



## **CITY OF CARSON**

### **MINUTES CARSON CITY COUNCIL/ SUCCESSOR AGENCY/HOUSING AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING MAY 19, 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, Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Jim Dear, 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

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

Monica Cooper, City/Agency/Authority Treasurer; Sharon Landers, City Manager; Sunny Soltani, City/Agency/Authority Attorney; David Roberts, Assistant City Manager; John Raymond, Assistant City Manager; Saied Naaseh, Director of Community Development; Faye Moseley, Director of Human Resources and Risk Management; and Tarik Rahmani, Director of Finance

#### **FLAG SALUTE:**

Captain Skeen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **INVOCATION:**

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton gave the invocation.

#### **INTRODUCTIONS**

**Item No. 1. 2020-287**

**REPORT FROM CAPTAIN SKEEN OF CARSON SHERIFF'S STATION**

Captain Skeen gave a presentation on crime statistics. In addition, he spoke about homelessness and loitering at the shopping center on University Drive and Avalon Boulevard.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Davis-Holmes thanked Captain Skeen for his quick responses to her inquiries.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear thanked Captain Skeen and inquired about the recycling center. In addition, he wanted to know about the city's ordinance on loitering and how it may be enforced on private property. Captain Skeen addressed his inquiry noting that his deputies may issue citations should the need occur.

**Item No. 2. 2020-314                      LEGISLATIVE UPDATE BY ASSEMBLYMEMBER MIKE GIPSON**

Assembly member Mike Gipson gave a briefing on the legislative update as follows:

- COVID-19
- Elder abuse
- Domestic violence
- Moratorium on evictions for commercial property, small businesses
- Employment Development Department (EDD)
- Small Business Administration

Assembly member Gipson presented Assembly Bill 2655 regarding first responders who cannot take pictures of deceased individuals. Also, he noted several United States senators introduced legislation banning ghost guns in the United States of America.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles requested the City Manager add a resolution at the next City Council meeting supporting the bill introduced by Assembly member Mike Gipson regarding ghost guns.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear inquired about whom residents may contact to assist them with EDD. Assembly member Gipson noted that residents may call his office and his field representatives Moises Aglipay and Manny Nieto can assist.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks inquired about whether or not there is a streamlined process for the small business administration. Assembly member Gipson addressed his inquiry. In addition, he announced that small businesses may contact his office for assistance as well.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton thanked Assembly member Gipson for patronizing a Carson small business during these tough times in hopes of keeping the restaurant doors open.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – CLOSED SESSION ITEMS ONLY – None.**

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

City Clerk/Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary Gause-Aldana read public comments received for oral communications as follows:

William Koons – Email – Non-Agenda

Thanked the Mayor and Council for the great work in combating the COVID 19 pandemic; inquired if the city's status with moving to district based elections. He also asked if an item can be placed on the next City Council agenda.

Email – Item No. 18

Expressed concern that he has not received his COVID-19 test results from two weeks ago; and US Health Fairs lack of response to his inquiries.

Email – Non-Agenda

Inquired about when the City of Carson intends to address limited internet service in certain areas in Carson.

Email – Item No. 18

Expressed their disappointment with the COVID-19 testing site and US Health Fairs.

Concerned Carson Resident – Public Comment Box – Item No. 16

Requested City Council consider cancelling all special events for at least two years.

Email – Non-Agenda

Inquired about when will city employees be able to take advantage of the Voya second loan option as approved by City Council on May 5, 2020.

Email – Item No. 19

Offered comments in support of item.

Patricia Trimble – Public Comment Box – Non-Agenda

Inquired about status of a petition that was submitted for speed bumps to be installed on Billings Avenue.

Email – Item No. 18

Inquired about what can be done about large gatherings of two dozen people who are not practicing social distancing and who are not wearing face coverings throughout the city.

Jaime Monteclaro, Carson resident and Attorney – Email – Items No. 20 and 24

Recommended the attorney for the Carson Reclamation Authority (CRA) recuse themselves from representing the City of Carson and the Carson Reclamation Authority (CRA) in the Cam-Carson lawsuit, citing a potential conflict of interest under Rule 1.7 of New Rules of Professional Conduct pertaining to Item No. 24. In addition to, City Council creating an independent body to investigate the allegations related to the remediation that cost \$27 Million.

