



## **CITY OF CARSON**

### **MINUTES**

#### **CARSON CITY COUNCIL/ SUCCESSOR AGENCY/HOUSING AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 18, 2025 5:00 P.M.**

#### **CALL TO ORDER: CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/HOUSING AUTHORITY/PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2025**

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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 via pre-recorded opening remarks of the rules of decorum.

#### **ROLL CALL (CITY CLERK)**

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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, Dr. Jawane Hilton, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Jim Dear, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Cedric Hicks, Sr., and 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, Assistant City Manager; Saied Naaseh, Director of Community Development; Michael Whittiker, Jr., Director of Community Services; Dr. Arlington Rodgers, Jr., Director of Public Works; Gary Carter, Director of Information Technology and Security; William Jefferson, Director of Finance; and Nora Garcia, Director of Public Safety

#### **FLAG SALUTE**

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

#### **INVOCATION (Item 1)**

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##### **1. PASTOR MICHAEL EALEY FROM PREVAILING IN CHRIST MINISTRIES - 5:06 PM**

Pastor Ealey gave the invocation. He provided an update on Carson Cares, an organization partnered with the City of Carson to provide donations to those affected by the wildfires in Altadena and

Palisades. He asked that donations be made to Prevailing Family Life Center.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman stated Myeshia Horton will schedule a meeting with Pastor Ealey to discuss upcoming projects.

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**CLOSED SESSION (Items 2 - 4)**

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**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 title of such litigation is 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: Item No. 2 was not considered.

**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 is a party. The title of such litigation is as follows: Kendall, Lori v. City of Carson, Workers' Comp. Appeals Board, Santa Ana. (WCAB) Case No. ADJ13478749

ACTION: No reportable action was taken.

**4. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR (CITY COUNCIL)**

—A closed session will be held, pursuant to Government Code 54957.6, with City Manager, Assistant City Manager, and Human Resources Officer, its negotiators(s), regarding labor negotiations with AME, CPSA, and, AFSCME Local 809 and 1017 as well as Unclassified Management.

ACTION: No reportable action was taken.

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

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None.

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**ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS (CITY ATTORNEY)**

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City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani announced the Closed Sessions items stating Item No. 2 will not be considered.

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

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The meeting was recessed at 5:11 P.M. by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes to Closed Session.

**2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION (CITY COUNCIL)-****3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION (CITY COUNCIL)-****4. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR (CITY COUNCIL)-**

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

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The meeting was reconvened by Mayor Pro Tempore/Vice Agency Chairman/Vice Authority Chairman, Dr. Hilton at 6:10 P.M. Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes returned at 6:11 P.M. and Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Rojas returned at 6:13 P.M.

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

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City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani gave the Closed Session report.

**INTRODUCTIONS (MAYOR) (Item 5)**

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**5. REPORT FROM CAPTAIN NORMAN OF CARSON SHERIFF'S STATION- 7:04 PM**

Captain Norman announced/reported the following:

- Expressed appreciation for honoring Deputies Alkonis and Martinez on their efforts during the Altadena and Palisades fires.
- Attended a Civilian Advisory Committee meeting that addressed several issues including street vendors, RVs, homelessness, crime trends, and street and crime statistics.
- On February 6th, the station participated in a Colors Run that honored Deputy Daniel Okamoto, former deputy explorer.
- On February 6th, the station hosted Coffee with a Deputy at Ritual Coffee Shop.
- On February 11th, Captain Norman met with Director Garcia to discuss vandalism and theft occurring at Carriage Crest, Foisia, and Dominguez parks while under construction. Capt. Norman announced that SAL teams, parks teams, and patrol deputies conduct early morning patrolling.
- Attended the 29th annual I Am Rising Star hosted by the Human Relations Commission.
- On February 16th, bad traffic collision occurred on Central and Helmick. A deputy sustained a severe head injury.
- Decrease in residential burglaries at about 15.7%, decrease in aggravated assaults at about 9%, slight increase in larceny thefts (snatch and grabs) by about 7.9%, decrease in grand theft autos at about 3.2%, part 1 crimes in Carson are down by 5.5%.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes shared that she reached out to Captain Norman about an increase in crime in the Turmont area. She also thanked the Captain for the involvement in break-ins at the strip mall on Carson Street.

