



## **CITY OF CARSON**

### **MINUTES**

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

**APRIL 1, 2025**

**5:00 P.M.**

#### **CALL TO ORDER: CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/HOUSING AUTHORITY/PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2025**

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The pre-recorded Rules of Decorum aired at 5:00 P.M.

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)**

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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; Josh Boudreaux, Director of Human Resources; and Nora Garcia, Director of Public Safety

#### **FLAG SALUTE**

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

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

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**1. PASTOR PRENTIS LEWIS, GREATER STARLIGHT BAPTIST CHURCH- 5:05 PM**

Pastor Prentis Lewis gave a prayer.

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**CLOSED SESSION (Items 2-5)**

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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.

**3. 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, regarding labor negotiations with AME, CPSA, and, AFSCME Local 809 and 1017 as well as Unclassified Management.

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

— A closed session will be held, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(4), because the City is considering whether to initiate litigation in one potential case.

**5. 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.

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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 Session items.

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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 5:07 P.M. by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes.

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

ACTION: Item was not discussed.

**3. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR (CITY COUNCIL)-**

ACTION: No reportable action was taken.

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

ACTION: No reportable action was taken.

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

ACTION: No reportable action was taken.

**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 at 6:11 P.M. by Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman, Dr. Hilton with Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes absent.

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

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

**INTRODUCTIONS (MAYOR) (Items 6-7)**

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**6. REPORT FROM CAPTAIN NORMAN OF CARSON SHERIFF'S STATION- 6:12 PM**

Captain Norman introduced new Detective Bureau Lieutenant Kianna Penn, previously served as Sargeant at Carson Sheriff's Station. Lieutenant Kianna Penn offered comments.

(Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes reentered the meeting at 6:13 P.M.)

Captain Norman summarized the recent law enforcement activities, robberies report, and home invasions report.

**7. REPORT FROM ASSISTANT CHIEF KANE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE - 6:24 PM**

Assistant Chief Kane gave the Public Safety Report for the month of March.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks, Sr. asked about smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors. Assistant Chief Kane stated that the Fire Department encourages that you change the batteries whether it is beeping or not when daylight savings time rolls around. Anyone who cannot afford smoke detectors can contact the Fire Department or the Red Cross for free. Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks, Sr. asked the City Manager to have the link about free smoke detectors linked on the City website.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear asked about fire hydrant caps being stolen. Assistant Chief Kane stated that annually in the month of March is conditioned for maintenance. If the caps are missing they are replaced at that time. Cal Water has a similar program to maintain those hydrants.

City Manager Roberts, Jr. thanked Assistant Chief Kane for working in collaboration with Public Safety and Public Works for working diligently on the oil spill.

**PRESENTATIONS (Items 8-13)**

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This item was heard after Item No. 24.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Rojas introduced Philippine Consul General Adel Cruz. She presented him a Certificate of Recognition who offered words of gratitude and comments.

**8. RECOGNITION OF LUIS SANCHEZ, STUDENT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ACADEMY OF MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE, AS THE RECIPIENT OF A \$50,000 SCHOLARSHIP FROM SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON- 6:47 PM**

The Mayor and City Council presented a Certificate of Recognition to Luis Sanchez and took photos with his family. Connie Turner from Southern California Edison awarded and presented a \$50,000 scholarship to Luis Sanchez who will be attending the University of Michigan.

**9. UPDATE FROM PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION- 7:31 PM**

Item No. 9 was heard after Item No. 13.

(Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman, Dr. Hilton exited the meeting at 7:31 P.M. and reentered the meeting at 7:33 P.M.)

Kobii Howard, Chair of the Public Works Commission, provided an update on the Public Works Commission's work, recent accomplishments, and vision they share in the city's infrastructure and growth. He acknowledged and thanked the Public Works Commission members, Director Dr. Arlington Rodgers, and staff for their work and collaboration.

(Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes exited the meeting at 7:32 P.M. and reentered the meeting at 7:33 P.M.)

