



CITY OF CARSON

MINUTES

**CARSON CITY COUNCIL/
SUCCESSOR AGENCY/HOUSING AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING**

October 21, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/HOUSING AUTHORITY (5:00 pm)

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 P.M. by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Lula Davis-Holmes in the Helen Kawagoe Council Chambers, Carson City Hall, located at 701 E. Carson Street, Carson, California 90745.

ROLL CALL (CITY CLERK)

Deputy City Clerk/Deputy Agency Secretary/Deputy Authority Secretary Joy Simarago noted the roll:

Council Members/Agency Members/Authority Board Members Present:

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Lula Davis-Holmes

Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Cedric Hicks, Sr.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member, Dr. Jawane Hilton

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Jim Dear

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Arleen Rojas

Also Present:

Monica Cooper, City/Agency/Authority Treasurer; Benjamin Jones, Assistant City/Agency/Authority Attorney; David C. Roberts, Jr., City Manager; Dr. Robert Lennox, Assistant City Manager; John Raymond, Executive Director; Michael Whittiker, Jr., Director of Community Services; William Jefferson, Director of Finance; Gary Carter, Director of Information Technology and Security; Josh Boudreaux, Director of Human Resources; Nora Garcia, Director of Public Safety; Thomas Toman, Deputy City Manager; Armine Chaparyan, Deputy City Manager; and Reata Kulcsar, Energy and Sustainability Officer

FLAG SALUTE

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member, Dr. Hilton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION (Item 1)

1. PASTOR HENRY YANDALL FROM HARBOR COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD

Pastor Henry Yandall gave the invocation.

CLOSED SESSION (Items 2-3)

2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION (CITY COUNCIL)

– 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 of Carson is a party. The titles of such litigations 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.

ACTION: No reportable action was taken.

3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION (CITY COUNCIL)

– 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 of Carson is a party. The title of such litigation is as follows: Monique Alvarez, et. al. v. Prologis, Inc., City of Carson, et. al. LA Superior Court No. 21CVSV38929.

ACTION: No reportable action was taken.

REPORT ON ANY PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS (CITY CLERK)

None.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS (CITY ATTORNEY)

Assistant City/Agency/Authority Attorney Jones announced the Closed Session items.

RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION UNTIL 6:00 P.M. OR UNTIL THE END OF CLOSED SESSION, WHICHEVER OCCURS FIRST

The meeting was recessed at 5:08 P.M. by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes to Closed Session.

2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION (CITY COUNCIL)- 5:08 PM

3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION (CITY COUNCIL)- 5:08 PM

RULES OF DECORUM:

The Rules of Decorum recording was presented earlier in the meeting.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION AT 6:00 P.M. OR AT THE END OF CLOSED SESSION, WHICHEVER OCCURS FIRST

The meeting was reconvened at 6:08 P.M. by Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Hicks, Sr. with all members previously noted present.

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS (CITY ATTORNEY)

Assistant City/Agency/Authority Attorney Jones gave the Closed Session Report.

INTRODUCTIONS (MAYOR) (Item 4)

4. REPORT FROM CAPTAIN NORMAN OF CARSON SHERIFF'S STATION- 6:19 PM

Item No. 4 was heard after Item No. 10.

Captain Norman summarized the recent law enforcement activities and gave a crime report.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Rojas thanked Captain Norman, staff, and specialized units for the street takeover task forces.

Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Hicks, Sr. thanked Captain Norman and Sheriff Deputies for their assistance at the Food Giveaway. He reported there has been a propensity of big rig trucks traveling on University Drive between Wilmington Avenue and Central Avenue shaking homes in the area. There is a sign at the corner of University Drive and Wilmington Avenue where there is a flashing light that states no trucks. He requested one or two more signs that flash on the same route.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member, Dr. Hilton reported there is a congregation of unhoused individuals near the Martin Luther King, Jr. Library on Avalon Boulevard and asked for patrol in the area. Captain Norman responded in the affirmative.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes dittoed Council Member, Dr. Hilton's comments and the same attention should be given to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Library as the Carson Library. She requested monitoring the library every hour and not just respond from a phone call. City Manager Roberts, Jr. responded he would work with Public Safety.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear reported a street takeover on Carson Street and Dolores Street on Friday. Captain Norman responded she would look into the area.

PRESENTATIONS (Items 5-11)

5. REMINDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATE CHANGE FROM NOVEMBER 4 TO NOVEMBER 5 DUE TO THE ELECTION

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman David-Holmes reminded everyone the City Council meeting date change from November 4, 2025 to November 5, 2025 due to the election.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes announced she and Council Member Rojas were invited to visit Tokyo, Japan as their guest delegation and attended the Japan-United States Leadership Summit along with other mayors and dignitaries from October 6 through 10, 2025. It was a great experience showcasing Carson. Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Rojas offered comments and shared her experience. They shared a highlight video.

