CITY OF CARSON

MINUTES
CARSON CITY COUNCIL/
SUCCESSOR AGENCY/HOUSING AUTHORITY/
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 17, 2020
5:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER:
The meeting was called to order at 5:11 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, 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

Council Members/Agency Members/Authority Board Members Absent:
Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Jim Dear (Entered at 5:13 P.M.)

Also Present:
Sharon Landers, City Manager; Sunny Soltani, City/Agency/Authority Attorney; David Roberts, Assistant City Manager; John Raymond, Assistant City Manager; Saied Naaseh, Director of Community Development; Faye Moseley, Director of Human Resources and Risk Management; and Tarik Rahmani, Director of Finance

Monica Cooper, City/Agency/Authority Treasurer

CLOSED SESSION (5:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.) (Items 1-4)

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – CLOSED SESSION ITEMS ONLY

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles spoke about precautions made by the City amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

Director Moseley introduced Veronica Rodriguez, Right of Way Superintendent.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS
City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani announced the Closed Session items.

RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION
The meeting was recessed at 5:23 P.M. by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles to Closed Session.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION
The meeting was reconvened at 6:34 P.M. by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles with all members previously noted present.

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS

This item was heard after Item No. 7.

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

Item No. 1. 2020-184 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 1 case.

ACTION: No reportable action was taken.

Item No. 2. 2020-088 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:
Jones, Norma v. City of Carson, Case Number: 19STCV08241, Los Angeles County Superior Court.

ACTION: Item was not taken up.

Item No. 3. 2020-162 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR (CITY COUNCIL)

Recommendation: A closed session will be held, pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6, with Sharon L. Landers, City Manager and Faye Moseley, Director of Human Resources, its negotiators(s), regarding labor negotiations with AFSCME 809 Part-Time and AFSCME 809 Full-Time.

ACTION: No reportable action was taken.

Item No. 4. 2020-182 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: This item was continued to April 7, 2020 with no objections heard.

FLAG SALUTE:

Item No. 5. 2020-174 ALISELLA TAN, 3RD GRADE, CAROLDALE LEARNING COMMUNITY – Not present.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear led the pledge of allegiance.

INVOCATION:

Item No. 6. 2020-170 RABBI DAVID CANTOR, TEMPLE BETH SHALOM – Not present.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton gave the invocation.

INTRODUCTIONS

Item No. 7. 2020-142 REPORT FROM CAPTAIN SKEEN OF CARSON SHERIFF'S STATION

Captain Skeen gave a briefing on COVID-19. He noted Carson was the leading community raising money for Special Olympics. He reported a traffic fatality involving a pedestrian.

In addition, he spoke about initiating the City's Emergency Operation Center (EOC) with the importance of keeping the community informed.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear inquired about a list from the Sheriffs who are identified as individuals in the community needing assistance. Captain Skeen addressed his inquiry.

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

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks inquired about the term 'Shelter in Place'. Captain Skeen addressed his inquiry.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Davis-Holmes inquired about ‘Carson Cares’. Captain Skeen addressed her inquiry.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Davis-Holmes announced Albertson's will be offering special preference to seniors, expecting mothers, and those with special needs with shopping hours 7:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M., Monday through Friday, and Pharmacy hours from 8:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M., Monday through Friday.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton thanked Captain Skeen for being responsive. Also, he thanked Ralphs for accommodating the seniors, expecting mothers, and those with special needs with the new shopping hours.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton noted trend in other cities of shoppers being robbed of their groceries and requested more presence of Sheriff Deputies.

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

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

This item was heard after the Closed Session Report.

City Clerk/Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary Gause-Aldana read public comments from the following:

Alondra Cerritos – Email regarding Item No. 27 – support.

Resident – Call inquiring why an emergency meeting was not called immediately.

Luz Padua – Email regarding Item No. 27 – Inquired why a special meeting was not held immediately.

Nancy Rusas – Email regarding Items No. 21 and 22 – oppose.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles directed the City Manager to reach out to Ms. Cerritos.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles addressed public comments.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear addressed public comments

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles noted to pull Items No. 21 and 22 for discussion.