He inquired about the following:

1. When did the Mayor and the Chairperson of CRA know that the remediation cannot be

completed?

2. Whether or not the Mayor apologized in a text message to Cam-Carson for mismanagement of the CRA?
3. Whether or not the Mayor pledged the City's General Fund for this Project?
4. Whether or not the CRA asked the City for funds to complete remediation?
5. Whether or not the Assistant City Manager, also a member of CRA, told Cam-Carson, in writing, that the CRA "has no assets or financial resources to cover the massive funding shortfall and concomitant obligations to Cam-Carson and conceded that Cam-Carson must of necessity turn the City for recovery";
6. Was there a public bidding process for the City and CRA in obtaining the contractors and subcontractors for the Cam-Carson Project?

Zeke Vidaurri – Email – Items No. 16 and 18

Requested City Council consider allowing small businesses to re-open, citing his support for local spending and small mom and pop shops.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear inquired about what can be done related to residents receiving their results for COVID-19 Testing.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks spoke about COVID-19 test results and the food giveaway program.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Davis-Holmes spoke about COVID-19 testing questioning US Health Fairs capabilities.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton thanked My Father's Barbecue for their food give-away.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles offered comments related to US Health Fairs testing.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Item No. 3. 2020-306                      APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 28, 2020 CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES; AND MAY 5, 2020 CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/HOUSING AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Recommendation:                      Approve the minutes as listed.

ACTION:                      The minutes were approved as submitted 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

**CONSENT: (Items 4-13)**

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

City Manager Landers requested to remove Item Nos. 12 and 13 for discussion to follow Closed Session.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks requested to remove Item No. 8 for discussion.

The motion to approve Consent items 4-13, except Items No. 8, 12 and 13, 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. 4. 2020-312 Resolution No. 20-083, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON RATIFYING CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,682,502.98, DEMAND CHECK NUMBERS 152204 THROUGH 152665**

ACTION: Item No. 4 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 5. 2020-309 CONSIDER MONTHLY INVESTMENT AND CASH REPORT FOR THE CITY OF CARSON, CARSON HOUSING AUTHORITY, CARSON SUCCESSOR AGENCY-MONTH ENDING APRIL 30, 2020**

Recommendation: RECEIVE and FILE.

ACTION: Item No. 5 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 6. 2020-150 CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 3 TO A SOFTWARE AGREEMENT WITH IWORQ SYSTEMS, INC., INCREASING THE TOTAL COMPENSATION BY \$39,840 TO A TOTAL OF \$108,160, TO ACCOMMODATE THE PREVIOUS EXTENSION OF THE TERM (CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:  
1. APPROVE Amendment No. 3 to Agreement for Contractual

Services Public Works Management Software (IWORQ SYSTEMS INC.), increasing the total compensation to \$108,160.00 to accommodate the previously-approved additional term; and

2. AUTHORIZE Mayor to execute Amendment No. 3 as attached hereto upon approval as to form by the City Attorney.

ACTION: Item No. 6 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 7. 2019-637                    CONSIDERATION TO ACCEPT AS COMPLETE PROJECT NO. 1549 - CITY FACILITIES LED LIGHTING CONVERSION AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN THE ON-BILL FINANCING LOAN APPLICATION (CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:  
1. ACCEPT as complete Project No. 1549 (City Facilities LED Lighting Conversion).  
2. AUTHORIZE staff to file a Notice of Completion.  
3. AUTHORIZE the City Manager to sign the On-Bill Financing Loan Agreement with Southern California Edison.

ACTION: Item No. 7 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 8. 2020-276                    CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CONTRACT SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CARSON AND LOS ANGELES CONSERVATION CORPS FOR TREE PLANTING SERVICES (CITY COUNCIL)**

Item No. 8 was heard after approval of Consent calendar.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks inquired about a plan being put in place regarding tree planting. City Manager Landers addressed his inquiry and noted that staff is looking into a process. She intends to bring a tree planting plan to City Council at a later date.

