



## **CITY OF CARSON**

### **MINUTES CARSON CITY COUNCIL/ SUCCESSOR AGENCY/HOUSING AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 26, 2021 5:00 P.M.**

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 P.M. by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Lula Davis-Holmes via Zoom Teleconference.

#### **ROLL CALL:**

City Clerk/Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary Donesia Gause-Aldana noted the roll:

#### **Council Members/Agency Members/Authority Board Members Present via Zoom Teleconference:**

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman 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 during Closed Session)

#### **Also Present via Zoom Teleconference Telephone:**

Monica Cooper, City/Agency/Authority Treasurer; 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; Tarik Rahmani, Director of Finance; and Robert Lennox, Director of Community Services

#### **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 Clerk/Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary Gause-Aldana announced the Closed Session items.

## **RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION**

The meeting was recessed at 5:03 P.M. by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes to Closed Session.

## **RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

The meeting was reconvened at 6:20 P.M. by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes with all members previously noted present including Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear.

## **REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS**

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

### **Item No. 1.    2021-001            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 3 cases.

ACTION:    At 10:17 P.M., City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani reported there was no reportable action taken.

### **Item No. 2.    2021-025            CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation:            A closed session will be held, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(2) & (e)(3) to consider the claim(s) of Tiauna Staples. The claim is available for inspection pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.5.

ACTION:    No reportable action was taken.

### **Item No. 3.    2021-026            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:  
Vincent Simien v. City of Carson, LASC Case No. 19STCV30806

ACTION:    No reportable action was taken.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes noted that Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear was in attendance at the Closed Session.

## **FLAG SALUTE:**

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**INVOCATION:**

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear gave the invocation.

**INTRODUCTIONS****Item No. 4.    2020-848            INTRODUCTION OF THE NEXT CAPTAIN AND LIEUTENANT  
OF CARSON STATION BY COMMANDER SKEEN**

Commander Skeen spoke about the soon to retire Lieutenant Luis Trejo.

Lieutenant Trejo offered comments and congratulated Commander Skeen on his promotion. He thanked City Manager Landers, Mayor and City Council for the opportunity.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes thanked Lieutenant Trejo for his work at the Carson Sheriff Station who will be missed and godspeed.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear offered comments regarding Lieutenant Trejo and best wishes.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes directed the City Manager to coordinate presentation of the Key To The City to Lieutenant Trejo.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Member Hilton echoed comments made by his colleagues. He congratulated Lieutenant Trejo on his retirement and congratulated Commander Skeen on his promotion.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks offered comments regarding Lieutenant Trejo. He congratulated Commander Skeen for his promotion and thanked them both for a job well done.

City Manager Landers presented a personal sign for Lieutenant Trejo and Commander Skeen.

Commander Skeen introduced Lieutenant Jabari Williams who is Lieutenant Trejo's replacement.

Lieutenant Jabari Williams introduced himself.

The Mayor and City Council offered welcoming remarks to Lieutenant Williams.

Commander Skeen introduced new Captain Damon Jones.

Captain Damon Jones offered comments and thanked the Mayor and City Council for the opportunity.

The Mayor and City Council offered welcoming remarks to Captain Jones.

**Item No. 5.    2021-027        REPORT FROM LIEUTENANT WILLIAMS OF CARSON  
SHERIFF'S STATION**

Lieutenant Williams provided a report on crime statistics. He spoke about the Victoria Park situation monitoring the car show and deterring them. He will be monitoring other city parks as well.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear reported that his neighbor's catalytic converter was stolen.

Lieutenant Williams stated theft of catalytic converters were ongoing and individuals can identify marks on February 20, 2021.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks noted his catalytic converter was stolen as well.

Commander Skeen offered comments and informed Mayor, City Council and City Manager that his assignment has been a highlight and thanked them for the opportunity.

**INTRODUCTION OF CITY EMPLOYEES**

**Item No. 6.    2020-878        ELIZA JANE WHITMAN, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS  
STEFANIE EDMONDSON, SENIOR PLANNER  
MITCHELL MORONES, SENIOR NETWORK ADMINISTRATOR**

City Manager Landers introduced Eliza Jane Whitman, new Director of Public Works.