Ana Meni - Item No. 27
Spoke about labor and wage concerns related to a City Shutdown.

City Clerk/Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary Gause-Aldana read correspondence from Congresswoman Nanette Barragan's Office. She will be hosting a special telephone town hall on the public health crisis posed by the COVID-19 pandemic on Thursday, March 19, 2020, 7:00 P.M.

Director Moseley introduced Isaias Pulido, part-time Council Aide.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Item No. 8. 2020-163 APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 4, 2020 CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/HOUSING AUTHORITY/CARSON COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2012-1 AND CARSON COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2012-2 REGULAR 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 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

CONSENT: (Items 9-25)

It was moved to approve the Consent items on motion of Robles, seconded by Hilton.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles removed Items No. 20 and 21 for discussion.

The motion to approve Consent items 9-25, except Items No. 20 and 21, 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

City Manager Landers noted an updated version of Item No. 25 regarding Mediastar for $62,972 which was approved on Consent with no objections heard.

Item No. 9. 2020-167 Resolution No. 20-042, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON RATIFYING CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE AMOUNT OF $4,256,221.95, DEMAND CHECK NUMBERS 150982 THROUGH 151243

ACTION: Item No. 9 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 10. 2020-149 CONSIDER MONTHLY INVESTMENT AND CASH REPORT FOR THE CITY OF CARSON, CARSON HOUSING AUTHORITY, CARSON SUCCESSOR AGENCY-MONTH ENDING FEBRUARY 2020

Recommendation: RECEIVE and FILE.

ACTION: Item No. 10 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 11. 2020-157 COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019 (CITY COUNCIL)

Recommendation: RECEIVE and FILE this staff report.

ACTION: Item No. 11 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 12. 2020-143 CONSIDER APPROVING AMENDMENT NO.5 WITH BURHENN & GEST LLP TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE LEGAL REPRESENTATION REGARDING REIMBURSEMENT CLAIM FOR UNFUNDED MANDATES AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE COST OF THE SERVICES (CITY COUNCIL)

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:
1. APPROVE continued representation by Burhenn & Gest LLP regarding the claim for state reimbursement for unfunded mandates.
2. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute the attached amendment to the professional services agreement with Burhenn & Gest LLP, in a form approved by the City Attorney.
3. AUTHORIZE the increase in the cost of the agreement with Burhenn & Gest LLP by an estimated $90,000, for a new total not-to-exceed amount of $145,500.

ACTION: Item No. 12 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 13. 2020-153 CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 20-014 AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF SPECIFIED CITY RECORDS WITHIN THE CITY TREASURER'S OFFICE (CITY COUNCIL)

Recommendation: WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 20-014 "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF SPECIFIED CITY RECORDS WITHIN THE CITY TREASURER'S OFFICE."

ACTION: Item No. 13 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 14. 2020-139 CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE EXISTING CATCH BASIN TRASH INSERT MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT AND THE CITY OF CARSON (CITY COUNCIL)

Recommendation: 1. APPROVE Amendment No. 1 to the Catch Basin Trash Insert Maintenance Agreement between the LACFCD and the City of Carson to reflect an increase in the number of trash excluders on catch basins to be maintained by the City and the locations of those catch basins.
2. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to approve Amendment No.1 following approval as to form by the City Attorney.

ACTION: Item No. 14 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 15. 2020-148 CONSIDER ADOPTING A RESOLUTION NO. 20-041 APPROVING THE PROJECT LIST FOR SB-1 (BEALL) "ROAD REPAIR AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2017" FOR FY 2020-21 (CITY COUNCIL)

Recommendation: 1.ADOPT Resolution No. 20-041, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Carson, California, Adopting A List of Projects for Fiscal Year 2020-21 Funded by SB-1: The Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017."

ACTION: Item No. 15 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 16. 2020-083 CONSIDERATION TO ACCEPT AS COMPLETE PROJECT NO. 1550: DOLPHIN PARK PLAYGROUND AREA FOR CHILDREN OF DIFFERING ABILITIES (CITY COUNCIL)

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:
1. ACCEPT as complete Project No. 1550: Dolphin Park Playground Area for Children of Differing Abilities.
2. AUTHORIZE staff to file a Notice of Completion

ACTION: Item No. 16 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 17. 2020-093 CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT FOR USE OF CITY FACILITIES FOR SOPHISTICATED DANCE (CITY COUNCIL)

Recommendation: 1. APPROVE the "Agreement for Use of City Facilities and for Provision of Marketing Services for Sophisticated Dance, Inc." (Exhibit 1), and AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute the same following approval as to form by the City Attorney.