6. RECOGNITION FOR BLAIN WATSON, JR. AND TAJ MCLEAN FOR THEIR COMMITMENT TO THEIR ATHLETIC AND ACADEMIC GOALS

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes introduced Blain Watson, Jr. and Taj McLean. Blain Watson, Sr. offered comments regarding Blain Watson, Jr. and Taj McLean. City Manager Roberts, Jr. read and presented a Certificate of Recognition each to Blain Watson, Jr. and Taj McLean who both offered words of gratitude.

7. PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE SECOND WEEK OF OCTOBER AS CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER APPRECIATION WEEK

Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Hicks, Sr. read and presented the proclamation to Director Nora Garcia alongside the Code Enforcement Officers and Public Safety staff. Director Garcia offered comments and recognized the Public Safety Team.

8. PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING OCTOBER AS COMMUNITY PLANNING MONTH

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member, Dr. Hilton read and presented the proclamation to Planning Manager McKina Alexander alongside the Planning Team. Planning Manager Alexander offered comments and words of gratitude.

9. PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING RED RIBBON WEEK (OCT 23- 31)- 7:02 PM

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Rojas read and presented the proclamation to Captain Norman and Richard Bis who offered comments and words of gratitude. Paz Velasquez offered comments.

10. PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING OCTOBER AS CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Item No. 10 was heard after the Closed Session Report.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes announced October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. She shared the Women's Health Conference and Business Expo held on October 17, 2025 was an awesome and well attended event. She read and presented the proclamation to Dr. Melanie Friedlander who offered comments and accepted with words of gratitude.

11. PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING OCTOBER AS BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH

Item No. 11 was heard after Item No. 9.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member, Dr. Hilton read and presented the proclamation to Giordan Williams who offered comments and words of gratitude.

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

Marco Soto, Administrative Services Co-op (Yellow Cab) - Item No. 38

Offered comments in support of Administrative Services Co-op (Yellow Cab) for Dial-A-Ride services

Luz Padua - Item No. 38

Offered comments in support of Administrative Services Co-op (Yellow Cab) for Dial-A-Ride services with option to work with other transportation services

Brandi Murdock - Item No. 38

Followed up on comments she made at the last City Council Meeting regarding Disabilities Commission and requested to expand the commission from two members to three members to better focus on issues and offered comments regarding Dial-A-Ride services

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Item 12)

12. APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING CARSON CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/HOUSING AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES - SEPTEMBER 30, 2025 (REGULAR)- 7:30 PM

RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 1. APPROVE the minutes as listed.

Motion To Approve submitted by Jim Dear seconded by Cedric L. Hicks Sr. resulting in 5-0-0-0-0

CONSENT (Items 13-33)

Assistant City/Agency/Authority Attorney Jones requested to add a subsequent need item to the Consent Calendar and explained the legal requirements to add the item to the agenda. The item is to Consider Resolution No. 25-129 expressing Support for Women Basketball Players who are represented by the Women's National Basketball Players

Association, including the Sparks in Los Angeles, California, and urging the Women's National Basketball Association to negotiate equitable contracts that provide these workers wages and benefits that justly honor their invaluable contributions, and improved working conditions that prioritize their health, safety, and holistic well being.

Motion to add an urgency item to the agenda as described by Assistant City Attorney Jones as Item No. 33A submitted by Dear, seconded by Hilton resulting in 5-0-0-0-0

Motion to Approve Consent Items No. 13-33A submitted by Davis-Holmes, seconded by Dear.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member, Dr. Hilton requested to remove Item No. 33A for discussion.

Assistant City/Agency/Authority Attorney Jones noted changes to Item No. 21, provided Exhibits A-D to the Settlement Agreement with CAM-Carson, LLC. Copies were distributed to the City Council, posted on the website, and made available to the public. Also, he noted the staff recommendation be modified to clarify that for Exhibit C which is the Termination of the Development Agreement that needs to be recorded that the City Manager with the City Attorney will be authorized to make minor technical changes to the document, if necessary, to ensure proper finalization and recordation.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes offered a friendly amendment to the motion to include changes to Item No. 21 as described by Assistant City Attorney Jones which was accepted by the seconder of the motion.

Motion to approve the Consent items, as amended, resulting in 5-0-0-0-0

13. CONSIDER A REPORT ON ALL INTRADEPARTMENTAL BUDGET TRANSFERS APPROVED UNDER THE CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE AUTHORITY FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2025 PER ORDINANCE 24-2401 (CITY COUNCIL)

RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 1. RECEIVE and FILE the report (Exhibit No. 1).

ACTION: Item No. 13 was approved on Consent.