Captain Norman stated a Neighborhood Watch Program for businesses is in the works and a preliminary meeting will occur at the strip mall on University and Avalon within the week and continuing meetings at other strip malls.

**PRESENTATIONS (Items 6 - 8)**

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**6. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF NEW PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE CARSON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, LEAH R. SKINNER- 6:27 PM**

This item was heard after Item No. 24.

Leah R. Skinner, executive director of the Carson Chamber of Commerce, was introduced.

Leah Skinner gave a brief summary of her professional history and looked forward to working with the City of Carson.

**7. PRESENTATION ON THE CITY OF CARSON SMALL BUSINESS GROWTH ACADEMY BY DAVID OCHI, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE INNOVATION INCUBATOR AT CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, DOMINGUEZ HILLS- 6:31 PM**

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes thanked David Ochi on the success of the academy and the five graduating classes.

David Ochi spoke of the joy of directing the program and seeing the businesses thrive. He stated the next cohort begins on March 7th and is open to all businesses that are categorized as small businesses. More information on the academy can be found at [incubator.csudh.edu/ccsbga](http://incubator.csudh.edu/ccsbga).

David Ochi recognized Assistant City Manager Raymond for expanding and connecting the program with new parts of the city to showcase the work of the small businesses and thanked the Mayor and Council.

Graduates of the program spoke words of gratitude.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes presented each small business owners with a certificate.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes recognized Diana Medel, former Director of Strategic Partnerships of the Boys & Girls Club, on her promotion to Executive Director of the Wilmington YMCA and presented a certificate.

Diana Medel offered words of gratitude.

**8. PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING DOMINICAN REPUBLIC INDEPENDENCE DAY (FEB 27TH) -**

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Rojas presented the proclamation.

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

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Lawrence Flinton - Item No. 26

He thanked Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Rojas for appointing him to the Public Safety Commission. He thanked the Council for considering the street takeover ordinance.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman stepped away from the meeting.

Brandi Lewin - Non-Agenda Item

She provided an update about the establishment of the Disabilities Commission. She stated she and Luz met with the Human Relations Commission and had a productive meeting. She thanked Cac Le and Brian Legaspi for their support.

## Luz Padua - Non-Agenda Item

She echoed the statements on Brandi Lewin and thanked the Mayor for her help. She stated that she will not take the position in the Human Relations Commission however, she looks forward to the formation of a disabilities committee that she could become a part of.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Item 9)**

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#### **9. APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING CARSON CITY COUNCIL-SUCCESSOR AGENCY-HOUSING AUTHORITY MINUTES: FEBRUARY 4, 2025 (CITY COUNCIL)- 7:18 PM**

##### RECOMMENDED ACTION

—APPROVE the minutes as listed.

#### **\*\* Item was Removed from Consent**

Motion To Approve submitted by Jim Dear seconded by Cedric L. Hicks Sr. resulting in 4-0-0-0-0  
*Dr. Jawane Hilton absent resulting in votes of 4- Yes, 0- No, 1- Absent.*

### **CONSENT (Items 10 - 22)**

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Motion To Approve submitted by Jim Dear seconded by Cedric L. Hicks Sr. resulting in 4-0-0-0-0  
*Dr. Jawane Hilton absent resulting in votes of 4- Yes, 0- No, 1-Absent.*

#### **10. FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 MID-YEAR FINANCIAL REPORT AND CONSIDER ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 25-017 TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 BUDGET (CITY COUNCIL)- 7:25 PM**

##### RECOMMENDED ACTION

—1. RECEIVE the FILE the 2024-2025 Mid-Year Financial Report.

—2. ADOPT Resolution No. 25-017, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CARSON CITY COUNCIL AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 BUDGET IN THE GENERAL FUND.

City Manager Roberts, Jr. intended to pull Item No. 10 however, stated Item No. 12.

Director Jefferson presented the mid-year financial report.

City Clerk/Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary, Dr. Bradshaw made a point of clarification on the correct item number that the report discussed.

Assistant City Manager, Dr. Lennox clarified the recommended actions for Item No. 10.

City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani stated that a Motion for Reconsideration be conducted to place Item No. 12 back on the Consent calendar with Item No. 10 pulled in its place.

Motion for Reconsideration submitted by Jim Dear seconded by Cedric Hicks, Sr resulting in 4-0-0-0-1 with Dr. Jawane Hilton absent.