Discussion ensued between the Mayor and City Council about the priority of tree placement and tree wells in major thoroughfares throughout the city.

Assistant City Manager Raymond noted that staff is working on updating the city's tree procedures as well and will make that as part of the tree planting plan to come back to the City Council at a later date.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Davis-Holmes asked that tree replacement plan be included in the report as well.

Recommendation: Take the following actions:  
1. APPROVE the Agreement between the City of Carson and the Los Angeles Conservation Corps for Tree Planting Services (Exhibit No. 1) in the amount of \$63,310 to provide the Purchase

and Tree Planting services to fulfill the CalFire Grant requirements.

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

**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. 9. 2020-290**

**CONSIDER AWARD OF CONTRACT TO SPT SPECIALIZED PIPE TECHNOLOGIES FOR NEWKIRK AVENUE STORM DRAIN LINE EMERGENCY REPAIR IN THE AMOUNT OF \$66,900 WITH A CONTINGENCY OF \$10,035; AND, APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 20-085 APPROPRIATING \$245,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND'S FUND BALANCE FOR THIS PROJECT AND FOR PARTICIPATION IN A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA) WITH NEIGHBORING CITIES RELATED TO THE DOMINGUEZ CHANNEL ESTUARY BATHYMETRY AND SEDIMENT TRANSPORT STUDY (CITY COUNCIL)**

**Recommendation:**

TAKE the following actions:

1. AWARD a Construction Contract for the repair of the Newkirk Storm Drain line in the amount of \$66,900.00 to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, SPT Specialized Pipe Technologies.
2. AUTHORIZE the expenditure of a construction contingency, if necessary, in the amount of \$10,035.00 (15%) for any unforeseen construction work such as removal and remediation of contaminated soil, substructure conflict, and any soil and material testing that may be required to complete this project.
3. APPROVE Resolution No. 20-085, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CARSON CITY COUNCIL AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 BUDGET APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF \$245,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND'S FUND BALANCE TO ACCOUNT 101-80-820-285-6004 (WATER COMPLIANCE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES) FOR A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT ("MOA") BETWEEN THE CITY OF CARSON, THE CITY OF LONG BEACH, THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD

CONTROL DISTRICT, AND THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES REGARDING THE ADMINISTRATION AND COST SHARING FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DOMINGUEZ CHANNEL ESTUARY BATHYMETRY AND SEDIMENT TRANSPORT STUDY AS DELINEATED IN SAID AGREEMENT DATED MARCH 14, 2019 AND A CONTRACT WITH SPT SPECIALIZED PIPE TECHNOLOGIES FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF A STORM DRAIN LINE ADJACENT TO NEWKIRK AVENUE."

4. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute the Professional Services Agreement and the Resolution following approval as to form by the City Attorney.

ACTION: Item No. 9 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 10. 2020-307 ANNUAL REPORT - REGISTERED LOBBYISTS (CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation: RECEIVE and FILE.

ACTION: Item No. 10 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 11. 2020-291 CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE AGREEMENT FOR CONTRACT SERVICES WITH RON'S MAINTENANCE, INC. EXTENDING THE TERM OF THE AGREEMENT AND INCREASING THE RATE OF SERVICES TO PROVIDE CATCH BASIN CLEANING SERVICES CITYWIDE (CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation: 1. APPROVE Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement for Contract Services with Ron's Maintenance, Inc. extending the terms of the agreement by three years through April 30, 2023 and increasing the compensation by \$245,232.00 for a total Contract Sum not to exceed \$455,978.25.

2. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement for Contract Services with Ron's Maintenance, Inc. after approval as to form by the City Attorney.

ACTION: Item No. 11 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 12. 2019-1157 CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 20-012 AMENDING FISCAL YEAR BUDGET 2019-2020 BUDGET AND APPROVING AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CARSON AND AMERICAN GUARD SERVICES (CITYCOUNCIL)**

Item No. 12 was heard after the Closed Session Report.