14. CONSIDER A REPORT OF ALL NEW BUSINESS LICENSES ISSUED BY THE CITY OF CARSON FOR THE PERIOD OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2025, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2025 (CITY COUNCIL)

RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 1. RECEIVE and FILE this report.

ACTION: Item No. 14 was approved on Consent.

15. CONSIDER A REPORT OF ALL CITY CONTRACTS APPROVED UNDER CITY MANAGER AUTHORITY FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 1, 2025 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2025 PURSUANT TO CMC SECTION 2604 (CITY COUNCIL)

RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 1. RECEIVE and FILE this report.

ACTION: Item No. 15 was approved on Consent.

16. CONSIDER A REPORT OF ALL CITY CONTRACTS APPROVED UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 1, 2025 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30,

2025 PURSUANT TO CMC SECTION 2604 (CITY COUNCIL)

RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 1. RECEIVE and FILE this report.

ACTION: Item No. 16 was approved on Consent.

17. CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION NO. 25-123, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON RATIFYING CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,112,339.25, DEMAND CHECK NUMBERS 181356 THROUGH 181591 AND 270 FOR GENERAL DEMAND (CITY COUNCIL)- 7:32 PM

RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 1. WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 25-123, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON RATIFYING CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,112,339.25, DEMAND CHECK NUMBERS 181356 THROUGH 181591 AND 270 FOR GENERAL DEMAND".

ACTION: Item No. 17 was approved on Consent.

18. CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION NO. 25-11-CHA, A RESOLUTION OF THE CARSON HOUSING AUTHORITY RATIFYING CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$63,641.85, DEMAND CHECK NUMBERS HA-002070 THROUGH HA-002076 (CITY COUNCIL)- 7:32 PM

RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 1. WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 25-11-CHA, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CARSON HOUSING AUTHORITY RATIFYING CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$63,641.85, DEMAND CHECK NUMBERS HA-002070 THROUGH HA-002076".

ACTION: Item No. 18 was approved on Consent.

19. CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION NO. 25-10-CSA, A RESOLUTION OF THE CARSON SUCCESSOR AGENCY CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,044.55, DEMAND CHECK NUMBER SA-001968 THROUGH SA-001970 (CITY COUNCIL)- 7:32 PM

RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 1. WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution NO. 25-10-CSA, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CARSON SUCCESSOR AGENCY CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,044.55, DEMAND CHECK NUMBER SA-001968 THROUGH SA-001970".

ACTION: Item No. 19 was approved on Consent.

20. CONSIDER A RECEIVE AND FILE UPDATE ON THE PURCHASE OF 24205 AVALON BOULEVARD IN THE CITY OF CARSON (CITY COUNCIL)

RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 1. RECEIVE and FILE this informational update.

ACTION: Item No. 20 was approved on Consent.

21. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH CAM-CARSON, LLC, CONCLUDING LITIGATION BETWEEN THE CITY AND CAM-CARSON IN LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT CASE NO. 20STCV16461 (CITY COUNCIL)

RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 1. APPROVE the Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release (Exhibit No. 1).
- 2. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute the Settlement Agreement and General Release, following approval as to form by the City Attorney.

ACTION: Item No. 21 was approved on Consent.

22. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT CONCLUDING THE CITY'S LITIGATION RELATED TO THE DOMINGUEZ CHANNEL INCIDENT, LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT CASE NO. 21STCV38929 (CITY COUNCIL)

RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 1. APPROVE the Settlement Agreement and General Release (Exhibit No. 1).
- 2. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute the Settlement Agreement and General Release, following approval as to form by the City Attorney.

ACTION: Item No. 22 was approved on Consent.

23. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS BETWEEN RUBEN HOVANESIAN AND CITY OF CARSON (CITY COUNCIL)

RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 1. APPROVE the Settlement Agreement and Release of All Claims between Plaintiff Ruben Hovanesian and City of Carson
- 2. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute the Agreement

ACTION: Item No. 23 was approved on Consent.

24. CONSIDER MONTHLY INVESTMENT AND CASH REPORT FOR THE CITY OF CARSON, CARSON HOUSING AUTHORITY, CARSON SUCCESSOR AGENCY-MONTH ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2025 (CITY COUNCIL)

RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 1. RECEIVE and FILE

ACTION: Item No. 24 was approved on Consent.

25. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 25-124, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CARSON CITY COUNCIL AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 BUDGET IN THE GENERAL FUND AND SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS FOR CIP PROJECTS PW1368 CARRIAGE CREST PARK EXPANSION & IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND PW1617 LENARDO DRIVE, TRAFFIC SIGNAL AND ROAD CONSTRUCTION (CITY COUNCIL)

RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 1. WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 25-124, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CARSON CITY COUNCIL AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 BUDGET IN THE GENERAL FUND AND SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS" to increase project budget authority of PW1368 by \$200,000 and PW1617 by \$750,000 (EXHIBIT NO. 1).