ACTION: Item No. 17 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 18. 2020-145 CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO SWIMMING FACILITIES LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CARSON AND ABILITYFIRST (CITY COUNCIL)

Recommendation: 1. APPROVE the Amendment to Swimming Facilities License Agreement between the City of Carson and AbilityFirst and AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute the same following approval as to form by the City Attorney.

ACTION: Item No. 18 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 19. 2020-146 CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE STUDENT FIELD PLACEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CARSON AND CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY LONG BEACH (CITY COUNCIL)

Recommendation: 1. APPROVE the Student Field Placement Agreement by and between the City of Carson and the Trustees of the California State University on behalf of California State University Long Beach, and AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute the same following approval as to form by the City Attorney.

ACTION: Item No. 19 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 20. 2020-151 CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO 2018 AGREEMENT FOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION DEFENSE ATTORNEY SERVICES CONTRACT (CITY COUNCIL)

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:
1. APPROVE Amendment No. 1 to the Contract Services Agreement by and between the City and Dabbah, Haddad & Suleiman, APC, authorizing an increase of $400,000for the cost of services, thereby increasing the total contract sum from $360,000 to $760,000.
2. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute the Amendment upon

approval as to form by the City Attorney.

ACTION: Item No. 20 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 21. 2020-159 CONSIDER RESOLUTION NOS. 20-048 AND 20-049 AMENDING AND RESTATING THE SALARY SCHEDULE TO INCLUDE THE STATE MANDATED INCREASE IN MINIMUM WAGE FOR CITY OF CARSON UNREPRESENTED PART-TIME EMPLOYEES AND AFSCME 809 PART-TIME EMPLOYEES PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA STATE LAW FOR 2021 (CITY COUNCIL)

Items No. 21 and 22 were heard simultaneously after approval of Consent items.

Director Moseley gave a staff report. She referred to Exhibit 4 regarding Resolution No. 20-049 of Item No. 21; and Exhibit 4 regarding Resolution No. 20-051 of Item No. 22. There was an error and she provided replacement copies of the Salary Ranges for AFSCME 809 Unclassified Part-Time effective January 1, 2021. This reflects the $14.00 an hour minimum wage increase.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear inquired about the concerns addressed in Nancy Rusas public comment. Director Moseley clarified the specifics of the resolutions.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Davis-Holmes noted she is recusing herself from voting on this item citing a possible conflict.

Recommendation:
1. WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution Nos. 20-048, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING AND RESTATING THE SALARY SCHEDULE TO INCLUDE THE STATE MANDATED INCREASE IN MINIMUM WAGE FOR CITY OF CARSON UNREPRESENTED PART-TIME EMPLOYEES PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA STATE LAW FOR 2021.
2. WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution Nos. 20-049, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING AND RESTATING THE SALARY SCHEDULE TO INCLUDE THE STATE MANDATED INCREASE IN MINIMUM WAGE FOR CITY OF CARSON AFSCME 809 PART-TIME EMPLOYEES PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA STATE LAW FOR 2021.

ACTION: It was moved to approve staff recommendations, as amended, for Items No. 21 and 22 on motion of Robles, seconded by Hilton and carried by the following vote:

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

Abstain: Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Davis-Holmes
Absent: None

Item No. 22. 2020-160 CONSIDER RESOLUTION NOS. 20-050 AND 20-051 AMENDING AND RESTATING THE SALARY SCHEDULE TO INCLUDE THE STATE MANDATED INCREASE IN MINIMUM WAGE FOR CITY OF CARSON UNREPRESENTED PART-TIME EMPLOYEES AND AFSCME 809 PART-TIME EMPLOYEES PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA STATE LAW FOR 2022 (CITY COUNCIL)

Items No. 21 and 22 were heard simultaneously after approval of Consent items.

