

#### **CITY OF CARSON**

#### MINUTES CARSON CITY COUNCIL/ SUCCESSOR AGENCY/HOUSING AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 20, 2022 5:00 P.M.

### CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 P.M. by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Lula Davis-Holmes via Zoom teleconference.

## ROLL CALL:

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

## Council Members/Agency Members/Authority Board Members Present via Zoom teleconference:

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Lula Davis-Holmes, Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Jawane Hilton, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Jim Dear, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Search Member Cedric Hicks, and Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Arleen Rojas

#### Also Present via Zoom teleconference:

Monica Cooper, City/Agency/Authority Treasurer; David C. Roberts, Jr., City Manager; Sunny Soltani, City/Agency/Authority Attorney; John Raymond, Assistant City Manager; Robert Lennox, Assistant City Manager; Tarik Rahmani, Deputy City Manager; Saied Naaseh, Director of Community Development; Michael Whittiker, Jr., Director of Community Services; Eliza Jane Whitman, Director of Public Works; and Crystal Williams, Director of Human Resources

## FLAG SALUTE:

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

#### INVOCATION

## Item No. 1. 2022-400 PASTOR NATHANIEL SESSION OF ENLIGHTEN MINISTRY BIKER CHURCH

Pastor Nathaniel Session gave the invocation.

## **CLOSED SESSION (Items 2 to 5)**

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

## ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS (CITY ATTORNEY)

City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani requested the City Council to add a subsequent need item of a matter that came to her attention after the posting of the agenda and cannot wait until the next City Council meeting to take the matter up pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) or (d)(3) and (e)(1), because there is a significant exposure to litigation in one case.

It was moved to add the subsequent need item as requested by City Attorney Soltani as Item No. 4B on motion of Dear, seconded by Hicks and unanimously carried by the following vote:

 Ayes:
 Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes, Mayor Pro

 Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Hilton, Council

 Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear, Council Member/Agency

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

 Member/Authority Board Member Rojas

 Noes:
 None

 Abstain:
 None

Absent: None

## **RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION:**

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

#### **RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION:**

The meeting was reconvened at 6:11 P.M. by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes with all members previously noted present.

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

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

## Item No. 2. 2022-778 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EMPLOYMENT PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (CITY COUNCIL)

Recommendation: A closed session will be held, pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 (b) & (b)(1) to conduct an employment performance evaluation for the position of City Manager.

ACTION: No reportable action was taken.

## Item No. 3. 2022-785 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 titles of such litigation are as follows: Cam-Carson, LLC v. Carson Reclamation Authority, City of Carson and Successor Agency to the Carson Redevelopment Agency, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV16461 and Cam-Carson, LLC v. City of Carson and Successor Agency to the Carson Redevelopment Agency, Second District Court of Appeal Case No. B312729.

ACTION: The City Council authorized the filing of a writ to the Supreme Court.

# Item No. 4. 2022-795 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (CITY COUNCIL)

- Recommendation: A closed session will be held, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) or (d)(3) and (e)(1), because there is a significant exposure to litigation in one case.
- ACTION: No reportable action was taken.

# Item No. 4B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (CITY COUNCIL)

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

ACTION: The City Council authorized a settlement in the subsequent need item. The City Attorney will bring back the Settlement Agreement for finalization.

# Item No. 5. 2022-796 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 titles of such litigation are as follows: Lori Kendall v. City of Carson, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV48765.

ACTION: A settlement was authorized and the plaintiff has already filed a unilateral release against the City and a copy of the release will be available in the City Clerk's Office for public inspection.

## INTRODUCTIONS (MAYOR)

## Item No. 6. 2022-637 REPORT FROM CAPTAIN JONES OF CARSON SHERIFF'S STATION

Captain Jones reported/announced the following:

- Participated and attended town hall meetings last week at Foisia Park and Veterans Park
- He and his team met with the Uptown Community Town Hall Homeowners Association, new town hall across from California State University Dominguez Hills
- Will join the Human Relations Commission meeting tomorrow
- Block Captains Drive-Thru on October 1, 2022
- Smoke coming from Victoria Park which was from a brush fire and no structures were in danger

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes requested Captain Jones to reach out to Barbara Post who has some concerns from the Carousel Tract.

Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Hilton requested he would like to connect with the Uptown Community Town Hall Homeowners Association to build a relationship with them as Captain Jones mentioned. Captain Jones noted he would share information with him and the Mayor as requested.

