



## **CITY OF CARSON**

### **MINUTES CARSON CITY COUNCIL/ SUCCESSOR AGENCY/HOUSING AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING JULY 21, 2020 5:00 P.M.**

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:07 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:**

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **INVOCATION:**

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

## **INTRODUCTIONS**

**Item No. 1. 2020-478**

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

Captain Skeen spoke about protecting oneself from COVID-19 testing center scams such as dealing with contact tracing with testing results in which people are lured into giving up personal information. He announced there will be additional deployment of law enforcement at the Dignity Sports Park due to regional training. He reported that an incident occurred regarding an elderly who was found at a park by three teenagers who worked with law enforcement to assist the elderly and would like to virtually recognize the teenagers for their assistance. Mayor Robles offered comments and recognized Daniel Tortecias, Michael Barber, Allen Banueles, and Deputy Torres for their assistance and virtually presented them each with a Certificate of Recognition.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles noted that he would provide Captain Skeen the certificates. Captain Skeen also reported on an incident of a suspect who attacked a woman with Mayor Pro Tem Dear's assistance in relocating the suspect's whereabouts.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear reported on auto thefts occurring in the Marlboro Estates neighborhood next to Stevenson Village and requested assistance in locating a business owner's vehicle. Captain Skeen noted the increase of crimes since the Safer at Home orders have been lifted and stated he would follow up on the status regarding the loss of the constituent's vehicle.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear inquired if the newer vehicles (2018-2020) are less likely to be stolen because of security systems. Captain Skeen responded to his inquiry which depends on the type of criminal.

**Item No. 2. 2020-430**

### **A PRESENTATION ON THE TWO NEWLY OPENED HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS: VETERANS VILLAGE OF CARSON AND CARSON ARTS COLONY**

Director Naaseh gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Veterans Village of Carson development.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles congratulated all involved in this project noting the Grand Opening could not take place due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks spoke about the site and all the amenities.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear spoke about the attributes of the Veterans Village. He encouraged prospective business owners to open businesses in that area.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Davis-Holmes stated that Veterans Village is a small token of appreciation.

Director Naaseh gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Union South Bay Development.

Director Naaseh gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Carson Arts Colony development.

City Council Members asked questions and offered comments. Director Naaseh responded to the inquiries.

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

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

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

Denise Bothe, Planning Division - Website Public Comment Received July 10, 2020 – Item No. 12

Offered comments in support of city employees who are able to work from home be given the opportunity.

Robert Burg - Website Public Comment Received July 20, 2020 – Item No. 15

Offered comments for Council not to consider tax on truck and warehousing.

Matthew Doss, Director of Real Estate Cypress Land Company - Website Public Comment Received July 20, 2020 – Item No. 15

Offered comments for Council not to consider tax on truck and warehouse/industrial properties in Carson.

David A. Prior - Website Public Comment Received July 20, 2020 – Item No. 15

Offered comments for Council not to consider tax on industrial properties in Carson.

De'Andre Valencia, on behalf of the Los Angeles County Business Federation, BizFed; Sandy Sanchez, BizFed Chair, FivePoint; David Fleming, BizFed Founding Chair; Tracy Hernandez, BizFed Founding CEO, IMPOWER, Inc. – Email Received July 20, 2020 – Item No. 15

Offered comments for Council not to consider “Truck Intensive Business Tax”.

Vicente Jimenez - Website Email Received July 20, 2020 – Item No. 15

Offered comments for Council not to consider “Truck-intensive business license tax”.

Valerie George - Email and Website Email Received July 21, 2020 – Item No. 15

Offered comments in opposition to banning Safe and Sane Fireworks ballot measure.

The Carson Accountability and Transparency Board of Directors - Website Email Received July 21, 2020 – Item No. 15

Offered comments for Council not to consider “Truck Intensive Business Tax”.

Joyce M. Williams - Phone call message Received July 21, 2020 – Item No. 15

Offered comments in opposition of fireworks in the City of Carson.

Dorothy Gather - Phone call message - Received July 21, 2020 – Item No. 15

Offered comments in opposition to fireworks.

Marnie Primmer, Executive Director, FuturePorts - Website Email Received July 20, 2020 – Item No. 15

Offered comments for Council to not consider tax on trucking and warehousing.

Peter Herzog, Assistant Director of Legislative Affairs, NAIOP, the Commercial Real Estate Development Association - Website Email Received July 21, 2020 – Item No. 15

Offered comments for Council not to consider truck-intensive business license tax.