Motion to Approve Consent, except Item Nos. 10, 21, 22, submitted by Jim Dear seconded by Cedric Hicks, Sr. resulting in 4-0-0-0-1 with Dr. Jawane Hilton absent.

Motion to Approve Item No. 10 submitted by Jim Dear seconded by Cedric Hicks, Sr.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes inquired about adding the Women's Issues Commission funding request into the mid-year budget.

City Manager Roberts, Jr. stated the request can be fulfilled as a transfer item if it is within his signing authority and will only need to come to council if it is not.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes asked if additional funding is requested in the mid-year budget for street improvements.

Director Dr. Rodgers, Jr. stated Item No. 22 holds the request for additional funding.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes also inquired about the franchise oil fee.

City Manager Roberts, Jr. informed that staff has completed an assessment with its findings reported in a meeting on Monday.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes wanted to include in the discussion who is in place for monitoring the franchise oil fees as it is a request she has had since 2007.

City Manager Roberts, Jr. highlighted for Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks that a part of the \$5 million budget that was approved includes a fiber optic network program that the City of Carson would own. City Manager Roberts, Jr. highlighted the work of Director Carter.

Director Jefferson introduced Ashton Watts, Budget I Analyst. Director Jefferson expressed gratitude for Watts' work in assisting in the completion of the mid-year budget as well as an intricate part of the 2025-2026 fiscal year budget process.

Ashton Watts thanked Director Jefferson and offered words of gratitude for working with the City of Carson.

Motion to Approve Item No. 10 submitted by Jim Dear seconded by Cedric Hicks, Sr. resulting in 4-0-0-1 with Dr. Jawane Hilton absent.

**\*\* Item was Removed from Consent**

Motion To Approve submitted by Jim Dear seconded by Cedric L. Hicks Sr. resulting in 4-0-0-0-1  
Absent was Dr. Jawane Hilton

*Motion to Reconsider carried the vote of 4- Yes, 0- No, 1- Absent.*

**11. CONSIDER A REPORT ON ALL INTRADEPARTMENTAL BUDGET TRANSFERS APPROVED UNDER THE CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE AUTHORITY FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2025 PER ORDINANCE 24-2401 (City Council)- 7:19 PM**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

—RECIEVE and FILE the report.

ACTION: Item No. 11 was approved on Consent.

**12. CONSIDER A REPORT OF ALL CITY CONTRACTS APPROVED UNDER CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE AUTHORITY FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2025 THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2025 PURSUANT TO CMC SECTION 2607 (CITY COUNCIL)- 7:20 PM**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

—1. RECEIVE and FILE this report.

ACTION: Item No. 12 was approved on Consent.

**13. CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION NO. 25-021, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON RATIFYING CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,652,823.98, DEMAND CHECK NUMBERS 177448 THROUGH 177554 FOR GENERAL DEMAND (CITY COUNCIL)- 7:19 PM**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

—1. WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 25-021, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON RATIFYING CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,652,823.98, DEMAND CHECK NUMBERS 177448 THROUGH 177554 FOR GENERAL DEMAND".

ACTION: Item No. 13 was approved on Consent.

**14. CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION NO. 25-02-CHA, A RESOLUTION OF THE CARSON HOUSING AUTHORITY RATIFYING CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,821.92, DEMAND CHECK NUMBERS HA-002029 THROUGH HA-002034 (CITY COUNCIL)- 7:19 PM**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

—1. WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 25-02-CHA, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CARSON HOUSING AUTHORITY RATIFYING CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,821.92, DEMAND CHECK NUMBERS HA-002029 THROUGH HA-002034".

ACTION: Item No. 14 was approved on Consent.

**15. CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION NO. 25-02-CSA, A RESOLUTION OF THE CARSON SUCCESSOR AGENCY CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,997.06, DEMAND CHECK NUMBERS SA-001941 THROUGH SA-001943 (CITY COUNCIL)- 7:19 PM**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

—1. WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution NO. 25-02-CSA, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CARSON SUCCESSOR AGENCY CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,997.06, DEMAND CHECK NUMBERS SA-001941 THROUGH SA-001943".

ACTION: Item No. 15 was approved on Consent.