## PRESENTATIONS

### Item No. 7. 2022-791 INFORMATIONAL UPDATE FROM THE GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT (CITY COUNCIL)

Mary-Joy Coburn, Director of Communications, gave a PowerPoint presentation on Mosquitoes in Carson: What you need to know.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes invited Mary-Joy Coburn to the Jazz Festival on October 1, 2022 to set up a booth to provide information to the residents.

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

City Clerk/Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary, Dr. Bradshaw noted there were no written communications received for agendized items. She presented the written communications received for non-agendized items as follows:

#### Georgia Brown - via email

Reported continuously the outside main entrance of the 24-Hour Fitness Center remains deplorable and potentially unhealthy. She conferred with the facility personnel and have made considerable effort to clean to the best of their ability; submitted a petition with more than 20 member signatures who agree on the seriousness of the issue and request the status of the matter. She also noted the Crown Drug Store area is extremely unsanitary.

#### <u>Irma Bowman – via email</u>

Referred to the Substandard Street Repair done in the community which takes away from the beauty of the neighborhood and value of the property; take pride in our property and expect the City officials to look out for the beautification of the city. Please properly pave the streets with pride and dignity. Provided photos for the city's review.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes noted the Public Works Department

already reached out to the Bowman's.

### Nondice Mason – via email

Referred to the sale and use of fireworks which there is no fireworks ban in the City; referred to the past Fourth of July holiday which sounded like a war zone set off with illegal fireworks a few weeks before and after the holiday. Unfortunately, the fireworks ban was not included in the November 8, 2022 ballot; the City Council has the authority to stop the use of fireworks in the City; asked the City Council to vote to make the use of fireworks in the City illegal again and help restore the city to some form of normalcy during the month of July.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes requested Nondice Mason's contact information.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

### Item No. 8. 2022-585 APPROVAL OF THE JULY 5, 2022 CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/HOUSING AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Recommendation: Approve the minutes as listed.

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

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

## CONSENT: (Items 9 to 22)

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes requested to remove Items No. 17 and 20 for discussion.

It was moved to approve Consent Items No. 9-22, except Items No. 17 and 20, on motion of Hilton, seconded by Dear and unanimously carried by the following vote:

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

Item No. 9. 2022-788 CONSIDER MONTHLY INVESTMENT AND CASH REPORT FOR THE CITY OF CARSON, CARSON HOUSING AUTHORITY, CARSON SUCCESSOR AGENCY-MONTH ENDING AUGUST 31, 2022

- Recommendation: RECEIVE and FILE.
- ACTION: Item No. 9 was approved on Consent.
- Item No. 10. 2022-773 Resolution No. 22-196, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON RATIFYING CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,450,445.71, DEMAND CHECK NUMBERS 164123 THROUGH 164292
- ACTION: Item No. 10 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 11. 2022-774 Resolution No. 22-10-CHA, A RESOLUTION OF THE CARSON HOUSING AUTHORITY RATIFYING CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,512.25, DEMAND CHECK NUMBERS HA-001915 through HA-001917

ACTION: Item No. 11 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 12. 2022-775 Resolution No. 22-09-CSA, A RESOLUTION OF THE CARSON SUCCESSOR AGENCY RATIFYING CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,769.05, DEMAND CHECK NUMBERS SA-001872 THROUGH SA-001874

- ACTION: Item No. 12 was approved on Consent.
- Item No. 13. 2022-685 COVID-19 UPDATE (CITY COUNCIL)
- Recommendation: 1. RECEIVE and FILE.
- ACTION: Item No. 13 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 14. 2022-760 CONSIDER A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CARSON AND CALIFORNIA CONSULTING, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL GRANT WRITING SERVICES (CITY COUNCIL)

Recommendation: 1. APPROVE the proposed contract services agreement with California Consulting, Inc. for professional grant writing services for a three-year term, for a not-to-exceed contract sum of \$60,000 per year, for a total contract sum of \$180,000 for the three-year term (Exhibit No. 1 "the Agreement"); and 2. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute the Agreement following approval as to form by the City Attorney. ACTION: Item No. 14 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 15. 2022-770 CONSIDERATION OF MULTIPLE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTING NEW JOB SPECIFICATIONS AND SALARY ALLOCATIONS AS PART OF THE PHASE I RESTRUCTURING PLAN (CITY COUNCIL)

