



## CITY OF CARSON

### MINUTES CARSON CITY COUNCIL/ SUCCESSOR AGENCY/HOUSING AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 5, 2023 5:00 P.M.

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 P.M. by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Lula Davis-Holmes in the Helen Kawagoe Council Chambers, located at 701 E. Carson Street, Carson, California 90745.

#### **ROLL CALL:**

City Clerk/Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary Dr. Khaleah K. Bradshaw noted the roll:

#### **Council Members/Agency Members/Authority Board Members Present:**

Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman, Dr. Jawane Hilton, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Jim Dear, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Cedric Hicks, and Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Arleen Rojas

#### **Council Members/Agency Members/Authority Board Members Absent:**

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Jim Dear (Entered at 5:09 P.M.)

#### **Also Present:**

Monica Cooper, City/Agency/Authority Treasurer; David C. Roberts, Jr., City Manager; Sunny Soltani, City/Agency/Authority Attorney; John Raymond, Assistant City Manager; Robert Lennox, Assistant City Manager Dr.; Saied Naaseh, Director of Community Development; Arlington Rodgers, Director of Public Works; Gary Carter, Director of Information Technology and Security; and William Jefferson, Director of Finance

#### **FLAG SALUTE:**

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

#### **INVOCATION:**

**Item No. 1. 2023-0590 PASTOR ELTON JOHNSON OF METROPOLITAN BAPTIST CHURCH**

Pastor Elton Johnson gave the invocation.

**CLOSED SESSION (Items 2 to 4)**

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

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

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

**RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION**

The meeting was recessed at 5:07 P.M. by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes to Closed Session.

**RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

The meeting was reconvened at 6:06 P.M. by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes with all members previously noted present.

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

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

**Item No. 2. 2023-0631 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. 3. 2023-0632 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: Monique Alvarez et al v. Prologis Inc. et al. Case No. 21STCV38929 and related cases.

ACTION: No reportable action was taken.

**Item No. 4. 2023-0635 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 four cases.

ACTION: No reportable action was taken.

## **INTRODUCTIONS (MAYOR)**

### **Item No. 5. 2023-0560 REPORT FROM CAPTAIN JONES OF CARSON SHERIFF'S STATION**

Captain Jones reported/announced the following:

- Thanked Mayor, City Council, staff, residents, businesses and organizations who contributed for a record turnout of the Community Night Out
- Station updates: Carson Christian School came by the station for a tour. The station showed how the basics they learn in school apply to the work of a sheriff's officer for example learning east, west, north, and south.
- Deputies also participated in town hall meetings, "Lunch with a Deputy" event at the Carson Mall. Hosted the Leadership Carson Group and provided a station tour and answered questions. Hosted a Back-To-School Shopping Event - thanked Target, Skechers, and other businesses who assisted with the event
- Helped with the city's Active Shooter Training Table top exercise
- Will be attending Heroes Day event next week
- Will be hosting an Open House for the International Institute of Tolerance members
- Asked residents to be cognizant of driving safety and pedestrian safety now that school is back in session
- September is National Preparedness Month
- Next week is Suicide Prevention Week; September 10, 2023 is Suicide Prevention Day; 911 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline is always open and can call the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health at 800-854-7771
- Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department is hiring; website lasd.org

### **Item No. 6. 2023-0593 REPORT FROM ASSISTANT CHIEF BENNETT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Mo Khazaal provided stats of service calls for the month of August on behalf of Assistant Chief Brian Bennett. Participated in Active Shooter Drill with Carson Sheriff Deputies at Carson High School. Assistant Chief Bennett extends his thanks to Captain Jones in the relationship with the Los Angeles County Sheriffs.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### **Item No. 7. 2023-0545 PRESENTATION FROM LONG BEACH TRANSIT - UPDATE ON SERVICE PERFORMANCE**

Marisol Barajas, Manager of Government Relations for Long Beach Transit, introduced the following:

Kenneth McDonald, President and CEO  
Lee Burner, Executive VP of Transit Service

Erlin Martinez, Government Relations Officer  
Jessica Singrenella, Manager of Service Planning

The CEO is also present to answer questions at the end.