ACTION: Item No. 25 was approved on Consent.

26. CONSIDERATION TO ACCEPT THE PROJECT AS COMPLETE, PROJECT NO. 1731: CITY HALL BASEMENT/EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER RENOVATION PROJECT; AUTHORIZATION TO EXERCISE THE \$175,000 IN ALLOWANCE FUNDS WITH INTERIOR PLUS INC.; AND ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 25-118 APPROPRIATING DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE FUNDS FOR PROJECT CLOSEOUT (CITY COUNCIL)

RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 1. ACCEPT as complete, Project No. 1731: City Hall Basement/Emergency Operations Center Renovation Project.
- 2. AUTHORIZE Staff to file a Notice of Completion with the Los Angeles County Recorder's Office.
- 3. APPROVE exercising \$175,000 in allowance funds with Interior Plus Inc. and APPROVE and RATIFY change orders in the amount of \$150,003.76, thereby increasing the contract amount from \$3,789,181.16 to \$4,114,184.92.
- 4. ADOPT Resolution 25-118, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CARSON CITY COUNCIL AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025–26 BUDGET IN THE GENERAL FUND AND SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS"

ACTION: Item No. 26 was approved on Consent.

27. CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION NO. 25-127, AMENDING THE CLASSIFICATION PLAN, RESOLUTION NO. 77-111, BY REVISING THE MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE CLASSIFICATION OF SENIOR GROUNDS WORKER (CITY COUNCIL)

RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 1. WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 25-127, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE CLASSIFICATION PLAN, RESOLUTION NO. 77-111, BY REVISING THE MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE CLASSIFICATION OF SENIOR GROUNDS WORKER"

ACTION: Item No. 27 was approved on Consent.

28. CONSIDER AWARDED AND APPROVING A CONTRACT TO LIGHTHOUSE 4KIDS, INC., TO PROVIDE ZERO-COST, GRANT-BASED MEAL AND SNACK SERVICES FOR SUMMER AND AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS, AND THE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAM (CITY COUNCIL)- 7:32 PM

RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 1. AWARD a Contract Services Agreement to Lighthouse 4Kids, Inc. to provide zero-cost grant-based meal and snack services for free lunches and snacks to children participating in Kids Club, Summer Day Camp, 3-in-1 Enrichment and Early Childhood Education programs for an initial three-year term of December 4, 2025 through December 3, 2028 plus two additional one-year options ("Agreement"); and
- 2. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute the Agreement, following approval as to form by the City Attorney.

ACTION: Item No. 28 was approved on Consent.

29. CONSIDER AWARDED AND APPROVING A CONTRACT TO MASTER PROTECTION, DBA FIREMASTER, TO PROVIDE KITCHEN HOOD FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEM MAINTENANCE, INSPECTION, AND CLEANING SERVICES AT THE CARSON EVENT CENTER (CITY COUNCIL)- 7:32 PM

RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 1. AWARD and APPROVE a Contract Services Agreement for kitchen hood fire suppression system maintenance, inspection, and cleaning services at the Carson Event Center with Master Protection dba Firemaster (Exhibit No. 5; “Agreement”); and,
- 2. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute the Agreement, following approval as to form by the City Attorney

ACTION: Item No. 29 was approved on Consent.

30. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND ESTIMATES; AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION BIDS; AND RECORD A NOTICE OF EXEMPTION WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CLERK AND WITH THE STATE CLEARINGHOUSE FOR PROJECT NO. 1801: MEDIAN STREETScape - CIVIC CORRIDOR, ALONG CARSON STREET (FROM THE I-405 FREEWAY TO GRACE AVENUE) AND AVALON BOULEVARD (FROM 220TH STREET TO THE I-405 FREEWAY, AND FROM DEL AMO BOULEVARD TO THE SR-91 FREEWAY), PURSUANT TO SECTION 15301 OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT GUIDELINES (CITY COUNCIL)

RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 1. APPROVE PS&E for Project No. 1801: Median Streetscape - Civic Corridor, along Carson Street (from the I-405 Freeway to Grace Avenue) and Avalon Boulevard (from 220th Street to the I-405 Freeway, and from Del Amo Boulevard to the SR-91 Freeway);
- 2. AUTHORIZE staff to advertise the work and call for construction bids for Project No. 1801: Median Streetscape - Civic Corridor, along Carson Street (from the I-405 Freeway to Grace Avenue) and Avalon Boulevard (from 220th Street to the I-405 Freeway, and from Del Amo Boulevard to the SR-91 Freeway);
- 3. MAKE the California Environmental Quality Act finding that the proposed Project No. 1801: Median Streetscape - Civic Corridor, along Carson Street (from the I-405 Freeway to Grace Avenue) and Avalon Boulevard (from 220th Street to the I-405 Freeway, and from Del Amo Boulevard to the SR-91 Freeway) is exempt pursuant to Section 15301 of the California Environmental Quality Act guidelines; and,
- 4. AUTHORIZE staff to record the “Notice of Exemption” in the office of the Los Angeles County Clerk and with the State Clearing House at the Governor’s Office of Planning and Research for Project No. 1801: Median Streetscape - Civic Corridor, along Carson Street (from the I-405 Freeway to Grace Avenue) and Avalon Boulevard (from 220th Street to the I-405 Freeway, and from Del Amo Boulevard to the SR-91 Freeway).

ACTION: Item No. 30 was approved on Consent.

31. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 3 TO FCG CONSULTANTS INC. AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE ON-CALL PROFESSIONAL CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AND INSPECTION SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (CITY COUNCIL)

RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 1. APPROVE Amendment No. 3 with FCG Consultants Inc. for On-Call Construction Management and Inspection Services increasing the contract sum by \$150,000 for a total contract sum of \$1,287,635 and extending the contract term one year until June 30, 2027; and,
- 2. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute contract Amendment No. 3 with FCG Consultants Inc. following approval as to form by the City Attorney.

ACTION: Item No. 31 was approved on Consent.

32. CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 25-121 ADOPTING THE UPDATED CITY OF CARSON 2025 SEWER SYSTEM MANAGEMENT PLAN PER THE STATEWIDE GENERAL WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS (CITY COUNCIL)

RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 1. ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 25-121 "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE UPDATED CITY OF CARSON 2025 SEWER SYSTEM MANAGEMENT PLAN PER THE STATEWIDE GENERAL WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS" (Exhibit No. 2)
- 2. AUTHORIZE City Staff to submit and certify the 2025 Sewer System Management Plan to the State Water Resources Control Board.

ACTION: Item No. 32 was approved on Consent.

33. CONSIDERATION TO ACCEPT THE PROJECT AS COMPLETE, PROJECT NO. 1722: 213TH STREET PAVEMENT REHABILITATION AND CONCRETE REPLACEMENT FROM MAIN STREET TO SELWYN AVENUE (CITY COUNCIL)

RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 1. ACCEPT as complete, Project No. 1722: 213th Street Pavement Rehabilitation and Concrete Replacement from Main Street to Selwyn Avenue.
- 2. AUTHORIZE staff to file a Notice of Completion with the Los Angeles County Recorder's Office.

ACTION: Item No. 33 was approved on Consent.

33A. CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION NO. 25-129, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR WOMEN BASKETBALL PLAYERS WHO ARE REPRESENTED BY THE WOMEN'S NATIONAL BASKETBALL PLAYERS ASSOCIATION, INCLUDING THE SPARKS IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, AND URGING THE WOMEN'S NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION TO NEGOTIATE EQUITABLE CONTRACTS THAT PROVIDE THESE WORKERS WAGES AND BENEFITS THAT JUSTLY HONOR THEIR INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS, AND IMPROVED WORKING CONDITIONS THAT PRIORITIZE THEIR HEALTH, SAFETY, AND HOLISTIC WELL BEING

RECOMMENDED ACTION

-ADOPT Resolution No. 25-129, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR WOMEN BASKETBALL PLAYERS WHO ARE REPRESENTED BY THE WOMEN'S NATIONAL BASKETBALL PLAYERS ASSOCIATION, INCLUDING THE SPARKS IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, AND URGING THE WOMEN'S NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION TO NEGOTIATE EQUITABLE CONTRACTS THAT PROVIDE THESE WORKERS WAGES AND BENEFITS THAT JUSTLY HONOR THEIR INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS, AND IMPROVED WORKING CONDITIONS THAT PRIORITIZE THEIR HEALTH, SAFETY, AND HOLISTIC WELL BEING

Item No. 33A was Removed from Consent and heard after approval of the Consent items.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member, Dr. Hilton offered comments in support of the item.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 25-129 submitted by Hilton, seconded by Dear resulting in 5-0-0-0-0

SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

None.

DISCUSSION (Item 34-39)

34. CONSIDER APPROVING A \$2,500 DIGITAL TRIBUTE AD PLACEMENT RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF PRESIDENT THOMAS PARHAM FROM CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, DOMINGUEZ HILLS (CITY COUNCIL)

RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 1. APPROVE the purchase of a digital tribute ad in the amount of \$2,500.00 for a gala hosted by California State University, Dominguez Hills, that will celebrate student success, the university's 65th anniversary, and honor of

retiring University President Thomas A. Parham

City Manager Roberts, Jr. gave a report.