- **Recommendation:** WAIVE further reading and ADOPT the following Resolutions: 1. Resolution No. 22-190, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE CLASSIFICATION PLAN, RESOLUTION NO. 77-111, BY ADOPTING NEW JOB SPECIFICATION AND SALARY ALLOCATION FOR PAYROLL SUPERVISOR" 2. Resolution No. 22-188, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON. CALIFORNIA. AMENDING THE CLASSIFICATION PLAN, RESOLUTION NO. 77-111, BY ADOPTING NEW JOB SPECIFICATION AND ALLOCATION SALARY FOR RISK MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST"
- ACTION: Item No. 15 was approved on Consent.
- Item No. 16. 2022-784 CONSIDERATION OF MULTIPLE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTING NEW JOB SPECIFICATIONS AND SALARY ALLOCATIONS AS PART OF THE PHASE I RESTRUCTURING PLAN (CITY COUNCIL)
- WAIVE further reading and ADOPT the following Resolutions: **Recommendation:** 1. Resolution No. 22-189, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE CLASSIFICATION PLAN, RESOLUTION NO. 77-111. BY ADOPTING NEW JOB SPECIFICATION AND SALARY ALLOCATION FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION MANAGER" 2. Resolution No. 22-191, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE CLASSIFICATION PLAN, RESOLUTION NO. 77-111, BY ADOPTING NEW JOB SPECIFICATION AND SALARY ALLOCATION FOR INNOVATION & SUSTAINABILITY MANAGER"
- ACTION: Item No. 16 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 17. 2022-776 CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACT WITH DATAGEAR, INC. FOR WIFI IN EXTERNAL AREAS AT 12 PARKS, CITY HALL, AND COMMUNITY CENTER (CITY COUNCIL) Item No. 17 was heard after approval of the Consent items.

Information Technology Manager Kevin Kennedy gave a PowerPoint presentation.

Discussion ensued regarding the importance of WIFI services.

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:
1. AWARD a Public Works contract to DataGear, Inc. for the installation of WIFI hardware/software at 12 City Parks, the City Hall, and Community Center.
2. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute the contract after approval as to form by the City Attorney.

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

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

Noes: None

Abstain: None

- Absent: None
- Item No. 18. 2022-683 CONSIDER APPROVING AN AWARD OF CONTRACT TO MACIAS GINI & O'CONNELL (MGO) FOR PERFORMANCE AUDIT OF THE CITYWIDE PROCUREMENT AND CONTRACT PROCESS AND APPROVING RESOLUTION NO. 22-172, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE FY 2022/2023 BUDGET IN THE GENERAL FUND" (CITY COUNCIL)

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:
1. AWARD and APPROVE a Contract Services Agreement with Macias Gini & O'Connell for audit of the Citywide procurement and contracts process for an amount not to exceed of \$140,192. (Exhibit No. 1)
2. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute the Contract following approval as to form by the City Attorney.
3. WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 22-172, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE FY 2022/2023 BUDGET IN THE GENERAL FUND "

ACTION: Item No. 18 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 19. 2022-732 FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 YEAR-END CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS (CITY COUNCIL)

**Recommendation:** Waive further reading and adopt: 1. RESOLUTION NO. 22-174, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CARSON CITY COUNCIL AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 BUDGET TO CONTINUE UNSPENT APPROPRIATIONS TO FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023; and 2. RESOLUTION NO. 22-194, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CARSON CITY COUNCIL AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 BUDGET TO CONTINUE UNSPENT APPROPRIATIONS FROM FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022.

ACTION: Item No. 19 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 20. 2022-753 CONSIDER APPROVING A GRANT AGREEMENT AND ADOPTING RESOLUTION NO. 22-180, AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-23 GENERAL FUND BUDGET, TO ACCEPT A CALIFORNIA FOR ALL ANIMALS STATEWIDE ANIMAL SHELTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GRANT

Item No. 20 was heard after Item No. 17.

Assistant City Manager Lennox gave a staff report.

Recommendation: TAKE the following actions:

1. APPROVE the "Shelter Services Agreement" with THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA on behalf of its Davis Campus School of Veterinary Medicine on behalf of its Koret Shelter Medicine Program. (Exhibit 1; the "Grant Agreement").

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

3. ADOPT Resolution No. 22-180, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-23 BUDGET TO ACCEPT A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000 IN CONNECTION WITH THE CALIFORNIA FOR ALL ANIMALS STATEWIDE ANIMAL SHELTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM" (Exhibit 2).