Eliza Jane Whitman offered comments.

Mayor and City Council offered welcoming remarks.

Director Moseley introduced Stefanie Edmondson, Senior Planner, and Mitchell Morones, Senior Network Administrator.

Mayor, City Council and City Manager welcomed new staff.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**Item No. 7.    2021-028        PROCLAMATION ACKNOWLEDGING MARTIN LUTHER  
KING, JR HOLIDAY**

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes presented the proclamation.

**Item No. 8.    2020-838        PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING JANUARY AS HUMAN  
RIGHTS EDUCATION MONTH**

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

proclamation.

**Item No. 9.    2021-022        PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE SPOUSES OF MAYOR  
AND CITY COUNCIL**

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes offered comments, noted resolutions to be framed and presented to the spouses and family members of the elected officials.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton requested to include the City Clerk and City Treasurer as well. Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes acknowledged request by Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton.

The City Council thanked Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes for the recognition.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes thanked the City Clerk and City Treasurer as well.

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

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

Johnny Bishop Baeza - Website Public Comment Received January 22, 2021 – Item No. 18

Thanked the City for opening more space for the community; noted that according to Los Angeles County, Carson is a park poor community and there is not enough open space and parks for the residents; Need more open space and recreational opportunities within the current designs in the city. Rugby is a huge up and coming sport and many of the younger residents move on to play at the collegiate level; Recommended adding another pool or a splash pad for the younger residents; Requested to relocate the Dog Park to Calas Park which is more centrally located within the community and provides a better use of existing space.

Aprile E. Benjamin - Email Received January 23, 2021 – Item No. 20

Stated the City may want to rethink allowing people to perform their own COVID-19 test held at the Carson Community Center parking lot; her test results returned negative from the "U.S. Health Fairs," however, her Kaiser test results returned positive. How many people are thinking their results are negative when they are actually positive?

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

Yogi Liu - Letter Received January 13, 2021– Non-Agendized

Wished everyone a Happy New Year; Requested the City establish or enforce some basic housekeeping rules: 1) Show up and give your constituents your undivided attention, even when you do not like nor agree with what they have to say; 2) Do your makeup and hair before the meeting, not during the meeting; and 3) Leave cats at home. City Council Zoom meeting is not home, it is work. Moving forward, please give us the best we deserve.

Imperial Avalon Residents - Letters Received January 13, 2021– Non-Agendized

Letter #1 – Joseph (Joe):

I missed the workshop but I saw the video. All I hear are excuses, redirecting blame, avoidance of questions. In short, lies and more lies. I am now taking my time to go through past meetings that deal specifically with Imperial Avalon, only to discover more deceit and lies. What is asked of you is the truth and fairness, that simple for honest, hard-working folks but clearly a challenge for you con artist, praying for you all.

Letter #2 – Mary

Thank you all for making this one of the most memorable Thanksgiving! I hope you sleep well at night knowing you are displacing families from their homes.

Letter #3 – Mimi & the bunnies

Three years ago today, I lost my best friend, soul mate and spouse. My children lost a playmate and dad. It has been more difficult than imagined, each day is different. Yet, we continue to push on to the greatness we deserve. We were four but now we are three. Thankful for the experiences. May you rest in peace Rabet. A friendly reminder not to take your loved ones for granted and stay grateful. Happy Thanksgiving to all.

Letter #4 - Lisa

Thankful that there are some people who are concerned for the people in Imperial. Shame on you that only see the community as your friends and neighbors. I have stressed enough and will leave it in God's hand. Fret not yourself because of evildoers; be not envious of wrongdoers. For they will soon fade like the grass and wither like the green herb. Trust in the Lord and do good. Dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness. Delight yourself in the Lord. We will prevail.

Janice Sumpter - Website Public Comment Received January 24, 2021 – Non-Agendized

Reported the shopping center at University and Avalon is becoming a very dangerous place to shop. It is ruining our neighborhood. Drug deals are taking place behind the buildings. Homeless individuals are taking over the area. One new restaurant is attracting many customers who need to wait outside and unfortunately, they disrespect the community by smoking marijuana while standing in line. The shopping area needs more security.