**List of Public Opposing “Truck Tax” – Website Email Received July 17-21, 2020 – Item No. 15**

- Richard Chang, Chamber of Commerce
- Christina Earle Carson Dominguez Employers Alliance
- Sandy Cajas President/CEO Regional Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
- Cesar Aragon
- Gerardo Recinos
- Stephan Schwarzl CFO Jerich USA, Inc.
- Tami Lorenzen-Fanselow President Price Transfer, Inc. Board Member, Carson Chamber of Commerce
- Ronald Rentfrow
- Patrick G. Farenga Chief Financial Officer FCL Logistics, LTD Member, Carson Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Committee
- Robert Gutierrez President & CEO California Taxpayers Association
- Robert Burg
- Mario Silva
- William Peratt President, Damco Distribution Services Inc.
- Matthew Doss Director of Real Estate Cypress Land Company
- Doug Morgante Vice President - U.S. Government Relations Maersk
- Georgeann Dumkrieger
- Marla Schultz
- Rayner
- Jacquelyn Bedford
- Marlene Velazquez
- John Romias, Jr
- Cindy Villavicenico
- Caroline Martin
- Ralph Carrillo
- Mario Ponce
- Douglas Antonio Novoa Gonzalez
- Ali Alvarez
- Irma Stafford Bowman
- Michael Briggs

**Similar Website Emails from Residents and Businesses Opposing “Truck Tax” - Received July 17-21, 2020 – Item No. 15**

Urged the City Council to reject the truck incentive business license tax on Carson-based employers and businesses.

Duane Gough, Carson resident - Email Received July 21, 2020 – Item No. 15

Offered comments in support of the ban of all fireworks in the City of Carson.

Dominic and Lulu Piazza - Email Received July 21, 2020 – Item No. 15

Offered comments to ban all fireworks in the City of Carson.

Antonio - Website Email Received July 21, 2020 – Non-Agenda/Item No. 15

Offered comments in support of prohibiting the sale and discharge of all fireworks (legal/illegal) in the City of Carson; and offered comments in opposition for Council to consider ballot measures to increase the sales tax and truck tax.

Vivian Hatcher - Website Public Comment Received July 18, 2020 – Item Nos. 15/16

Item 15:

Item No. 15 - Offered comments for Council to ban all fireworks in Carson.

Item No. 16 – Offered comments in opposition to efforts and votes to change the current method of voting (at large) to the district format.

Jaime Monteclaro - Email Received July 21, 2020 – Item Nos. 15/16

Urged the Mayor and the Council not to proceed with the first reading of Ordinance No. 20-2008 that will change At-Large Election to By-District Election

Mike Brumbelow, Carson resident - Email Received July 17, 2020 – Item No. 16

Offered comments in opposition of By-District elections.

Leandrea Fields-Robinson - Email Received July 18, 2020 – Item No. 16

Offered comments in opposition of District elections.

Harry Wilson, Carson resident - Website Email Received July 18, 2020 – Item No. 16

Urged Council to stay At-Large versus By-District Elections.

Amanda Dowis, Carson resident - Website Email Received July 19, 2020 – Item No. 16

Offered comments to still be able to vote At-Large rather than dividing the districts.

Robert Lesley - Public Comment Received July 21, 2020 – Item No. 16

Read letter in opposition to the item.

**Districting – Opposed - Phone Calls Received July 20-21, 2020 – Item No. 16**

- Jean Young, Resident: Against districting
- Juanita Looney: Opposed to Item No. 16. 2020-518 Introduction of Ordinance No. 20-2008 Establishing By-District Elections for City Council
- Mary Patton: Opposed to City transition to district based elections. Urged City Council to vote No.