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

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

## Item No. 21. 2022-786 CONSIDER AN UPDATE ON DOMINGUEZ CHANNEL (CITY COUNCIL)

Recommendation: RECEIVE AND FILE.

ACTION: Item No. 21 was approved on Consent.

Item No. 22. 2022-742 CONSIDERATION TO ACCEPT THE PROJECT AS COMPLETE, 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. ACCEPT as complete Project No. 1393-3: Citywide Annual<br/>Overlay Program, and Project No. 1411-3: Citywide Annual<br/>Concrete Replacement Program.<br/>2. AUTHORIZE staff to file a Notice of Completion.
- ACTION: Item No. 22 was approved on Consent.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY: (Item 23)

Item No. 23. 2022-781 PUBLIC HEARING ON THE DRAFT 2021-2022 CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT (CAPER) FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM (CITY COUNCIL)

Item No. 23 was heard after Item No. 20.

City Clerk/Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary, Dr. Bradshaw gave the Public Hearing report.

Director Naaseh gave a staff report.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes declared the Public Hearing open at 7:15 P.M.

There being no public testimony, Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes closed the Public Hearing at 7:15 P.M.

Recommendation:
1. OPEN the Public Hearing, TAKE public testimony, and CLOSE the Public Hearing,
2. DIRECT staff to the submit the final version of the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development by the required deadline of September 28, 2021.

ACTION: It was moved to approve staff recommendation no. 2 with correction of the deadline date year of September 28, 2022 on motion of Dear, seconded by Hilton and unanimously carried by the following vote:

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

### DISCUSSION: (Item 24 to 26)

Item No. 24. 2022-802 CONSIDER A REQUEST FROM MAYOR DAVIS-HOLMES FOR THE CITY COUNCIL TO DISCUSS MODIFICATIONS AND AMENDMENTS TO RESOLUTION NO. 21-012 ESTABLISHING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES TO IMPROVE INTERNAL CONTROLS RELATING TO THE CITY'S SPECIAL EVENTS FUND (CITY COUNCIL)

Assistant City Manager Lennox gave a staff report.

Discussion ensued regarding indirect costs versus direct costs related to staffing events.

Recommendation: DISCUSS and PROVIDE direction.

ACTION: It was moved to clean up the resolution and move forward immediately since already been discussed on motion of Hilton, seconded by Dear.

City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani clarified the motion that City Council's interpretation is to reiterate that when they put provision K in the resolution it was a tracking mechanism only and it did not mean for it to go towards the hard costs. By minute order you are making it effective immediately but because you want to have it documented and have the resolution be consistent, bring back the amendment to that section at the next City Council meeting under the Consent calendar. It is already effective my minute order and just cleaning up the resolution.

The motion, as clarified by City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani, was accepted by the maker and seconder of the motion and unanimously carried by the following vote:

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

## Item No. 25. 2022-771 CONSIDER RESOLUTION 22-197 APPROVING AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE AGREEMENT FOR THE POSITION OF CITY MANAGER (CITY COUNCIL)

Recommendation:
1. ADOPT Resolution 22-197 approving the proposed Amendment to the City Manager Employment Agreement.
2. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute the Amendment with Mr. David C. Roberts, Jr. following approval as to form by the City Attorney.

### ACTION: The Mayor and City Council took the following actions:

### Main Motion

It was moved to approve staff recommendations on motion of Davis-Holmes, seconded by Dear.

During discussion of the motion, Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Hilton offered a friendly amendment to the motion to recommend 16 months severance paid out on a month-to-month basis instead of 12 months which was accepted by the seconder of the motion.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear offered a friendly amendment to the motion that the City Council require a 4/5 vote of the City Council to remove the City Manager without cause.

City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani stated that it would require her to look into the City Charter to make sure that it would be consistent with the amendment. There are employment rules and procedures and would provide a legal analysis but need to make sure of no violation to the City Charter or Personnel Rules.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear referred and read Section 404. Removal, of the City Charter.

#### Second Motion

It was moved to hold a Closed Session to discuss further Council Member Dear's amendment to the motion on motion of Dear, seconded by Hilton.

During discussion of the motion, Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Hilton requested to vote on the severance portion of the employment agreement.

City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani referred to Section 4.1 <u>Severance Pay</u> of the First Amendment to City Manager Employment Agreement, to change "12 months" to "16 months" as recommended by Hilton.