Recommendation: 1. CONSIDER APPROVAL of the attached proposed



Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement for Contract Services between the City and American Guard Services, Inc. ("Amendment No. 2");

2. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 2 following approval as to form by the City Attorney; and

3. ADOPT RESOLUTION No. 20-012, a RESOLUTION OF THE CARSON CITY COUNCIL AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2019/20 BUDGET IN THE GENERAL FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$126,150.00.

**ACTION:** Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles noted update was provided and continued this item to the next regular City Council meeting with no objection heard.

**Item No. 13. 2019-345                    CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE CONTRACT SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CARSON AND CONVERGINT TECHNOLOGIES, LLC (CITY COUNCIL)**

**Recommendation:** TAKE the following actions:  
1. APPROVE Amendment No. 1 to the Convergent Technologies, LLC Contract Services Agreement dated June 5, 2018 (Exhibit 1).  
2. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 1 following approval as to form by the City Attorney.

**ACTION:** Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles noted update was provided and continued this item to the next regular City Council meeting with no objection heard.

**SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY: (Item 14)**

**Item No. 14. 2020-294                    CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2020-2024 FIVE-YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN, 2020-2021 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) ANNUAL ACTION PLAN, AND ANALYSIS OF IMPEDIMENTS TO FAIR HOUSING CHOICE (CITY COUNCIL) (CONTINUED FROM 5/5/20)**

Item No. 14 was heard after Item No. 20.

City Clerk/Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary Gause-Aldana gave the public hearing report.

Director Naaseh gave a PowerPoint presentation. He recommends City Council take action as soon as possible for the city to receive the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds sooner than later.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Davis-Holmes inquired about recommendations made by the Disaster Council. City Manager Landers addressed her inquiry.

Director Naaseh presented a grid that illustrated the various recommendations for CDBG

Funds.

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:

1. OPEN the Public Hearing, TAKE public testimony, and CLOSE the Public Hearing; AND
2. A. ALLOCATE CDBG funding for FY 2020/21 (Planning Year 2020) as recommended by the City Council; OR  
B. ALLOCATE CDBG funding for FY 2020/21 (Planning Year 2020) as recommended by the Citywide Advisory Commission; OR  
C. ALLOCATE CDBG funding for FY 2020/21 (Planning Year 2020) as recommended by Staff to the Citywide Advisory Commission; OR
3. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute agreements with the public service providers as designated by City Council following negotiation and approval as to form by the City Attorney; AND
4. APPROVE the proposed FY 2020/21 (PY2020) CDBG budget; as amended
5. APPROVE the submission of the City's 2020-2024 Five-Year Consolidated Plan, 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan, and Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

ACTION: Mayor and Council took the following actions:

It was moved to approve the allocations, as amended, for the capital improvement projects on motion of Davis-Holmes, seconded by Robles as follows:

Foisia Park - \$110,000  
Concrete Replacement Program - \$110,000  
COVID-19 Small Business Recovery Assistance Program - \$175,000  
Neighborhood Pride Program - \$102,000  
Neighborhood Pride Program Administration - \$13,425

City Manager Landers noted that Director Naaseh would make the necessary adjustments of the leftover monies for park programs and administration.

The motion, as amended, 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 to approve the allocations, as amended, for the public service providers on motion of Davis-Holmes, seconded by Dear as follows:

Fair Housing (Housing Rights Center) - \$40,000  
Boys and Girls Club of Carson - \$35,000  
Bridges Community Economic Development Corporation - \$15,434  
Harbor Area Gang Alternatives Program - \$15,434  
South Bay Family Healthcare - \$15,300

City Manager Landers clarified the motion with Director Naaseh to make adjustments for the public service providers.

The motion, as amended, 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 to approve staff recommendation no. 3 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

It was moved to approve staff recommendation no. 4, as amended, and staff recommendation no. 5 on motion of Dear, 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

**DISCUSSION: (Items 15-22)**

**Item No. 15. 2020-308 APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO 20-082 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE FORM OF PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUANCE OF THE CITY OF CARSON 2020 TAXABLE PENSION OBLIGATION BONDS AND APPROVING ADDITIONAL ACTIONS RELATED THERETO (CITY COUNCIL)**

City Manager Landers gave a staff report.