Marisol Barajas gave a PowerPoint presentation update on the Long Beach Transit Service in Carson on the agreement signed in September 2021.

The presentation also included statistics about the types of riders using the transit including age range and the purpose of the trip.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes noted security on bus rated very high and how did you rate security on the buses and how many were involved in the survey.

Kenneth McDonald wanted at least 300 plus people in the video 5% saw as the ridership and asked customers with survey. Showed PowerPoint slide of Customer Survey Highlights – Security on Buses and Security at Stops results.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Rojas inquired about statistics from the Police Department on crimes that occur on bus routes or at the pick up or drop offs.

Kenneth McDonald stated he keeps the information of any incident does not have info on him but have on record.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes inquired how many incidents in Carson which seems very few which McDonald acknowledged very few reports of problems in Carson

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes inquired has homelessness been an issue in riding in the buses.

Kenneth McDonald have not seen in Carson but there are challenges of people coming on the bus with items moving from point to point but not excessive and no issues of homelessness.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear asked about how the survey results compares to the city of Long Beach. Mr. McDonald responded that the results were pretty close and the data was similar.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks asked about transfer routes. McDonald noted there are none. He brought up that he wanted to make sure that all the busses had the city logo so residents know that the LBT is providing services to the residents. He suggested to staff a marketing plan for the City residents. City Manager Roberts, Jr. acknowledged his request.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Rojas asked about an app and Mr. McDonald stated that there is an app that provides real time for customers. LBT is also working on technology for the bus stops that include route information.

(Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks exited the meeting.)

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes requested a cost benefit analysis which City Manager Roberts, Jr. stated he would provide.

Kenneth McDonald provided contact number 562-591-2301 Customer Service Center agents for route information.

At 6:51 P.M., Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Board Member Davis-Holmes asked City Manager Roberts, Jr. to introduce the new employees at this time.

City Manager Roberts, Jr. introduced new Director of Information Technology and Security Gary Carter and new Director of Finance William Jefferson and noted the recruitment process.

(Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks reentered the meeting.)

Deputy City Manager Tarik Rahmani introduced William Jefferson, Director of Finance and Gary Carter, Director of Information Technology and Security who both offered comments.

Director Arlington Rodgers introduced new Traffic Engineer John Merrill who offered comments.

**Item No. 8. 2023-0633 PRESENTATION FROM WASTE RESOURCES TECHNOLOGIES - UPDATE ON SB 1383 (ORGANIC RECYCLING)**

Director Rodgers introduced Michelle Nichols from Waste Resources who provided a PowerPoint presentation update on Senate Bill 1383.

Waste Resources Technologies (WRT) offers trainings for residents to learn where to put what items

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks requested that a mailer be sent out to residents instead of just electronic info.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks also asked that an educational training happen for the apartment buildings in District 3. Material soiled by food.

WRT is sending out quarterly info with reminders.

He invited Michelle Nichols to his upcoming town hall meeting on September 21, 2023 at Perry Mini Park.

City Manager Roberts, Jr. noted that information is also available in the Carson Report.

**Item No. 9. 2023-0653 RECOGNITION OF CARSON BEING SELECTED AS A FINALIST FOR 2023 MOST BUSINESS-FRIENDLY CITY AWARD FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

Item No. 9 was heard after Item No. 37.

Assistant City Manager Raymond gave an update on the most business-friendly city award.

Item No. 9 was heard again after Item No. 10.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear asked when the Los Angeles County Economic Development corporation is having their event.

City Manager Roberts, Jr. stated the event is on November 8, 2023.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear suggested staff seek out the criteria that was used for the winners in the past.

City Manager Roberts, Jr. confirmed the City of Carson came in second place and discussed the aspect of the nomination.