- Jewel Jones: Opposed to City of Carson becoming a district city and opposed to fireworks
- Ricardo Gonzales: Vote no on district election
- Glenda Dixon: Against the districting of Carson.
- Denia Ferguson: Against Districting
- Vivian Hatcher: Opposed to changing from at large to district voting; encouraged Council Members to vote and fight against the lawsuit.
- Carol Brown: Opposed to Item No. 16. 2020-518 Introduction of Ordinance No. 20-2008 Establishing By-District Elections for City Council
- Linda and Harvey Johnson: Opposed to Item No. 16. 2020-518 Introduction of Ordinance No. 20-2008 Establishing By-District Elections for City Council
- Barry Simpson: Opposed Agenda Item No. 16
- Hattie Mae Jones, Carson resident, Opposed to Item No. 16.
- Yi Booker and son Peter Booker: Opposed to Item No. 16. 2020-518 Introduction of Ordinance No. 20-2008 Establishing By-District Elections for City Council
- Gloria Westbrook: Opposed to Item No. 16. 2020-518 Introduction of Ordinance No. 20-2008 Establishing By-District Elections for City Council
- Claudia and Jessie Hawkins: Opposed to dividing the city into districts.
- Opal Jones: Opposed to the district plan because it racially divides the City of Carson and elections would be unfair.
- Beverly: Opposed to Districting
- Vanessa: Opposed to redistricting.
- Shirley Willis: Disapproval of Districting
- Joyce M. Williams, Carson resident: Item No. 16 – Opposed to item; remain at-large.
- Eunice Dotson: Opposed to Item No. 16. 2020-518 Introduction of Ordinance No. 20-2008 Establishing By-District Elections for City Council
- Dorothy Gather: Opposed to district elections.
- Danny Smith: Item No. 16. Opposed to district elections.
- Mary Ann DuPree: Opposed to district elections.
- Precious Carter: Opposed to Item No. 16. 2020-518 Introduction of Ordinance No. 20-2008 Establishing By-District Elections for City Council
- Mabel Chatman: Opposed to redistricting. It is not going to be fair, we have not investigated it enough.
- Amelia Johnson: Opposed to district elections and remain at-large.
- Drea Robinson: Opposed to district elections.
- Eleanor Mack: Opposed to Item No. 16. 2020-518 Introduction of Ordinance No. 20-2008 Establishing By-District Elections for City Council
- Veronica Johnson: Opposed to district elections.
- Patricia Patterson: Opposed to district elections.
- William Cowens, Carson resident: Opposed to District Elections
- Marvin Johnson, Jr., resident: Oppose the division of Carson in upcoming elections
- Ezeo Waters: I oppose the district division.
- Candace Chandler : opposed to Item No. 16. 2020-518 Introduction of Ordinance No. 20-2008 Establishing By-District Elections for City Council
- Eric Green: opposed to district elections.
- Maxine Kemp: Opposed to redistricting.
- Resident: opposed to Item No. 16. 2020-518 Introduction of Ordinance No. 20-2008 Establishing By-District Elections for City Council
- Jacqueline Howe: Opposed to district elections.
- Mr. and Mrs. Hu: Opposed to Districting.

- Kay Boyd, Centerview: Opposed to districting.
- Wilhelmina Dunn: Would like elections to remain at-large and opposed to districting.
- Dianne Thomas: Opposed to district elections; support at-large voting.
- Joan Oliver-Bonner: Opposed to district elections.
- Arlene Shelby: Opposed to district voting.
- Dana Brown: Opposed to By-District Elections; remain At-Large Election City for election of City Council Members.
- Alex Rodas, Carson resident, opposed to Item No. 16; remain vote at-large.
- Annie Porter: Oppose Districting
- Dennis Lauderdale: Oppose District Voting; Keep At-Large Elections
- Richard Barber: Support At-Large voting

It was moved to add Lula Davis-Holmes' statement that she previously provided to the City Clerk, Mayor and Council Members for public comment on motion of Davis-Holmes, seconded by Hicks.

During discussion of the motion, Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles noted that Lula Davis-Holmes' comment is unprecedented and not proper.

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

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks inquired how public comments from Council Members who speak as a resident should be handled moving forward.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles stated that public comments can be made directly from the Council Member as in the past.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear gave a public comment regarding a food distribution project in Carson that he chaired and organized and thanked the sponsors and volunteers.

Upon request, City Clerk/Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary Gause-Aldana displayed Council Member Davis-Holmes' survey regarding the use of fireworks in the City and offered comments.

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

### Dean Jones, Carson resident - Email Received July 17, 2020

Noted there are many businesses doing their best to remain viable, however, there are some businesses in the City who stand out worthy of positive recognition such as the 99¢ Only Store on Avalon and University. The store has been exemplary during the pandemic with well stocked shelves, fresh food items, consistent customer hours, and very courteous service to the northern part of town.

