



CITY OF CARSON

MINUTES CARSON CITY COUNCIL/ SUCCESSOR AGENCY/HOUSING AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING APRIL 7, 2020 5:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 P.M. by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Albert Robles 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 Albert Robles, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Lula Davis-Holmes, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Jawane Hilton, and Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Cedric Hicks

Council Members/Agency Members/Authority Board Members Absent:

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Jim Dear (Entered the meeting via Zoom Teleconference at 5:15 P.M.)

Also Present via 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; and Tarik Rahmani, Director of Finance

FLAG SALUTE: - None.

INVOCATION: - None.

INTRODUCTIONS

Item No. 1. 2020-171 REPORT FROM CAPTAIN SKEEN OF CARSON SHERIFF'S STATION

This item was heard after Public Comments.

Captain Skeen gave a briefing on the first virtual townhall. He provided an update of COVID-19 services.

Discussion ensued between Captain Skeen and members of the City Council regarding enforcement of wearing face masks/coverings.

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

This item was heard after Roll Call.

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

Rhonda (Resident) – Phone Call – Item No. 23

Requested City Council mandate residents and their respective gardeners to stop the use of blowers when working to stop the spread of COVID-19.

Diana Marie – Email – Item No. 17

Inquired how the city will provide masks for all residents who are going out for essential tasks.

Elizabeth Foisia – Email – Item No. 23 and Item No. 14

Item No. 23 - Inquired if City employees are adequately protected from contamination; inquired if the Disaster Council is trained in city emergency procedures or certified in FEMA procedures; inquired about the reason city employees who are trained and certified in emergency services are not being utilized the Emergency Operating Center (EOC);

Item No. 14 – Stated there is an appearance of political campaigning for the city's upcoming election; citing the flyers being distributed have Council Member Davis-Holmes' name as a top sponsor and believes there is ambiguity with the absence of the other Council Members on the flyer as sponsors.

Jaime Monteclaro – Email – Item No. 23

Inquired if there is a Disaster Action Plan in place and the delay in hiring an Emergency Services Manager.

City Clerk/Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary Gause-Aldana noted Jaime Monteclaro's comments exceeded the three minute timeframe and will be available on the City's website for public viewing.

Sameh Khalil – Email – Item No. 24

Offered comments in support.

Email – Item No. 24

Offered comments in support.

Arabi Hassan – Email – Item No. 24

Offered comments in support.

Email – Item No. 17

Requested that the use of gloves be mandatory while shopping in Grocery stores.

Email – Item No. 17

Oppose to mandating the use of face mask including a fine provision for those not wearing mask.

Email – Item No. 17

Oppose to mandating the use of face mask, citing the proposed provisions seems to be excessive. Writer stated time and efforts can be better served with food distribution and protection for the community.

Concerned Resident - Phone Call – Item No. 17

Offered comments in opposition.

Annie Tegan, Director, United States Western Region Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids and Tobacco Free Kids Action Fund – Item No. 24

Offered comments in opposition.

Anonymous – Phone Call – Item No. 17

Requesting the city to confirm a rumor circulating about the city providing residents with face masks in order to satisfy the proposed face masks ordinance.

Anonymous – Phone Call – Item No. 17

Opposed to the \$1,000 fine for not wearing a mask; the City should provide masks for the taxpayers of the City; People visiting the City should be required to bring their own face masks or they should not be allowed in the city, including all commercial deliveries.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR MATTERS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA (MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC) (LIMITED TO ONE HOUR)

Email

Concerned unrepresented City employee who was informed that his position was not a layoff nor a termination and is pressured to work for fear of losing his job.

Disappointed City Employee - Written Comment

Referred to memorandum dated March 19, 2020 from Director of Human Resources regarding employees required to apply for unemployment benefits if not required to report to work as a non-essential employee.

Kris Kupumbati, Owner, Arco AM PM Gas Station, Email – Item No. 24

Offered comments in support.

City Clerk/Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary Gause-Aldana noted there were two other public comments received which did not comply with the Rules of Decorum, therefore, will not read into the record.

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

This item was heard after Item No. 11.