**Item No. 10. 2023-0652 RECOGNITION OF CARSON WINNING 2023 EAGLE AWARD FROM PRISM**

Item No. 10 was pulled by Mayor Davis-Holmes.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes mentioned her interview by Pulse Magazine which is Torrance Memorial and referred to an article, "There's No Place Like Home", in the magazine with her being featured.

**Item No. 11. 2023-0618 PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 11, 2023 AS PATRIOT DAY AND NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE AND REMEMBRANCE**

Item No. 11 was heard after Item No. 13.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Rojas read the proclamation and presented to Police Officer Deon Joseph

**Item No. 12. 2023-0614 PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH FROM SEPTEMBER 15 TO OCTOBER 15, 2023**

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear read the proclamation and presented to Leonora Saldana. He invited all Hispanic Americans and those who love the Hispanic culture in attendance for a photo opportunity.

**PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF THE 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE MARCH IN WASHINGTON AND IMPACT OF THE SPEECH "I HAVE A DREAM" BY DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.**

Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman, Dr. Hilton read the proclamation and presented to members of The Martin Luther King Democratic Club who offered words of gratitude.

**Item No. 13. 2023-0654 RECOGNITION OF THE 19TH AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES PROVIDING FOR WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE**

Item No. 13 was heard after Item No. 9.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes invited all the women in attendance to stand with her and the City Council for the recognition and photo opportunity.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Rojas read the plaque in commemoration of the 103<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment which granted women the right to vote on August 18, 1920 and presented the plaque to Itelia Walker.

**Item No. 14. 2023-0615 PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER AS NATIONAL SICKLE CELL AWARENESS MONTH**

Item No. 14 was heard after Item No. 16.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes read the proclamation and presented to representatives from the Sickle Cell Foundation who offered words of gratitude.

**Item No. 15. 2023-0616 PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER AS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH**

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes continued Item No. 15 to the next City Council meeting.

**Item No. 16. 2023-0617 PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER AS PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

Item No. 16 was heard after presentation of proclamation to The Martin Luther King Democratic Club.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks read the proclamation and presented to Anita Chu, Community Services Coordinator and Health Educator for Torrance Memorial Medical Center. She offered words of gratitude.

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

City Clerk/Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary, Dr. Bradshaw noted she received one written communication which she read from Alexandros Martinez in support of Item No. 7.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Item No. 17. 2023-0592 APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/HOUSING AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES: AUGUST 1, 2023 (REGULAR) AND**

**AUGUST 15, 2023 (SPECIAL)**

Recommendation: Approve the minutes as listed.

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

**Ayes:** Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes, Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman, Dr. Hilton, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks, and Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Rojas

**Noes:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** None

**CONSENT: (Items 18 to 35)**

It was moved to approve Consent Items No. 18 to 35 on motion of Hicks, seconded by Hilton.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear requested to remove Item No 28 for discussion.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes removed Item No. 25 for discussion.

The motion to approve Consent Items No. 18 to 35, except Items No. 25 and 28, was unanimously carried by the following vote:

**Ayes:** Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes, Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman, Dr. Hilton, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks, and Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Rojas

**Noes:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** None

**Item No. 18. 2023-0629 Resolution No. 23-132, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON RATIFYING CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,888,912.89, DEMAND CHECK NUMBERS 168888 THROUGH 169349**

**ACTION:** Item No. 18 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 19. 2023-0622 CONSIDER MONTHLY INVESTMENT AND CASH REPORT FOR THE CITY OF CARSON, CARSON HOUSING AUTHORITY, CARSON SUCCESSOR AGENCY-MONTH ENDING JULY 31, 2023**



Recommendation: RECEIVE and FILE.

ACTION: Item No. 19 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 20. 2023-0594 CONSIDER AN UPDATE ON CITY PROJECTS (CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation: RECEIVE and FILE this informational update.