Vivian W. - Website Public Comment Received January 24, 2021 – Non-Agendized

Urged the City Council to pay close attention to the General Plan for the city and not be bedazzled by developers who promise "perks" for the city while they fill it up with "cracker box" size housing in cramped areas. People are looking for places to live these days do not want to "settle" for a cramped residence, no matter how new it is. They deserve an affordable, comfortable place to live. We need quality housing, supermarkets, and nice stores like Costco in Carson. Carson is a small place and you have often said you want it to be a "destination city". Make sure that your residents are happy to live here first.

A. Spears - Website Public Comment Received January 24, 2021 – Non-Agendized

Concerned that Carson is slowly becoming a "trucking" city. We live near Del Amo and Tillman and there are huge trucks constantly entering and exiting main streets: Wilmington, Avalon, Del Amo and University. Is all of this property zoned for trucks? Urged the City Council to look carefully into the General Plan for the future of the City.

Lisa - Letter Received January 25, 2021– Non-Agendized

Stated Rick Pulido brought up a very good point why is the City Attorney, Sunny Soltani, involved

in WRD General Manager hiring process? Also, in the past I have asked questions that were read aloud but were never addressed. Moving forward, if you cannot diligently do your jobs and fulfill your responsibilities correctly, step down. If you have to sneak to do it, lie to cover it up, or delete it to avoid it being seen, then you probably shouldn't be doing it. This is a new year with new leadership. Do something different instead of the same old stuff.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes requested the City Attorney to address Lisa's comment regarding the City Attorney involved with the WRD General Manager hiring process. City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani noted she is not involved.

Rachel - Email Received January 25, 2021 – Non-Agendized

Disappointed in what she has experienced over the last decade, specifically the last four years locally and nationally; asked that the Mayor and City management pave an honorable way and continue to do so that will welcome all women. Moving onward first African female Mayor Lula Davis-Holmes, first female General Manager Sharon Landers, and first female City Attorney Sunny Soltani precede with the upmost integrity and respect for themselves and others.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Item No. 10. 2021-043 APPROVAL OF THE JULY 21, 2020 CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/HOUSING AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Recommendation: Approve the minutes as listed.

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

Ayes: Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes, Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear, 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 11-14)**

It was moved to approve the Consent items on motion of Davis-Holmes, seconded by Dear and unanimously carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes, Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear, 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. 11. 2021-030      CONSIDER MONTHLY INVESTMENT AND CASH REPORT FOR THE CITY OF CARSON, CARSON HOUSING AUTHORITY, CARSON SUCCESSOR AGENCY-MONTH ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020**

Recommendation:      RECEIVE and FILE.

ACTION:      Item No. 11 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 12. 2020-890      CONSIDER ACCEPTING A \$10,000 PREVENTION AND AFTERCARE GRANT FROM THE SOUTH BAY CENTER FOR COUNSELING (SBCC) AND APPROVING AMENDMENT NO. SEVEN TO SUBCONTRACT FOR PREVENTION AND AFTERCARE PROGRAM ACTIVITIES/SERVICES WITH SBCC FOR CONTINUED PERFORMANCE OF PREVENTION AND AFTERCARE PROGRAM SERVICES BY CITY (CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation:      TAKE the following actions:  
1. ACCEPT the \$10,000 grant from the South Bay Center for Counseling to support the Prevention and Aftercare Program.  
2. APPROVE the proposed "Amendment No. Seven to Subcontract for Prevention and Aftercare Program Activities/Services" with South Bay Center for Counseling, and AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute same following approval as to form by the City Attorney; and  
3. ADOPT Resolution No. 21-004, Amending the Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget for Family Support Prevention.

ACTION:      Item No. 12 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 13. 2020-870      CONSIDER THE INTERIM DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE ANNUAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020, PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 66006 (CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation:      TAKE the following action:  
1. RECEIVE and FILE.

ACTION:      Item No. 13 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 14. 2021-031      CONSIDER AWARD OF A CONTRACT WITH TAFOYA & ASSOCIATES FOR REPAIR OF THE UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK LOCATED AT CITY HALL (CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation:      TAKE the following actions:  
1. APPROVE the selection of Tafoya & Associates to provide



services for repair of the underground storage tank at City Hall in an amount not-to-exceed \$39,751.