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

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

Harry Wilson

Inquired about the impacts the COVID-19 pandemic will have on the outlet mall development project and other developments throughout the City.

Carol Almeda, Community Organizer, Asian American Drug Abuse Program – Item No. 24
Applauded Council's efforts to prevent youth access to tobacco products.

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

Phone Call – Item No. 17

Referred to comments made on March 26, 2020 that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention may have been wrong with the spread of COVID-19 and would like the information to be considered while looking at the ordinance requiring facial coverings.

Dr. Lee Fields-Robinson, Vice Chair, Women's Issues Commission

Referred to Joshua 14:15; Commended Council Member Davis-Holmes and the Carson Citizens Cultural Arts Foundation for providing Easter dinners and baskets to the residents on Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020.

Tiffany Tan, Community Organizer, representing AADAP – Item No. 24

Stated she was working with the city of El Segundo to strengthen their tobacco retail licensing to institute a ban on the sale of tobacco products; concerned about the decision to postpone the enforcement of the flavor ban which may disrupt their campaign.

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

Ed Sanders, L.A. Families Fighting Flavored Tobacco – Item No. 24

Offered comments in opposition.

Jesse Gonzalez, Carson resident – Item No. 17

Stated he has been calling the City for over a year requesting the corner of Grace and Carson Street be painted red to keep residents from parking in front of the hydrant and blocking the corner making it difficult for drivers making a right turn; Opposed to wearing face masks.

Primo Castro, American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network – Item No. 24
Offered comments in opposition.

Eric Batch, Carson Resident, Vice President, Advocacy for the American Heart Association – Item No. 24
Offered comments in opposition.

Amanda Staples, American Heart Association - Item No. 24
Offered comments in opposition.

Carol McGruder – Item No. 17
Offered comments in opposition.

William Smalley – Item No. 17
Offered comments in opposition

City Clerk/Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary Gause-Aldana announced the following:

- Congresswoman Nanette Barragan will be hosting a Telephone Town Hall meeting on Thursday, April 9, 2020, at 3:45 P.M. pacific time, for up to date information during the coronavirus public health crisis; visit the City website for information to access the town hall meeting.
- Assembly Member Mike Gipson invitation to a Small Business Tele Town Hall, on Thursday, April 9, 2020 at 5:00 P.M.; dial in at 214-765-0479, access code 6059344; information will also be available on the City website.
- The state has authorized an emergency issuance of additional CalFresh benefits for all eligible households, issued on Sunday, April 12, 2020 and Sunday, May 10, 2020; information will be available on the City website.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Item No. 2. 2020-202 APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 17, 2020 CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/HOUSING AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AND MARCH 24, 2020 ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

This item was heard after Item No. 1.

Recommendation: Approve the minutes as listed.

ACTION: The minutes were approved as submitted on motion of Dear, seconded by Robles and unanimously carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles, Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Davis-Holmes, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton and Council Member/Agency

Member/Authority Board Member Hicks
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

CONSENT: (Items 3-15)

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

City Manager Landers requested to remove Item No. 11 for discussion with no objections heard.

City Manager Landers noted that the request for a fee waiver was withdrawn by the organization regarding Item No. 14.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton removed Item No. 10 for discussion.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear offered comments regarding Item No. 13.

The motion to approve Consent items 3-15, except Items No. 10, 11 and 14, was unanimously carried by the following vote:

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

Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Item No. 3. 2020-211 Resolution No. 20-03-CHA, A RESOLUTION OF THE CARSON HOUSING AUTHORITY RATIFYING CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$38,317.94, DEMAND CHECK NUMBERS HA-001799 through HA-001805

ACTION: Item No. 3 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 4 2020-218 Resolution No. 20-05-CSA, A RESOLUTION OF THE CARSON SUCCESSOR AGENCY RATIFYING CLAIMS AND DEMAND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$900.00, DEMAND CHECK NUMBER SA-001806

ACTION: Item No. 4 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 5. 2020-193 CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 20-056, PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF APRIL, 2020 AS "FAIR

HOUSING MONTH" (CITY COUNCIL)