ACTION: Item No. 20 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 21. 2023-0595 CONSIDER AN UPDATE ON CITY COMMISSIONS (CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation: RECEIVE and FILE this report.

ACTION: Item No. 21 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 22. 2023-0636 CONSIDER APPROVING A REVISED STANDARD MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE NO. 2.11, RELATED TO EVENT ATTENDANCE AND REPORTING (CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation: TAKE all of the following actions: For the City Council to APPROVE the Mayor's recommendation to ADOPT the Revised SMP No. 2.11 (attached as Exhibit No. 3), if desired.

ACTION: Item No. 22 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 23. 2023-0643 CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 23-137 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING AND RESTATING THE COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS FOR THE SENIOR COUNCIL AIDE AND COUNCIL AIDE CLASSIFICATIONS.**

Recommendation: WAIVE further reading and ADOPT the following Resolution No. 23-137, "RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING AND RESTATING THE COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS FOR THE SENIOR COUNCIL AIDE AND COUNCIL AIDE CLASSIFICATIONS."

ACTION: Item No. 23 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 24. 2023-0610 CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO CONTRACT SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH GOVERNMENTJOBS.COM, INC. (D/B/A "NEOGOV") FOR ADDITIONAL RECRUITMENT SOFTWARE SERVICES AND EXTENSION OF THE CONTRACT TERM (CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation: 1. Approve the proposed Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement with

NeoGov (Exhibit No.3; Amendment No. 2)

2. Authorize the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 2 following approval as to form by the City Attorney.

3. Approve Budget Resolution No. 23-135 "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CARSON CITY COUNCIL AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 BUDGET IN THE GENERAL FUND AND SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS."

ACTION: Item No. 24 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 25. 2023-0516 CONSIDER AN INFORMATIONAL UPDATE ON A RESOLUTION OF THE LOS ANGELES WATER BOARD TO AUTHORIZE REFERRAL OF THE ALLEGED VIOLATIONS RELATED TO THE DOMINGUEZ CHANNEL ODOR INCIDENT OF 2021 TO THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR JUDICIAL CIVIL ENFORCEMENT (CITY COUNCIL)**

Item No. 25 was heard after approval of the Consent items.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes request a staff report.

City Manager Roberts, Jr. gave a report.

Recommendation: RECEIVE and FILE a copy of Los Angeles Water Board Resolution R23-004 included as Exhibit 1.

ACTION: It was moved to approve staff recommendation 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 Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman, Dr. Hilton, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks, and Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Rojas

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

**Item No. 26. 2023-0588 CONSIDER A REQUEST FROM THE SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT (SBCCOG) BOARD TO PROVIDE \$2,500 FOR FACILITY RESERVATION CREDIT TO SBCCOG TO HOLD VARIOUS AGENCY FUNCTIONS AT THE CARSON EVENT CENTER**

Recommendation: CONSIDER South Bay Cities Council of Government (SBCCOG) request for a facility reservation credit in the amount of \$2,500 to be used through December 2024.

ACTION: Item No. 26 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 27. 2023-0664 RESOLUTION 23-148 COMMEMORATING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 1963 MARCH ON WASHINGTON FOR JOBS AND FREEDOM (CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation: ADOPT Resolution 23-148 attached as Exhibit 1.

ACTION: Item No. 27 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 28. 2023-0665 CONSIDER DESIGNATING COUNCILWOMAN ARLEEN BOCATIJA ROJAS AS THE LEAD AND MAYOR LULA DAVIS-HOLMES AS CO-LEAD OF ALL CURRENT AND FUTURE FILIPINO CITY EVENTS IN THE CITY OF CARSON BY MINUTE ORDER (CITY COUNCIL)**

Item No. 28 was heard after Item No. 25.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear requested a staff report.

City Manager Roberts, Jr. gave a report.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear requested this item be continued for a decision until the end of the fiscal year since he is already working on Filipino American History Month events for October. He also stated that Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Rojas is already his de facto co-lead on Filipino events.