### Mary Newman, Carson resident - Website Email Received July 21, 2020

Expressed concern she read about Human Resources Director Faye Mosley's actions regarding the city paying for the flight and hotel accommodations for a job applicant rank and file position with the approval of the City Manager. Inquired if Human Resources Director Faye Moseley and

City Manager Sharon Landers realize they were involved in gifting public funds which is illegal? What is more concerning is the applicant who benefited from this gifting of funds, Mr. Darryl Bell, has a very troubled work history from making questionable payments to city vendors, lying on his resume and being terminated by his former city employer for performance problems. Inquired why Mr. Bell was considered and offered the position. She requested the matter be addressed and inform the citizens of Carson the actions taken and the gifted funds be returned to the City of Carson.

Liz Foisia - Email Received July 21, 2020

Offered her tribute to civil rights icon, the late Honorable Congressman John Lewis. May his soul rest in peace.

Carla Coho, Carson citizen - Website Email Received July 21, 2020

Expressed concern regarding the City's hiring practices of potential job candidates when the city is and has been in a deficit. Will the Human Resources Director and City Manager be held accountable? Inquired how this will be prevented in the future.

Kim Cortado - Website Email Received July 21, 2020

Commended Christina Herrera, the Director of Carson Park and her staff on a job well done regarding an incident at the park; commended the Public Works Department for a great job keeping the parks safe, clean and green; inquired about the status of the field lights.

**Anonymous Comments**

Website Public Comment Received July 16, 2020 – Item No. 12

Inquired about the status of her COVID-19 test results since July 2, 2020 and what is the City doing to assist with individuals to receive an update from US Health Fairs.

Website Public Comment Received July 10, 2020 – Item No. 12

Expressed her frustration with the lack of responsibility to protect the public from the recent COVID-19 outbreak at City Hall. She conducted business in City Hall within the last few days and is concerned that she might have caught the virus herself. The public should have been immediately informed of the five people at City Hall who tested positive.

Concerned community resident - Email Received July 10, 2020 – Item No. 12

Stated they were informed that almost five people have been infected with COVID-19 at City Hall. Requested action to notify the public.

Email Received July 10, 2020 – Item No. 12

Expressed frustration with the lack of responsibility from the City Council to inform its employees and the public of the five recent positive cases of COVID-19 in City Hall.

Public Comment Box Received July 21, 2020 – Item No. 12

Viewed the Emergency City Council Meeting held on July 10, 2020 and was shocked to see that City Manager Sharon Landers had no plan prepared to take quick action against the spread of COVID-19 at City Hall and other city facilities.

Website Public Comment Received July 17, 2020 – Item No. 15

Another anti-business tax increase, which merely gets passed on to the consumer and the



residents. Which increases the cost of living and cost of doing business that results in residents/businesses exiting the City and State.

The Pacific Merchant Shipping Association - Website Public Comment Received July 20, 2020 – Item No. 15

Urged the City Council to oppose the consideration of a truck intensive business license tax for the November ballot.

Website Public Comment Received July 21, 2020 – Item No. 15

Businesses are under relentless cost pressures and this is not the time to be increasing fixed cost, which increase the probability of losing jobs through layoffs.

Website Public Comment Received July 21, 2020 – Item No. 15

Offered comments in opposition to Council pursuing a "truck tax" in Carson.

Website Public Comment Received July 21, 2020 – Item No. 15

Offered comments to prohibit all fireworks within the City and opposed to all proposed taxes.

Website Public Comment Received July 18, 2020 – Item No. 16

Offered comments in opposition of the City going to a District.

Website Public Comment Received July 21, 2020 – Item No. 16

Offered comments in opposition to By-District Elections.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles announced that there will be two Press Releases regarding the partnership with Bite Cares for Carson residents and Carson employees who will be eligible for free tele-dentistry examinations and discount services to assist with dental needs and the partnership with Good RX which will provide supplemental prescription discount services to Carson residents and Carson employees.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Item No. 4. 2020-512                      APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 16 CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL 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 5-11)**

City Manager Landers requested a subsequent need item to purchase a new HVAC system and air filtration systems in City Hall, Community Center and throughout the City.

It was moved to add Item No. 17A for discussion to the agenda as described by City Manager Landers on motion of Robles, seconded by Dear.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear inquired about the need for urgency. City Manager Landers addressed his 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

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

City Manager Landers requested to continue Item No. 10 to a future Council meeting when staff is ready to present to the Council.

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

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

The motion to approve Consent Items 5-11, except Items No. 8 and 10, 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. 5. 2020-501                    CONSIDER MONTHLY INVESTMENT AND CASH REPORT FOR THE CITY OF CARSON, CARSON HOUSING AUTHORITY, CARSON SUCCESSOR AGENCY-MONTH ENDING JUNE 30, 2020**

Recommendation: RECEIVE and FILE.