Recommendation: WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 20-056, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF APRIL, 2020, TO BE "FAIR HOUSING MONTH"

ACTION: Item No. 5 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 6. 2020-164 CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 20-058 RECOGNIZING APRIL 19-25, 2020 AS "NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK" (CITY COUNCIL)

Recommendation: WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 20-058, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA RECOGNIZING APRIL 19-25, 2020 AS "NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK"

ACTION: Item No. 6 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 7. 2020-094 CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT CONTRACT WITH INTELLI-FLEX INC. FOR THE AVAYA PHONE SYSTEM AND RESOLUTION NO. 20-043 AMENDING THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET (CITY COUNCIL)

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:
1. APPROVE Amendment No. 2, to the contract with Intelli-Flex, Inc. for maintenance and support of the Avaya phone system for ad-hoc services.
2. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 2 to the contract with Intelli-Flex, Inc. upon approval as to form by the City Attorney.
3. WAIVE further reading and adopt, Resolution No. 20-043, A Resolution of the City of Carson, City Council, amending the fiscal year 2019-20 budget in the general fund.

ACTION: Item No. 7 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 8. 2020-194 CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE ALLIANT INSURANCE SERVICES, INC. CONTRACT FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2020 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2021 (CITY COUNCIL)

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:
1. APPROVE Amendment No. 1 to the Alliant Insurance Services Inc. contract for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 at a cost of \$53,306.
2. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute the contract following

approval as to form by the City Attorney.

ACTION: Item No. 8 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 9. 2020-195 CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO THE DICKERSON DISABILITY CONSULTING SERVICES, INC. CONTRACT (CITY COUNCIL)

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:
1. APPROVE Amendment No. 2 to the Dickerson Disability Consulting Services, Inc. contract adding \$15,000 additional funds to the contract.
2. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute the contract amendment following approval as to form by the City Attorney.

ACTION: Item No. 9 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 10. 2020-210 CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 20-063 AMENDING THE CLASSIFICATION PLAN, RESOLUTION NO. 77-111, BY ADOPTING NEW OR REVISED JOB CLASSIFICATION SPECIFICATIONS FOR ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER; AND RESOLUTION FOR THE FUNDING AND REINSTATEMENT OF THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER AND THE DEFUNDING OF THE PRINCIPAL ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST. (CITY COUNCIL)

Item No. 10 was heard after approval of the Consent items.

City Manager Landers gave a staff report.

Recommendation: 1.) ADOPT Resolution No. 20-063, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA AMENDING THE CLASSIFICATION PLAN, RESOLUTION NO. 77-111. BY ADOPTING THE REVISED JOB CLASSIFICATION SPECIFICATION FOR ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER."

2.) ADOPT "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA FOR THE FUNDING AND REINSTATEMENT OF THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER, AND THE DEFUNDING OF THE PRINCIPAL ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST."

ACTION: It was moved to continue this item until the emergency crisis is over on motion of Hilton, seconded by Dear.

During discussion of the motion, Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles inquired about the recruitment process. City Manager Landers noted that it would be an open recruitment process.

Discussion ensued regarding the recruitment process.

The motion failed to carry by the following vote:

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

It was moved to approve staff recommendations with the caveat that the Council be kept abreast with the recruitment process on motion of Robles, seconded by Dear and carried by the following vote:

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

Item No. 11. 2020-219 CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 20-007, AMENDING THE CLASSIFICATION PLAN, RESOLUTION 77-111, BY ADOPTING THE NEW JOB CLASSIFICATION SPECIFICATION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LIAISON AND THE RECLASSIFICATION OF THE EMPLOYMENT AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANT TO THE NEW CLASSIFICATION (CITY COUNCIL)

Director Moseley gave a staff report.

Recommendation: 1. APPROVE Resolution No. 20-007, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, AMENDING THE CLASSIFICATION PLAN, RESOLUTION 77-111, BY ADOPTING THE REVISED JOB CLASSIFICATION SPECIFICATION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LIAISON AND THE RECLASSIFICATION OF THE EMPLOYMENT AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANT TO THE NEW CLASSIFICATION".