Recommendation: DESIGNATE Councilwoman Rojas as Lead and Mayor Davis-Holmes as Co-Lead of all current and future Filipino City Events in the City of Carson by Minute Order.

ACTION: It was moved to continue this item until the next fiscal year on motion of Dear which died for lack of a second.

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

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

**Item No. 29. 2023-0609 CONSIDER ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 23-136 TO ALLOCATE FUNDING REVENUE RECEIVED FROM THE PERMANENT LOCAL HOUSING ALLOCATION GRANT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023/24 TO FUND SINGLE FAMILY REHABILITATION DEFERRED LOAN PROGRAM.**

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:  
1. WAIVE further reading and ADOPT "RESOLUTION NO. 23-136 TO ALLOCATE FUNDING REVENUE RECEIVED FROM THE PERMANENT LOCAL HOUSING ALLOCATION GRANT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023/24 TO FUND SINGLE FAMILY REHABILITATION DEFERRED LOAN PROGRAM"  
2. AUTHORIZE the City Manager or it's designee to approve deferred loans up to \$50,000.00.

ACTION: Item No. 29 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 30. 2023-0597 CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CIGNA/NEW YORK LIFE POLICY RENEWALS TO PROVIDE GROUP LIFE AND AD&D, VOLUNTARY LIFE, SHORT TERM AND LONG TERM DISABILITY BENEFITS TO CITY EMPLOYEES**

Recommendation: 1. APPROVE renewal of New York Life policies for Group Life and AD&D Insurance, Voluntary Life, Short Term and Long Term Disability benefits for an additional thirty-six months with guaranteed rates equal to the current rates paid by City.  
2. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to sign all documents that are necessary to effectuate renewal of the policies.

ACTION: Item No. 30 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 31. 2023-0648 CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF CARSON AND 360CIVIC IN COMPROMISE OF CONTRACT DISPUTE**

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:  
1. APPROVE the Settlement Agreement Between City of Carson and 360CIVIC; and  
2. AUTHORIZE the City Manager to execute the Settlement Agreement and any related documents necessary to fully and resolve the contract dispute.

ACTION: Item No. 31 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 32. 2023-0601 CONSIDERATION OF AWARD OF PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO VARKEL CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR ELECTRICAL WIRING INSTALLATION AT CITY HALL (CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:  
1. AWARD and APPROVE the proposed Public Works contract with Varkel Construction, Inc., to remove, deliver, and install electrical lines at City Hall for an amount not to exceed \$59,004.00; and

2. AUTHORIZE Mayor to execute the contract following approval as to form by the City Attorney.

ACTION: Item No. 32 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 33. 2023-0549 CONSIDER APPROVAL OF FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 74898: DEVELOPMENT OF 5-UNIT RESIDENTIAL CONDOMINIUM LOCATED AT 21915 DOLORES STREET**

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:

1. MAKE the findings listed in the body of this report.
2. APPROVE Tract Map No. 74898 for 5 residential condominium units located at 21915 Dolores Street.
3. ACCEPT on behalf of the public the offer of dedication set forth in Tract Map No. 74898.
4. ACCEPT the bonds and improvement securities listed in the body of this report.
5. INSTRUCT the City Clerk to endorse the certificate that embodies the approval of said Tract Map on the face of Tract Map No. 74898.

ACTION: Item No. 33 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 34. 2023-0556 CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BLANKET PURCHASE ORDERS TO PUBLIC WORKS VENDORS FOR THE PURCHASE OF SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS IN THE IDENTIFIED NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNTS PER FISCAL YEAR (CITY COUNCIL).**

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:

1. WAIVE the contract requirements of the Carson Municipal Code ("CMC") pursuant to Carson Municipal Code 2605(b)(1)(ii); and
2. AUTHORIZE the Purchasing Manager to waive the formal bidding procedures as defined by the CMC Section 2610, utilizing Cooperative Purchasing as allowed by the CMC Section 2611(g) and issue Purchase Orders for supplies and materials to the specified vendors for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026 for the not-to-exceed amounts identified.
3. AUTHORIZE the City Manager to waive the formal bidding procedures as defined by the CMC Section 2610 utilizing Sole Source Purchasing as allowed by the CMC Section 2611(e), and AUTHORIZE the Purchasing Manager to issue purchase Orders for supplies and materials to the specified vendors for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026, for the not-to-exceed amounts identified.