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes thanked Chair Howard for his thorough report and coming to the meeting.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Jim Dear asked about the beautification on Carson Street, particularly the delays around the project. Director Dr. Rodgers, Jr. shared that it is a part of the Median Landscape Project and that he is hopeful it will be a different experience this time. Council Member Dear shared that he was a part of the Citizens Committee in 1995 and that there were some challenges with water run and reclaimed water piping and other issues, and the contractor was not given proper mapping. Director Dr. Rodgers, Jr. explained that it is a multi-year project and Public Works will do their best to mitigate any traffic issues.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes asked about the pipe project that Council Member Dear referenced. Assistant City Manager, Dr. Lennox shared that project was cost prohibitive and the city did not move forward with it.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks, Sr. asked about synchronized traffic signals. He shared that years ago it used to take five minutes to get across the city but now it takes 15-20 minutes. Chair Howard shared that the commission has heard about those complaints as well. Director Gary Carter shared that phase one of the fiber optic project and network enabled will assist with this. Phase one is funded according to City Manager Roberts, Jr. He stated when quotes are received for additional phases, it will be brought before Council.

Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman, Dr. Hilton shared that Lakewood just installed license plate readers and requested Director Garcia to explain to the residents. Director Garcia stated that the city has nearly 100 license plate reader cameras throughout the city already and currently working on establishing a wider network of the cameras.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes asked Director Dr. Rodgers, Jr. when soliciting the RFP for landscape and maintenance for the medians to make sure that the new

contract includes replacing plants, repairing sprinkler heads, etc. because the current contract does not include repair and replacement of sprinkler heads and would like them maintained.

**10. PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING APRIL AS AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH - 6:57 PM**

Item No. 10 was heard after Item No. 8.

Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman, Dr. Hilton read the proclamation and presented to recipients Latonya McGhee Berry and Ola Ochoa. The Mayor and City Council took photos with the recipients (two parents with children with autism) who both offered comments.

**11. PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING APRIL AS NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK - 7:05 PM**

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear read the proclamation and presented to Phung Nguyen, Librarian from Carson High School, who offered comments.

**12. PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING APRIL AS SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH - 7:19 PM**

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Rojas read the proclamation and presented to Deputy Katya Morrell who accepted with words of gratitude.

**13. PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING APRIL AS NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK DAY - 7:27 PM**

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

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks, Sr. read the proclamation and presented to Richard Bis, Nora Garcia from Public Safety Department, and Captain Norman from the Carson Sheriff Station. Richard Bis and Paz Villanueva Velasquez offered comments on behalf of the Coalition for Substance Abuse Awareness and Prevention.

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

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This item was heard after Item No. 9.

City Clerk/Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary, Dr. Bradshaw stated there were no speaker cards for this item.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Item 14)**

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**14. APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING CARSON CITY COUNCIL-SUCCESSOR AGENCY-HOUSING AUTHORITY MINUTES: MARCH 18, 2025 (CITY COUNCIL)- 7:58 PM**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

— APPROVE the minutes as listed.

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

**CONSENT (Items 15-32)**

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Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes previously removed Items No. 24 and 25

for discussion with no objection heard.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks, Sr. requested to remove Item No. 22 for discussion.

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

**15. CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION NO. 25-047, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON RATIFYING CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,090,569.05 , DEMAND CHECK NUMBERS 178051 THROUGH 178422 (CITY COUNCIL)- 7:59 PM**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

— 1. WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 25-047, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON RATIFYING CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,090,569.05, DEMAND CHECK NUMBERS 178051 THROUGH 178422."

ACTION: Item No. 15 was approved on Consent.

**16. CONSIDER AN UPDATE ON CITY COMMISSIONS (CITY COUNCIL)- 7:59 PM**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

— RECEIVE and FILE this report.

ACTION: Item No. 16 was approved on Consent.

**17. CONSIDER AN UPDATE ON CITY PROJECTS (CITY COUNCIL)- 7:59 PM**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

— RECEIVE and FILE this report.

ACTION: Item No. 17 was approved on Consent.

**18. CONSIDER APPROVING AMENDMENT NO. 6 TO PURCHASE AGREEMENT (C-22-202) AND PURCHASE ORDER (22300822) WITH GOFORTH & MARTI TO PURCHASE, DELIVER, AND INSTALL OFFICE FURNITURE FOR THE CITY HALL COUNCIL OFFICE RECEPTION AREA AND AT BUILDING "A" OF THE PUBLIC WORKS CORPORATION YARD (CITY COUNCIL)- 7:59 PM**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

— 1. APPROVE Amendment No. 6 to the Purchase Agreement by and between the City of Carson and Goforth & Marti to purchase, deliver, and install office furniture for the City Hall Council Office reception area and Building "A" of the Public Works Corporation Yard for a cost of \$53,534.05.