**16. CONSIDER AWARDING A FIVE-YEAR CONTRACT SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH ADVANTAGE MAILING, LLC FOR PRINTING AND MAILING OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES GUIDE AND CARSON REPORT (CITY COUNCIL)- 7:19 PM**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

—1. APPROVE a contract with Advantage Mailing, LLC for a five (5) year term in an amount not to exceed \$523,487.04 for printing, mail preparation, and delivery.

—2. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute the contract after approval as to form by the City Attorney.

ACTION: Item No. 16 was approved on Consent.

**17. CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION NUMBER 25-024 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON APPROVING LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES CONTRACT; AND APPROVAL OF PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES CONTRACT WITH LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH (CITY COUNCIL)- 7:19 PM**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 1. WAIVE further reading and ADOPT the following Resolution No. 25-024 "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON APPROVING LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES CONTRACT"; and
- 2. AUTHORIZE the City Manager to execute the Contract.

ACTION: Item No. 17 was approved on Consent.

**18. CONSIDERATION TO ACCEPT THE PROJECT AS COMPLETE, PROJECT NO. 1794, COUNCIL CHAMBERS AUDIOVISUAL (CITY COUNCIL)- 7:19 PM**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 1. ACCEPT as complete Project No. 1794: Council Chambers Audiovisual Project.
- 2. AUTHORIZE staff to file a Notice of Completion.

ACTION: Item No. 18 was approved on Consent.

**19. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 25-023 RESCINDING RESOLUTION 24-118 AND ADOPTING CORRECTED COMPENSATION RANGES FOR ASFCME LOCAL 809- REPRESENTED PART-TIME UNCLASSIFIED HOURLY CLASSIFICATIONS TO BE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025- 7:19 PM**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 1. WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 25-023, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 24-118 AND ADOPTING CORRECTED COMPENSATION RANGES FOR AFSCME 809 REPRESENTED PART-TIME UNCLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES TO BE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025."

ACTION: Item No. 19 was approved on Consent.

**20. CONSIDER A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE CLASSIFICATION PLAN, RESOLUTION NO. 77-111 AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION 23-060 AND ANY OTHER PRIOR SIMILAR RESOLUTIONS FOR THE PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES MANAGER (CITY COUNCIL)- 7:19 PM**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

- WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 25-022, "CONSIDER A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE CLASSIFICATION PLAN, RESOLUTION NO. 77-111 AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION 23-060 AND ANY OTHER PRIOR SIMILAR RESOLUTIONS FOR THE PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES MANAGER."

ACTION: Item No. 20 was approved on Consent.



**21. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 25-013, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSITION BY AUCTION OF CERTAIN SURPLUS CITY VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT (CITY COUNCIL)- 7:39 PM**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

—WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 25-013, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITYCOUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSITION BY AUCTION OF CERTAIN SURPLUS CITY VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT" (Exhibit No. 2).

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks asked if any of the items were to be replaced based on the need of the city, will the funds be recycled to assist in repurchasing the new equipment, and if a sidewalk cleaner and tree grinder will be purchased. He also informed of the issue with dog owners leaving their dog's excrement on the sidewalks and requested enforcement as residents without dogs are being impacted as they walk throughout the city. He asked if tree grinding is a part of the contract with our tree trimmers or if there is someone that can do it internally.

Director Whittiker, Jr. gave the staff report and informed that city buses will be replaced with electric vehicles. The first two buses will arrive in April 2025 and within one year's time another electric bus will be purchased to complete the fleet.

Director Whittiker, Jr. also informed that the proceeds from the sales will cover the auctioneer's service fees.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks requested information regarding having the bus system in place before the 2028 Olympics.

City Manager Roberts, Jr. stated a plan is in place to alleviate the transportation issue for attendees of the 2028 Olympics however, buses can be used as needed.

Director Whittiker, Jr. stated that two grants were received that will fund nine electric vehicles in the near future.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes asked if another 60 passenger Blue Bird bus was being purchased.

Director Whittiker, Jr. stated that the bus has not been purchased and will be ordered based on how the buses will be charged in the warehouse area.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes stated that as a host city, dignitaries need to have a nice mode of transportation. She inquired about the purchase of a new Prevost bus and informed that the previous buses were purchased through Prop A monies.