ACTION: Item No. 34 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 35. 2023-0585 CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 3 TO THE CARL WARREN & COMPANY AGREEMENT (CONTRACT C-19-124)**

**FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THIRD PARTY LIABILITY CLAIMS  
(CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation:

1. APPROVE Amendment No. 3 to the Carl Warren & Company agreement for Third Party Liability Claims Administration services, extending the contract term by one additional year through September 30, 2024, at a cost of \$65,739.36; and adding \$100,000 additional funding for handling the Dominguez Channel claims.
2. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute the amendment following approval as to form by City Attorney.

ACTION: Item No. 35 was approved on Consent.

**SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY: (Item 36)**

**Item No. 36. 2023-0647 PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENTS TO THE 2023-2024 AND 2019-2020 ANNUAL ACTION PLANS**

Item No. 36 was heard after Item No. 28.

City Clerk, Dr. Bradshaw gave the Public Hearing Report.

Assistant City Manager, Dr. Lennox gave a staff report.

The City Council expressed their concern about residents who made efforts to register online for the Neighborhood Pride Program (NPP).

Assistant City Manager, Dr. Lennox discussed the application/registration process.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes declared the Public Hearing open.

There being no persons wishing to speak, Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes closed the Public Hearing.

Recommendation:

- TAKE the following actions:
1. OPEN the Public Hearing, TAKE public testimony, and CLOSE the Public Hearing.
  2. APPROVE the submission of Substantial Amendments to the 2023-2024 and 2019-2020 Annual Action Plans to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.
  3. AUTHORIZE the reallocation of \$643,630.94 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from Program Year 2022-2023 to Program Year 2023-2024, and allocation of those funds to the Neighborhood Pride Program.
  4. AUTHORIZE the reallocation within the 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan of \$220,000.00 from Anderson Park Improvements to the Neighborhood Pride Program.

5. AUTHORIZE the following reallocation of Community Development Block Grant-Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) within the 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan: \$60,000.00 to an existing program of Homelessness Prevention Services; \$187,876.44 to an existing program of COVID-Related Residential Rehabilitation; and \$50,000.00 to inspection services related to the COVID-Related Residential Rehabilitation program.

6. WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 23-140, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Carson, California, Reallocating \$643,630.94 in Community Development Block Grant Funds from Program Year 2022-2023 to Program Year 2023-2024, and allocating those funds to the to the Neighborhood Pride Program.

7. WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 23-141, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Carson, California, Reallocating \$220,000.00 within the 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan from Anderson Park Improvements to the Neighborhood Pride Program.

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

**Ayes:** Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes, Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman, Dr. Hilton, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks, and Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Rojas

**Noes:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** None

## **PRESENTATION**

Deputy City Manager Rahmani presented photo slide show / video of the Tour De Carson Bike Event and Street Fair.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes noted the CPRS National Award that is given annually and requested staff to submit all the City's 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events year-long celebration.

City Manager Roberts, Jr. stated Director Whittiker is working on submittal of video capturing the anniversary events to CPRS.

## **DISCUSSION: (Items 37 to 39)**

**Item No. 37. 2023-0649 CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 23-146, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING DEVELOPMENT OF VETERANS HOUSING ON PROPERTIES OWNED BY THE CITY OF CARSON AND CARSON HOUSING AUTHORITY (CITY COUNCIL, HOUSING**

## AUTHORITY)

Item No. 37 was heard after Item No. 8.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes asked that those who wanted to speak on this item be moved up in the agenda.

