



## **CITY OF CARSON**

### **MINUTES CARSON CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING AUGUST 15, 2023 4:00 P.M.**

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

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 P.M. by Mayor Lula Davis-Holmes in the Helen Kawagoe Council Chambers, Carson City Hall, located at 701 E. Carson Street, Carson, California 90745.

#### **ROLL CALL:**

City Clerk, Dr. Khaleah K. Bradshaw noted the roll:

#### **Council Members Present:**

Mayor Lula Davis-Holmes, Mayor Pro Tempore, Dr. Jawane Hilton, Council Member Jim Dear, Council Member Cedric Hicks, and Council Member Arleen Rojas

#### **Also Present:**

Monica Cooper, City Treasurer; Sunny Soltani, City Attorney; David C. Roberts, Jr., City Manager; John Raymond, Assistant City Manager; Robert Lennox, Assistant City Manager Dr.; and Tarik Rahmani, Deputy City Manager

#### **FLAG SALUTE:**

Council Member Rojas led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **INVOCATION:**

Mayor Pro Tempore, Dr. Hilton gave the invocation.

#### **CLOSED SESSION (ITEMS 1 – 2)**

**REPORT ON ANY PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS (CITY CLERK) –**  
None.

City Clerk, Dr. Bradshaw noted she received a public comment which was not regarding the Closed Session items.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS (CITY ATTORNEY)**

City Attorney Soltani announced the Closed Session items.

**RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION**

The meeting was recessed at 4:10 P.M. by Mayor Davis-Holmes to Closed Session.

**RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

The meeting was reconvened at 5:22 P.M. by Mayor Davis-Holmes with all members previously noted present.

**REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS (CITY ATTORNEY)**

City Attorney Soltani provided the Closed Session Report as follows:

**Item No. 1. 2023-0599 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 of Carson is a party. The title of such litigation is as follows: CAM-Carson, LLC v. Carson Reclamation Authority, City of Carson and Successor Agency to the Carson Redevelopment Agency, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV16461.

ACTION: No reportable action was taken.

**Item No. 2. 2023-0600 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) and (e)(1), because there is a significant exposure to litigation in one case.

ACTION: No reportable action was taken.

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

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

Mayor Davis-Holmes requested staff to bring recommendations on how the city can assist with the crisis in Maui.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (COUNCIL MEMBERS)**

Mayor Pro Tempore, Dr. Hilton offered the following comments:

- Invited everyone to the Fam Festival on August 26, 2023, from 12:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. at Stevenson Park

Council Member Dear offered the following comments:

- Expressed his excitement about Tour De Carson (bicycle event) which was a big success and thanked staff for their hard work on the event; stated it was a fun and healthy experience for the community and should be considered annually

Council Member Rojas offered the following comments:

- Expressed her desire for the Tour De Carson bicycle event to be an annual event along with the Street Fair; commended staff on their hard work with the events

Mayor Davis-Holmes offered the following comments:

- Thanked Council Member Hicks for running lead on most of the City's anniversary events diligently working with staff
- Staff to begin looking at events that can be consolidated and events that bring 200 people are no longer special events
- Kudos to staff on a stellar job well done!
- Thanked volunteers and Watson Land Company who assisted with the successful Backpack Giveaway
- Commended staff for a good job with several back-to-back events and appreciated their efforts

Council Member Hicks offered the following comments:

- Dittoed comments made by the Mayor and Council Members that has been shared already
- Commended staff for putting all the 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration events
- Stated the Tour De Carson event was a fun bike ride; thanked staff and would hope to bring back event

Mayor Davis-Holmes offered the following additional comments:

- Announced staff is working on a historical book from the City's inception to its 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration
- Thanked City Clerk, Dr. Bradshaw, City Treasurer Cooper, Deputy City Manager Rahmani, and Public Information Office Manager Margie Revilla for working on the 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary booklet that was handed out at the Street Fair
- Requested an update on the Standard Management Procedure (SMP) for travel and travel reimbursement

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:33 P.M. by Mayor Davis-Holmes.

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Lula Davis-Holmes  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Dr. Khaleah K. Bradshaw  
City Clerk

APPROVED BY CARSON CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/ HOUSING AUTHORITY  <u>09-05-2023</u>
Approved as Amended. JD/CH 5/0