2. AUTHORIZE Mayor to execute a contract with Tafoya & Associates following approval as to form by the City Attorney (Exhibit No.1).

ACTION: Item No. 14 was approved on Consent.

**SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY: (None)**

**DISCUSSION: (Items 15-20)**

**Item No. 15. 2021-038 ACTING AS THE HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD, CONSIDER THE APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIR OF THE CARSON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION TO THE CARSON RECLAMATION AUTHORITY BOARD (HOUSING AUTHORITY)**

Assistant City Manager Raymond provided a staff report.

Recommendation: 1. NOMINATE AND RATIFY the appointment of the Chair of the Carson Economic Development Commission to a five-year term on the Carson Reclamation Authority, subject to continued qualification.

ACTION: It was moved to nominate Ray Aldridge, Jr. to the Carson Reclamation Authority Board and ratify his appointment on motion of Davis-Holmes, seconded by Dear and unanimously carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes, Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear, 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. 16. 2021-021 CONSIDERATION OF LOCAL APPOINTMENTS TO THE CITY'S COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES AND BOARDS; AND/OR CITY COUNCIL SUB-COMMITTEES; AND/OR CITY-AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS BY MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL (CITY COUNCIL)**

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

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes directed staff to remove the former Mayor's name listed under Council Sub-committees and that she will be making appointments.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes established an Ad Hoc Committee consisting of herself and Mayor Pro Tem Dear to look at consolidating Commissions, Committees, and Boards (CCB) and bring back for review and consideration at the first meeting in February with no objection heard.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear accepted the appointment to the Commissions, Committees and Boards Consolidations Ad Hoc Committee.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear requested staff to adjust the staff report for accuracy.

City Clerk/Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary Gause-Aldana inquired about the errors.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear noted the former Mayor would cease as Delegate with the City-Affiliated Organizations.

City Manager Landers noted City Clerk Gause-Aldana updated the Carson Reclamation Authority members today with the action taken from January 21, 2021 meeting which she emailed to the Mayor and City Council. Also, she noted at the City Clerk's request could not remove the former Mayor's name because it is personal to him in some situations and requested the Mayor and City Council to vacate his seats.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes requested correction of William Koons to William Cowens on the Parks and Recreation Commission. City Clerk/Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary Gause-Aldana noted it was already updated as well.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes noted the Commissions, Committees and Boards Consolidations Ad Hoc Committee will bring back report regarding CCB consolidations in two weeks. She requested her colleagues to submit names for the CCB after consolidations are approved.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear suggested to vacate the City Council Sub-committees and City Affiliated Organizations as appropriate.

Recommendation:

TAKE the following actions:

1. CONSIDER and APPOINT, REAPPOINT or REMOVE members to the Commissions, Committees and Boards; and/or
2. REAFFIRM, RE-DESIGNATE and/or DESIGNATE member assignments to the City Council Sub-Committees; and/or
3. REAFFIRM, RE-DESIGNATE and/or DESIGNATE delegates and alternates to the City-Affiliated Organizations; and
4. DIRECT the City Clerk to notify all affected appointments, reappointments or removed members and/or all affected City-Affiliated Organizations of this action in writing;
5. IF APPLICABLE, DIRECT the City Clerk to post and publish in accordance with the Maddy Act.

ACTION: The Mayor and City Council took the following actions:

It was moved to vacate all Council Sub-committees and review for merging and/or eliminating them on motion of Davis-Holmes, seconded by Dear and unanimously carried by the following vote:

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

It was moved to direct staff to inform the City-Affiliated Organizations that the former elected official (Mayor) is no longer serving on motion of Dear.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear withdrew his motion.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes requested the City Council to submit their recommendations on which Council Sub-committees they would like to serve on.

#### City Hall Renovation Ad Hoc Committee

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes referred to the City Hall Renovation Ad Hoc Committee and directed staff to add Community Center to the committee name. She appointed herself and Council Member Hilton to the City Hall/Community Center Renovation Ad Hoc Committee, and ratified the appointments on motion of Davis-Holmes, seconded by Dear and unanimously carried by the following vote:’

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

#### Carson Sheriff Station Captain Interviews Ad Hoc Committee

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes dissolved the Carson Sheriff Station Captain Interviews Ad Hoc Committee with no objection heard.