Thomas Woods, Veterans Affairs Commissioner

Asked why veterans are homeless.

Brian Raber, Veterans Commissioner – Item No. 37

Offered comments in support of item for development of veterans housing

Julie Ruiz-Raber, former Mayor Pro-Tem, City of Carson / Vice-Chair of Senior Citizens Advisory Commission and wife of United States Air Force Veteran – Item No. 37

Offered comments in support of item for development of veterans housing

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes asked City Manager for the report on this item. Subsequently, City Manager Roberts, Jr. gave a report.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes stated that Veterans Village has a waiting list of 250 people. She asked Assistant City Manager Raymond to provide a brief update on the Surplus Land Act of California.

Assistant City Manager Raymond stated the Surplus Land Act of California states any government agency that identifies surplus land the city can go through a process to declare it surplus or exempt surplus and if surplus then send a notice of availability through the State Housing and Community Development Department (HCD). There are two lots owned by the city that could be identified for housing.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear brought up an additional piece of land owned by the Successor Agency that is too small but the owner of Dominic's Pizza is willing to sell his land since he is not well. If properties combined it may be a good development prospect for veterans housing.

Recommendation:                   ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 23-146, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING DEVELOPMENT OF VETERANS HOUSING ON PROPERTIES OWNED BY THE CITY OF CARSON AND CARSON HOUSING AUTHORITY"

ACTION:     It was moved to Adopt Resolution No. 23-146 and include land located on Avalon Boulevard south of Sepulveda as mentioned by Council Member Dear on motion of Davis-Holmes, seconded by Dear.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear offered a friendly amendment to the motion to include directing staff to seek out other parcels of land that could be utilized or assembled for veterans housing which was accepted by the maker of the motion.



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

Ayes: Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes, Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman, Dr. Hilton, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks, and Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Rojas

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

**Item No. 38. 2023-0638 CONSIDER HOW THE CITY OF CARSON CAN SUPPORT RECOVERY EFFORTS IN RESPONSE TO THE RECENT FIRES IN MAUI, HAWAII (CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation: CONSIDER and DISCUSS how the City of Carson can support recovery efforts in response to the recent fires in Maui, Hawaii.

ACTION: It was moved to consider donating \$7,500 and direct staff to identify agency to send donation 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 Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman, Dr. Hilton, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks, and Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Rojas

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Item No. 38 was heard again after Council Member Requests to Add Items to Future Agendas with no objection heard.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes offered a friendly amendment to the motion that in addition to the \$7,500 donation from the City, the City Council will work with a non-profit organization towards having a benefit to raise monies and allocate and send to a relief fund for Maui which was accepted by the maker and seconder of the motion.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Rojas requested that the benefit event be held in the month of October during Filipino American History Month with no objection heard.

It was moved to accept the friendly amendment made by Davis-Holmes, seconded by Dear and unanimously carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes, Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman, Dr. Hilton, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear, Council Member/Agency

Member/Authority Board Member Hicks, and Council Member/Agency  
Member/Authority Board Member Rojas

Noes: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

**Item No. 39. 2023-0591 CONSIDERATION OF ONLY LOCAL UNCONTESTED APPOINTMENTS TO THE CITY'S COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES, AND BOARDS, AND CITY AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS BY MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL AND CONSIDER ALL (CONTESTED AND UNCONTESTED) APPOINTMENTS TO ALL COMMISSIONS EXCEPT PLANNING COMMISSION, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION (CITY COUNCIL)**

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes requested clarification on appointments to the Commissions, Committees and Boards.

City Clerk/Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary, Dr. Bradshaw discussed the notification process and would confirm the appointments.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes directed the City Manager to issue business cards to all commissioners. City Manager Roberts, Jr. stated he advised the staff representatives of the Commissions, Committees and Boards regarding business cards. She requested an orientation be held for staff representatives be hosted by the City Clerk's Office and City Manager's Office.