Motion To Approve submitted by Dr. Jawane Hilton seconded by Jim Dear resulting in 5-0-0-0

35. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, TO ADOPT SPEED LIMITS WITHIN CERTAIN CITY STREETS, AS THE OFFICIAL DOCUMENTATION OF DECLARED PRIMA FACIE SPEED LIMITS (CITY COUNCIL)

RECOMMENDED ACTION

– 1. INTRODUCE for first reading, by title only and with full reading waived, Ordinance No. 25- 2518, “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING ENGINEERING AND TRAFFIC SURVEYS FOR SPEED LIMITS IN QUADRANT 1, QUADRANT 2, AND QUADRANT 4, AS MAINTAINED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AS THE OFFICIAL DOCUMENTATION OF DECLARED PRIMA FACIE SPEED LIMITS”.

Jaimee Bourgeois, Albert A. Webb Associates, introduced herself and gave a PowerPoint presentation.

Deputy City Manager Thomas Toman offered comments.

Questions were asked and answered.

(Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member, Dr. Hilton exited the meeting at 8:03 P.M. and reentered the meeting at 8:05 P.M.)

(Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear exited the meeting at 8:06 P.M. and reentered the meeting at 8:08 P.M.)

Assistant City/Agency/Authority Attorney Jones offered comments.

ACTION: Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes ordered this item continued for 45 days with no objection heard.

36. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 25-086, APPROVING MEASURE M FUNDING AGREEMENT BETWEEN LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (LACMTA) AND THE CITY OF CARSON FOR PROJECT NO. PW1828 - SOUTH BAY TRAVEL NETWORK, LACMTA PROJECT # MM4601.17, FTIP # LA9919458, AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 25-108, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CARSON CITY COUNCIL AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 BUDGET IN THE GENERAL FUND AND SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS (CITY COUNCIL) - 8:20 PM

RECOMMENDED ACTION

– 1. ACCEPT a grant in the amount of \$4,512,915.00 from Los Angeles County Metropolitan Authority.

– 2. ADOPT Resolution 25-086 approving Funding Agreement with Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Exhibit No. 2) granting \$4,512,915.00 to the City of Carson for the design and construction of the Local Travel Network project.

– 3. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute Funding Agreement between Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority and the City of Carson (Exhibit No. 3) following approval as to form by the City Attorney.

– 4. ADOPT Resolution 25-108 “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CARSON CITY COUNCIL AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 BUDGET IN THE GENERAL FUND AND SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS” to allocate funds in the amount of \$654,819.00 for the design phase of PW1828 (Exhibit No.4)

- 5. AMEND the FY 25/26 CIP Plan to add PW1828 - South Bay Travel Network (Exhibit No. 5)

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks, Sr. asked if all the map locations have been identified. City Engineer Gilbert Marquez responded to his question.

Motion To Approve submitted by Cedric L. Hicks Sr. seconded by Jim Dear resulting in 5-0-0-0-0

37. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND ESTIMATES AND AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR CONSTRUCTION BIDS; AND RECORDING A “NOTICE OF EXEMPTION” IN THE OFFICE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY CLERK AND WITH THE STATE CLEARING HOUSE FOR PROJECT NO. 1784: TRAFFIC SIGNAL MODIFICATION (CENTRAL AVENUE & UNIVERSITY DRIVE), PURSUANT TO SECTION 15301 OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT GUIDELINES (CITY COUNCIL)

RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 1. APPROVE PS&E for Project No. 1784: Traffic Signal Modification for Central Avenue and University Drive.
- 2. AUTHORIZE staff to advertise the work and call for construction bids for Project No. 1784: Traffic Signal Modification for Central Avenue and University Drive.
- 3. MAKE the California Environmental Quality Act finding that the proposed Project No. 1784: Traffic Signal Modification for Central Avenue and University Drive is exempt pursuant to Section 15301 of the California Environmental Quality Act guidelines.
- 4. AUTHORIZE staff to record the “Notice of Exemption” in the office of the Los Angeles County Clerk and with the State Clearing House at the Governor’s Office of Planning and Research for Project No. 1784: Traffic Signal Modification for Central Avenue and University Drive.

Director, Dr. Rodgers, Jr. gave a report.

Motion To Approve submitted by Cedric L. Hicks Sr. seconded by Dr. Jawane Hilton resulting in 5-0-0-0-0

38. CONSIDER AWARDING AND APPROVING A CONTRACT SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH UBER TECHNOLOGIES, INC. FOR DIAL-A-RIDE SERVICES (CITY COUNCIL)- 8:28 PM

RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 1. AWARD and APPROVE a Contract Services Agreement with UBER TECHNOLOGIES, INC. for a five-year term, with the option for a two (2) year extension, for a not-to-exceed Contract Sum of \$4,000,000 over the course of the initial term (Exhibit No. 1; "Agreement").
- 2. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute the Agreement, following approval as to form by the City Attorney.

