



CITY OF CARSON

MINUTES

CARSON CITY COUNCIL/ SUCCESSOR AGENCY/HOUSING AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 15, 2025

5:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/HOUSING AUTHORITY/PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 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 Jim Dear

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

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 Josh Boudreaux, Director of Human Resources

FLAG SALUTE

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

INVOCATION (Item 1)

1. BISHOP CLIFF COATNEY FROM HOLY TEMPLE CHURCH - 5:05 PM

Bishop Cliff Coatney gave the invocation.

CLOSED SESSION (Items 2-7)

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; Isaias Pulido v. City of Carson, et al (Case No. 24STCV14430); Isaias Pulido v. City of Carson (WCAB NO: ADJ18022950); and Maria Elana Williams-Slaughter vs. City of Carson, Superior Court of the State of California for the County of Los Angeles Case No. 20STCV35952

ACTION: No reportable action was taken.

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, AFSCME Local 809 (Part-time), and regarding the unrepresented classifications of Chief Deputy City Clerk and Chief Deputy City Treasurer.

ACTION: No reportable action was taken.

4. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EMPLOYMENT PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (CITY COUNCIL)

— A closed session will be held pursuant to Government Code section 54957 (b)(1) for purposes of considering the evaluation of performance of a public employee (for the position of the City Manager).

ACTION: No reportable action was taken.

5. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EMPLOYMENT PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (CITY COUNCIL)

— A closed session will be held pursuant to Government Code section 54957 (b)(1) for purposes of considering the evaluation of performance of a public employee (for the position of the City Attorney).

ACTION: No reportable action was taken.

6. 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.

7. 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.

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

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

3. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR (CITY COUNCIL)-

4. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EMPLOYMENT PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (CITY COUNCIL)-

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RULES OF DECORUM

The pre-recorded Rules of Decorum was presented.

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

The meeting was reconvened at 7:19 P.M. by Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes.

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS (CITY ATTORNEY)

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

INTRODUCTIONS (MAYOR) (Item 8)

8. REPORT FROM CAPTAIN NORMAN OF CARSON SHERIFF'S STATION- 7:23 PM

Captain Norman summarized the recent law enforcement activities, arrests, robberies, and burglaries report.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear complimented Captain Norman on her thorough reports and thanked her for the tips she offers the residents.

Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Hicks, Sr. brought up concerns about the increase of street takeovers at the intersections of Carson Street/Santa Fe Avenue, Santa Fe Avenue/Dominguez Street, University Drive/Central Avenue, and Wilmington Avenue/Del Amo Boulevard. He requested increase of patrol and cameras. Captain Norman shared that the department is trying to prevent them from coming into the city of Carson. The Sheriffs are taking over the takeovers. They are working with their partners in Compton, California Highway Patrol (CHP), and Long Beach Police Department. Assembly Bill 3805 is helping to identify the vehicles involved.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member, Dr. Hilton shared there was a request for a traffic light at the intersection of Pepperdine Drive and University Drive. The residents in the area reported it is nearly impossible to exit University Heights.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes thanked Captain Norman for the report.

PRESENTATIONS (Items 9-12)

9. PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING EARTH DAY (4/22)- 7:47 PM

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member, Dr. Hilton read the proclamation and presented to members of the Environmental Commission. Photos were taken.

10. PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING APRIL 25, 2025, AS ARBOR DAY IN THE CITY OF CARSON- 7:42 PM

Item No. 10 was heard after Item No. 12.

Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Hicks, Sr. read the proclamation and presented to Dr. Arlington Rodgers, Director of Public Works and members of the Public Works department who accepted the proclamation with words of gratitude. Photos were taken.

11. UPDATE FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION- 7:50 PM

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes welcomed the following Environmental Commission Members: Hourie Taylor, Lillian Hopson, Freeman Watkins, Williams Koons, and Ezekiel Swayzer.

Chairman Hourie Taylor presented an update on the work of the commission.

(Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Rojas exited the meeting at 7:54 P.M.)

12. CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO THUNDER STUDIOS FOR THE 2025 STATE OF THE CITY PRODUCTION SERVICES- 7:33 PM

Item No. 12 was heard after Item No. 8.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Rolando Nichols, President and General Manager at Thunder Studios, and his team for the 2025 State of the City Production Services. He offered comments and words of gratitude. Photos were taken.