ACTION: This item was continued by staff with no objections heard.

Item No. 12. 2020-213 CONSIDERATION OF CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 20-061, RATIFYING DISASTER COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 20-060 CHANGING THE DATE OF OBSERVANCE OF CESAR E. CHAVEZ DAY FOR REPRESENTED AND UNREPRESENTED CITY EMPLOYMENT CLASSIFICATIONS FROM MARCH 31 TO

MARCH 30 FOR THE 2020 CALENDAR YEAR ONLY (CITY COUNCIL)

Recommendation:

TAKE the following action:

1. WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 20-061, a RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, RATIFYING DISASTER COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 20-060: (1) APPROVING SIDE LETTER AGREEMENT WITH AFSCME LOCALS 809 & 1017, THE CARSON PROFESSIONAL AND SUPERVISORS ASSOCIATION, AND THE ASSOCIATION OF MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES; (2) AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 19-036 PERTAINING TO THE CHIEF DEPUTY CITY CLERK AND CHIEF DEPUTY CITY TREASURER CLASSIFICATIONS; (3) AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 18-170, AS AMENDED AND RATIFIED BY RESOLUTION NO. 19-015, PERTAINING TO THE UNCLASSIFIED MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES; AND (4) DEEMING AMENDED ANY OTHER CITY RESOLUTIONS GOVERNING HOLIDAY LEAVE BENEFITS FOR UNREPRESENTED CITY OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES THAT SPECIFY A MARCH 31 DATE OF OBSERVANCE FOR CESAR E. CHAVEZ DAY, TO CHANGE THE DATE OF OBSERVANCE OF THE CESAR E. CHAVEZ DAY HOLIDAY FROM MARCH 31 TO MARCH 30 FOR THE 2020 CALENDAR YEAR ONLY.

ACTION: Item No. 12 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 13. 2020-224 STATUS OF THE LITIGATION BETWEEN RICHARD RAND AND MAYOR PRO TEM JAMES DEAR AND THE CITY OF CARSON-RECEIVE AND FILE THIS STATUS REPORT (CITY COUNCIL)

Recommendation: CONSIDER this status report from the Office of the City Attorney. RECEIVE and FILE the report.

ACTION: Item No. 13 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 14. 2020-227 CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE A FEE WAIVER FOR EQUIPMENT AND FACILITY RENTAL FOR THE EASTER GRAB-AND-GO EVENT AND FOR ALL FUTURE COLLABORATIVE COVID-19-RELATED PROGRAMS (CITY COUNCIL)

Recommendation:

TAKE the following actions:

1. APPROVE holding the Easter Grab-and-go event.
2. AUTHORIZE the City Manager to approve a fee waiver for the use of City equipment and facility use to support this endeavor.
3. AUTHORIZE the City Manager to approve fee waivers for City equipment rental and facility use for all future collaborative

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Covid-19-related services and programs.

ACTION: City Manager Landers noted that the request for a fee waiver was withdrawn by the organization.

Item No. 15. 2020-226 CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CAL-OES RESOLUTION 130 DESIGNATING CITY AGENTS TO OBTAIN FEDERAL/STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR COVID-19 MITIGATION IN THE CITY OF CARSON (CITY COUNCIL)

Recommendation: APPROVE Cal OES 130 Resolution Designating City Agents to obtain Federal/State Financial Assistance for COVID-19 mitigation efforts in the City of Carson.

ACTION: Item No. 15 was approved on Consent.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY: (None)

DISCUSSION: (Items 16-25)

Item No. 16. 2020-207 CONSIDER PRESENTATION BY HAROLD C. WILLIAMS, MEMBER, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, WEST BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT (CITY COUNCIL)

Item No. 16 was heard after City Clerk Gause-Aldana's announcements.

Recommendation: ALLOW the presentation

ACTION: Harold C. Williams gave a Powerpoint presentation of the West Basin Municipal Water District Update on COVID-19.