Recommendation: 1. WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution Nos. 20-050, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING AND RESTATING THE SALARY SCHEDULE TO INCLUDE THE STATE MANDATED INCREASE IN MINIMUM WAGE FOR CITY OF CARSON UNREPRESENTED PART-TIME EMPLOYEES PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA STATE LAW FOR 2022.
2. WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution Nos. 20-051, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING AND RESTATING THE SALARY SCHEDULE TO WAGE FOR CITY OF CARSON AFSCME 809 PART-TIME EMPLOYEES PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA STATE LAW FOR 2022.

ACTION: It was moved to approve staff recommendations, as amended, for Items No. 21 and 22 on motion of Robles, seconded by Hilton and carried by the following vote:

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

Item No. 23. 2020-161 CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 20-052 AMENDING AND RESTATING THE SALARY SCHEDULE FOR AT-WILL, PART-TIME, UNREPRESENTED EMPLOYEES TO INCORPORATE A CONSISTENT 2.5% SALARY STEP DIFFERENTIAL (CITY COUNCIL)

Recommendation: WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 20-052, "THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING AND RESTATING THE SALARY SCHEDULE FOR UNREPRESENTED PART-TIME EMPLOYEES TO INCORPORATE A CONSISTENT 2.5% SALARY STEP DIFFERENTIAL"

ACTION: Item No. 23 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 24. 2020-154 CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT IN THE MATTER OF MARIA DE LOURDES PEREZ V. CITY OF CARSON, ET AL. (LASC CASE NUMBER 19STCV05819) (CITY COUNCIL)

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:
1. Approve the settlements.
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute the settlement agreements, and any related documents, to resolve the litigation.

ACTION: Item No. 24 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 25. 2020-177 CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CONTRACT SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MEDIASTAR, LLC FOR AUDIO VIDEO (A/V) SERVICES FOR THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS (CITY COUNCIL)

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:
1. WAIVE the bidding requirements of the Carson Municipal Code (CMC) pursuant to CMC Section 2611(e) ("Sole Source Purchasing").
2. APPROVE Contract Services Agreement with Mediastar, Inc. for Audio Visual maintenance, A/V City Council Chamber operational support, and to address related but unforeseen equipment and technical issues that may impair public access to City Council meetings; to approve the contract sum be increased by $53,000; and AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute the same upon approval as to form by the City Attorney.

ACTION: Item No. 25 was approved on Consent.

City Manager Landers noted an updated version of Item No. 25 regarding Mediastar for $62,972 which was approved on Consent with no objections heard.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY: (Item 26)

Item No. 26. 2020-125 PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 20-2003 APPROVING ZONE CHANGE NO. 180-19 TO CHANGE THE ZONING DESIGNATIONS FROM RM-8-D (RESIDENTIAL MULTIPLE-FAMILY - 8 DWELLING UNITS/ACRE - WITH A DESIGN OVERLAY) TO RM-12-D (RESIDENTIAL MULTIPLE-FAMILY - 12 DWELLING UNITS/ACRE - WITH A DESIGN OVERLAY) FOR APNS 7335-007-017, 7335-006-023, AND 7335-006-024, AND MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND MITIGATION

MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM (CITY COUNCIL)

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

City Clerk/Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary Gause-Aldana provided a Public Hearing report; no written communication was received.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles inquired if the applicant submitted a communication.

Staff stated no communication was received.

Director Naaseh gave a staff report.

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:
1. OPEN the public hearing, TAKE public testimony, and CLOSE the public hearing.
2. Waive further reading and INTRODUCE Ordinance No. 20-2003, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING ZONE CHANGE NO. 180-19 TO CHANGE THE ZONE FROM RM-8-D (RESIDENTIAL MULTIPLE-FAMILY - 8 DWELLING UNITS/ACRE - DESIGN OVERLAY) TO RM-12-D (RESIDENTIAL MULTIPLE-FAMILY - 12 DWELLING UNITS/ACRE - DESIGN OVERLAY) FOR APNs 7335-007-017, 7335-006-023, AND 7335-006-024; AND MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM"

ACTION: It was moved to approve staff recommendation 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

DISCUSSION: (Items 27-31)

Item No. 27. 2020-169 UPDATE ON CITY'S RESPONSE TO THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) (CITY COUNCIL)

Item No. 27 was heard after Item No. 31.