ACTION: Item No. 5 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 6. 2020-505**                    **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT IN THE MATTER OF JANNA LEE V. CITY OF CARSON, ET AL., LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT CASE NO. 19STCV42200 (CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:

1. Approve the settlement agreement (Exhibit 1).
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute the settlement agreement, and any related documents, to resolve the litigation.

ACTION: Item No. 6 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 7. 2020-494**                    **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CIGNA POLICY RENEWALS TO PROVIDE GROUP LIFE AND AD&D, VOLUNTARY LIFE, SHORT TERM DISABILITY AND LONG TERM DISABILITY BENEFITS TO CITY EMPLOYEES AND RENEWAL OF EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CITY COUNCIL)**

- Recommendation:
1. APPROVE renewal of CIGNA policies for Group Life and AD&D Insurance, Voluntary Life, Short Term Disability and Long Term Disability benefits for an additional thirty-six months with guaranteed rates equal to the current rates paid by City, with the exception Basic Life and Short Term Disability which rates will be reduced for that period.
  2. APPROVE renewal of CIGNA Employee Assistance Program (EAP) with a rate pass effective for twenty-four months.
  3. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to sign all documents that are necessary to effectuate the renewal of the policies.

ACTION: Item No. 7 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 8. 2020-497**                    **APPROVE CONTRACT AMENDMENT NO. 1 FOR INTERWEST CONSULTING FOR PUBLIC WORKS/COMMUNITY SERVICES/PARKS & RECREATION CONSULTING SERVICES (CITY COUNCIL)**

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton inquired about the reason for the increase in the contract amount.

City Manager Landers noted the contract is for two separate scopes of work. She gave a staff report.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks inquired about the difference of contract amounts in the staff report. City Manager Landers responded to his inquiry.

Recommendation: 1. APPROVE Amendment No. 1 to the Interwest Consulting Group, Inc. contract extending the term to November 14, 2020 and increasing the contract sum by \$65,001 for a sum of \$90,000.  
2. AUTHORIZE additional professional services that may be required by the City in the future. The services will be provided by the Consultant on an hourly basis based upon the attached billing rate schedule, requested by the City on a task by task basis. The Consultant will provide a written scope of services, estimate of hours and associated rates to the City. Once accepted by the City, the City's Contract Manager will provide a notice to proceed in writing to the Consultant, not to exceed \$25,000, for a total sum of \$115,000.  
3. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 1 to the Interwest Consulting Group, Inc. contract after approval as to form by the City Attorney.

ACTION: It was moved to approve staff recommendation on motion of Robles, seconded by Dear.

During discussion of the motion, Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear inquired about repairs to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Street and drainage issue on 186<sup>th</sup> Street. City Manager Landers responded to his inquiries.

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. 9. 2020-499                    CONSIDER APPROVAL OF TRANSFER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT AND THE CITY OF CARSON, AGREEMENT NO. 2020MP14, SAFE, CLEAN WATER PROGRAM - MUNICIPAL PROGRAM (CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation: 1. APPROVE the "Transfer Agreement between the Los Angeles County Flood Control District and [the City of] Carson, Agreement No. 2020MP14, Safe, Clean Water Program - Municipal Program" (Exhibit No. 1); and  
2. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute the Transfer Agreement following approval as to form by the City Attorney.

ACTION: Item No. 9 was approved on Consent.

**Item No. 10. 2020-515**

**CONSIDER AWARD OF A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO RJ NOBLE COMPANY FOR PROJECT NO. 1393-3: CITYWIDE ANNUAL OVERLAY PROGRAM AND PROJECT NO. 1411-3: CITYWIDE ANNUAL CONCRETE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM (CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:

1. AWARD a Construction Contract to RJ Noble Company, the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for Project No. 1393-3: Citywide Annual Overlay Program, and Project No. 1411-3: Citywide Annual Concrete Replacement Program, in the amount of \$1,479,975.00, subject to Project Labor Agreement.
2. AUTHORIZE the expenditure of construction contingencies in the amount of \$221,996.25 (15%) for any unforeseen construction work such as substructure conflicts, contaminated soil removal and disposal, material testing, and other work that may be necessary to complete this project.
3. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute a Construction Contract with RJ Noble Company, following approval as to form by the City Attorney.

ACTION: Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles continued Item No. 10 to a future agenda with no objection heard.