Director Whittiker, Jr. stated that two Prevost buses will be purchased and are seeking additional funding for other buses being purchased in the near future.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes stated a matter of importance for the purchase of a Blue Bird bus and a Prevost bus.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear explained the importance of having a proper plan in place in a timely manner so that spectators of the 2028 Olympic games have a positive experience.

City Manager Roberts, Jr. informed that a request for proposal of an Olympic consultant to provide information, suggestions, and recommendations on the best ways to navigate being a host city and securing funding for the games was approved.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes requested placing the item in closed session once discussions have begun to provide updates to council members. She noted that the consultant for Carson is the same consultant for Los Angeles and Inglewood.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks requested information regarding a tree grinder and sidewalk cleaner.

Director Dr. Rodgers, Jr. informed a tree stump grinder is in inventory and a sidewalk sweeper went out to bid however, an issue with the bid required pursuing alternate actions. He also stated that there is a crew that sweeps major areas of concern and informed to contact if there are additional areas of concern.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks listed Wilmington from University Dr. to Del Amo.

**\*\* Item was Removed from Consent**

Motion To Approve submitted by Cedric L. Hicks Sr. seconded by Jim Dear resulting in 3-0-0-0-1 Absent was Dr. Jawane Hilton

*Mayor's vote button not working. Verbally voted Yes to motion for a 4- Yes, 0- No, 1- Absent vote.*

**22. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 25-017, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CARSON CITY COUNCIL AMENDING FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 BUDGET IN THE GENERAL FUND AND SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS AND CONSIDER AWARDED A MAINTENANCE CONTRACT TO ALL AMERICAN ASPHALT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS ANNUAL PAVING MAINTENANCE FOR ALL FOUR DISTRICTS WITHIN THE CITY OF CARSON (CITY COUNCIL) - 7:53 PM**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

—1. AWARD the Maintenance Agreement to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, All American Asphalt, for the City-Wide Pavement Maintenance Program for all four Districts, for a three-year term with the option to extend for two additional one-year terms at a not-to-exceed amount of \$30,000,000.

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

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks requested an update on the contract to street repairs process. He mentioned that residents are questioning why certain streets are being paved multiple times and others are not being paved at all. He hoped that within this contract that will no longer be an issue.

Director Dr. Rodgers, Jr. stated that there are streets that have been slurry sealed multiple times as he has driven around the city. He said the department has noticed and are keeping a close eye.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks stated that the residents are concerned with repairs happening on the same streets while others are not being repaired at all. He proposed someone going to the streets that need repairs and assessing if those repairs are necessary or if they can repair another street.

Director Dr. Rodgers, Jr. stated that Superintendent Kirkby Jones and his team are actively going out to assess the streets before a phase in the program is initiated.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes asked if there is a contract manager to ensure the proper streets are being repaired other than staff.

Director Dr. Rodgers, Jr. informed a contractor is available as another set of eyes on the project. He also stated that the new contract allowed for lower rates on the asphalt per ton and more efficiency. He confirmed that some streets will receive slurry and others will get repaved based on the index rating.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear requested clarification on streets that needed to be readdressed by slurry seal and when it will be repaired.

Director Dr. Rodgers, Jr. stated that the slurry seal program will be completed as soon as possible weather permitting.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks requested a repair on Del Amo to 223rd in the Alameda Corridor as residents are concerned. He questioned if the Alameda Corridor would become a state highway or remain Carson's property.

Assistant City Manager Raymond shared that through the MOU that was passed, Caltrans began the process of taking the Alameda Corridor into the state highway system. He stated that for it to become a state highway, the corridor needed to meet state highway standards. Steps are being taken to work on the worst parts of the street.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks inquired about how to make the area livable.

Assistant City Manager Raymond stated that the onramps are owned by the City of Carson and can be placed in the CIP to be repaired.

Director Dr. Rodgers, Jr. informed that an agreement is in process with Caltrans to effectively mitigate jurisdictional issues. He thanked Director Jefferson for working alongside to ensure adequate funding was received going into the next fiscal year.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks asked if there was a need to get assembly members involved.

Assistant City Manager Raymond informed that Assemblymember Lowenthal's office is working with the city on a separate matter involving the 405 and Avalon ramp issue.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear requested confirmation in owning a part of Alameda Street. Once received, he requested an item be placed on the agenda to allocate funds to repair the small portion that is city owned.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks requested repairs on McKellen and 223rd street.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear stated the street is owned by the City of Carson and the City of Long Beach. The Carson side was repaired however, the City of Long Beach would not repair their side or allow the City of Carson to repair it.