It was moved to vacate the California Contract Cities Association, Clean Power Alliance of Southern California and Clean Power Alliance (CPA), and the County of Los Angeles Public Library Commission and for her colleagues to bring back their recommendations on motion of Davis-Holmes, seconded by Dear.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks noted there was an upcoming meeting for the Clean Power Alliance of Southern California and Clean Power Alliance (CPA).

California Contract Cities Association

It was moved to vacate the California Contract Cities Association on motion of Davis-Holmes, seconded by Hilton and unanimously carried by the following vote:

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

Clean Power Alliance of Southern California and Clean Power Alliance (CPA)

It was moved to appoint Council Member Hilton as Delegate, Council Member Hicks as Alternate 1 and Staff member Reata Kulcsar as Alternate 2 to the Clean Power Alliance of Southern California and Clean Power Alliance (CPA) and ratify the appointments on motion of Davis-Holmes, seconded by Hilton and unanimously carried by the following vote:

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

County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles (District No. 8)

It was moved to nominate Mayor Davis-Holmes as Delegate and Mayor Pro Tem Dear as Alternate to the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles (District No. 8) and ratify the appointments on motion of Davis-Holmes, seconded by Hilton and unanimously carried by the following vote:

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

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks noted that the Gateway Cities Council of Governments (I-710 EIR/EIS Project Committee) was completed through CALTRANS.

Subsequently, Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes dissolved the Gateway Cities Council of Governments (I-710 EIR/EIS Project Committee).

#### Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District

It was moved to nominate Mayor Pro Tem Dear as Delegate and Mayor Davis-Holmes as Alternate to the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District and ratify the appointments on motion of Davis-Holmes, seconded by Hilton and unanimously carried by the following vote:

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

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear noted the current seat on the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District will expire in 2021, therefore, his appointment will take effect when the term expires on October 3, 2021.

#### L.A. County City Selection Committee

It was moved to nominate Mayor Davis-Holmes as Delegate and Council Member Hicks as Alternate to the L.A. County City Selection Committee on motion of Davis-Holmes, seconded by Hilton and unanimously carried by the following vote:

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

#### League of California Cities

It was moved to nominate Council Member Hicks as Delegate, Council Member Hilton as Alternate 1 and Mayor Pro Tem Dear as Alternate 2 to the League of California Cities and ratify the appointments on motion of Davis-Holmes, second by Hilton and unanimously carried by the following vote:

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

#### League of California Cities (Los Angeles Co. Division)

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes nominated Mayor Pro Tem Dear as Delegate, Council Member Hilton as Alternate 1 and Mayor Davis-Holmes as Alternate 2 to the League of California Cities (Los Angeles Co. Division) with no objection heard.

### National League of Cities

It was moved to nominate Council Member Hicks as Delegate, Council Member Hilton as Alternate 1, Mayor Pro Tem Dear as Alternate 2 to the National League of Cities and ratified the appointments on motion of Davis-Holmes, seconded by Hicks and unanimously carried by the following vote:

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

### South Bay Cities Council of Governments (Joint Powers Authority)

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes nominated Council Member Hicks as Delegate and Mayor Pro Tem Dear as Alternate to the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (Joint Powers Authority) with no objection heard.

### South Bay Workforce Investment Board

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes vacated the South Bay Workforce Investment Board until new recommendations with no objection heard.

### Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes nominated Council Member Hilton as Delegate, Mayor Davis-Holmes as Alternate 1 and Mayor Pro Tem Dear as Alternate 2 to the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) with no objection heard.

### U.S. Conference of Mayors

It was moved to nominate Mayor Davis-Holmes as Delegate, Mayor Pro Tem Dear as Alternate 1, Council Member Hicks as Alternate 2 to the U.S. Conference of Mayors and ratify appointments on motion of Davis-Holmes, seconded by Hicks and unanimously carried by the following vote:

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

### West Basin Water Association

It was moved to nominate Mayor Pro Tem Dear as Delegate, Council Member Hicks as Alternate to the West Basin Water Association and ratify the appointments on motion of Davis-Holmes, seconded by Hicks and unanimously carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes, Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear, 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 clarified to bring back CCB consolidation recommendations at the February 16, 2021 meeting.