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

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Item 13)

13. APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING CARSON CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/HOUSING AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES - APRIL 1, 2025 (CITY COUNCIL)- 7:58 PM

RECOMMENDED ACTION

— APPROVE the minutes as listed.

Motion to Approve submitted by Mayor Pro Tempore Cedric Hicks, Sr. seconded by Council Member, Dr. Jawane Hilton resulting in 4-0-0-0-1 Absent was Council Member Arleen Rojas

CONSENT (Items 14-29)

Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Hicks, Sr. requested to remove Item No. 26 for discussion.

Before approval of the Consent items, City Clerk/Agency Secretary/Authority Secretary, Dr. Bradshaw noted the uploaded resolution for Item No. 22 stated Resolution No. 25-045 but should be Resolution No. 25-048 as stated throughout the item which was a typographical error in the title. No objection was heard.

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

14. CONSIDER A REPORT ON ALL INTRADEPARTMENTAL BUDGET TRANSFERS APPROVED UNDER THE CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE AUTHORITY FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2025 PER ORDINANCE 24-2401 (City Council)- 7:56 PM

RECOMMENDED ACTION

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

ACTION: Item No. 14 was approved on Consent.

15. CONSIDER A REPORT OF ALL CITY CONTRACTS APPROVED UNDER CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE AUTHORITY FOR THE PERIOD MARCH 1, 2025 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2025 PURSUANT TO CMC SECTION 2607 (CITY COUNCIL)- 7:56 PM

RECOMMENDED ACTION

— RECEIVE and FILE this report.

ACTION: Item No. 15 was approved on Consent.

16. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 3 TO THE AGREEMENT WITH VASQUEZ AND COMPANY, LLP FOR AN ADDITIONAL ONE-YEAR TERM FOR THE AUDIT OF THE CITY'S FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT (ACFR), SINGLE AUDIT REPORT AND THE FINANCIAL AND COMPLIANCE AUDIT FOR THE MEASURE W - SAFE, CLEAN WATER REGIONAL PROGRAM- 7:56 PM

RECOMMENDED ACTION

— 1. APPROVE Amendment No. 3 of the original Agreement with Vasquez and Company, LLP, for an additional one-year term, which extends contract expiration to June 14, 2026, for the audit of the City's Fiscal Year 2024-25 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR), Single Audit Report and the financial and compliance audit of Measure W - Safe, Clean Water Regional Program.

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

ACTION: Item No. 16 was approved on Consent.

17. CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION NO. 25-053, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON RATIFYING CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,148,160.61, DEMAND CHECK NUMBERS 178423 THROUGH 178526 FOR GENERAL DEMAND AND THE AMOUNT OF \$5,800.00, CHECK NUMBERS 1294 THROUGH 1294 FOR CO-OP AGREEMENT DEMANDS (CITY COUNCIL)- 7:56 PM

RECOMMENDED ACTION

— 1. WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 25-053, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON RATIFYING CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,148,160.61, DEMAND CHECK NUMBERS 178423 THROUGH 178526 FOR GENERAL DEMAND AND THE AMOUNT OF \$5,800.00, CHECK NUMBERS 1294 THROUGH 1294 FOR CO-OP AGREEMENT DEMANDS".

ACTION: Item No. 17 was approved on Consent.

18. CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION NO. 25-05-CHA, A RESOLUTION OF THE CARSON HOUSING AUTHORITY RATIFYING CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,787.49, DEMAND CHECK NUMBERS HA-002042 THROUGH HA-002046 (CITY COUNCIL)- 7:56 PM

RECOMMENDED ACTION

— 1. WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 25-05-CHA, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CARSON HOUSING AUTHORITY RATIFYING CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,787.49, DEMAND CHECK NUMBERS HA-002042 THROUGH HA-002046".

ACTION: Item No. 18 was approved on Consent.

19. CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION NO. 25-04-CSA, A RESOLUTION OF THE CARSON SUCCESSOR AGENCY CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$240.05, DEMAND CHECK NUMBERS SA-001949 THROUGH SA-001950 (CITY COUNCIL)- 7:56 PM

RECOMMENDED ACTION

— 1. WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution NO. 25-04-CSA, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CARSON SUCCESSOR AGENCY CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$240.05, DEMAND CHECK NUMBERS SA-001949 THROUGH SA-001950".

ACTION: Item No. 19 was approved on Consent.

