



CITY OF CARSON

MINUTES

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

November 5, 2025

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 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)

City Clerk/Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary, Dr. Khaleah K. Bradshaw 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; Sunny Soltani, 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; Joshua Boudreaux, Director of Human Resources; Thomas Toman, Deputy City Manager; Armine Chaparyan, Deputy City Manager; Nathan Freeman, Director of Community and Economic Development; Reata Kulcsar, Energy and Sustainability Officer; and Kourtney Cullors, Chief Deputy City Clerk

FLAG SALUTE

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

INVOCATION (Item 1)

1. PASTOR DR. ROSHOD D. HALL FROM RESURRECTION CHURCH L.A.

Pastor Dr. Roshod D. Hall gave the invocation.

CLOSED SESSION (Items 2-4)

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: Justin Battle v. City of Carson; Case No. 24STCV17820.

ACTION: Item was not considered.

4. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (CITY COUNCIL)

– 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.

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

None.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS (CITY ATTORNEY)

City Manager Roberts, Jr. 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.

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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 5:58 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 gave the Closed Session Report.

INTRODUCTIONS (MAYOR) (Items 5-6)

5. REPORT FROM CAPTAIN NORMAN OF CARSON SHERIFF'S STATION- 6:08 PM

Item No. 5 was heard after Item No. 16.

Captain Norman summarized the recent law enforcement activities and gave a crime report. She offered holiday safety alerts.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear thanked Captain Norman for her report and attending city events.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member, Dr. Hilton asked if information will be shared with the City regarding the arrest at the smoke shop. Captain Norman replied to his question.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Rojas thanked Captain Norman and Sheriff Deputies for their support.

6. REPORT FROM ASSISTANT CHIEF KANE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE - 6:01 PM

Item No. 6 was heard after Item No. 15.

Assistant Chief Brian Kane gave a Pubic Safety Report for the month of October.

PRESENTATIONS (Items 7-16)

7. PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER AS DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH - 6:00 PM

After the Closed Session Report, Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes announced that Item No. 7 will not be presented this evening.

8. PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER AS INDIGENOUS PEOPLES MONTH - 6:16 PM

Item No. 8 was heard after Item No. 5.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Rojas introduced Lisa Ellis and read her biography. She read and presented the proclamation to Lisa Ellis who accepted with words of gratitude.

9. PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER AS NATIONAL PREMATUREITY AWARENESS MONTH - 6:20 PM

Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Hicks, Sr. introduced Natalie Thorpe, Clinical Director of Maternal Child Health Services at Torrance Memorial Medical Center, and Elizabeth Lowerison, Day Nurse Manager for NICU/Pediatrics at Torrance Memorial Medical Center. He read and presented the proclamation to them who accepted with words of gratitude.

10. PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY - 6:27 PM

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes recognized Paris Nails & Spa, a small business in the city that opened in March 2025. She announced Small Business Saturday is November 29, 2025. Owners Tim and Angelina accepted the proclamation with words of gratitude.

11. UPDATE ON THE CITY'S COMMERCIAL FACADE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Item No. 11 was heard after Item No. 13.

James Nguyen, Special Projects Manager with the Community and Economic Development Department, gave a PowerPoint presentation update on the Commercial Facade Improvement Program.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes thanked and commended staff for their work.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member, Dr. Hilton asked if assistance can be given to the current tenants whose business is undergoing construction. Special Projects Manager James Nguyen responded in the affirmative.

Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Hicks, Sr. requested staff to move expeditiously with the program.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear asked about the steps for businesses to apply for the program. Special Projects Manager James Nguyen responded to his question.

12. UPDATE THE FROM THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT ON THEIR GOALS AND INITIATIVES FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

After Item No. 7, Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes announced that Item No. 12 will be presented at a later date.

13. UPDATE FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION

Item No. 13 was heard after Item No. 10.

Dianne Thomas, Chair of the Planning Commission, acknowledged the Community Development Department staff and members of the Planning Commission who were present. She shared a video of Planning Projects.