**Item No. 11. 2020-516**

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES, AND AWARD OF A CONSTRUCTION AND MATERIALS PURCHASE CONTRACT FOR RUBBERIZED SLURRY SEAL PROJECT NO. 1413-3: CITYWIDE ANNUAL RUBBERIZED SLURRY SEAL PROGRAM (CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:

1. APPROVE the plans, specifications and estimates, location map, location list, and order the work for Project No. 1413-3: Citywide Annual Rubberized Slurry Seal Program.
2. MAKE the finding that the proposed Citywide Annual Rubberized Slurry Seal Program is categorically exempt pursuant to Section 15301, 15301(c), and 15301(d) of the California Environmental Quality Act guidelines.
3. AUTHORIZE staff to record the "Notice of Exemption" in the office of the Los Angeles County Clerk for the Citywide Annual Rubberized Slurry Seal Program.
4. WAIVE the formal bid process defined by the Carson Municipal Code, Section 2611, as allowed by Section 2611(f).
5. AUTHORIZE the City of Carson to piggyback on a competitively bid contract between the City of Los Angeles and Petrochem Materials Innovations, LLC.

6. Award a Construction and Materials Purchase Contract to Petrochem Materials Innovations, LLC, in the amount of \$639,146.62 for the Citywide Annual Rubberized Slurry Seal Program (Exhibit No. 3).
7. AUTHORIZE the expenditure of construction contingences in the amount of \$63,914.66 (10%) for any unforeseen construction work such as material testing, and other work that may be necessary to complete this project.
8. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute the Construction and Materials Purchase Contract following approval as to form by the City Attorney.

ACTION: Item No. 11 was approved on Consent.

**SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY: (None)**

**DISCUSSION: (Items 12-17)**

**Item No. 12. 2020-504 COVID-19 UPDATE (CITY COUNCIL)**

Dr. Babaie gave an update on COVID-19 Testing provided by US HealthFairs.org. In addition, she briefed the Council on tests provided to city employees.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles spoke about the partnership with US HealthFairs.org and how valuable the partnership has been for the residents.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton inquired about the lab US HealthFairs.org is partnering with.

Discussion ensued between Dr. Babaie and Solomon of US HealthFairs.org regarding residents receiving their test results via email.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear asked questions related to information required to make a reservation for a test. Solomon addressed his concern. Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear concluded recommending that the social security number be removed from the questionnaire.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Davis-Holmes noted that she shared the same concern of Mayor Pro Tem Dear. If US HealthFairs.org eliminates the social security number requirement, she will be inclined to get tested.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton noted the process and information needed for Los Angeles County testing sites.

Discussion ensued between Dr. Babaie and City Council regarding residents having to provide their personal information to be tested.

City Manager Landers gave a PowerPoint presentation on COVID-19 Trends.

City Clerk/Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary Gause-Aldana gave summary of actions of the Disaster Council. Both actions taken by Disaster Council were ratified by the City Council with no objection heard.

Tim Grierson, Recreation Superintendent, gave a PowerPoint presentation on Recreation and Human Services COVID-19 Summer Park and Pool Updates.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Davis-Holmes inquired how many are involved with the Aquatics Program. Recreation Superintendent Grierson stated he would provide an update to the City Manager.

City Manager Landers gave a PowerPoint presentation on procedures set in place for employee safety.

Pam Lee, Deputy City Attorney, explained the slides related to types of exposure to COVID-19.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks inquired about personal protective equipment (PPE) enhancements (i.e., face shields). City Manager Landers noted the city received donations from the South Bay Council of Government and staff will be distributing them in the near future. He read procedures required while attending the parks.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Davis-Holmes recommended that billboards placed at the park be sturdy and weather resistant.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton inquired about protocols in place in parallel to Los Angeles County with respect to restaurants and personal service businesses (i.e., nail salons, hair salons).

Staff addressed his question.

Recommendation: DISCUSS and PROVIDE direction.

ACTION: Actions taken by the Disaster Council was ratified by the City Council with no objection heard.

**Item No. 13. 2020-508 APPROVAL OF A TRANSFER STATION IMPROVEMENTS AND OPERATIONS AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND USA WASTE OF CALIFORNIA ("OPERATIONS AGREEMENT") FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECT IMPROVEMENTS, BEAUTIFICATION AND OPERATIONAL STANDARDS AT THE WASTE MANAGEMENT TRANSFER STATION AT FRANCISCO AND MAIN STREET (CITY COUNCIL)**

Item No. 13 was heard after Item No. 15.