#### Vote on Main Motion

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

Ayes: Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Hilton, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear, and Council

	Member/Agency Member/Authority	Board Membe	er Rojas		
Noes:	Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority	Chairman	Davis-Holmes	and	Council
	Member/Agency Member/Authority	Board Membe	er Hicks		
Abstain:	None				
Absent:	None				

#### Vote on Second Motion

The second motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes inquired if it requires four votes to add a Closed Session item to the agenda. City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani stated she would confirm about adding a subsequent need item.

At 8:56 P.M., Item No. 25 was heard again after Item No. 26.

City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani referred to Government Code Section 54954.2 (b)2 and confirmed it requires a 2/3 vote to add a subsequent need item to the agenda or a unanimous vote of those members present if there is only 2/3 of members present.

City Manager Roberts, Jr. thanked the Mayor and City Council for being gracious and to provide and consider such a request, however, he continues to be the champion for the City Council and continue to be the advocate for staff and partner with the businesses. This request and proposal, though he is honored, respectfully declined that as to not to tie the hands of City Council. He assured the employees that he would continue to advocate for them and continue to be the City Manager for as long as the City will have him.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear withdrew his friendly amendment to the motion regarding the 4/5 vote.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Rojas commended City Manager Roberts, Jr.'s words and for working hard for the City and look forward to continuing to have him represent the City.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes and Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Hilton applauded City Manager Roberts, Jr. for his leadership.

## Item No. 26. 2022-790 CONSIDER UPDATES ON PARK MAINTENANCE IMPROVEMENTS

Director Whitman gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Public Works Park Maintenance

Activities.

Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Hilton requested to see more updates on the status of the parks because there are major needs going unnoticed in the parks.

Director Whittiker, Jr. gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Community Services/Parks and Recreation, Recreation CIP, Community Center CIP, Pickleball Updates and Playground Updates.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes requested staff to coordinate with Finance to work on the emergency purchase orders for the parks playground surface repairs.

Discussion ensued regarding concerns of the conditions and staffing at City parks.

ACTION: Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes directed staff to provide bi-weekly update reports on the maintenance issues at the parks with no objection heard.

## MEMORIAL ADJOURNMENTS

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

Willie Patterson Irene Hagood Sandy Timmel Janisha Harris John D. Butler Emilia Pueliu

City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani requested to add six names, one being Mahsa Amini who died in police custody during a protest in Iran, to the Memorial Adjournment Requests.

Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Hilton requested to add rapper PnB Rock to the Memorial Adjournment Requests and gave a prayer.

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

City Clerk/Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary, Dr. Bradshaw presented the written communications that were received for non-agendized items earlier in the meeting.

## COUNCIL MEMBER REQUESTS TO ADD ITEMS TO FUTURE AGENDAS

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Rojas requested to add the Mobilehome Park Zoning Ordinance to a future agenda:

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear requested to add the following items to a future agenda:

- Mobilehome Park Zoning Ordinance
- Agenda ordinance revised for the majority of the City Council can add items to the agenda

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

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks offered the following comments:

- Thanked everyone for attending the Cajun Blues White Linen Affair that was a success
- Thanked the sponsors Providence Little Company of Mary, City of Hope, and the South Bay Chapter for the Prostate Cancer Walk that was held at California State Dominguez Hills this past Saturday

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear stated that it was his birthday and was not able to attend the Prostate Cancer Walk.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes offered the following comments:

- Attended the Cajun Blues White Linen event
- Announced the Jazz Festival on October 1, 2022, from 11:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. at Anderson Park

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear offered the following comments:

- Announced the Mariachi Fiesta on Friday, September 23, 2022
- Announced the Kick Off for the Filipino-American History Month on October 2, 2022 at the Dignity Health Sports Park

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Rojas thanked Assistant City Manager Lennox, Director Whittiker, Jr. and staff who worked hard to secure the vendors for the Filipino American History Month Kick Off.

Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Hilton thanked Director Williams and Human Resources staff for one of the best Heath Benefits Fair.

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

**RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION – None.** 

**RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION – None.** 

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

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:11 P.M. by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes.

Lula Davis-Holmes Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman

ATTEST:

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

APPROVED BY CARSON CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/ HOUSING AUTHORITY				
	<u>11-15-2022</u>			
Approved as Submitted.	JD/JH 5/0			