14. UPDATE FROM THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION- 6:00 PM

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes announced that Item No. 14 will be presented at a later date.

15. UPDATE FROM MEASURE C & K BUDGET OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE- 6:01 PM

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes announced that Item No. 15 will be presented at a later date.

16. INTRODUCTION OF NEW DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Item No. 16 was heard after Item No. 6.

City Manager Roberts, Jr. introduced new Community and Economic Development Director Nathan Freeman who offered comments.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes welcomed Nathan Freeman to the city.

Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Hicks, Sr. requested a supermarket in the District 3 area.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear welcomed Nathan Freeman to the city.

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

Tommy Fa'avae - Item No. 28

Offered comments in support of Item No. 28 on behalf of IBW Local 11 and LAOC Building Trades

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes asked staff to revisit the monitoring of jobs to ensure they are in compliance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Item 17)

17. APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING CARSON CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/HOUSING AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES - OCTOBER 21, 2025 (REGULAR)- 7:10 PM

RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 1. APPROVE the minutes as listed.

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

CONSENT (Items 18-29)

Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Hicks, Sr. requested to remove Item No. 23 for discussion.

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

Motion To Approve submitted by Jim Dear seconded by Dr. Jawane Hilton resulting in 4-0-0-0-1 Absent was Arleen Bocatija-Rojas

18. CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION NO. 25-130, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON RATIFYING CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,835,033.12, DEMAND CHECK NUMBERS 275, 181592 THROUGH 181930 (CITY COUNCIL)- 7:11 PM

RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 1. WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 25-130, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON RATIFYING CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,835,033.12, DEMAND CHECK NUMBERS 275, 181592 THROUGH 181930."

ACTION: Item No. 18 was approved on Consent.

19. CONSIDER AN UPDATE ON CITY COMMISSIONS (CITY COUNCIL)

RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 1. RECEIVE and FILE this report.

ACTION: Item No. 19 was approved on Consent.

20. CONSIDER AN UPDATE ON CITY PROJECTS (CITY COUNCIL)

RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 1. RECEIVE and FILE this report.

ACTION: Item No. 20 was approved on Consent.

21. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION NO. 25-132 ACCEPTING CERTIFICATION BY THE CITY CLERK AS TO THE SUFFICIENCY OF THE INITIATIVE PETITION ENTITLED "A PROPOSED INITIATIVE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CARSON MUNICIPAL CODE TO PERMIT

THE SALE AND USE OF CERTAIN FIREWORKS WITHIN THE CITY OF CARSON” (CITY COUNCIL)

RECOMMENDED ACTION

– 1. WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution 25-132, “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, ACCEPTING CERTIFICATION BY THE CITY CLERK AS TO THE SUFFICIENCY OF THE INITIATIVE PETITION ENTITLED ‘A PROPOSED INITIATIVE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CARSON MUNICIPAL CODE TO PERMIT THE SALE AND USE OF CERTAIN FIREWORKS WITHIN THE CITY OF CARSON”

ACTION: Item No. 21 was approved on Consent.

22. CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION NO. 25-128, AMENDING THE CLASSIFICATION PLAN TO ADJUST THE SALARY RANGE AND MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER CLASSIFICATION TO ACHIEVE PAY EQUITY WITH THE CODE ENFORCEMENT AND COLLECTIONS OFFICER CLASSIFICATION (CITY COUNCIL)

RECOMMENDED ACTION

– 1. WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 25-128, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE CLASSIFICATION PLAN, RESOLUTION NO. 77-111 TO ADJUST THE SALARY RANGE AND MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER CLASSIFICATION TO ACHIEVE PAY EQUITY WITH THE CODE ENFORCEMENT AND COLLECTIONS OFFICER CLASSIFICATION".

ACTION: Item No. 22 was approved on Consent.