— 2. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 6, following approval as to form by the City Attorney.

ACTION: Item No. 18 was approved on Consent.

**19. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN RICHARD AND IMELDA POBLETE AND CITY OF CARSON (CITY COUNCIL)- 7:59 PM**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 1. APPROVE the Settlement Agreement between RICHARD AND IMELDA POBLETE and City of Carson
- 2. AUTHORIZE City Manager to execute the Agreement

ACTION: Item No. 19 was approved on Consent.

**20. ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 25-020 ADOPTING THE CITY OF CARSON 2024 LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN (LHMP) AND AMENDING THE SAFETY ELEMENT OF THE GENERAL PLAN TO INCORPORATE THE CITY'S LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN 2024 IN ACCORDANCE WITH ASSEMBLY BILL 2140 (CITY COUNCIL)- 7:59 PM**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 1. WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 25-020, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE 2024 LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN FOR THE CITY OF CARSON AND AMENDING THE SAFETY ELEMENT OF THE GENERAL PLAN TO INCORPORATE THE CITY'S 2024 LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH ASSEMBLY BILL 2140."

ACTION: Item No. 20 was approved on Consent.

**21. CONSIDER APPROVING A PURCHASING AND SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH JOHNSON CONTROLS, INC., TO PURCHASE AXIS BODY WORN CAMERA SYSTEM (CITY COUNCIL)- 7:59 PM**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 1. AWARD and APPROVE the proposed Purchase and Service Agreement with Jonson Controls to purchase the axis body worn camera system and provide three-year of equipment service in the amount not to exceed \$149,576.70, with City option to extend the agreement for one (1) additional three-year term; and
- 2. AUTHORIZE Mayor to execute the Purchase and Service Agreement following approval as to form by the City Attorney.

ACTION: Item No. 21 was approved on Consent.

**22. CONSIDER APPROVING THE MEASURE A ACQUISITION GRANT MASTER AGREEMENT WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT THAT WILL EXPAND FRIENDSHIP MINI PARK, AND RESOLUTION NO. 25-044 TO FORMALLY ALLOCATE THE GRANT FUNDS (CITY COUNCIL) - 7:59 PM**

RECOMMENDATION ACTION

- 1. APPROVE the "Measure A Acquisition Grant Master Agreement" with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (Exhibit No. 1; the "Master Agreement," or "Agreement"); and
- 2. WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 25-044, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CARSON CITY COUNCIL AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 BUDGET IN THE GENERAL FUND AND THE SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS."
- 3. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute the Master Agreement following approval as to form by the City Attorney.

Item No. 22 was heard after approval of the Consent items.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks, Sr. requested a report.

Director Whittiker, Jr. gave a report and thanked Project Manager James Nguyen and Director Naaseh for their assistance with the project.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Hicks, Sr. stated that he would like to make sure residents in that area are consulted about the items included in the expansion of Friendship Mini Park.

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

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

**23. CONSIDER APPROVING AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE CONTRACT SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH SWAYZER CORPORATION (CONTRACT NO. 24-132) FOR MOWING AND LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICES (CITY COUNCIL)- 7:59 PM**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 1. Approve the proposed Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement with Swayzer Corporation for landscape services through June 30, 2026 at a not-to-exceed sum of \$411,352.58, thereby increasing the total not-to-exceed Contract Sum to \$822,705.36 (Exhibit No. 2; "Amendment"); and
- 2. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute the Amendment following approval as to form by the City Attorney.

ACTION: Item No. 23 was approved on Consent.

**24. CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 25-049 APPROVING THE SUCCESSOR MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF CARSON AND THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES (AFSCME) FULL-TIME UNION, LOCAL 809; REPLACING AND SUPERSEDING RESOLUTION NO. 25-037 (CITY COUNCIL)- 6:30 PM**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 1. WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 25-049, " A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE UPDATED SUCCESSOR MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (WITH UPDATED SALARY TABLE) BETWEEN THE CITY OF CARSON AND THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY, AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES UNION (AFSCME), LOCAL 809 FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2024 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2027. (REPLACING AND SUPERSEDING RESOLUTION NO. 25-037)"

Item No. 24 was heard after Item No. 7.