Suzanne Harrell, consultant, gave a PowerPoint presentation on Pension Liability Obligation Bonds.

Recommendation: 1. Approve the resolution approving the form of a Preliminary Official Statement and the form of a Continuing Disclosure Certificate in connection with the issuance of the Bonds.

ACTION: It was moved to approve Resolution No. 20-082, approving the form of a Preliminary Official Statement as described in Option 2 and the form of a Continuing Disclosure Certificate as described in Option 2 in connection with the issuance of the bonds, and no principal until year 3 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

**Item No. 16. 2019-1095 FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 ANNUAL BUDGET WORKSHOP #3 (CITY COUNCIL)**

City Manager Landers gave a staff report.

Director Rahmani gave a PowerPoint presentation on Budget Recommendations 1-5 as follows:

- 1) Vacancy rate at 9%
- 2) \$97,890 Reduction in training & professional development

- 3) \$2.3M reduction in departments non-personnel budget
- 4) Cancelling special events through the end of December
- 5) \$3.3M Use of General Fund Reserve

City Manager Landers noted that she does not recommend reducing Public Works line items Building Maintenance and Roadway Maintenance as described on page 4 of the staff report.

She noted she may come back with a request for training monies in the event it is necessary.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles inquired about IT budget proposal and the proposed centralized training under Human Resources. City Manager Landers addressed his question.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles recommended the City Manager continue with past practice for training budgets or alternatively having the Directors decide which training is required and the City Manager providing final approval opposed to all departments having to go through the Human Resources Department.

City Manager Landers clarified that her proposal is for the funding for training to be added to Human Resources budget. The administration of training will be handled by her with direct consultation with the department heads.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Davis-Holmes noted that state mandated trainings should be automatically a part of the budget.

City Manager Landers noted the training budget proposal was reduced and she is unsure whether or not it is enough to cover mandated training at this time.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Davis-Holmes recommended building maintenance and road way maintenance budget be increased.

Discussion ensued about Public Works building and roadway maintenance.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Davis-Holmes stated her opposition to approving funding for the Summer Youth program.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles noted his support of continuing a limited concept of the Summer Youth program..

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton referred to page 3 of the staff report requesting a list of employees who attended training. He inquired the reason the training budget will be under Human Resources as oppose to the City Manager given the approval is at her discretion.

City Manager Landers stated the training budget may be assigned under any department's budget; training was completed by city staff last year; would use the same program by Liebert and Cassidy as in years prior for professional development on different topics at no additional cost aside from the city's \$4,000 membership fee.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles clarified that training recommendations will come from each director and the City Manager will make the decision as oppose to Human Resources Department. City Manager Landers confirmed.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks noted his concerns related to the Summer Youth program amid the COVID-19 pandemic. He suggests bringing the program back during the winter months. In addition, he inquired about special events through December 2020.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Davis-Holmes supports funding the Christmas Tree Lighting Program. Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles noted his support of limited tree lighting but not the elaborate tree celebration as years prior, citing prudence in light of the city's financial status.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear stated City Council should postpone approving anything for now until the city has a better understanding of their financial standing as a result of COVID-19. He also stated that as matter of priority while discussing the budget, the City should consider allowing businesses to re-open with safe protocols in place.

Consensus of the City Council was reached to cancel all special events and the summer youth program to be considered at a later time with no objection heard.

Discussion ensued about Community Services programs and direction was provided to come back to City Council with options at a later date.

- Recommendation:
1. Cancel the City's large scale Special Events through the end of December, 2020.
  2. Suspend City programs that were previously cost neutral that may become financially unfeasible because of size restrictions.
  3. Provide a limited hiring freeze to help reduce the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 personnel budget.
  4. PROVIDE additional direction to staff regarding the draft Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget.

ACTION: Discussion was held and direction provided.