Recommendation: DISCUSS measures that have been put in place and provide staff with further direction.

ACTION: Mayor and Council discussed measures that have been put in place.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles encouraged everyone to rely on facts and the agencies that are providing the facts in hopes of not spreading misinformation.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles suggested weekly City Council meetings be held on Tuesdays at 5:00 P.M. with no public audience, with no objections heard.

He ordered that all commission meetings be suspended except meetings of the Planning Commission and the Carson Reclamation Authority.

He directed the City Manager ask all employees to report to work tomorrow.

ACTION: It was moved to **CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 20-053 DECLARING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 (AKA CORONAVIRUS)** for discussion on motion of Robles, seconded by Dear.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear offered a friendly amendment to the motion to include in the resolution to encourage city businesses to demonstrate public safety health practices which was accepted by the maker of the motion.

City Clerk/Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary Gause-Aldana noted an email received from Hothippymama requesting closure of the Pre-K program in efforts of keeping the public safe.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks inquired which employees are considered essential versus non-essential.

City Manager Landers addressed the inquiry.

Assistant City Manager Roberts noted there are fourteen (14) employees who are certified in Emergency Operation Center category training.

Discussion ensued regarding employee compensation, benefits, leave time, and budget.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton noted that he supports placing staff on Administrative Leave.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles offered a friendly amendment to his motion to address payroll concerns on a weekly basis which was accepted by the seconder of the motion.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear inquired about how will the city know that CalPERS will honor the employees service time if collecting unemployment insurance.

Director Moseley addressed the inquiry.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles directed management to reach out to CalPERS and the Governor's office.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Chairman Dear suggested to place all City employees on Administrative Leave and to be available for work. The City Manager can determine which employees need to report to work.

Discussion ensued about the City Manager's proposal of City employees applying for Employment Development Department benefits.

Ana Meni
Discussed the unemployment process, employee negative leave balances, and compensation.

Vote on the Motion
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

Item No. 27A. 2020-186 CONSIDERATION OF AN URGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 20-2006U ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 17 (EMERGENCY PRICE-GOUGING PROTECTIONS) TO ARTICLE IV (PUBLIC PEACE) OF THE CARSON MUNICIPAL CODE TO ENACT PROHIBITIONS AGAINST PRICE-GOUGING AND RESIDENTIAL TENANT EVICTIONS RELATED DURING THE DECLARED STATE OF EMERGENCY (CITY COUNCIL)

Recommendation: Take the following actions:
1. Discuss the declaration of a local emergency.
2. Approve the Ordinance No. 20-2006U, an urgency ordinance of the City Council of the City of Carson

ACTION: It was moved to add **Item No. 27A. 2020-186, CONSIDERATION OF AN URGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 20-2006U ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 17 (EMERGENCY PRICE-GOUGING PROTECTIONS) TO ARTICLE IV (PUBLIC PEACE) OF THE CARSON MUNICIPAL CODE TO ENACT PROHIBITIONS AGAINST PRICE-GOUGING AND RESIDENTIAL TENANT EVICTIONS RELATED DURING THE DECLARED STATE OF EMERGENCY**, as a subsequent need item 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

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles directed staff and the City Attorney's Office to look at whether the County Eviction Moratorium is comprehensive to cover the City's concerns, price-gouging, adding a misdemeanor element on intentional exposure, commercial evictions of small businesses is covered, and continued this item to March 24, 2020 with no objections heard.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear requested to add to the resolution to direct the City Manager to bring forward Public Safety and Emergency Services staff to explore the idea of implementing an agreement with the federal government and state and county governments. Also, the city volunteer the Carson Community Center as a COVID-19 "regional drive-by testing site" to help receive federal funding and work with the county to use Victoria Park as a temporary United States Army Corps of Engineers hospital site.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles directed the City Manager to draft a letter to be signed by the Mayor and Council to the Los Angeles County for use of Victoria Park with no objections heard.