Tony Rodriguez, President of the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Local 809, thanked the Mayor and City Council for the three-year contract agreement. He also thanked the City Manager, Assistant City Manager, and Directors, namely Director of Human Resources Josh Boudreaux for his service as well.



Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman thanked Tony Rodriguez for coming to the table in fairness and for his leadership. She thanked Director Josh Boudreaux and the team for their hard work and efforts as well. She stated that AFSCME Local 809 plays an important role in the city. She thanked Tony Rodriguez for being reasonable and shared that the employees' checks will be retroactive and that the employees are on the frontline for the city.

Director Joshua Boudreaux gave a report. He shared highlights of the agreement that it is a 6% increase, 4% increase, and 4% increase over three years with other items related to licensing and deferred compensation. He shared that he is grateful to Pam Lee with Aleshire and Wynder and Tony Rodriguez for working with the city leading up to the agreement.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear asked City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani if Items No. 24 and 25 can be taken up together. City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani stated that the title of both resolutions need to be read in the motion.

Items No. 24 and 25 were approved simultaneously.

Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman, Dr. Hilton thanked and praised staff for their work.

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

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

**25. CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 25-050 APPROVING AN UPDATED SUCCESSOR MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF CARSON AND THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES (AFSCME) FULL-TIME UNION, LOCAL 1017 (CITY COUNCIL)- 7:59 PM**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

— 1. WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 25-050, " A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE UPDATED SUCCESSOR MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF CARSON AND THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY, AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES UNION (AFSCME), LOCAL 1017 FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2024 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2027."

Items No. 24 and 25 were approved simultaneously.

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

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

**26. CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION NO. 25-040, ESTABLISHING THE SALARY AND BENEFITS FOR UNCLASSIFIED MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024 (CITY COUNCIL)- 7:59 PM**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

— WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 25-040, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING THE SALARY AND BENEFITS FOR UNCLASSIFIED MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024, AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 23-152"

ACTION: Item No. 26 was approved on Consent.

**27. CONSIDER AWARD AND APPROVAL OF TWO CONTRACT SERVICES AGREEMENTS WITH ECONOMIC & PLANNING SYSTEMS, INC. (EPS) FOR DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEES AND COMMUNITY BENEFITS SERVICES AND RSG, INC. (RSG) FOR INCLUSIONARY HOUSING & IN-LIEU FEES, COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL LINKAGE FEES, AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICTS OR ALTERNATIVE FUNDING MECHANISM SERVICES (CITY COUNCIL)- 7:59 PM**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 1. AWARD and APPROVE a Contract Services Agreement with EPS to provide consulting services for Development Impact Fees, Community Benefits, and related implementation at a cost not to exceed \$508,725 for a five-year term (Exhibit No. 1; "EPS Contract Services Agreement");
- 2. AWARD and APPROVE a Contract Services Agreement with RSG to provide consulting services for Inclusionary Housing and In-Lieu Fees, Commercial & Industrial Development Linkage Fee and related implementation at a cost not to exceed \$529,086 for a five-year term (Exhibit No. 2; "RSG Contract Services Agreement");
- 3. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute the EPS Contract Services Agreement and the RSG Contract Services Agreement following approval as to form by the City Attorney; AND
- 4. WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 25-042, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CARSON CITY COUNCIL AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 BUDGET TO ALLOCATE \$508,725 OF INTERIM DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEES (ADMINISTRATION) FOR PURPOSES OF ESTABLISHING A PERMANENT DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE PROGRAM & NEXUS STUDY".

ACTION: Item No. 27 was approved on Consent.

**28. CONSIDER CARSON'S 2024 ANNUAL HOUSING ELEMENT PROGRESS REPORT (CITY COUNCIL)- 7:59 PM**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

- REVIEW Carson's 2024 Annual Housing Element Progress Report.
- RECEIVE and FILE.

ACTION: Item No. 28 was approved on Consent.