23. CONSIDER APPROVING AMENDMENT NO. 3 TO EXTEND THE CONTRACT SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH LONG BEACH PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION COMPANY FOR ONE ADDITIONAL YEAR TO PROVIDE CONTINUED FIXED-ROUTE BUS SERVICES (CITY COUNCIL)

RECOMMENDED ACTION

– 1. APPROVE the proposed Amendment No. 3 to the Contract Services Agreement between the City of Carson and Long Beach Public Transportation Company (Exhibit No 4; "Amendment No. 3"); and,

– 2. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 3, following approval as to form by the City Attorney.

Item No. 23 was heard after approval of the Consent items.

Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman Hicks, Sr. requested an update of percentage of riders for the routes which was not included in the report.

City Manager Roberts, Jr. shared that he would provide the routes to Mayor Pro Tempore Hicks, Sr. by end of the week. Mayor Pro Tempore Hicks, Sr.'s concern is that the residents were used to the City's own transportation and not Long Beach.

Director Whittiker, Jr. assured him that the partnership with Long Beach is not new and there have been no issues with the ridership.

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

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes noted cost benefit analysis. Director Whittiker, Jr. stated he would provide a report of the cost benefit analysis regarding the ridership to the City Council.

Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Hicks, Sr. asked if the new City logo is affixed to the Carson route buses. Director Whittiker, Jr. and Assistant City Manager, Dr. Lennox responded to his question.

**** Item was Removed from Consent**

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

24. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 5 TO THE AGREEMENT WITH JOHNSON CONTROLS, INC., CONTRACT (23-083) FOR INSTALLATION OF ADDITIONAL CARD READERS AND RELATED ACCESS CONTROL EQUIPMENT IN THE CITY HALL BASEMENT, AND TO INCREASE THE CONTRACT SUM (CITY COUNCIL)

RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 1. APPROVE Amendment No. 5 to the agreement with Johnson Controls, Inc. (Exhibit No. 1) to increase the contract sum from \$8,246,769.71 to \$8,288,521.52; and
- 2. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 5, following approval as to form by the City Attorney.

ACTION: Item No. 24 was approved on Consent.

25. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH RJM DESIGN GROUP FOR DESIGN SERVICES FOR PROJECT NO. 1368 CARRIAGE CREST PARK EXPANSION AND IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (CITY COUNCIL)

RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 1. APPROVE proposed Amendment No. 2 to the Professional Services Agreement with RJM Design Group, Inc. for Project No. 1368, Carriage Crest Park Expansion and Improvements Project, for an additional amount of \$200,000, bringing the total not-to-exceed amount to \$1,104,455, and extending the term of the contract until June 30, 2026; and,
- 2. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute the proposed Amendment No. 2 to the Professional Services Agreement following approval as to form by the City Attorney.

ACTION: Item No. 25 was approved on Consent.

26. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF FINAL PARCEL MAP NO. 84441: A SUBDIVISION OF ONE PARCEL INTO TWO PARCELS LOCATED AT 101 & 117 EAST CARSON STREET (CITY COUNCIL)

RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 1. RESEND approval of Council Action on March 18, 2025 Item No. 25 for Final Map;
- 2. APPROVE Parcel Map No. 84441 for a lot split for commercial purposes located at 101 & 107 East Carson Street;
- 3. MAKE the findings listed in the body of this report; and,
- 4. INSTRUCT the City Clerk to endorse the certificate that embodies the approval of said Parcel Map on the face of Parcel Map No. 84441

ACTION: Item No. 26 was approved on Consent.

27. CONSIDER AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO BEADOR CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. FOR PROJECT 675: SEPULVEDA BLVD - WIDENING PROJECT FROM ALAMEDA BOULEVARD TO INTERMODAL WAY (CITY COUNCIL)

RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 1. AWARD a Construction Contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Beador Construction Company Inc., for Project No. 675 - Sepulveda Bridge Widening from Alameda Boulevard to Intermodal Way, in the amount not to exceed \$21,975,300;

- 2. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute the contract, following approval as to form by the City Attorney; and,
- 3. AUTHORIZE a 10% construction contingency (approximately \$2,197,530) to address any unforeseen construction conditions that may arise, funded entirely through the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) Measure M Grant.

