



## **CITY OF CARSON**

### **MINUTES CARSON CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING APRIL 8, 2019**

**3:00 P.M.**

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

The meeting was called to order at 3:06 P.M. by Mayor Albert Robles in the Helen Kawagoe Council Chambers, Carson City Hall, located at 701 E. Carson Street, Carson, California 90745.

#### **ROLL CALL:**

City Clerk Donesia Gause-Aldana noted the roll:

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

Mayor Albert Robles, Mayor Pro Tem Cedric Hicks, Council Member Lula Davis-Holmes, Council Member Jawane Hilton, and Council Member Jim Dear

#### **Other Elected Officials Present:**

Donesia Gause-Aldana, City Clerk, and Monica Cooper, City Treasurer

#### **Also Present:**

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

#### **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR MATTERS LISTED ON THE AGENDA (MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC)**

##### Vera Robles-DeWitt, – Item No. 9

Spoke in opposition of Item No. 9. She cited the report being incomplete. She stated the report is missing contracts signed by private citizens and elected officials. She recommended scheduling City Council Meetings every Tuesday in lieu of holding special meetings.

#### **DISCUSSION: (Items 1-9)**

City Attorney Soltani requested to add a subsequent need item because there is a significant exposure to litigation.

It was moved to add Subsequent Item 9A, on motion of Dear and seconded by Davis-Holmes motion carries unanimously.

Ayes: Mayor Robles, Mayor Pro Tem Hicks, Council Member Davis-Holmes, Council Member Hilton, and Council Member Dear  
Noes: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

**Item No. 1. 2019-259 REVIEW AND RE-CONSIDER SOCIAL MEDIA CONTRACT WITH TRUSTED MESSENGER MARKETING**

Acting City Manager Raymond provided a brief staff report.

Council Member Davis-Holmes inquired about the contract amount and what services the contract entails.

Discussion ensued between City Council members and City Attorney regarding parliamentary procedure and the cost for a part-time employee.

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions: DISCUSS and PROVIDE DIRECTION.

ACTION: It was moved to terminate the contract and direct staff to add a line item for a part-time staff in the Public Information Office for Social Media on motion of Davis-Holmes, seconded by Hicks and carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Hicks, Council Member Davis-Holmes, Council Member Hilton, and Council Member Dear  
Noes: Mayor Robles  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

**Item No. 2. 2019-339 TIMELINE FOR ADDING A BALLOT MEASURE TO THE MARCH 2020 AND NOVEMBER 2020 ELECTIONS (CITY COUNCIL)**

City Clerk Gause-Aldana provided a brief staff report.

Council Member Davis-Holmes inquired about election timelines.

City Clerk Gause-Aldana addressed the questions.

Recommendation: 1. Receive and File.

ACTION: It was moved to approve receive and file report on motion of Dear, seconded by Davis-Holmes and carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Hicks, Council Member Davis-Holmes, Council Member Hilton, and Council Member Dear

Noes: Mayor Robles

Abstain: None

Absent: None

**Item No. 3. 2019-379 DIRECT STAFF AND THE CITY ATTORNEY TO BEGIN THE PROCESS TO PROTEST WITH THE UTILITY COMMISSION THE PROPOSED DOUBLE DIGIT RATE INCREASE BY SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON FOR 2019 (CITY COUNCIL)**

Acting City Manager Raymond provided a brief staff report.

Reata Kulcsar, Civil Engineering Assistant, provided a presentation on the Southern California Edison proposed rates.

Council Member Hilton noted that he represents the City on the Clean Power Alliance Board and they are against rate increases.

Mayor Pro Tem Hicks inquired about Southern California Edison rates and how it will impact future bills.

Recommendation: DISCUSS and PROVIDE Direction.

ACTION: It was moved to combine with Item No. 4 and bring back to City Council Meeting on April 16, 2019 on motion of Davis-Holmes, seconded by Hicks and unanimously carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Robles, Mayor Pro Tem Hicks, Council Member Davis-Holmes, Council Member Hilton, and Council Member Dear

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

**Item No. 4. 2019-380 CLEAN POWER ALLIANCE RATES/BENEFITS/RESIDENT CONCERNS (CITY COUNCIL)**

Acting City Manager Raymond provided a brief staff report.

Mayor Robles inquired about the city's opt-out rate and whether the low rate equates to greater revenue.

Mayor Robles directed staff to add all the agenda items except 1, 5, 6, 7, and 8 to the April 16, 2019, City Council Agenda.

Recommendation: 1. DISCUSS and PROVIDE Direction.