20. CONSIDER SHIFTING THE MAY 20, 2025, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING TO MAY 21, 2025, BY MINUTE ORDER (CITY COUNCIL)- 7:56 PM

RECOMMENDED ACTION

— 1. APPROVE a one-time shift of the May 20, 2025, Regular City Council meeting to May 21, 2025, by minute order.

ACTION: Item No. 20 was approved on Consent.

21. CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 25-055 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS FOR UNREPRESENTED SENIOR COUNCIL AIDE AND COUNCIL AIDE EMPLOYEES (CITY COUNCIL)- 7:56 PM

RECOMMENDED ACTION

— 1. WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 25-055, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING AND RESTATING THE COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS FOR THE SENIOR COUNCIL AIDE AND COUNCIL AIDE CLASSIFICATIONS."

ACTION: Item No. 21 was approved on Consent.

22. CONSIDER THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 25-048 AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOR FUNDING UNDER THE HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS (HOME) PROGRAM (CITY COUNCIL)- 7:56 PM

RECOMMENDED ACTION

— 1. WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution NO. 25-048 "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND/OR DESIGNEE TO APPLY FOR A GRANT FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM OF 2025"

ACTION: Item No. 22 was approved on Consent.

23. CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 2025-45 AMENDING THE COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS FOR THE CHIEF DEPUTY CITY CLERK AND CHIEF DEPUTY CITY TREASURER- 7:56 PM

RECOMMENDED ACTION

— 1. WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 25-045, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING AND RESTATING RESOLUTION NO. 19-036 DECLARING THE EMPLOYEE CLASSIFICATIONS OF CHIEF DEPUTY CITY CLERK AND CHIEF DEPUTY CITY TREASURER AS EXCLUDED FROM THE CIVIL SERVICE SYSTEM, DESIGNATING SUCH CLASSIFICATIONS TO BE UNREPRESENTED AND AT-WILL, PURSUANT TO APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT CODE, AND ESTABLISHING THE SALARY AND BENEFITS FOR SUCH CLASSIFICATIONS."

ACTION: Item No. 23 was approved on Consent.

24. CONSIDER MONTHLY INVESTMENT AND CASH REPORT FOR THE CITY OF CARSON, CARSON HOUSING AUTHORITY, CARSON SUCCESSOR AGENCY-MONTH ENDING MARCH 31, 2025 (CITY COUNCIL)- 7:56 PM

RECOMMENDED ACTION

— RECEIVE and FILE

ACTION: Item No. 24 was approved on Consent.

25. CONSIDER AN UPDATE TO CITY'S BROWNFIELDS GRANT AWARDS: (1) RATIFYING THE CITY'S COMMUNITYWIDE ASSESSMENT (MARC) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE US ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (US EPA) ENTERED INTO BETWEEN THE CITY OF CARSON AND US EPA; (2) RATIFYING AMENDMENT 3 TO THE CITY'S EQUITABLE COMMUNITIES REVITALIZATION GRANT (ECRG) AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO BETWEEN THE CITY OF CARSON AND THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC

SUBSTANCES CONTROL (DTSC); AND (3) ADOPTING RESOLUTION NO. 25-041 AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 CITY BUDGET TO ACCEPT THE MARC AWARD AND AUTHORIZE RELATED EXPENDITURES- 7:56 PM

RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 1. RATIFY and APPROVE the US EPA MARC Cooperative Agreement, dated September 12, 2024;
- 2. RATIFY and APPROVE Amendment 3 to the DTSC ECRG Agreement, dated March 11, 2025; AND
- 3. WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 25-041, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CARSON CITY COUNCIL AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 BUDGET TO ACCEPT ONE GRANT IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$500,000 IN CONNECTION WITH THE US EPA MULTIPURPOSE, ASSESSMENT, REVOLVING LOAN FUND, AND CLEAN-UP (MARC) GRANT PROGRAM"

ACTION: Item No. 25 was approved on Consent.

26. CONSIDER APPROVING THE CLEAN POWER ALLIANCE'S INNOVATION FUND PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT TO RECEIVE \$86,900 IN GRANT FUNDING TO IMPLEMENT CARSON'S EV CHARGING WALLET PILOT PROGRAM- 7:58 PM

RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 1. APPROVE the Innovation Fund Participation Agreement with Clean Power Alliance to receive \$86,900 in grant funding to implement Carson's EV Charging Wallet Pilot Program.
- 2. AUTHORIZE the City Manager to execute the agreement and any related documents subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

Item No. 26 was heard after approval of the Consent items.