Item No. 17. 2020-221 CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 20-067 MANDATING THAT THE GENERAL PUBLIC WEAR FACEMASKS WHEN GOING OUT FOR ESSENTIAL TASKS IN THE CITY OF CARSON UNTIL EMERGENCY DECLARATIONS RELATED TO COVID -19 HAVE BEEN LIFTED (CITY COUNCIL)

City Manager Landers gave a staff report.

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

Discussion ensued about reducing the \$1,000 fine.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles noted there will be 10,000 reusable face masks available for Sheriff Deputies to distribute and in the interim encouraged residents to wear face coverings.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Davis-Holmes inquired what other cities are imposing a fine in violation of the policy. She suggested it be mandatory for everyone

to wear a face mask and encouraged stores to have customers wear face masks as well.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles addressed her inquiry.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear suggested to make it mandatory to wear a face mask and for stores to require city mandated rule be followed. He also suggested a hotline be opened for residents to request the reusable masks and have city employees deliver them in a sealed bag.

Recommendation: WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 20-067, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, RATIFYING THAT CERTAIN 'ORDER OF THE CARSON DISASTER COUNCIL, CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, IMPLEMENTING RESOLUTION NO. 20-053 AND MUNICIPAL CODE, ARTICLE III, CHAPTER 7, 3700 ET SEQ., FINDING, DETERMINING AND ORDERING THAT ALL RESIDENTS OR VISITORS WITHIN THE GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF CARSON SHALL NOT LEAVE THEIR PLACES OF DOMICILE OR RESIDENCE, EXCEPT TO ENGAGE IN ESSENTIAL SERVICES, WITHOUT WEARING A FACE MASK OR COVERING WHICH SHALL COVER THE NOSE AND MOUTH OF THE WEARER, AND MAKING A VIOLATION OF SAME ENFORCEABLE BY CITY AUTHORITIES THROUGH ALL ENFORCEMENT PROVISIONS WITHIN THE CARSON MUNICIPAL CODE, AND SUBJECT TO A ONE THOUSAND DOLLAR FINE,' ISSUED APRIL 2, 2020"

ACTION: It was moved that residents or visitors within the geographic boundaries of the city of Carson shall not leave their places of domicile or residence, except to engage in essential services, without wearing a face mask or covering on motion of Robles, seconded by Dear.

City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani clarified language should read members of the general public which Robles agreed and amended his motion to include language in the resolution as stated by the City Attorney with seconder of the motion concurring.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Davis-Holmes encouraged local businesses to make it mandatory to not allow customers to enter their place of business without facial coverings.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear discussed including churches, boys & girls clubs, and non-profit organizations to the resolution.

City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani noted she will draft language with Mayor pro tem Dear intention.

The motion was unanimously carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles, Mayor Pro Tem/Agency

Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear, Council Member/Agency
Member/Authority Board Member Davis-Holmes, Council Member/Agency
Member/Authority Board Member Hilton and Council Member/Agency
Member/Authority Board Member Hicks

Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

It was moved that the general public be subject to a \$500 fine after being issued a written warning that they are in violation of Carson's order to wear a face mask on motion of Robles, seconded by Davis-Holmes.

During discussion of the motion, Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear preferred a three-step process leading up to a fine. A written or verbal warning first, if encounter the same individual give a written warning jeopardizing the public health, then issue a fine.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles amended his motion to any member of the general public who has first received a verbal warning, then a written warning on a another occasion then seen again without a face covering will be subject to a \$500 fine for jeopardizing the public health of others.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Davis-Holmes withdrew her second to the motion.

Motion failed for lack of a second to the motion.

Item No. 18. 2020-205 CONSIDERATION OF: (1) ORDINANCE NO. 20-2006U, AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 17 (EMERGENCY PRICE-GOUGING PROTECTIONS) TO ARTICLE IV (PUBLIC PEACE) OF THE CARSON MUNICIPAL CODE TO ENACT PROHIBITIONS AGAINST PRICE-GOUGING DURING THE DECLARED STATE OF EMERGENCY RELATED TO COVID-19 AND OTHER DECLARED STATES OF EMERGENCY; AND (2) INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 20-2007, A REGULAR ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL BEARING THE SAME TITLE (CITY COUNCIL)

City/Agency/Authority Attorney gave Soltani gave a staff report.