City Manager Roberts, Jr. gave a report.

Main Motion

Motion to award contract to Uber Technologies, Inc. for one year to give opportunity to come back with a plan to bifurcate to have two contractors and riders will have an opportunity to select who they would like to ride with which cannot be done this evening because the RFP was not submitted in that manner with the understanding that if there are complaints in 30 to 90 days the contract can always be cancelled. There will be an opportunity to resubmit the bid to have Yellow Cab and Uber Technologies, Inc., submitted by Mayor Davis-Holmes, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Hicks, Sr.

During discussion of the motion, Council Member, Dr. Hilton clarified the Mayor's motion to bifurcate to allow Yellow Cab and Uber to provide services.

City Manager Roberts, Jr. clarified staff's recommendation is to award a one-year contract to Uber Technologies, Inc. and in the process will advertise an RFP, ask staff to allow for two consultant contractors to bid in to the RFP and once there is an awarding of two contractors those two contractors will at that time be available for the residents to choose whom they desire to utilize for their transportation services.

Council Member, Dr. Hilton asked about Yellow Cab's status. City Manager Roberts, Jr. responded to his question.

Substitute Motion

Council Member, Dr. Hilton offered a substitute motion to bifurcate and cut Uber Technologies, Inc.'s contract in half and give half of their contract to Yellow Cab and keep Uber half and work in tandem with Yellow Cab, seconded by Council Member Dear.

Discussion ensued regarding the terms of the contract and RFP/rebid process.

Assistant City/Agency/Authority Attorney Jones clarified the substitute motion to direct staff to revise the proposed contracts and bring them back at the next meeting with two proposed contracts with the scope bifurcated in the contract, more clarification would be needed regarding the bid process and the time needed to prepare the contracts.

New Substitute Motion

Council Member, Dr. Hilton withdrew his substitute motion and offered another substitute motion to split the contract with Yellow Cab and Uber and bring back item at the November 18, 2025 City Council meeting, seconded by Council Member Dear.

Vote on New Substitute Motion

Vote on new substitute motion resulting in 5-0-0-0

39. CONSIDERATION OF ONLY LOCAL UNCONTESTED APPOINTMENTS TO THE CITY'S COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES, AND BOARDS, AND CITY AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS BY MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL AND CONSIDER ALL (CONTESTED AND UNCONTESTED) APPOINTMENTS TO ALL COMMISSIONS (CITY COUNCIL)- 8:45 PM

RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 1. CONSIDER and only APPOINT uncontested members to the City Commissions, Committees, and Boards;
- 2. CONSIDER and APPOINT all (contested and uncontested) members to all commissions;
- 3. CONSIDER and APPOINT members to City Affiliated Organizations;
- 4. DIRECT the City Clerk to notify all affected appointments of this action in writing;
- 5. IF APPLICABLE, DIRECT the City Clerk to post and publish in accordance with the Maddy Act

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

Women's Issues Commission

Council Member Dear appointed Stephanie Finley as his uncontested appointment to the Women's Issues Commission.

Human Relations Commission

Mayor Davis-Holmes appointed Audra Thompson as Disability Advocate Member to the Human Relations Commission, thereby, creating a vacancy of the Alternate 3 position on the same Commission.

Mayor Davis-Holmes appointed Luz Padua as Disability Advocate Member to the Human Relations Commission.

Motion to ratify Mayor Davis-Holmes appointments to the Human Relations Commission submitted by Council Member Dear, seconded by Hicks, Sr. resulting in 5-0-0-0

ORDINANCE SECOND READING

None.

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

Victoria Nikolov, Manager, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library

Announced the following: 1) Library will be closing to the public on November 14, 2025 for six to eight months due to interior refurbishments, renovations start mid-December; 2) Installation of solar panel canopy in the parking lot of the Carson Library beginning November 3, 2025, expected completion date February 2026; and 3) Thanked the Mayor and City Council for their support

Council Member Dear asked Victoria Nikolov to notify the contractor to place fences, lighting, and signs during the refurbishments at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library to avoid homeless congregation. Victoria Nikolov responded that there is a gate that was installed and would inform her superiors of his request.

Mayor Davis-Holmes also asked for security in the evening.

Council Member, Dr. Hilton asked the City Manager to send a letter to the Los Angeles County Supervisor regarding safety measures during renovations at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library.

City Manager Roberts, Jr. advised Victoria Nikolov to connect with Director of Public Safety Nora Garcia.