ACTION: Item No. 27 was approved on Consent.

28. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE SUCCESSOR PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENT WITH THE LOS ANGELES/ORANGE COUNTIES BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL AND THE SIGNATORY CRAFT COUNCILS AND UNIONS (CITY COUNCIL)

RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 1. APPROVE the proposed Successor Project Labor Agreement with the Los Angeles/Orange Counties Building and Construction Trades Council and the Signatory Craft Councils and Unions for a term of five (5) years with three one-year renewals; and,
- 2. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute the same upon approval as to form by the City Attorney.

ACTION: Item No. 28 was approved on Consent.

29. CONSIDER APPROVING A SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET AND AUTHORIZING A FUNDING TRANSFER FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 1610: FOISIA PARK IMPROVEMENTS AND CONSIDER RESOLUTION 25-131, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CARSON CITY COUNCIL AMENDING FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 BUDGET IN THE GENERAL FUND AND SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS (CITY COUNCIL)

RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 1. APPROVE a supplemental budget in the amount of approximately \$100,000.00 for Capital Improvement Project No. 1610: Foisia Park Improvements, to cover the cost of replacing hydro-seed with sod.
- 2. WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 25-131, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CARSON CITY COUNCIL AMENDING FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 BUDGET IN THE GENERAL FUND AND SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS" to transfer funds between 101-99-999-904-8009 and 101-99- 999-904-8008 to fully fund this supplemental budget.

ACTION: Item No. 29 was approved on Consent.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

None.

DISCUSSION (Items 30-32)

30. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 8 TO A CONTRACT SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR STREET SWEEPING SERVICES WITH NATIONWIDE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES (C-08-001) TO EXECUTE THE FIRST ONE-YEAR CONTRACT EXTENSION OPTION AND APPROVE A DISPOSAL RATE INCREASE AND 3.42% ANNUAL CONSUMER PRICE INDEX COST OF LIVING RATE ADJUSTMENT AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 25-126, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CARSON CITY COUNCIL AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 BUDGET IN THE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND" (CITY COUNCIL)

RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 1. APPROVE Amendment No. 8 to the Contract Services Agreement with Nationwide Environmental Services, Inc., a division of Joe's Sweeping, Inc., to provide street sweeping services with a disposal rate adjustment of

\$55,845 and annual Consumer Price Index rate adjustment of \$40,273.21 for FY 2025-26, for a total amount of \$96,118.21, thereby increasing the total annual contract sum under the Agreement to \$1,273,697.53; and,

– 2. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute the same following approval as to form by the City Attorney; and,

– 3. WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 25-126, “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CARSON CITY COUNCIL AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 BUDGET IN THE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND” (Exhibit 3).

Item No. 30 was heard after Item No. 23.

City Manager Roberts, Jr. requested to continue this item to the next meeting.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes asked why continuance of the item.

City Manager Roberts, Jr. responded that there is language to be added to the agreement.

City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani clarified that there are no mistakes. The contractor asked for additional changes that staff is considering and will bring back to the City Council.

RECESS:

The meeting was recessed at 7:28 P.M. by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes.

RECONVENE:

The meeting was reconvened at 7:37 P.M. by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes with all members previously noted present.

ACTION: Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes ordered this item continued to the next meeting with no objection heard.