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:
1. INTRODUCE, READ BY TITLE ONLY WITH FURTHER READING WAIVED, and ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 20-2006U, AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 17 (EMERGENCY PRICE-GOUGING PROTECTIONS) TO ARTICLE IV (PUBLIC PEACE) OF THE CARSON MUNICIPAL CODE TO ENACT PROHIBITIONS AGAINST PRICE-GOUGING DURING

AND FOR 60 DAYS AFTER THE DECLARED STATE OF EMERGENCY RELATED TO COVID-19 AND OTHER DECLARED STATES OF EMERGENCY (Exhibit 1).

2. INTRODUCE for first reading, by title only and with further reading waived, ORDINANCE NO. 20-2007, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 17 (EMERGENCY PRICE-GOUGING PROTECTIONS) TO ARTICLE IV (PUBLIC PEACE) OF THE CARSON MUNICIPAL CODE TO ENACT PROHIBITIONS AGAINST PRICE-GOUGING DURING AND FOR 60 DAYS AFTER THE DECLARED STATE OF EMERGENCY RELATED TO COVID-19 AND OTHER DECLARED STATES OF EMERGENCY (Exhibit 2).

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

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

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Item No. 19. 2020-222 CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 20-068, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, CONCERNING PUBLICATION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA'S EMERGENCY ORDERS AND LAWS RESTRICTING RESIDENTIAL EVICTIONS IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) STATE OF EMERGENCY (CITY COUNCIL)

City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani gave a staff report.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton requested to include commercial evictions and small businesses to the moratorium.

City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani recommended City Council approve staff recommendation and direct the Disaster Council to consider a moratorium on commercial tenants.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Davis-Holmes inquired about the relief efforts being provided for leasers who are at risk of losing their property in the event their renters do not pay their rents.

City Manager Landers addressed her inquiry and stated she would come back with information.

City Council directed the City Attorney to take an item to the Disaster Council addressing property leasers with no objection heard.

Discussion ensued about relief efforts with the Cares Act and the County of Los Angeles initiatives.

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:
1. WAIVE further reading and ADOPT RESOLUTION 20-068, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, CONCERNING PUBLICATION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA'S EMERGENCY ORDERS AND LAWS RESTRICTING RESIDENTIAL EVICTIONS IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) STATE OF EMERGENCY (Exhibit 1).

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

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

Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Item No. 20. 2020-230 CONSIDER PROVIDING DIRECTION TO CITY STAFF REGARDING THE CITY'S OPTIONS FOR SECURING FUNDING SOURCES FOR LOCAL SMALL BUSINESSES AND NON-PROFITS INCLUDING CHURCHES (CITY COUNCIL)

City Manager Landers gave a staff report

Assistant City Manager Raymond gave a Powerpoint presentation on the Resources for Small Businesses in Response to COVID-19.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton suggested staff look for economic development assistance for local businesses, non-profit organizations, and churches.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear suggested staff hire a consultant to facilitate a citywide program.

Discussion ensued about future revenue projections as a result of COVID-19.

Recommendation: DISCUSS and PROVIDE direction to City staff regarding the City's options for securing funding sources for small businesses,

non-profits and churches, including procuring consulting services.

ACTION: It was moved to direct staff to hire a consultant to facilitate a local program with a caveat that staff provide a financial status report prior to the implementation of said program on motion of Dear, seconded by Robles and unanimously carried by the following vote:

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

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Item No. 21. 2020-215 CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SHORT-TERM AGREEMENT WITH LYFT, INC., FOR LYFT RIDE SERVICES TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO ESSENTIAL SERVICES DURING COVID-19 EMERGENCY FOR RESIDENTS ENTERING A CODE (CITY COUNCIL)

City Manager Landers gave a staff report.

- Recommendation:**
1. APPROVE the attached Short-Term Agreement with Lyft, Inc., allowing residents to use a code to qualify for a subsidy ("Agreement") (Exhibit 1).
 2. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute the Agreement, following approval as to form by the City Attorney.