**Item No. 17. 2020-297                    CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 20-079, AMENDING                    THE 2019-2020 BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADVERTISING A COMMUNITY AWARENESS PROGRAM FOR CARSON RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES REGARDING COVID-19 INITIATIVES (CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation: APPROVE Resolution No. 20-079, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON AMENDING THE 2019-2020 BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF A COMMUNITY AWARENESS ADVERTISING AND PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT PROGRAM.

**ACTION:** It was moved to direct staff to bring back Resolution No. 20-079 on the agenda at the next regular City Council meeting and to add the following language to the title, “in support of independent and minority owned publications for print media designed by the City of Carson Public Information Office that can be put into local publications such as newspapers, magazines, bulletins and or newsletters that are distributed to the general public at no charge, for residents and businesses regarding COVID-19 initiatives” on motion of Dear, seconded by Hilton.

During discussion of the motion, City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani noted to bring back the resolution with appropriation for ratification at the next Council meeting.

The motion, as amended, 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. 18. 2020-303 COVID-19 UPDATE (CITY COUNCIL)**

City Manager Landers gave a PowerPoint presentation on the COVID-19 cases and tracking report.

Mike Whittiker, Human Services Manager, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the COVID-19 Task Force updates.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton inquired about the city’s plan to practice social distance between employees and if there is a plan to reopen the city.

Human Services Manager Whittiker addressed his question noting that a task force was created for drafting a roadmap.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Davis-Holmes inquired about the need for additional staff at the call center. Human Services Manager Whittiker noted that additional staff will be useful. He would add one additional person dedicated to call backs.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Davis-Holmes recommended the City Manager allow that one staff person be called back to work for the call center.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks inquired about the call center working hours. Staff noted the call center is open Monday through Thursday. City Manager Landers noted that calls are answered on Friday through another call center. Human Services Manager Whittiker noted a tremendous reduction in calls on Fridays.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks expressed concerns related to allowing firework stands throughout the city.

Discussion ensued between City Council regarding the pros and cons for allowing firework sales.

Mayor and Council directed the City Manager to bring back a resolution considering the cancellation of the firework program. Discussion ensued about the motion.

City Manager Landers sought clarification of City Council direction noting that staff has began the initial steps for the sale of fireworks. City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani noted that Council cannot legally suspend, eliminate or modify the fireworks program this year because it is not properly agendized to take a vote.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear inquired about the administration efforts and timelines related to firework stands and the number of applications already submitted.

Cristine Gaiennie, Revenue Manager, noted that the City has already received 16 applications, none of the 16 are new applicants.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton inquired if the cancellation must take place by ordinance as oppose to resolution. City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani noted that she would respond to the Mayor and Council after her review of the Carson Municipal Code.

Recommendation: DISCUSS and PROVIDE direction.

ACTION: It was moved to bring back a resolution to consider suspending the sale and use of safe and sane fireworks on motion of Hicks, seconded by Davis-Holmes and carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 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: Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles and Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton

Abstain: None

Absent: None

**Item No. 19. 2019-860 CONSIDER UPDATED DEAL POINTS BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF CARSON AND THE SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 8 OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY FOR THE USE OF 10.47 ACRE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 321 W. SEPULVEDA BLVD (APN: 7330-007-906) (CITY COUNCIL)**

Item No. 19 was heard after Item No. 13.

Director Naaseh gave a staff report.



Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:

1. APPROVE the Proposed Deal Terms.
2. AUTHORIZE and DIRECT staff to provide written notice to the Sanitation District to initiate the drafting and negotiation of the lease for formal approval at a future City Council and Sanitation District Board meeting.
3. AUTHORIZE and DIRECT staff to initiate an RFP process to solicit bids from third party vendors to build and operate a soccer facility on the site.

ACTION: It was moved to approve staff recommendations on motion of Robles, seconded by Hilton 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. 2020-293 STATUS OF LITIGATION BETWEEN THE CARSON RECLAMATION AUTHORITY AND CAM-CARSON, LLC (CITY COUNCIL)**

Item No. 20 was heard after Item No. 8.

City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani gave a PowerPoint presentation on the litigation between CAM-Carson, LLC, the Carson Reclamation Authority and City of Carson related to the development of the Los Angeles Premium Outlets.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles offered comments related to the premise of the lawsuit.