**29. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO AGREEMENT WITH CALTEC CORP. FOR PROJECT NO. 1786: CITY HALL BATHROOM AND KITCHENETTE RENOVATIONS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 25-026, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CARSON CITY COUNCIL AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 BUDGET IN THE GENERAL FUND AND SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS (CITY COUNCIL)- 7:59 PM**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 1. APPROVE Amendment No. 1 to Public Works Agreement with Caltec Corporation for an additional amount of \$198,475.52 to cover costs for design revisions.
- 2. ADOPT Resolution No. 25-026 "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CARSON CITY COUNCIL AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 BUDGET IN THE GENERAL FUND AND SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS" to increase project PW1786 budget authority by \$198,475.52.

— 3. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 1 following approval as to form by the City Attorney.

ACTION: Item No. 29 was approved on Consent.

**30. CONSIDER TO ACCEPT THE PROJECT AS COMPLETE, PROJECT NO. 1730: CITY OF CARSON EVENT CENTER EV CHARGING STATIONS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO AGREEMENT WITH ALFARO COMMUNICATIONS CONSTRUCTION (CITY COUNCIL)- 7:59 PM**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

— 1. APPROVE Amendment No. 1 to Public Works Agreement with Alfaro Communications Construction and increase the project budget by \$21,564.25

— 2. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 1 following approval as to form by the City Attorney.

— 3. ACCEPT as complete Project No. 1730: City of Carson Event Center EV Charging Stations.

— 4. AUTHORIZE staff to file a Notice of Completion.

ACTION: Item No. 30 was approved on Consent.

**31. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 25-033 APPROVING PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT AGREEMENT NO. F024 REV. 1 TO THE ADMINISTERING AGENCY-STATE MASTER AGREEMENT NO. 07-5403F15 FOR FEDERAL-AID PROJECTS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION PHASE OF PROJECT 1649 [FEDERAL NO. HSIPL-5403(030)] AND RESOLUTION NO. 25-039, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CARSON CITY COUNCIL AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 BUDGET IN THE GENERAL FUND AND SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL AND INTERSECTION UPGRADES (CITY COUNCIL)- 7:59 PM**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

— 1. ADOPT Resolution No. 25-033, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT AGREEMENT NO. F024 REV NO. 1 TO THE ADMINISTERING AGENCY-STATE MASTER AGREEMENT NO. 07-5403F15 FOR FEDERAL-AID PROJECTS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION PHASE OF PROJECT NO. 1649 [FEDERAL NO. HSIPL-5403(030)]."

— 2. ADOPT Resolution 25-039, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CARSON CITY COUNCIL AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 BUDGET IN THE GENERAL FUND AND SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS" to add reimbursable grant funds to project PW1649.

— 3. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute Program Supplement Agreement No. F024 Rev. No. 1 to the Administering Agency-State Master Agreement No. 07-5403F15 following approval as to form by the City Attorney.

ACTION: Item No. 31 was approved on Consent.

**32. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORK'S RIGHT-OF-WAY, SIDEWALK AND CURB/GUTTER REPAIR AND INSPECTION PROGRAM (CITY COUNCIL)- 7:59 PM**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

— 1. RECEIVE and FILE this information

ACTION: Item No. 32 was approved on Consent.

### **SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY (Items 33-34)**

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#### **33. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER A POTENTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE CITY'S SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 2 OF ARTICLE IX OF THE CARSON MUNICIPAL CODE) TO PERMIT ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL OF (1) TENTATIVE TRACT MAPS FOR CONDOMINIUM PURPOSES AND (2) TENTATIVE PARCEL MAPS- 8:05 PM**

##### RECOMMENDED ACTION

- OPEN the public hearing, TAKE public testimony; and close the public hearing; AND
- CONTINUE the item.

Item No. 33 was heard after Item No. 22.

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

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

ACTION: Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes continued the Public Hearing until staff brings it back with no objection heard.