ACTION: It was moved to approve the Short-Term Agreement with Lyft, Inc., allowing qualified residents to use a code for a 50% discount up to \$10.00 for ride services on motion of Robles, seconded by Dear.

During discussion of the motion, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Davis-Holmes inquired about how to address social distancing.

City Manager Landers addressed Councilmember Davis-Holmes inquiry.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks inquired about the Dial-A-Ride Program and Access Services in relation to social distancing and ensuring that there are not multiple riders at one time.

Transportation Manager Jason Jo addressed Councilmember Hicks inquiry.

The motion was unanimously carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles, Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Davis-Holmes, Council Member/Agency

Member/Authority Board Member Hilton and Council Member/Agency
Member/Authority Board Member Hicks

Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

**Item No. 22. 2020-208 CONSIDER THE CANCELLATION OF CITY OF CARSON
SPECIAL EVENTS SCHEDULED FOR THE MONTHS OF JULY
AND AUGUST (CITY COUNCIL)**

City Manager Landers gave a staff report.

Recommendation: Authorize the cancellation of events and programs to the end of
August 2020.

ACTION: It was moved to cancel special events scheduled through August on motion of
Davis-Holmes, seconded by Hicks and unanimously carried by the following vote:

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

Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Item No. 23. 2020-198 COVID-19 UPDATE (CITY COUNCIL)

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

City Manager Landers gave a Powerpoint presentation on the key trends of the Coronavirus
Pandemic.

City Clerk/Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary Gause-Aldana gave a Powerpoint
presentation on the Disaster Council summary of actions taken during the last two Disaster
Council meetings. She noted the summary of actions report will be available on the City's
website.

City Manager Landers gave a staff report.

Recommendation: 1. DISCUSS and PROVIDE direction.

ACTION: Discussion was held as follows:

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Davis-Holmes requested the City
Manager come back with information regarding employees' overtime pay and acting pay.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton noted that employees

working on the frontline should be given hazard pay.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles directed the City Manager to come back with information as requested and look into the option of hazard pay.

Director Rahmani gave a Powerpoint presentation of the economic effects of COVID-19.

Item No. 24. 2020-137 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION NO. 20-066 TEMPORARILY POSTPONING THE ENFORCEMENT OF ORDINANCE NO. 19-1940 AGAINST EXISTING TOBACCO AND ELECTRONIC CIGARETTE PERMITTEES (CITY COUNCIL)

City Manager Landers gave a staff report.

City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani provided additional information.

Recommendation: WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 20-066, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, TEMPORARILY POSTPONING THE ENFORCEMENT OF ORDINANCE NO. 19-1940 AGAINST EXISTING TOBACCO AND ELECTRONIC CIGARETTE PERMITTEES"

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

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

Item No. 25. 2020-095 CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF THE PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY MEMBERS FOR THE CARSON ENHANCED INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING DISTRICT (EIFD) (CITY COUNCIL)

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

City Manager Landers gave a staff report.

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

Director Naaseh provided additional information.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear inquired about appointments.

Director Naaseh addressed his inquiries and stated he would bring back information.

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:
1) Appoint three members of the City Council as the governing board members of the Public Financing Authority for the Carson EIFD (one of which will offer his or her seat on the board to a County Supervisor, should the County agree to partner with the City in EIFD); and
2) Appoint two members of the public to as members of the Public Financing Authority for the Carson EIFD (one of which will offer his or her seat on the board to a public member appointed by the County Board of Supervisors, should the County agree to partner with the City in EIFD).

ACTION: It was moved to nominate Mayor Pro Tem Jim Dear as a City representative, nominate Mayor Albert Robles as a City representative, nominate Council Member Jawane Hilton as a City/County representative, nominate Tiffany Rau from Marathon as a City representative and nominate Katie Pandolfo from Dignity Health as a City/County representative on motion of Robles, seconded by Dear and unanimously carried by the following vote:

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

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

ORDINANCE SECOND READING: (Item 26)