Recommendation: RECEIVE AND FILE.

ACTION: Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles ordered this item received and filed with no objection heard.

**Item No. 21. 2020-317 CONSIDER APPOINTMENTS TO THE CITY’S COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES AND BOARDS BY MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL (CITY COUNCIL)**

Item No. 21 was heard after Item No. 18.

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:  
1. CONSIDER and APPOINT, REAPPOINT or REMOVE members to the Commissions, Committees and Boards;  
2. DIRECT the City Clerk to notify all affected appointments, reappointments or removed members of this action; and  
3. IF APPLICABLE, DIRECT the City Clerk to post and publish in accordance with the Maddy Act.  
Or:  
1. TAKE another action the City Council deems appropriate.

ACTION: Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles encouraged City Council to submit their recommendations.

**Item No. 22. 2020-318 CONSIDERATION OF CITY COUNCIL SUB-COMMITTEES (CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation: 1. REAFFIRM, RE-DESIGNATE and/or DESIGNATE member assignments to the City Council Sub-Committees;  
2. CONSIDER the status of any City Council Sub-Committee;  
3. CONSIDER and CREATE any new City Council Sub-Committee or REACTIVATE any previous City Council Sub-Committee;  
4. DIRECT the City Clerk to notify all affected APPOINTMENTS, REAPPOINTMENTS or REMOVED members of this action.

ACTION: It was moved to create an Ad Hoc Legislative Lobbying committee to consist of Mayor Robles and Mayor Pro Tem Dear on motion of Robles, seconded by Davis-Holmes 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

It was moved to end the meeting at 12:00 A.M. on motion of Davis-Holmes, 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

**ORDINANCE SECOND READING: (None)**

**CLOSED SESSION: (Items 23-27)**

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

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

**RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION:**

The meeting was recessed at 10:44 P.M. by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles to Closed Session.

**RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION:**

The meeting was reconvened at 11:47 P.M. by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles with all members previously present.

**REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS**

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

**Item No. 23. 2020-302                    CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR (CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation:                    A closed session will be held, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8, to enable the City Council to consider negotiations with Robert Ferrante, Stan Pegadiotes, Ajay Malik, and Ray Tremblay of the County Sanitation District No. 8 of Los Angeles County, with whom the City is negotiating, and to give direction to its negotiators, Sharon Landers, City Manager, John Raymond, Assistant City Manager, and Saied Naaseh, Community Development Director, regarding that certain real property known as 321 W. Sepulveda Blvd (APN: 7330-007-906). The City's real property negotiator will seek direction from the City Council regarding the price and terms of payment for the property.

ACTION:            No reportable action was taken.

**Item No. 24. 2020-304                    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:  
Cam-Carson, LLC, A Delaware Limited Liability Company Vs. Carson Reclamation Authority, A California Joint Powers Authority, et al., Case No. 20STCV16461

ACTION:            No reportable action was taken.

**Item No. 25. 2020-319                    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:  
Watson Land Company v. City of Carson Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 19STCP01720

ACTION:            Item was continued to the next City Council meeting.

**Item No. 26. 2020-305                    CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation:                    A closed session will be held, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(2) or (d)(3) & (e)(1) because there is a significant exposure to litigation in 1 case.

ACTION:            No reportable action was taken.

**Item No. 27. 2020-315                    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 2 cases.

ACTION:            No reportable action was taken.

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

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

This item was heard after Item No. 22.

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

- Jose Herrera
- Jasmine Herrera
- Natalie Adepoju
- Ernestine Perry

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Davis-Holmes requested to add the father of Alex Arash to the memorial adjournment.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (COUNCIL MEMBERS)**

This item was heard after Item No. 19.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton wished his mother happy birthday.

Mayor and City Council wished City Manager Landers happy birthday.

**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 at 11:53 P.M. by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles.

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Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman  
Albert Robles

ATTEST:

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

APPROVED BY CARSON CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/ HOUSING AUTHORITY	
<u>06-16-2020</u>	
Approved as Submitted.	JD/AR 5/0