#### **34. CONTINUANCE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2025-2029 HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) FIVE-YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN, 2025-2029 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) ANNUAL ACTION PLAN (AAP)- 8:06 PM**

##### RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 1. OPEN the public hearing, TAKE public testimony, and CONTINUE the Public Hearing until May 6, 2025.
- 2. ALLOCATE CDBG funding for FY 2025/26 (Planning Year 2025).
- 3. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute agreements with the public service providers as designated by City Council following negotiation and approval as to form by the City Attorney.
- 4. APPROVE the proposed FY 2025/26 (PY2025) CDBG budget.
- 5. APPROVE the submission of the City's 2025-2029 Five-Year Consolidated Plan, 2025-2026 Annual Action Plan, and Citizen Participation Plan to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

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

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

ACTION: Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes continued the Public Hearing to May 6, 2025.

### **DISCUSSION (Items 35-37)**

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#### **35. CONSIDER SELECTION OF THE MAYOR PRO-TEMPORE (CITY COUNCIL)- 8:07 PM**

##### RECOMMENDED ACTION

— SELECT the next Mayor Pro Tempore for the City of Carson by a majority vote of the City Council.

City Manager, Roberts Jr. gave a report.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear made a motion to select Dr. Jawane Hilton as Mayor Pro Tempore which died for lack of a second.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Rojas stated Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman, Dr. Hilton did a great job serving as Mayor Pro Tempore. She nominated Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Cedric Hicks, Sr. as Mayor Pro Tempore, seconded by Mayor Davis-Holmes.

**Motion to Approve the selection of Council Member Cedric Hicks, Sr. as Mayor Pro Tempore submitted by Council Member Arleen Rojas seconded by Mayor Lula Davis-Holmes resulting in 5-0-0-0-0**

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member, Dr. Hilton congratulated Mayor Pro Tempore Cedric Hicks, Sr. on his selection as Mayor Pro Tempore. He stated he enjoyed serving as Mayor Pro Tempore and thanked Council Member Dear for his confidence in him.

Mayor Pro Tempore Hicks, Sr. thanked his colleagues for their confidence in him.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes and Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Hicks, Sr. thanked Council Member Dr. Hilton for a great job as Mayor Pro Tempore for the last couple of years.

**36. 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)- 8:12 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
- City Clerk/Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary, Dr. Bradshaw clarified that Aisha Childs is Alternate 3 for the Public Safety Commission.

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Commission

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes appointed Jo Jacqueline Johnson as her uncontested appointment to the vacant regular position on the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Commission, thereby, creating a vacancy of the Alternate 2 position.

City Clerk/Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary, Dr. Bradshaw noted she sent an email notification setting March 27, 2025 as the deadline for commission, committee, and board members to take their Oath and as of to date there are seven commissions whose members have not taken their Oath. City Clerk staff will reach out to staff of each of the commissions, committees, and boards to remind them to visit the City Clerk's Office to do so. She acknowledged staff for doing a better job communicating with those who have been absent at meetings for the City Clerk's Office to process the vacancies and be filled by those willing to actively serve.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes noted Mike Wilson from the Public Safety Commission will be visiting the City Clerk's Office to take his Oath. She reminded Council Member, Dr. Hilton and Council Member Rojas to fill their vacancies.

**37. CONSIDER PLANTING A TREE TO HONOR THE MEMORY OF OSCAR RAMOS (CITY COUNCIL)- 8:17 PM**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

— APPROVE the planting of a tree at a City park to honor the memory of Oscar Ramos.

City Manager Roberts, Jr. gave a report.

First Motion

Mayor Davis-Holmes made a motion to approve staff recommendation seconded by Jim Dear.

Second Motion

During discussion of the motion, Council Member Rojas offered comments in support of staff's recommendation. She also asked if City Council could add Kyle Carter, Mayor's grandson, to have a tree planted at Mills Park to honor his memory, seconded by Dr. Hilton.

Council Member, Dr. Hilton recommended two separate motions.

Mayor Davis-Holmes recused herself from voting on the item.

Council Member, Dr. Hilton made a motion to add Kyle Carter, Mayor's grandson, to have a tree planted at Mills Park to honor his memory and approve planting a tree to honor the memory of Oscar Ramos seconded by Jim Dear.

City Manager Roberts, Jr. recommended the location of the tree planting be included in the motions.

Discussion ensued to plant a tree at Veterans Park to honor the memory of Oscar Ramos with no objection heard.

Council Member, Dr. Hilton withdrew his motion to honor the two motions to be voted separately.