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:  
1. CONSIDER and only APPOINT uncontested members to the City Commissions, Committees, and Boards;  
2. CONSIDER and APPOINT all (contested and uncontested) members to all commissions except Planning Commission, Economic Development Commission and Environmental Commission;  
3. CONSIDER and APPOINT members to City Affiliated Organizations;  
4. DIRECT the City Clerk to notify all affected appointments 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:

Public Works Commission

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes appointed Marion Martin, Jr. to the vacant regular member position to the Public Works Commission, thereby, declaring his Alternate 3 position vacant.

Veterans Affairs Commission

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes removed Janel Watt from the Veterans Affairs Commission who has not attended any meetings.

City Clerk/Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary, Dr. Bradshaw noted she will post the vacancy notices accordingly.

It was moved to ratify the Mayor’s appointment of Marion Martin, Jr. to the Public Works Commission and removal of Janel Watt from the Veterans Affairs Commission on motion of Davis-Holmes, seconded by Hilton and carried by the following vote:

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

**ORDINANCE SECOND READING – None.**

**MEMORIAL ADJOURNMENTS**

City Clerk/Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary, Dr. Bradshaw presented the following Memorial Adjournment Requests:

- Stephanie Bentley
- Francis L. Wright
- Michael Stafford II
- Brandon Carswell
- Alphonso “Lucky” Johnson, Jr.
- Pamela Hawkins
- Ian S. Galan
- Philura Williams
- Yahshua “YaYa” Robinson
- Marcus George
- Enrique Castellon-Davis

Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman, Dr. Hilton gave a prayer.

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

Louis Lee II

Requested support on introducing a Cultural Arts Program with LAUSD.

Kimberly Cortado – Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Commissioner

Announced/reported the following:

- Cajun and Blues White Linen Event on Saturday, September 9, 2023, from 6:00 P.M. to

12 midnight

- Heroes Day on September 11, 2023, from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M., at the Carson Community Center
- Prostate Cancer 5K Run Walk on September 16, 2023, from 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M., at CSUDH
- Country Western Fair on September 16, 2023, from 11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., Dominguez Park
- Mariachi Fiesta on September 22, 2023, commencing at 5:30 P.M. at the Carson Community Center; tickets are sold out
- Annual Classics for Kids Fundraiser on September 24, 2023, at Calas Park
- Fam Fest was a good turnout held last weekend at Stevenson Park

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes asked the City Manager for a report for students who needed free uniforms.

Angelica P.

Spoke about the State Controller's Audit

Jelani A.

Reported on graffiti issue along 405 freeway South from Wilmington Avenue onramp to Alameda Street

Jun Aglipay – Office of Assembly Member Mike Gipson

Announced Mothers in Mourning March Event on Saturday, September 9, 2023, at 8:00 A.M., at Jordan High School located at 2265 E. 103<sup>rd</sup> Street, Los Angeles

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

Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman, Dr. Hilton requested a proclamation be given to the young man who stopped a fight the day of the large fight at Del Amo Mall.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Rojas asked the City Attorney for a Maui Relief event and would like to volunteer for the event. City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani mentioned that City Council did not vote to include an event and suggested that the motion of the item be amended to include a benefit event.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes suggested a non-profit organization and re-opened Item No. 38 to include a benefit event with no objection heard.

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

Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman, Dr. Hilton thanked everyone for their support and attendance at the Fam Fest. Stevenson Village has spoken out in gratitude for having a first-class event in their community.

He also stated that earlier today we acknowledged the Women's Suffrage Movement and the 19th Amendment but it excluded Black women and women of color until 1965.

**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 9:50 P.M. by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes.

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Lula Davis-Holmes  
Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman

ATTEST:

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Dr. Khaleah K. Bradshaw  
City Clerk/Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary

<p>APPROVED BY CARSON CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/ HOUSING AUTHORITY</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>09-19-2023</u></p>
<p>Approved as Submitted. CH/JD 5/0</p>