Paz Villanueva Velasquez

Offered comments of disappointment regarding the celebration process of the Philippine American History Month; asked the Mayor and City Council to restore full community participation in the Philippine American History Month next year and reinstate the Larry Itliong Day resolution as a city sponsored event

Mayor Davis-Holmes shared with staff that she was disheartened to be made aware that the Philippine Independence Day Foundation (PIDF) was not a part of the planning process for Filipino events in Carson. She reminded staff that the City Council approved all events would be planned in collaboration with staff and the PIDF in this case. She requested to revisit why they were not included in the planning process. She advised Paz Velasquez to meet with the PIDF and staff to rectify the matter.

Council Member Rojas offered comments regarding the Filipino events.

(Council Member, Dr. Hilton exited the meeting at 9:05 P.M. and reentered the meeting at 9:07 P.M.)

Luz Padua

Thanked the Mayor and City Council for their support; announced October is Disability Awareness Month; requested that the Disability Advocate Members to the Human Relations Commission be increased from two members to three members

Fealofani Salausa

Offered comments regarding the Jazz Festival she and her family attended on October 4, 2025, expressed concern of smoking on the premises and asked about enforcement

K. Sanchez, representing APEN

Offered comments regarding the Phillips 66 Task Force and APEN's Door Knocking Program and expressed concern how the homeless folks and the unhoused population are being addressed

Mayor Davis-Holmes and Council Member, Dr. Hilton offered comments regarding the unhoused population.

Mayor Davis-Holmes referred K. Sanchez to the City Manager for further information.

COUNCIL MEMBER REQUESTS TO ADD ITEMS TO FUTURE AGENDAS

Council Member Dear requested an ordinance to add two more Disability Advocate Members (disabled and/or an advocate) on the Human Relations Commission.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (COUNCIL MEMBERS)

Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Hicks, Sr. announced/reported the following:

- First Veterans Resource Fair, October 22, 2025, from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M., Carson Event Center
- Requested staff to bring back Senate Bill (SB) No. 79 (housing) and how will be affecting the City
- Requested staff to bring back Senate Bill (SB) No. 345 (short term rental agreements) and how will be affecting the City
- Street lights not operable last two nights at the intersection of Wilmington Avenue and 223rd Street

City Manager Roberts, Jr. and Director, Dr. Rodgers, Jr. stated they would look into the street lights immediately.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member, Dr. Hilton announced/reported the following:

- Special Election, November 4, 2025; encouraged everyone to vote
- Status of street paving on Centerview Drive, 169th Street, Avalon Boulevard, and Moorehaven Drive; requested Street Pavement Schedule

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes announced/reported the following:

- Requested staff to bring an item for each phase of street paving, particularly University Drive from Avalon Boulevard to Wilmington Avenue

Director, Dr. Rodgers, Jr. stated the street paving is moving forward and will come up with something temporary to address the potholes; gave update of Phase 8 - Avalon Boulevard from the 91 Freeway north to Del Amo Boulevard then Wilmington Avenue and other boundaries

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes reported deep potholes on Central Avenue and Aspen Hill.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member, Dr. Hilton reported deep potholes on Central Avenue, Victoria Street, and Avalon Boulevard at Hemingway Park.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Rojas announced/reported the following:

- Filipino American History Month Celebration, October 26, 2025; Philippine Independence Day Foundation and Jun Aglipay are organizing a Filipino American History Month Freedom March/Walk/Parade commencing 9:30 A.M. at the Jose Rizal Monument, continued to Halls A, B and C at the Carson Event Center, significant keynote speakers; concluding with Larry Itliong Essay Contest

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear announced/reported the following:

- Asked staff status of street paving; Director, Dr. Rodgers, Jr. responded completing Phase 7 and will start Phase 8 soon
- Attended League of California Cities Conference in Long Beach
- Wished everyone a good night

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes announced/reported the following:

- Thanked Council Aides and staff for their support with the Jazz Festival

- Eric Benet will be coming back at next year's Jazz Festival
- Need to address those who were smoking at the Jazz Festival as mentioned by the previous speaker
- Successful Women's Conference; thanked the volunteers
- Town Hall Meeting was well attended at Anderson Park
- Thanked staff for their work
- Attended the Japan-United States Leadership Summit in Tokyo, Japan

This item was heard again after the Memorial Adjournments.

Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Hicks, Sr. announced his youngest daughter's 24th birthday.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes announced the Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting Ceremony of the new Amphitheater, October 23, 2025, at 10:00 A.M., Carson Event Center

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.

MEMORIAL ADJOURNMENTS

Deputy City Clerk/Deputy Agency Secretary/Deputy Authority Secretary Simarago presented the following Memorial Adjournment Requests:

Bruce Bernard

Juanita Lewis

Diane Keaton

Flordeliza Lecaros

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member, Dr. Hilton requested to add D'Angelo to the Memorial Adjournment Requests and gave a prayer.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 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

Signature