ACTION: It was moved to combine with Item No. 3 and bring back to the City Council Meeting on April 16, 2019 on motion of Davis-Holmes, seconded by Hicks and unanimously carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Robles, Mayor Pro Tem Hicks, Council Member Davis-Holmes, Council Member Hilton, and Council Member Dear

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

**Item No. 5. 2019-370 TIMELINE FOR ORDINANCE NO. 18-1832 "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTION 2404 (PRESENTING MATTERS TO COUNCIL - AGENDAS) OF CHAPTER 4 (CITY OFFICES - COUNCIL CHAMBERS - MEETINGS) OF THE CARSON MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING THE MANNER OF PREPARING AGENDAS AND PRESENTING MATTERS TO COUNCIL (CITY COUNCIL)**

Acting City Manager Raymond provided a brief staff report.

Council Member Davis-Holmes noted she did not participate in the first reading of the ordinance because it was at a special meeting she was unable to attend. In addition, she stated she voted yes for the adoption of the ordinance with the intention of bringing it back for reconsideration.

Recommendation: DISCUSS and PROVIDE direction.

ACTION: Item discussed.

**Item No. 6. 2019-377 EXPENDITURES, REVENUES AND DONATIONS REPORT FOR CESAR CHAVEZ, CINCO DE MAYO, AND JUNETEENTH EVENTS (CITY COUNCIL)**

Acting City Manager Raymond provided a brief staff report.

Council Member Davis-Holmes inquired about funding allocations.

Mayor Robles requested these items along with all other city events be brought back during budget presentation with no objection.

Recommendation: RECEIVE and FILE report.

ACTION: Bring item back at budget presentation.

**Item No. 7. 2019-378 RISK MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE FOR ALL COMMUNITY SERVICES SPECIAL EVENTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS AND DONATION PROCESS (CITY COUNCIL)**

Acting City Manager Raymond provided a brief staff report.

Director Al-Oboudi provided a report on special events and the donation process.

Roobik Galoosian, Senior Risk Management Analyst, provided a report on how Risk Management handles special events insurance.

Council Member Davis-Holmes stated she would like standard procedures for all city events.

Discussion ensued about the cost for insurance to cover entertainers during special events and small private events at the parks.

Mayor Robles directed staff to include the insurance cost as a line item on the special event allocations during the budget presentation.

Recommendation: RECEIVE and FILE report.

ACTION: Received and filed without objection.

**Item No. 8. 2019-387 CITY ATTORNEY BUDGET (CITY COUNCIL)**

Acting City Manager Raymond provided a brief staff report.

Recommendation: Review and Discuss.

ACTION: Item discussed.

**Item No. 9. 2019-374 CITY CONTRACTS \$25,000 AND BELOW AND THE PURPOSE OF EACH CONTRACT (CITY COUNCIL)**

Acting City Manager Raymond provided a brief staff report.

Council Member Davis-Holmes inquired about certain line items of expenditures on Exhibit 1. She requested this item be brought back to the 1<sup>st</sup> City Council Meeting in May.

Mayor Robles directed staff to draft a memo that outlines the cost associated with disposal of city events.

Council Member Dear inquired about the purpose of items on the exhibit that were listed as N/A.

Acting City Manager Raymond explained that items on the exhibit were contracts signed by former City Manager Farfsing including those funds that were not expended.

Council Member Hilton stated he recalled certain contracts on the exhibit were taken up by City Council.

Recommendation:               RECEIVE and FILE.

ACTION:                         Received and filed without objection.

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

Council Member Dear read a letter into the record written by Sai Momoli.

Council Member Davis-Holmes inquired about her request to get cost for Charter expenses. She requested to add on item on the next agenda.

Mayor Robles directed staff to add Council Member Davis-Holmes request with no objection. He inquired about the status of the Rules of Decorum for City Council Meetings.

Acting City Manager Raymond provided an update.

Council Member Hilton thanked Public Works staff for road repairs. He noted the City Manager of Compton agreed to provide road repairs at the Compton/Carson border.

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

City Attorney Soltani announced the Subsequent Need Closed Session items earlier in the meeting.

### **RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION**

The meeting was recessed by Mayor Robles to Closed Session.

### **RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

The meeting was reconvened by Mayor Robles with all members previously noted present.

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

City Attorney Soltani provided the Closed Session report as follows:

#### Subsequent Need Item No. 9A

No reportable action was taken.

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:34 P.M. by Mayor Robles.

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Mayor Albert Robles

ATTEST:

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City Clerk Donesia Gause-Aldana

APPROVED BY CARSON  
CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/  
HOUSING AUTHORITY

07-16-2019

Approved as Submitted.	AR/JH	5/0