooperative Purchasing, as allowed by Section 2611(g) and issue a purchase order in the amount of Eighty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred and Sixty Nine Dollars and Seven Cents (\$87,569.07) for three new 2020 Ford F-150 (X1C) XL 2WD 2WD SuperCab 6.5' Box 145" WB trucks to National Auto Fleet Group (Watsonville, CA); or a local Ford dealership if the price is equal to, or lesser than, the cooperative agreement price.

ACTION: Item No. 8 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 9. 2019-968 APPROVAL TO SIGN LETTER OF COMMITMENT TO CONNECT TO THE SOUTH BAY FIBER NETWORK (SBN) INITIATED BY THE SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (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. AUTHORIZE the City Manager to sign the Letter of Commitment with the SBCCOG at no cost to the City upon approval as to form by the City Attorney.

ACTION: Item No. 9 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 10. 2019-1126 CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND ESTIMATES FOR PROJECT NO. 1422: BROADWAY INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS - TRAFFIC SIGNAL MODIFICATIONS, AUTHORIZE STAFF TO ADVERTISE FOR CONSTRUCTION BIDS, AND APPROVE AMENDMENT TO THE FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:

1. APPROVE the Plans, Specification and Estimates for Project No. 1422: Broadway Intersection Improvements - Traffic Signal Modifications.
2. AUTHORIZE staff to advertise the work and call for construction bids
3. AUTHORIZE the City Manager to sign Amendment No. 2 - Funding Agreement CFP ID#F7322 - Broadway Intersection Improvements - Traffic Signal Modifications between the City of Carson and Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

ACTION: Item No. 10 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 11. 2020-031 CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 20-020 , GRANTING CONSENT AND JURISDICTION TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1697 AND COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT LLA-1, CARSON ZONE, CITY OF CARSON PROJECT L 071-2019 ; AND RESOLUTION NO. 20-021, APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE NEGOTIATED EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES RESULTING FROM ANNEXATION OF L 071-2019 TO COUNTY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1697 (CITY COUNCIL)

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:
1. WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 20-020, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, GRANTING CONSENT AND JURISDICTION TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1697 AND COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ACT-1,CARSON ZONE, CITY OF CARSON PROJECT L 071-2019."
2. WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 20-021, "JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 8 OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WATER REPLENISHMENT DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE NEGOTIATED EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES RESULTING FROM ANNEXATION OF L 071-2019 TO COUNTY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1697."

ACTION: Item No. 11 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 12. 2020-047 CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH REVENUE AND COST SPECIALISTS TO PREPARE A COMPREHENSIVE USER FEE STUDY AND OVERHEAD COST ANALYSIS (CITY COUNCIL)

Recommendation: Approve the proposed professional services agreement with Revenue and Costs Specialists to provide comprehensive fee study and overhead analysis for a not-to-exceed price of \$67,940.

ACTION: Item No. 12 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 13. 2020-072 CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 20-023 APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF ENVIRONMENTAL INSURANCE FOR THE NEW CITY YARD PROPERTY LOCATED AT 18620 SOUTH

**BROADWAY & 18601 SOUTH MAIN STREET IN THE CITY OF
CARSON (CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation: TAKE the following action:
1. ADOPT Resolution No. 20-023, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF POLLUTION LEGAL LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR THE NEW CITY YARD PROPERTY LOCATED AT 18620 SOUTH BROADWAY & 18601 SOUTH MAIN STREET IN THE CITY OF CARSON

ACTION: Item No. 13 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 14. 2020-058 CONSIDER WELCOMING THE XFL WILDCATS TO CARSON
(CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation: WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 20-026, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, WELCOMING THE WILDCATS TO CARSON, THANKING THEM FOR THEIR ENGAGEMENT WITH THE CARSON COMMUNITY, AND DESIGNATING THEM AS CARSON'S OFFICIAL TEAM"

ACTION: Item No. 14 was approved on Consent.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY: (None)

DISCUSSION: (Items 15 - 16)

Item No. 15. 2020-046 APPROVE A BUDGET ALLOCATION OF \$163,000, ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 20-031 TO REPLACE THE CARPET ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF CITY HALL AND APPOINT A SUB-COMMITTEE TO EVALUATE OPTIONS AND MAKE THE FINAL FLOORING SELECTION.

City Manager Landers gave a staff report.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Davis-Holmes requested management to address all common areas.

City Manager Landers noted estimates for first floor renovations will be part of the mid-year Budget.

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

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Davis-Holmes stated she would like to be appointed on the sub-committee.

Recommendation: 1. APPROVE a budget not to exceed \$163,000 to replace the carpet on the second floor of City Hall.
2. ADOPT Resolution Number 20-031 to amend the FY19-20 General Fund Budget in the amount of \$163,000.
3. APPOINT a Council Sub-Committee to evaluate options and make the final flooring selection.

ACTION: It was moved to create an Ad Hoc Subcommittee on motion of Davis-Holmes, seconded by Hicks.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles offered a friendly amendment to the motion to appoint Council Member Davis-Holmes and Council Member Hicks to the Ad Hoc Sub-Committee which was accepted by the maker and seconder of the motion.

The motion was unanimously carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles, 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 Hicks

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear

Item No. 16. 2020-074 CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO BEGIN A FRIENDSHIP CITY AFFILIATION WITH ALAVERDI, ARMENIA (CITY COUNCIL)

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

City Manager Landers gave a staff report.

Recommendation: Authorize the Mayor to select Alaverdi, Armenia to begin a Friendship City and move towards the establishment of a Sister City.

ACTION: It was moved to approve staff recommendation on motion of Robles, seconded by Dear.

During discussion of the motion, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks inquired about Sister City relations with Nigeria.

Assistant City Manager Roberts gave an update on establishing a friendship with Nigeria and explained the process.

Discussion ensued about the pursuit of a Nigerian Sister City agreement.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear offered a friendly amendment to the motion to direct staff to follow through with the initiation of becoming a Sister City of Nigeria.

City Manager Landers noted she is now aware of City Council intent and will ensure staff follow-up with the initiation process for the Nigeria affiliation.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear withdrew his friendly amendment to the motion.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Davis-Holmes noted the five City Council Aides could assist with Sister City establishing processes.

The motion was unanimously carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles, Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear, 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 Hicks

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

ORDINANCE SECOND READING: (None)

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR MATTERS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA (MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC) – None.

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (COUNCIL MEMBERS)

City Clerk/Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary Gause-Aldana announced important election information.

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:

- Edward Marquez
- Lincoln Carpenter
- Minnie Neighbors
- Hiram Thomas

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Member Hilton requested to add Carla Richardson to the list of Memorial Adjournments.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles asked his colleagues to reconsider the special meeting notice. He stated that he would direct staff to place on the next City Council agenda.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Davis-Holmes stated she wants to proceed with the special meeting.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks said he is available on February 6, 2020.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear noted his indifference of the seating arrangement and his willingness to support his colleagues who request special meetings.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton

- Wished Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles a Happy Birthday.

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

- Acknowledged her niece who lost her husband.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear

- Noted his AB1234 reporting and attendance at the Independent Cities Association Winter Seminar 2020, January 31, 2020 to February 2, 2020.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks

- Noted his daughter received her Vote-by-Mail ballot.

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 7:56 P.M. by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman
Albert Robles

ATTEST:

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