City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani gave a staff report regarding the specifics of the agreement terms.

Director Naaseh gave a staff report on the site improvement plan.

Recommendation: TAKE the following Actions:

- 1.FIND that the Operations Agreement is exempt from the California Environmental Quality ("CEQA") pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 and Section 15060(c)(2).
2. APPROVE the Operations Agreement attached hereto at Exhibit 1.
3. AUTHORIZE Mayor to execute the Operations Agreement upon approval as to form by the City Attorney.

ACTION: It was moved to approve staff recommendations 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. 14. 2020-492 CONSIDER AND PROVIDE DIRECTION ON COMPLAINTS FROM INCREASED AIRCRAFT NOISE FROM LONG BEACH AIRPORT (CITY COUNCIL)**

City Manager Landers gave a staff report requesting City Council to give direction to research the cause of aircraft complaints.

Director Naaseh encouraged residents to contact the Federal Aviation Administration at 562-570-2665 to make official complaints which will start the ball rolling in establishing a nuisance.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks spoke about the need to partner with residents, Congresswoman Nanette Barragan and others to address the needs of the city.

Recommendation: TAKE the following action:

PROVIDE DIRECTION to staff to research the cause of aircraft noise complaints from Carson residents, identify effective mitigation measures to lessen the noise impacts on Carson residents, including seeking funding to measure aircraft noise and implementing the mitigation measures such as acoustic insulation of the homes in Carson.

ACTION: Direction was provided for staff to research.



**Item No. 15. 2020-503**

**CONSIDER PLACING ONE OR MORE MEASURES ON THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020 REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION (CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation:

TAKE the following actions:

1. DISCUSS and PROVIDE DIRECTION to staff on whether to submit a ballot measure for consideration to the voters to prohibit the sale and discharge of all fireworks in the City of Carson including the ban of safe and sane fireworks.
  
2. A. DISCUSS and PROVIDE DIRECTION to staff on whether to submit a general transactions and use tax (commonly known as a "sales tax") in the amount of 0.75% to the voters at the November 3, 2020, Regular Municipal Election.

OR

- B. Alternatively, DISCUSS and PROVIDE DIRECTION to staff on whether to submit a "blocking" sales tax measure (as described below) protecting up to 0.75% to the voters at the November 3, 2020, Regular Municipal Election.
  
3. DISCUSS and PROVIDE DIRECTION to staff on whether to submit a truck-intensive business license tax to the voters at the November 3, 2020, Regular Municipal Election and in what amount.
  
4. DISCUSS and PROVIDE DIRECTION to staff on whether to submit a Transient Occupancy Tax in the amount of 3% to the voters at the November 3, 2020, Regular Municipal Election and in what amount.
  
5. DISCUSS and PROVIDE DIRECTION to the City Attorney and the City Manager to prepare the appropriate materials for one or more ballot measures to be considered by the City Council for placement on the November 3, 2020 Regular Municipal Election.

**ACTION:** It was moved to only address the Transient Occupancy Tax and Sales tax on motion of Davis-Holmes, seconded by Hicks.

Substitute Motion

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear offered a substitute motion to support staff recommendation 2B. and staff recommendation no. 4, seconded by Hicks.

Discussion ensued about the motion on the floor.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles directed staff to prepare the necessary paperwork and bring back to City Council on August 4, 2020.

Vote on Substitute Motion

The substitute 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

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Davis-Holmes recommended the city schedule meetings with the logistics industry to discuss a plan of action for the city's infrastructure.

City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani noted the development impact fees and Community Facilities District mechanisms in place.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles spoke about the cannabis tax measure that places the city in a competitive advantage to the cities of Los Angeles and Long Beach in hopes of generating money for the city.

Motion

It was moved to present to the voters a cannabis tax measure that makes the city more competitive than the City of Los Angeles and City of Long Beach with respect to their cannabis taxes (recreational and medical) to generate money for the city on motion of Robles, seconded by Dear.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear clarified the motion explaining the validity to the competitive argument raised by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles noted that the sale of cannabis is legal in the state of California. There are residents in Carson that patronize cannabis businesses in surrounding communities because they allow for legal sale.

Vote on Motion

The motion fails for lack of majority by the following vote:

- Ayes: Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles
- Noes: 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
- Abstain: None

Absent: None

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles discussed the need for a medical dispensary. Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear noted he is not opposed to posing a question to the voters. He is only supporting two ballot measures to which he has already approved the tax measures.