Energy and Sustainability Officer Reata Kulcsar gave a report at the request of Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Hicks. Sr.

(Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Rojas reentered the meeting at 7:59 P.M.)

**** 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

27. CONSIDER AWARDING A CONTRACT SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ETERNAL LOVE, LLC, DBA VESTED SOLUTIONS, FOR BUS STOP CLEANING SERVICES (CITY COUNCIL)- 7:56 PM

RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 1. AWARD and APPROVE the proposed Contract Services Agreement with ETERNAL LOVE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY DBA VESTED SOLUTIONS for a five-year term, with a not-to-exceed contract sum of \$480,000 over the initial term, with the option for a two-year extension
- 2. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute the agreement, following approval as to form by the City Attorney

ACTION: Item No. 27 was approved on Consent.

28. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 25-035, APPROVING MEASURE R FUNDING AGREEMENT AMENDMENT NO. 1 BETWEEN LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (LACMTA) AND THE CITY OF CARSON FOR PROJECT NO.

1657: TRAFFIC SIGNAL INSTALLATION AT SIX INTERSECTIONS, LACMTA PROJECT # MR31241, FTIP # LA9919136- 7:56 PM

RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 1. ADOPT Resolution 25-035 approving Funding Agreement Amendment No. 1 with Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority extending the project completion date to June 30, 2026 (Exhibit No. 4).
- 2. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute Funding Agreement Amendment No. 1 (Exhibit No. 3) following approval as to form by the City Attorney, for the installation of traffic signals at six intersections: Figueroa Street at Victoria Street; Figueroa Street at 223rd Street; Figueroa Street at 234th Street; Main Street at Albertoni Street; Main Street at 220th Street; and Main Street at Victoria Street.

ACTION: Item No. 28 was approved on Consent.

29. CONSIDER ADOPTING A RESOLUTION NO. 25-038 APPROVING THE PROJECT LIST FOR SB-1 (BEALL) "ROAD REPAIR AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2017" FOR FY 2025-26 (CITY COUNCIL) - 7:56 PM

RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 1. WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 25-038, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Carson, California, Adopting A List of Projects for Fiscal Year 2025-26 Funded by SB-1: The Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017"

ACTION: Item No. 29 was approved on Consent.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY (Item 30)

30. 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)- 8:00 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.

Item No. 30 was heard after Item No. 26.

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

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

Housing Specialist Debra Scott shared news of the passing of Housing Analyst Keith Bennett. She recognized Duane Cobb, Housing Analyst, who gave an updated report.

ACTION: Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes continued the Public Hearing to May 6, 2025, with no objection heard.

DISCUSSION (Items 31-35)

31. FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 BUDGET WORKSHOP NO. 1 (CITY COUNCIL)- 8:06 PM

RECOMMENDED ACTION

— PROVIDE direction to staff which will be used to build the draft for Fiscal Year 2025- 2026 Budget.

ACTION: Budget Workshop No. 1 was held as follows:

Director William Jefferson, Revenue Manager Antonio Velasco, and Accountant I Ashton Watts, gave a PowerPoint presentation of Budget Workshop No. 1.

(Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member, Dr. Jawane Hilton exited the meeting at 8:38 P.M. and reentered the meeting at 8:41 P.M.)

Questions were asked and answered.

32. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CITY ATTORNEY RATE INCREASE AND AMENDED AND RESTATED CONTRACT (CITY COUNCIL)- 8:51 PM

RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 1. AUTHORIZE an increase in the hourly billing rates for the City Attorney's Office to align compensation more closely with current market rates while remaining below the rates of other reputable public law firms; and
- 2. APPROVE the Amended and Restated Contract Services Agreement with Aleshire & Wynder, LLP.
- 3. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute the contract after approval as to form by the City Attorney.

City Manager Roberts, Jr. gave a report.

Motion To Approve submitted by Mayor Lula Davis-Holmes seconded by Dr. Jawane Hilton resulting in 5-0-0-0-0

33. CONSIDER RESOLUTION 25-059 APPROVING THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE CITY MANAGER EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT (CITY COUNCIL)- 8:53 PM

RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 1. ADOPT Resolution 25-059 approving the proposed Amendment No. 3 to the City Manager Employment Agreement.
- 2. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to execute the agreement with Mr. David C. Roberts, Jr. following approval as to form by the City Attorney.

City/Agency/Authority Attorney Soltani gave a report.