31. CONSIDER TAKING AN ACTION PURSUANT TO ELECTION CODE SECTION 9215 FOR FIREWORKS INITIATIVE ORDINANCE (CITY COUNCIL)

RECOMMENDED ACTION

– 1. ADOPT without alteration and pursuant to Elections Code Section 9215(a), Ordinance No. 25-2519, “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING AN INITIATIVE MEASURE ENTITLED “A PROPOSED INITIATIVE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CARSON MUNICIPAL CODE TO PERMIT THE SALE AND USE OF CERTAIN FIREWORKS WITHIN THE CITY OF CARSON” (Exhibit No. 1); OR

– 2. ORDER a Report on the effects of the proposed initiative Ordinance No. 25-2519, pursuant to Election Code sections 9215(c) and 9212; and SUBMIT the proposed initiative Ordinance No. 25-2519, without alteration, to the voters at a General Municipal Election occurring on June 2, 2026, pursuant to Elections Code Sections 9215(b) and 1405, by taking the following actions: a. ADOPT Resolution 25-133, “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, CALLING FOR THE HOLDING OF A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION ON TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2026, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY AN INITIATIVE MEASURE, WHICH WILL AMEND ARTICLE III, CHAPTER 1 “FIRE PREVENTION” OF THE CARSON MUNICIPAL CODE TO ALLOW THE SALE AND USE OF “SAFE AND SANE” FIREWORKS IN THE CITY OF CARSON” (Exhibit No. 2); and b. ADOPT Resolution 25-134, “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, SETTING PRIORITIES FOR FILING WRITTEN ARGUMENT(S) AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO PREPARE AN IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS REGARDING AN INITIATIVE MEASURE, WHICH WILL ALLOW THE SALE AND USE OF “SAFE AND SANE” FIREWORKS IN THE CITY OF CARSON” (Exhibit No. 3); and c. ADOPT Resolution 25-135, “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, PROVIDING FOR THE FILING OF REBUTTAL ARGUMENTS REGARDING AN INITIATIVE MEASURE, WHICH WILL AMEND ARTICLE III, CHAPTER 1 “FIRE PREVENTION” OF THE CARSON MUNICIPAL CODE TO ALLOW THE SALE AND USE OF “SAFE AND SANE”

FIREWORKS IN THE CITY OF CARSON, TO BE SUBMITTED AT THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION ON JUNE 2, 2026” (Exhibit No. 4); OR

– 3. ORDER a Report on the effects of the proposed initiative Ordinance No. 25-2519, pursuant to Election Code sections 9215(c) and 9212; and SUBMIT the proposed initiative Ordinance No. 25-2519, without alteration, to the voters at a General Municipal Election occurring on June 2, 2026, pursuant to Elections Code Sections 9215(b) and 1405.

City Clerk/Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary, Dr. Bradshaw gave a report.

Questions were asked and answered.

Assistant City Attorney Jessica Santiago presented the three resolutions related to the June 2, 2026 election.

ACTION: It was moved to withdraw the ban and allow fireworks to proceed on motion of Council Member, Dr. Hilton, seconded by Council Member Dear.

City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani stated she would review the staff report to make sure if the motion by Council Member, Dr. Hilton is properly agendized which he can certainly make a motion to direct staff to bring back an ordinance amending the ordinance that put in place the ban and cannot withdraw or amend an ordinance by minute order. It has to be done by ordinance.

Council Member, Dr. Hilton amended his motion to direct staff to bring back an ordinance that would undo the ordinance that banned the fireworks which Council Member Dear concurred.

Substitute Motion

Mayor Davis-Holmes offered a substitute motion to approve staff recommendation No. 2, to move forward with the resolutions in place and take it to the voters, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Hicks, Sr.

During discussion of the motion, Council Member Dear asked the City Clerk the cost to hold the City's special election on June 2, 2026. City Clerk, Dr. Bradshaw responded the current cost is approximately \$372,438.79 according to the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's Office.

Substitute motion to Approve Staff Recommendation No. 2 carried resulting in 5-0-0-0-0.

32. 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)- 7:57 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: Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes established the Transportation and Dial-A-Ride Services Ad Hoc Committee to consist of Mayor Pro Tempore Hicks, Sr. and Council Member, Dr. Hilton with no objection heard.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes discussed the makeup of the Human Relations Commission with the two Disability Advocate Members and ordered this item continued to the next meeting with no objection heard.