**Item No. 17. 2020-888 CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION NO. 21-008 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA DETERMINING TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH JP MORGAN CHASE BANK RELATED TO THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN HEATING, VENTILATION, AND AIR CONDITIONING (HVAC) EQUIPMENT, APPROVING AGREEMENTS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS RELATED THERETO AND DECLARING ITS OFFICIAL INTENT TO REIMBURSE ITSELF FOR EXPENDITURES (CITY COUNCIL)**

Director Rahmani provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks inquired if there are penalties for early payoff.

Anita Luck, Assistant City Attorney, responded there were no penalties for early payments.

Rebecca Lowe, JP Morgan Chase, clarified the pre-payments.

Recommendation: TAKE the following action:  
WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 21-008, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, DETERMINING TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH JP MORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. RELATED TO THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN HVAC EQUIPMENT, APPROVING AGREEMENTS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS RELATED THERETO, AND DECLARING ITS OFFICIAL INTENT TO REIMBURSE ITSELF FOR EXPENDITURES"

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

Ayes: Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes, Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear, 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. 18. 2020-887 CONSIDER APPROVING ALTERNATIVE PLANS FOR THE CARRIAGE CREST PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND PROVIDE DIRECTION ON ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO SUPPLEMENT THE ANTICIPATED PROP 68 GRANT AWARD FOR THE PROJECT (CITY COUNCIL)**

Director Lennox provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Discussion ensued regarding the options and funding sources.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear agreed that the Dog Park be centrally located in the City. He inquired about a restroom facility near the Dog Park. Director Lennox answered his inquiry.

Recommendation: TAKE the following action:  
1. AUTHORIZE one of the concept plans presented for Carriage Crest Park for the Prop 68 Grant application.

ACTION: It was moved to support Concept 3b on motion of Davis-Holmes, seconded by Dear.

During discussion of the motion, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks suggested staff work with the developer to include a grass field adjacent to the ball diamond for a total of three ball fields in Concept 3b. He noted concern of no restroom near the Dog Park and for staff to consider a high-end type of restroom. He offered comments in support of Concept 3b.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton noted his support of Concept 3b and agreed to have a restroom near the Dog Park.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes referred to the restroom at Dolphin Park.

City Manager Landers offered comments regarding restrooms.

It was moved to amend the motion to include the recommendation from Council Member Hicks to install a high-quality restroom and a grass field on motion of Dear, seconded by Hilton.

Director Lennox noted staff is working with pricing for a prefabricated restroom at a different park and can easily incorporate the recommendations in the existing design.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear noted for staff to be inclusive with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements as well.



The motion, as amended, was unanimously carried by the following vote:

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

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks inquired about the separation of small dogs and large dogs at the Dog Park. Director Lennox and City Manager Landers responded in the affirmative.

**Item No. 19. 2020-833 CONSIDER: (1) APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH KILEY & ASSOCIATES, LLC, FOR FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY SERVICES, PURSUANT TO SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION; AND (2) SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR POTENTIAL STATE LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY CONSULTANTS (CITY COUNCIL)**

City Manager Landers provided a staff report.

Recommendation:

1. APPROVE the proposed contract services agreement with Kiley & Associates for federal legislative advocacy services for an initial three-year term, with two City options to extend for additional one-year periods thereafter, for a not-to-exceed contract sum of \$60,000 annually, or \$180,000 for the initial three-year term (Exhibit No. 1; the Agreement");
2. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute the Agreement following approval as to form by the City Attorney;
3. DISCUSS the Subcommittee's recommendations of proposed state legislative advocacy firms, SELECT one of the recommended firms in accordance with CMC 2611(c) for an award of a contract services agreement, and DIRECT staff to prepare a contract services agreement with said firm for subsequent City Council approval; and
4. DIRECT staff to issue a notice of contract termination letter to Townsend Public Affairs, Inc.