Motion To Approve submitted by Mayor Lula Davis-Holmes seconded by Dr. Jawane Hilton resulting in 5-0-0-0-0

34. INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 25-2508 AMENDING SECTION 2301 OF ARTICLE II OF THE CARSON MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING THE DETERMINATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS' TOTAL WAGES/COMPENSATION AND TOTAL RETIREMENT AND HEALTH CONTRIBUTIONS (CITY COUNCIL)- 8:57 PM

RECOMMENDED ACTION

— 1. INTRODUCE, for first reading by title only with further reading waived, Ordinance No. 25- 2508, entitled “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTION 2301 (COUNCILMANIC SALARIES) OF ARTICLE II (ADMINISTRATION) OF THE CARSON MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING THE DETERMINATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS' TOTAL WAGES/COMPENSATION AND TOTAL RETIREMENT AND HEALTH CONTRIBUTIONS”.

City Manager Roberts, Jr. gave a report.

Motion to Approve staff recommendation as amended to increase the 401(a) match to \$6k and increase the life insurance from \$200k to \$400k with evidence of insurability submitted by Mayor Davis-Holmes seconded by Council Member, Dr. Hilton resulting in 4-1-0-0-0 opposed by Council Member Dear.

35. 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)- 9:04 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 continued the item with no objection heard.

ORDINANCE SECOND READING

None.

MEMORIAL ADJOURNMENTS

This item was heard after Oral Communications (Council Members).

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

Francisca Ramos Loyola

Basilio R. Catbagan

Bennie Harris, Jr.

Keith Bennett

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

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

This item was heard after Item No. 35.

Nancy Rusas, representing AFSCME Local 809

Expressed concern with AFSCME Local 809 Unrepresented Part-Time Employees not receiving their State mandated minimum hourly rate increase

Robert Lesley

Commended City Manager Roberts, Jr. for doing a good job; advised everyone to be mindful of what is going on in the Federal level which may impact the local level; announced Community Meeting, Saturday, April 19, 2025, at 11:00 A.M. in the Activity Room at the Carson Community Center

Arlene Pualani Lamaina Drew

Spoke about the new Disability Subcommittee

Becky Stansfield

Spoke about the new Disability Subcommittee

COUNCIL MEMBER REQUESTS TO ADD ITEMS TO FUTURE AGENDAS

None.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (COUNCIL MEMBERS)

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Rojas asked for a follow up on the Fireworks Education Task Force. She also spoke about the Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Drone First Responder the city of Beverly Hills Police Department uses to patrol the area and license plate reading. She thanked staff for coordinating the visit to City of Beverly Hills.

Mayor/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Davis-Holmes thanked Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Rojas for the valuable information.

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member Dear announced a Town Hall Meeting on Tuesday, April 22, 2025, at 6:30 P.M. at Carson Park.

Mayor Pro Tempore/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Hicks, Sr. requested a status report of the following:

- Traffic installation at the intersections of Central Avenue/University Drive and Del Amo Boulevard/Alvo Avenue

- Restriping initiative on crosswalk painting upgrade at the major intersections
- Red curb initiative
- Received calls from residents requesting to expedite repaving at University Drive from Avalon Boulevard to Wilmington Avenue
- Beautification for Alameda Street between Del Amo Boulevard and 223rd Street; suggested staff reach out to Union Pacific Railroad for availability of grant funding
- Attended meeting with the Air Quality Committee at the Dominguez Community Center; mentioned organization Breathe Southern California who is conducting studies within Carson and other local cities; asked staff how the City can be involved in making sure AQMD is aware and how the City's air quality is being managed
- Attended Earth Day Event at Dolphin Park
- Wished everyone Happy Easter and Resurrection Day
- Wished his wife Happy Birthday

Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Board Member, Dr. Hilton offered the following oral communications:

- Asked staff to check Moorehaven Drive which needs additional slurry seal
- Requested staff to check traffic signal on Wilmington Avenue and Del Amo Boulevard that is not in sync which is causing traffic jams
- Tour at Del Amo Park on Thursday, April 17, 2025, at 6:30 P.M. along with Council Member Rojas
- Wished his daughter Ryan Happy Birthday who will be turning five years old tomorrow
- Thanked staff for attending his Town Hall Meeting held at Stevenson Park last week
- Received a number of emails and calls from parents frustrated that picture day for opening day was delayed due to late uniform order at every park; requested staff to look into the vendor

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

None.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

None.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

None.

REPORT OF ACTIONS ON UNFINISHED OR CONTINUED CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 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