It was moved to place a ballot measure for cannabis medical and recreational dispensaries on motion of Robles which died for lack of a second.

It was moved to direct staff to place a ballot measure to ban the use of fireworks in the City of Carson (staff recommendation no. 1) on motion of Davis-Holmes, seconded by Robles and carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles, 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: Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton noted that whoever writes the ballot measure question to differentiate between illegal fireworks and safe and sane fireworks.

**Item No. 16. 2020-518 INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 20-2008 ESTABLISHING BY-DISTRICT ELECTIONS FOR CITY COUNCIL**

City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani and Assistant City Manager Raymond gave a presentation.

Discussion ensued between the Mayor and City Council about district-based voting and arguments raised in the California Voting Rights Act (CVRA) Lawsuit.

It was moved to continue the meeting to 1:00 A.M. on Wednesday, July 22, 2020, 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

Recommendation: Discuss and then consider for INTRODUCTION for first reading by title only and with further reading waived, Ordinance No. 20-2008, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Carson to change the Municipal Elections with respect to Councilmembers only from an At-Large Elections to By-District Elections by adding Section 2155 (By-District Elections) to Chapter 1.5 (General Municipal Elections) of Article II (Administration) of the Carson Municipal Code Establishing District Elections, Defining District Boundaries, and Scheduling District Elections.

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 and Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

**Item No. 17. 2020-502                    CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 20-030 AMENDING THE CLASSIFICATION PLAN, RESOLUTION NO. 77-111, BY ADOPTING NEW JOB CLASSIFICATION SPECIFICATION FOR SANITATION PROGRAM AIDE (CITY COUNCIL)**

This item was heard after the Closed Session Report.

Recommendation: Assuming that the City walks on the floor an agreed upon job spec with AFSCME Local 809; WAIVE further reading and APPROVE Resolution No. 20-030, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE CLASSIFICATION PLAN, RESOLUTION 77-111, BY ADOPTING NEW JOB CLASSIFICATION SPECIFICATION FOR THE SANITATION PROGRAM AIDE OR THE AGREED UPON JOB SPEC THAT WAS WALKED ON THE FLOOR."

ACTION: Director Moseley reported she will be moving forward with impasse procedures.

**Item No. 17A.                            DISCUSS PROCUREMENT OPTIONS TO ADDRESS THE INDOOR AIR QUALITY WITHIN CITY FACILITIES**

Item No. 17A. was heard after Item No. 14.

City Manager Landers gave a staff report on the need to move urgently on this item.

Terry Rodriguez of Interwest offered additional information on the proposed procurement options and need for a new citywide air infiltration system.

Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear inquired about the enhanced electrical requirements and if they will be incorporated in the contract.

Terry Rodriguez noted that he is aware of the requirement and will ensure Trane Technologies is aware of the local policy.

Recommendation: Authorize staff to utilize emergency procurement procedures as outlined in the California Public Contract Code Sections 22050 and 22035 to improve indoor outdoor air quality specifically, Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC)

ACTION: It was moved to approve staff recommendation 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

**ORDINANCE SECOND READING: (None)**

**CLOSED SESSION (Items 18-19)**

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

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

**RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION**

The meeting was recessed at 12:26 A.M. on Wednesday, July 22, 2020, by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles to Closed Session.

**RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

The meeting was reconvened at 1:00 A.M. on Wednesday, July 22, 2020, by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Robles with Robles absent.

**REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS**

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

**Item No. 18. 2020-498 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR (CITY COUNCIL)**

Recommendation: A closed session will be held, pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6, with Sharon Landers, City Manager and Faye Moseley, Director of Human Resources & Risk Management, its negotiators(s), regarding labor negotiations with AFSCME Local 809, AFSCME Local 1017, CPSA and AME.

ACTION: No reportable action was taken.

**Item No. 19. 2020-513                    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 three cases.

ACTION: No reportable action was taken.

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

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (COUNCIL MEMBERS)**

This item was heard after Item No. 17A.

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

- Lavonne “Bonnie” Fahie
- Wijendra Dalpathado
- Tiny Cook
- Ebbie Rhone, Jr.
- Jerry Ford
- Napoleon Neal
- Congressman John Lewis

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hilton requested to add Alicia Hill to the Memorial Adjournment Requests.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks announced the Country Time Lemonade Bailout Grant to young entrepreneurs who operated lemonade stands.

**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 1:03 A.M. on Wednesday, July 22, 2020 by Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Dear.

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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

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Approved as Submitted.	JD/JH 4/0