ORDINANCE SECOND READING

None.

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

Larry Thomas

Expressed concern that his neighbor's pool is causing hazardous issues which has been ongoing for a year; he reported the issue to the City and several agencies to no avail and asked for assistance.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes referred Larry Thomas to the City Manager for plan of action.

Michelle Pino, representing the Carson Library.

Provided updates of the Carson Library and Martin Luther King, Jr. Library

Brandi Lewin

Announced Community Meeting on November 20, 2025 regarding the University Drive and Central Avenue Project; offered comments regarding the Disabilities Advocate Members of the Human Relations Commission and Prayer Breakfast

City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani acknowledged Assistant City Attorney Isaac Young and thanked him on his mentorship and leadership with Aleshire & Wynder who was accompanied by Ruthie Malpani, an intern with the firm who is an undergrad interested in Public Policy.

COUNCIL MEMBER REQUESTS TO ADD ITEMS TO FUTURE AGENDAS

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear requested staff to bring forth an ordinance to invest in signage that says "No Parking of Vehicles For Sale".

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (COUNCIL MEMBERS)

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

- Attended the Prayer Breakfast that was incredible and he had the privilege of wearing his Pastor hat and was grateful for the opportunity to share with the people
- Town Hall Meeting, November 13, 2025, at 6:30pm, Hemingway Park.

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

- Attended the Los Angeles County opening of Aging and Disabilities Department Asian Community Service Center on the corner of Carson Street and Grace Avenue

(Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member, Dr. Hilton exited the meeting at 8:19 P.M.)

- Town Hall Meeting, November 19, 2025, at 6:30 P.M., Carson Park

(Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member, Dr. Hilton reentered and exited the meeting at 8:20 P.M.)

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

- Status on the repair of the Carson electronic marquee on Main Street

(Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member, Dr. Hilton reentered the meeting at 8:21 P.M.)

- Update on the feasibility for the Carson Unified School District
- Light up Carson initiative; would like a lighting evaluation of the City to look at ways to brighten up the community
- Requested truck route evaluation of the entire city; enforcement is needed for trucks; residents upset that University Drive is now a truck route
- Drive-through Turkey Giveaway, November 15, 2025, from 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M., at Prevailing in Christ Ministries located at 1609 E. Del Amo Boulevard; must be a Carson resident and proof of residency is required
- Veterans Day Program, November 11, 2025
- Asked if there is anything the City can do to assist with those who are not receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits

City Manager Roberts, Jr. noted there is no funding the City can provide for SNAP benefits that would not be deemed potentially a gift of public funds. There is opportunity for sponsorships or businesses to donate.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes directed staff look into previous programs that are partnering with food banks with no objection heard.

City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani offered a \$10,000 donation on behalf of Aleshire and Wynder to programs the City puts in place to assist.

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

- Town Hall Meeting, November 19, 2025, at 6:30 P.M., Del Amo Park

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

- Asked about the upcoming Sanitation District Event. Director Whittiker, Jr. responded the Clean and Green Fest event is November 15, 2025, from 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.; flyer is available on the City website and will be distributed at the local schools in the City
- Turkey and/or Gift Cards Giveaway, November 23, 2025, at 1:00 P.M., South Bay Pavilion next to Target Store and Dental Office; must be a Carson resident and bring proof of residency
- Congratulated Council Member Rojas on her retirement after 35 years from the Los Angeles Police Department, thanked her for the party invitation, and commended her for serving
- Welcomed the new Director of Community and Economic Development Nathan Freeman
- Thanked staff for their work

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

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

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Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member, Dr. Hilton gave a prayer.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes thanked Council Member, Dr. Hilton for an awesome job at the Prayer Breakfast and for his prayer at the Tree Planting Ceremony in honor of her grandson. She thanked her colleagues and Director Whittiker, Jr. for attending.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 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