Item No. 28. 2019-1092 FISCAL YEARS 2020-2021 ANNUAL BUDGET WORKSHOP #1 - BUDGET POLICY ISSUES (CITY COUNCIL)

Item No. 28 was heard after Item No. 26.

City Manager Landers gave a comment about the budget.

Recommendation: PROVIDE direction for each budget policy question, which will be used to build the draft budget.

ACTION: Director Rahmani gave a presentation of the budget Fiscal Years 2020-2021 proposal.

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

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear encouraged staff to look at areas where the city can reduce spending.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks inquired about the HDL consultants and data they provide. Director Rahmani addressed his inquiry. Also, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks inquired about the 3.8 million on the

full-time employee vacancies. City Manager Landers addressed his inquiry.

Discussion ensued about the budget line items.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Davis-Holmes encouraged staff to look at additional revenue streams.

Item No. 29. 2020-155 CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO BEGIN A FRIENDSHIP CITY AFFILIATION WITH BAUCHI, NIGERIA (CITY COUNCIL)

City Manager Landers gave a staff report.

Assistant City Manager Roberts offered more details of the staff report.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear recommended staff to reach out to the Mayor of Bauchi and Chike Nweke, resident, to establish the partnership.

Recommendation: Authorize the Mayor to select the City of Bauchi, Nigeria and 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 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. 30. 2020-165 DISCUSS CONCERNS BROUGHT UP BY VOTERS DURING THE MARCH 3, 2020 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION (CITY COUNCIL)

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

City Clerk/Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary Gause-Aldana gave a staff report.

Recommendation: Direct City Manager to draft a letter to the Los Angeles County Registrar Recorder documenting the concerns of the general public and City Council; offering the City's partnership in an effort of improving voters experience in the electoral process.

ACTION: It was moved to approve staff recommendation on motion of Robles.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear offered a friendly amendment to the motion that a letter be written to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors as well and include a recommendation that every voter receive a vote-by-mail ballot and seconded the motion which was accepted by the maker of the motion.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton noted his concerns related to Carson residents not having a good voting experience.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Davis-Holmes spoke about the lack of information to voters completing the ballot.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks suggested to expand the number of voting locations and consider a mobile voting center with privacy screens. He offered a friendly amendment to the motion for the Mayor and Council to also sign the letter for a stronger affect to ensure issues will not happen again in the November election which was accepted by the maker and seconder of the motion.

The motion, as amended, 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

Item No. 31. 2020-166 CONSIDER RESOLUTION 20-057 SUPPORTING AB 2103 (O'DONNELL) EXPANDING THE TERRITORY OF THE SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY (CITY COUNCIL)

Assistant City Manager Raymond gave a staff report.

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:
1. WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 20-057 "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING AB 2103 (O'DONNELL), EXPANDING THE TERRITORY OF THE SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY TO INCLUDE THE DOMINGUEZ CHANNEL WATERSHED AND SANTA CATALINA ISLAND"
2. REQUEST that staff forward a copy of executed Resolution 20-057 to Assembly Member Patrick O'Donnell's Office.

ACTION: It was moved to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 20-057 and

direct staff to reach out to other cities to support this item 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 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)

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles announced the following:

- Grab and Go events sponsored by the Los Angeles Unified School District at Stephen White Middle School, Curtiss Middle School, and Rancho Preparatory School, 7:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M., Monday through Friday.
- Watson Land Company working with Torrance YMCA to fund food and grocery services through the Meals and Wheels Program for senior citizens.
- Local restaurants are open for take-out and delivery service.
- Council Member Hilton is sponsoring a Grab and Go event for seniors and children at City on the Hill Church, 17800 Main Street, 1:00 P.M., Monday through Friday.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Davis-Holmes noted the Carson Citizens Cultural Arts Foundation donated $5,000 to help feed seniors in Carson. In addition, she announced Albertsons Grocery will be open from 7:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M., pharmacies 8:00 A.M., Monday through Friday, to assist seniors and persons with disability.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton announced the same service for seniors at Ralphs Market.

City Clerk/Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary Gause-Aldana read comments that was received from Rick Pulido.

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 10:20 P.M. to March 24, 2020 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
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