ACTION: It was moved to approve staff recommendations and the Legislative Lobbying Ad Hoc Committee's recommendations for the federal legislative advocacy services only with Kiley & Associates on motion of Dear, seconded by Hilton.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes offered a friendly amendment to the motion to terminate Townsend Public Affairs, Inc. for federal legislative advocacy services and

keep them for the state legislative advocacy services on a month-to-month basis until selection of a firm for the state legislative advocacy services 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 Davis-Holmes, Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear, 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 Davis-Holmes stated she will replace the former Mayor as member of the Legislative Lobbying Ad Hoc Committee which consist of herself and Mayor Pro Tem Dear with no objection heard.

**Item No. 20. 2021-009 COVID-19 UPDATE (CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation: DISCUSS and PROVIDE direction.

ACTION: Presentations were made and discussion was held as follows:

City Manager Landers spoke about a possible vaccination site in Carson.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes spoke about a virtual vaccine education session with a doctor from the UCLA Medical Center and will coordinate a date with the City Manager.

City Manager Landers noted California State University Dominguez Hills (CSUDH) interest to collaborate with the City for a vaccination site and virtual townhall.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes noted she will provide more information for a vaccination site and in-home testing in two weeks.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear offered comments in support of a vaccination site in Carson.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes noted vaccination hotline 833-540-0473.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes requested the City Manager to place the vaccination hotline on the Community Center marquee, parks marquee and for staff to utilize all tools to educate the residents.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear noted he took the U.S. Health Fairs COVID-19 test two weeks ago and did not receive results to date.

City Manager Landers noted Assistant City Manager Roberts to follow up on the results.

Raymond Cheung, Emergency Services Manager, provided a PowerPoint presentation on Trends of COVID-19.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear inquired why Go Kart World was not allowed to operate. City Manager Landers responded to his inquiry.

Director Lennox provided a PowerPoint presentation update on the Task Force Programs.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear thanked staff for their presentations.

### **ORDINANCE SECOND READING: (None)**

### **COUNCIL MEMBER REQUESTS TO ADD ITEMS TO FUTURE AGENDAS**

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks requested to bring back a time frame for installation of traffic signals.

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

#### Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton

Requested staff to follow up on the Balard's home located at Central and Turmont wherein a car drove through the backyard. City Manager Landers stated she would ask the new Director of Public Works to follow up.

#### Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks

Reported on the following: 1) Trash Dumping - what is staff doing with Waste Resources to assist with pick up; 2) Median at Del Amo and Avalon - status of replacement of wrought iron fencing be repaired; and 3) Carson Successor Agency signs need to be updated with new Mayor and Council Member names.

City Manager Landers requested actual locations for sites being reported.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes directed staff to replace any items with the former Mayor's name.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton noted the importance of a vaccination site. He thanked the Mayor for contacting both supervisors and look forward to cohosting the townhall meeting.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes noted she would work with the City Manager regarding the vaccination information.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes inquired if parking citations have been suspended.

Assistant City Manager Roberts spoke about parking enforcement related to street sweeping.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear requested staff to inspect city streets, address parking ticket issuance, and suggested warning notice on vehicles.

Assistant City Manager Roberts spoke about warning citations provided once a month, advanced noticing, and enforcement.

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

City Clerk/Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary Gause-Aldana announced the Closed Session items earlier in the meeting.

### **RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION**

The meeting was recessed at 9:25 P.M. by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes to Closed Session.

### **RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

The meeting was reconvened at 10:17 P.M. by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes with all members previously noted present.

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

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

#### Council Closed Session Item No. 1

No reportable action was taken.

### **MEMORIAL ADJOURNMENTS**

This item was heard after Council Members comments.

City Clerk/Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary Gause-Aldana requested to adjourn this evening's meeting in memory of the following individuals and offered prayers and condolences to the families who have lost their loved ones:

Jim Peach  
Bobby (Bob) Cato  
Lisa Michelle Bryant  
Willi Marie Harris  
Christine "Tina" Cornicelli Cook  
Ado (Joe) Lee Jr.  
Clarice Gallow  
Raymond T. Morehouse, Jr.  
Reverence Liki Tiatia

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:17 P.M. by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes.

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Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman  
Lula Davis-Holmes

ATTEST:

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