**\*\* Item was Removed from Consent**

Motion To Approve submitted by Cedric L. Hicks Sr. seconded by Jim Dear resulting in 3-0-0-0-1  
Absent was Dr. Jawane Hilton

*Mayor's vote button not working. Verbally voted Yes to motion for a 4- Yes, 0- No, 1- Absent vote.*

**SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY (Item 23)**

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**23. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENTS TO THE 2024-25 AND 2019-20 ANNUAL ACTION PLANS (CITY COUNCIL)- 8:15 PM**

- 1. OPEN the Public Hearing, TAKE public Testimony, and CLOSE the Public Hearing.
- 2. APPROVE the submission of Substantial Amendments to the 2024-25 and 2019-20 Annual Action Plans to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).
- 3. AUTHORIZE the reallocation of \$552,940.25 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from program year 2023-24, allocate funds to the Neighborhood Pride Program (NPP).
- 4. AUTHORIZE the reallocation of the Community Development Block Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) fund balance of \$256,826.25 to the existing COVID-related Residential Rehabilitation Program.
- 5. WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 25-018 of the City Council of the City of Carson, California, reallocating \$552,940.25 in (CDBG) funds from program year 2023-24 to program year 2024-25, and allocating the funds to the Neighborhood Pride Program as well as reallocating \$256,826.25 CDBG-CV funds from program year 2019-20 to COVID-related residential Rehabilitation.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes opened the Public Hearing.

There were no public testimonies or public comment.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes closed the Public Hearing.

Debra Scott, Housing Specialist, gave the staff report.

Debra Scott introduced Duane Cobb, Housing Analyst, who will administering the CDBG Program.

Motion To Approve submitted by Jim Dear seconded by Cedric L. Hicks Sr. resulting in 3-0-0-0-1  
Absent was Dr. Jawane Hilton

*Mayor's vote button not working. Verbally voted Yes to motion for a 4- Yes, 0- No, 1- Absent vote.*

## **DISCUSSION (Item 24 - 26)**

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### **24. CONSIDER UPDATED MARKETING CITY LOGO CONCEPTS (CITY COUNCIL)- 6:12 PM**

#### RECOMMENDED ACTION

—APPROVE one of the updated City Marketing Logo options provided to the City Council.

Item No. 24 was heard after the Closed Session report.

City Manager Roberts, Jr. presented the staff report. Marketing logo and seal options were displayed on screen.

Mayor Pro Tempore/Vice Agency Chairman/Vice Authority Chairman, Dr. Hilton liked the second option as it is clean and easier to embroider without the detail of the book and hands.

Mayor Pro Tempore/Vice Agency Chairman/Vice Authority Chairman, Dr. Hilton made a motion to approve the option without the book and hands and Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes seconded the motion.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear asked for clarification on the staff report as they viewed and will vote on the city's seal instead of the marketing logo as it is stated in the report. He requested that City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani weigh in on the matter.

City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani stated she had not read the staff report but will do so quickly.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks asked if there was a more pronounced diamond. City Manager Roberts, Jr. informed that there was a clearer more detailed picture of the diamond however, the diamond would become difficult to embroider when embroidered on a smaller scale. He also stated that having the diamond designed in pieces allows for flexibility to customize by event. He gave an example of changing the colors to reflect that of Black History Month.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks recommended more symmetry to the diamond so that it could appear to catch the light.

City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani informed that the staff report states it as a logo and the attachments are listed as marketing logos so there would be no public confusion. She stated she was comfortable with the language and with the council proceeding.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Rojas agreed with liking the second option while also stating that the diamond should be more defined for clarity.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes requested the item be continued and would not be opposed to having a special meeting as the need for the logo is time sensitive.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes wanted Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks' and Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Rojas' concerns addressed.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear believed the item of voting on the city's seal was not properly placed on the agenda.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes stated the item will be continued to the March 4th meeting and a special meeting will be called if necessary.

Mayor Pro Tempore/Vice Agency Chairman/Vice Authority Chairman, Dr. Hilton exited the meeting at 6:26 P.M.