Vote on First Motion

The first motion was approved 4-0 with recusal by Mayor Davis-Holmes.

Vote on Second Motion

The second motion was approved 4-0 with recusal by Mayor Davis-Holmes.

(Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes reentered the meeting.)

## **ORDINANCE SECOND READING**

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None.

## **MEMORIAL ADJOURNMENTS**

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Chief Deputy City Clerk/Chief Deputy Agency Secretary/Chief Deputy Authority Secretary Kourtney Cullors presented the following Memorial Adjournment Requests:

Omar Curry

Alice Mae Goodson

George Foreman

Joan Reiner

R.T. Nelson Sr.

James P. Stringer

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

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

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Invited everyone to the Annual Autism 5K Run/Walk Awareness, Wilmington Waterfront Park, 1004 West C Street, Wilmington, CA 90744, Saturday, April 12, 2025 from 8:00 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.

City Clerk/Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary, Dr. Bradshaw announced the Open House & Resource Fair on April 8, 2025, from 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. at Towne Elementary School. Flyer was provided and distributed by Christie Caric who was in attendance earlier in the meeting.

Brandi Lewin

Announced planning efforts to establish a Disabilities Committee; thanked Council Aide Brian Legaspi for his assistance to kick start the Disabilities Committee; scheduled first meeting of the Disabilities Committee on April 10, 2025 at 6:00 P.M. via Zoom; thanked Council Aide K.W. Tulloss and Council Aide Cac Le for their assistance as well; thanked Luz Padua for her commitment to work on the Disabilities Committee; followed up on the status of her windshield issue; thanked Director Whittiker, Jr. and his staff for following up on concerns related to the Murdock community

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

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Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Hicks, Sr. requested staff to bring back an item to address alternative funding strategies for Carson non-profit organizations. He provided a handout to City Manager Roberts, Jr.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Rojas asked the City Manager if he would create a Fireworks Enforcement and Education Initiative including public awareness, community

engagement, enhanced enforcement measures, safe celebration alternatives, school and youth education programs, implement a strategy using direct public outreach, community and business engagement, law enforcement coordination, and educational initiatives. She provided a handout to City Manager Roberts, Jr.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes advised the City Manager that she will be working with Mayor Pro Tempore Hicks, Sr. and Council Member Rojas on both of their initiatives and to schedule a future meeting.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Rojas also requested to add the Carson Sheriff Station to her initiative. Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes requested to add the Los Angeles County Fire Department to her initiative.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes noted meeting with Attorney General Rob Bonta and requested City Manager Roberts, Jr. to join in the meeting.

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

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

- Invited everyone to his Town Hall Meeting for District 1, Tuesday, April 8, 2025, from 6:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. at Stevenson Park, 17400 Lysander Drive, Carson. The Mayor is his special guest.
- Joining Council Member Rojas Town Hall Meeting for Districts 1 and 4, April 17, 2025, at 6:30 P.M., Del Amo Park
- Merv Dymally Institute hosting their Annual Dymally International Jazz and Arts Festival, April 26, 2025, from 1:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. at Dignity Health Sports Park

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

- Food Giveaway in conjunction with Venice Family Clinic, Friday, April 18, 2025 from 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. at Calas Park, 1000 E. 220th Street, Carson
- Autism Acceptance 5K Walk/Run, Saturday, April 5, 2025 from 7:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. at California State University Dominguez Hills (CSUDH)

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear announced Town Hall Meeting, Tuesday, April 22, 2025 at Carson Park.

City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani clarified that three Council Members cannot be on a committee together because under the Brown Act that becomes a meeting.

Mayor/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Davis-Holmes commended her colleagues for hosting Town Hall Meetings. She commended everyone on a great State of the City. She stated that State of the City will always be in the month of March the Thursday after Daylight Savings Time. She thanked staff, Public Information Office, City Manager, and everyone involved for their excellent work. She requested the City Manager to send all staff a letter from her that she appreciates them very much.



City Manager Roberts, Jr. thanked his staff/team and Thunder Studios for their work on the State of the City. He also thanked City Clerk, Dr. Bradshaw for serving as the on-site field reporter.

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

None.

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**RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION**

None.

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**RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

None.

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

None.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 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