Item No. 26. 2020-197 ORDINANCE NO. 20-2003: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING ZONE CHANGE NO. 180-19 TO CHANGE THE ZONE FROM RM-8-D (RESIDENTIAL MULTIPLE-FAMILY – 8 DWELLING UNITS/ACRE – DESIGN OVERLAY) TO RM-12-D (RESIDENTIAL MULTIPLE-FAMILY – 12 DWELLING UNITS/ACRE – DESIGN OVERLAY) FOR APNs 7335-007-017, 7335-006-023, AND 7335-006-024; AND MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM

ACTION: It was moved to adopt Ordinance No. 20-2003, as read by title only, on motion of Robles, seconded by Hicks and unanimously carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles, Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Davis-Holmes, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton and Council Member/Agency

Member/Authority Board Member Hicks
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR MATTERS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA (MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC) – None.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (COUNCIL MEMBERS)

City Clerk/Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary Gause-Aldana offered prayers and condolences to the families who lost their loved ones and also offered special prayers and thoughts to all the individuals and families who have been impacted by COVID-19.

She requested this evening's meeting be adjourned in memory of the following individuals:

- Erick Aguilar
- Raphael Brooks
- Lorene Richardson
- Dr. Johnny Baylor
- Shirley Saunders
- Doris Reed

Mayor and Council offered special thoughts and prayers to the family of Dr. Johnny Baylor.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks

- Encouraged everyone to wear a face mask, adhere to social distancing, stay at home, and wash your hands.
- Wished everyone a safe and blessed Easter.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton

- Announced that Martin Luther King Hospital will be hosting a COVID-19 drive-through mobile testing site at the Charles Drew University Campus parking lot located at 1731 E. 120th Street, Los Angeles, California 90059 beginning April 8th, 2020.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles

- Announced Good RX is offering a free online COVID-19 prescreening and telemedicine; website is goodrx.com; and link will be available on the City website.

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

- Spoke about the residents' best interest is at heart.
- Wished everyone Happy Easter, and to be healthy and safe.
- Advocating for a test center in the City.
- Complimented City Manager Landers and staff for their good work.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Davis-Holmes

- Commended City Manager Landers and staff for doing a stellar job.
- Announced the Easter Dinner and Easter Basket Grab and Go drive-through on Easter

Sunday, April 12, 2020 at 2:00 P.M. at the Carson Community Center, for residents.

- Encouraged everyone to be safe, stay home, not to panic, wear mask and remember the elected officials are available to assist the residents.
- Wished everyone a Happy Easter.

CLOSED SESSION (Items 27-30)

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – CLOSED SESSION ITEMS ONLY – None.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

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

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

The meeting was recessed at 10:12 P.M. by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles to Closed Session.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The meeting was reconvened by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles.

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS

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

Item No. 27. 2020-196 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:

City of Carson vs. Carcom Center, LLC, and California Processing, LLC, Case Number 19STCV20812, Los Angeles Superior Court

ACTION: Pending report from City Attorney.

Item No. 28. 2020-225 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:

Rand Resources, LLC. v. City of Carson, et al., Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. BC564093

ACTION: Pending report from City Attorney.

Item No. 29. 2020-228 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (CITY COUNCIL)

Recommendation: A closed session will be held, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(4) because the City is considering whether to initiate litigation in one case.

ACTION: Pending report from City Attorney.

Item No. 30. 2020-189 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT / EMPLOYMENT PERFORMANCE EVALUATION / DISCIPLINE / DISMISSAL OR RELEASE (CITY COUNCIL)

Recommendation: A closed session will be held, pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 (b) & (b) (1) to conduct an appointment/employment performance evaluation/discipline/dismissal or release of a public employee for the position of City Manager.

ACTION: Pending report from City Attorney.

COUNCIL MEMBER REQUESTS TO ADD ITEMS TO FUTURE AGENDAS – None.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF UNFINISHED OR CONTINUED CLOSED SESSION ITEMS (AS NECESSARY) – None.

REPORT OF ACTIONS ON UNFINISHED OR CONTINUED CLOSED SESSION ITEMS – None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned after the closed session report by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman
Albert Robles

ATTEST:

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

APPROVED BY CARSON CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/ HOUSING AUTHORITY	
<u>04-21-2020</u>	
Approved as Submitted.	AR/CH 5/0