**25. 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)- 8:21 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

This item is incorrectly numbered and presents as Item No. 25 in the agenda.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes appointed Britney Ford as Alternate No. 1 on the Environmental Commission, Cameron Payton to the Youth Commission, and Brent Page as Alternate No. 3 on the Public Relations Commission.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes added Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks to the Finance Audit Committee as an alternate.

Motion To Approve submitted by Jim Dear seconded by Cedric L. Hicks Sr. resulting in 3-0-0-0-1  
Absent was Dr. Jawane Hilton

*Mayor's vote button not working. Verbally voted Yes to motion for a 4- Yes, 0- No, 1- Absent vote.*

**26. INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 25-2504, ADDING CHAPTER 13 (ILLEGAL SPEED CONTESTS AND EXHIBITIONS OF SPEED) TO ARTICLE III (PUBLIC SAFETY) OF THE CARSON MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROHIBIT SPECTATORS AT ILLEGAL MOTOR VEHICLE SPEED CONTESTS OR EXHIBITIONS OF SPEED- 8:25 PM**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 1. INTRODUCE for first reading, by title only, ORDINANCE NO. 25-2504, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, ADDING CHAPTER 13 (ILLEGAL SPEED CONTESTS AND EXHIBITIONS OF SPEED) TO ARTICLE III (PUBLIC SAFETY) OF THE CARSON MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROHIBIT SPECTATORS AT ILLEGAL MOTOR VEHICLE SPEED CONTESTS OR EXHIBITIONS OF SPEED

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear shared the topic is important to him and mentioned that Public Safety Commissioner Flinton brought it to him two years ago. He also thanked the Mayor for placing the item on the agenda.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes clarified that the item needed to go through the city attorney's office prior to being placed on the agenda.

Director Garcia provided the staff report and an update.

Director Garcia informed that the ordinance makes it a crime to be a spectator at an illegal motor vehicle speed contest. She mentioned that the ordinance was a joint effort between the city, the sheriff's department, and the city attorney's office.

Motion To Approve submitted by Jim Dear seconded by Cedric L. Hicks Sr. resulting in 3-0-0-0-1

Absent was Dr. Jawane Hilton

*Mayor's vote button not working. Verbally voted Yes to motion for a 4- Yes, 0- No, 1- Absent vote.*

#### **ORDINANCE SECOND READING**

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None.

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

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None.

#### **COUNCIL MEMBER REQUESTS TO ADD ITEMS TO FUTURE AGENDAS**

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Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks requested a Red Curb Initiative be put in place to coincide with AB 413 which was brought to attention by Captain Norman. He requested painting all curbs red within the 20 feet as it relates to the new parking code while also allowing for safer crossing for pedestrians within the crosswalk.

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

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Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks announced/reported:

- Attended the Rising Stars event by the Human Relations Commission and shared that he was pleased with the youth. He shared the attendance of Congresswoman Nanette Barragan, Assemblyman Mike Gipson, Captain Norman, Mayor Lula Davis-Holmes, and Councilman Jim Dear was well received. He requested more publicization of the event to include more students from the city.
- Streetlights are out on Del Amo from Avalon Boulevard to Buffalo Wild Wings and on Del Amo between Campaign Drive and Tillman.
- To start project Light Up Carson to make the city brighter to deter crime
- Begin the process of crosswalk remarking

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

- Agreed with Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks on the Light Up Carson initiative

- Commended the Human Relations Commission for the wonderful event and agreed on making the event known city wide for students

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes acknowledged former first Lady Baylor of Judson Baptist Church for attending the meeting. She acknowledged Cac Le for her amazing leadership and input on the Rising Star program.

### **MEMORIAL ADJOURNMENTS**

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

Andrew Gutierrez

Domingo Regua

Amie Lee Peters

City Manager Roberts, Jr. gave a prayer.

### **ANNOUNCEMENT OF UNFINISHED OR CONTINUED CLOSED SESSION ITEMS (AS NECESSARY)**

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Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes acknowledged Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks' birthday.

### **RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION**

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None.

### **RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

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None.

### **REPORT OF ACTIONS ON UNFINISHED OR CONTINUED CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

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### **ADJOURNMENT**

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 P.M. by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes.

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Lula Davis-Holmes

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman

ATTEST:

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Dr. Khaleah K. Bradshaw

City Clerk/Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary